

**The Diary of Robert Michie
(Volume One)**

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PREFACE

This book, volume one, is a continuation of the family diaries that I began transcribing several years ago. The first diary that I published was that of John Albert Michie (b. 17 Oct 1813, d. 15 Feb. 1900) under the title of 'Self Doing Naught'. This book, and the one to follow, are the diaries of his son Robert.

Robert Michie was born in Greenbank, Ontario on 2 Dec 1857 and married Jane (Jennie) Cowan Bell on 29 Jan 1896. He was very active in the Greenbank Presbyterian Church, as well as being involved as school superintendent for a number of years.

Robert and Jennie had three children - Annie, William (better known as Willie) and James. Both Annie and James later became teachers. Jennie was often called to be a nurse as required throughout the community.

They had a mixed farm and planted both strawberries and raspberries, which they sold throughout the community and shipped by train as far away as Toronto and Peterborough. Many hours were spent with their friends and family picking berries and many trips were made both to Greenbank store and to Port Perry to sell, and ship, them.

My dad, Robert Gordon Michie, had many fond memories of his 'Uncle Bob' and 'Aunt Jennie'. He often told about having to walk to school in the freezing days of winter and that he could count on making a stop part way to receive some of Aunt Jennie's baking and the warmth of their kitchen. Dad also had many memories of spending time with his Uncle Bob on the farm helping him with the crops and the animals, particularly the horses.

I have tried to be true to Robert's original diary, as it was written. There were a few areas that his writing was illegible, or that the ink had faded, and I have made notes accordingly.

Now, on to volume two!

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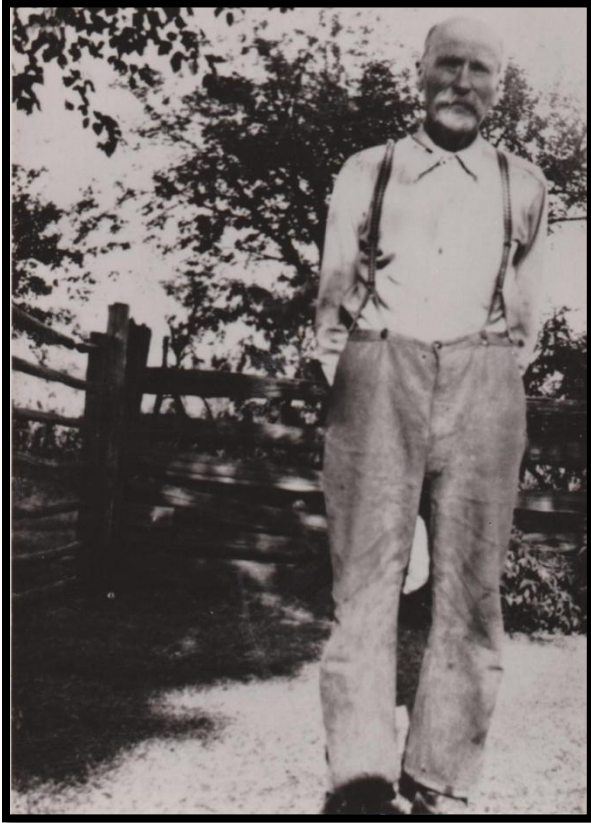
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**Robert Michie,
date unknown**



**Jane (Jennie) Cowan Bell,
date unknown**

1899

JAN. 1 – Attended church in the afternoon. Rev. J. M. Cameron preached a very good and appropriate sermon. The classes in the Sunday School chose their teachers which are the same as last year with the exception of Mrs. J. Leask who takes the class of women lately taught by E. Buwell. Mrs. Jas. McMillan takes Mrs. Leask's class. A sharp cold day, fairly good sleighing.

2 – Municipal election day. Went up to Greenbank in the forenoon and voted, then drove with Jennie and May Bell (who has been here for a few days) to Port Perry and took dinner with Mrs. Bell. Got there too late but managed to get all that we wanted. Got home in time for supper and spent the evening until after 11 o'clock trying to straighten up the Church books but could not make them agree by 5 cts. Hot supper and lecture in the Methodist Church but did not attend.

3 – At the Church books most of the forenoon but could not find where the mistake is. G. Fowlie here for dinner. John Lee here in the afternoon to compare the church account books. He was telling us that Allie McMillan attempted to poison herself yesterday by taking carbolic acid. Discovered the mistake and finished the books in the evening. The elections yesterday (T. Lamb, reeve by acc), councillors John Doble, Robert Holtby, W. Stephens and John Boys. W. Real and J. Jeffery and Jas. Camplin got left. (Camplin not Boys elected).

4 – Sawing wood in the shed most of the day. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon Mother slipped and fell on the floor near the pantry door. We had to lift her up and carry her to bed. She is in great pain and cannot bear to be moved. Raining most of the day and the snow nearly all gone.

5 – Colder again this morning. Drove in the cutter (very poor sleighing) to Port Perry for Dr. Archer to come to see Mother who does not appear to be any better. Gave Silas Butt a ride up to Wes Lukes, he just arrived from the West last night. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Luke here for tea. The Dr. came about 7 o'clock. He thinks Mother will be able to be up in about 10 days. Attended the singing class (the second meeting) at Mr. Marks in the evening.

6 – Drove to Port Perry in the forenoon for medicine and brought Mary Bell home with me. Mrs. Mark, Thos. Phair, Mrs. A. Gordon Sr., Mrs. A. Gordon Jr., and Mrs. S. Dusty here today. Went to choir practice in the evening, but only Alpha Love put in an appearance. Snowing a little today but hardly enough to make good sleighing.

7 – A very rough cold and windy day. All the snow that fell yesterday has been blown into heaps. Alex Lee in before dinner.

8 – A rather rough cold day. Went to S.S. and church alone. Mr. Cameron preached. Miss Nellie McMillan played the organ. W. Mark and Mrs. A. Lee called in today.

9 – Drove to Port Perry with Mary Bell in the forenoon and at the Farmers Institute meeting at Greenbank in the afternoon. The subjects discussed were the dairy cow, the bacon hog and the spraying of fruit trees. A very good meeting. Isaac O'Neill called

in and got a bag of oats. The Steel cow calved this morning but one of the calf's hind legs was broken or deformed in such a shape that it was thought best to kill it. A fine day but pretty cold.

10 – A very cold day, perhaps the coldest this winter so far. Did very little all day but the chores. Nellie Michie and Wes Luke called in the forenoon. The first day of Port Perry races.

11 – A sharp bright day, doing little in the forenoon. Helping Oliver Luke with his chores in the afternoon, Wes and Russell being laid up. Mrs. Mark, Mrs. O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Akhurst here in the afternoon. Barbara came before dark. She rode up from Port Perry with Mrs. A. Lee. Attended the annual church meeting in the evening, a very good attendance. It was decided to have 12 managers instead of 6. Those elected tonight are John Lee, T. Phair, Alex Leask, and C. Gordon for three years. Jas. McMillan and Jas. Burns for two years. W. Leask and A. T. Horne for one year. It was proposed to form a Christian Endeavour Society¹ but it was laid over for two weeks.

12 – A very fine clear day. Wrote a letter to George in the forenoon. Sharpened the bucksaw in the afternoon and at the singing class in the evening. Jennie at the W.F.M.S.² in the afternoon. Saw Dr. Archer at W. Reals and sent him here. He says Mother is doing as well or better than he expected. Alex Lee, Mrs. A. Gordon Sr., and T. Phair here today.

13 – Took Barbara to the station and called at the Drs. for some medicine and got home about 1 o'clock. Raining a little. Mrs. Mark, Alex Lee, John Lee, Mrs. Jas. McMillan and J. M. Real called today. At choir practice at night.

14 – A rainy day until about 3 o'clock when it turned to snow which will make fair slipping. Went with A. Lee to Mrs. Purdy's sale at Port Perry but did not buy anything. Making out the church report for the printer in the evening.

15 – Attended Sunday School and church. Mrs. Somerville gave a short talk in the S.S. on the shorter catechism. Mr. Cameron preached. The collection for the Merriton church building fund was taken up today. Mr. Mark, Joseph Burton and Mrs. Bryant called in.

16 – Went down to Port Perry and called at the Drs. for some pills for Mother then went over to Uncles at Manchester to get a calf but did not get it as it was promised to another man. Brought Willie Bell home with me. Sent cards to Margaret and Barbara and Jennie sent a letter to Ida Scholes. Mrs. Parkins of Manchester brought the book, The Life of Gladstone. At the managers meeting in the evening, all out but Jas. Blair, a very good meeting. A. T. Horne was elected chairman. Jas. Leask sec., J. M. Real treas. and I am in for F.S. again. It was decided to build a new fence in front of the church. Alex Lee, John Lee, W. Petty and Nellie Michie called in today. Revival meetings started in the M. [Methodist] Church.

¹¹ The Christian Endeavour Society was formed in 1881 in Portland, Maine in order to bring youth to accept Christ.

² The Women's Foreign Missionary Society

17 – Drew two small loads of wood from Isaac O’Neills in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. Mrs. J. Park of Manchester and Mrs. Jas. Innis here in the evening. Willie Bell and I went to a little oyster supper at Alex Lees and had a very nice time. Got home between 12 and 1.

18 – A very clear sharp morning. Drove to Manchester and got a calf from Uncle (the man that he promised it to failing to do as he promised). Did very little in the afternoon there being so many callers, namely Mr and Mrs Akhurst; Mrs Walker, Mrs A. Lee, Barbara Walker, Mr and Mrs Cameron and Alex Ewen. The first time Mrs Cameron was ever here. Annie and Allan came from Oshawa about sundown. At the prayer meeting with Jennie in the evening, a fair attendance and a good meeting.

19 – A very fine day. Annie and Allan left for home at noon. Got George’s skates and went to the creek for a skate, the first for several years. The ice is first class. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. At the singing class in the evening. Mrs. Jas. Leask and Mrs. C. Gordon in for the evening. Mrs. W. Whiteford died today.

20 – Snowing most of the afternoon. Did very little but the chores. At choir practice in the evening. Mother does not appear to be so well today.

21 – J. O’Neill called this morning and paid the \$2.50 he borrowed. Sold him the little hay stack for \$13.00 in wood. At Mrs. Whiteford’s funeral in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. T. Phair and A. Akhurst here. Snowing and rough most of the day but not very cold. A great many people down with the gripe. Tom Bell came for his gun that has been here for some time.

22 – A fine day. At S.S. and church in the afternoon. Mr. Cameron preached an unusually good sermon.

23 – A fine day, drew 4 loads of short tamarack from Isaac O’Neills. 4 ½ cords at 90 cts. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. and Willie Michie called today.

24 – Got up rather earlier than usual and Willie drove me to Greenbank and rode with Dave Perkins to Blackwater then by train to Orillia. Got there about noon. First hunted up Miss Real and then got dinner at the Grand Central Hotel. Got the writings made out at Mr. Grants and strolled about the town and hunted up W. Parkers as it was getting dusk. Got supper there and went with the girls and Howard south to lake Simcoe. Did a heap of talking and went to bed between 10 and 11. W. Akhurst and Joe Burton called today.

25 – Started from Orillia at 2 am and got to Greenbank at noon and walked home. After doing chores, drove out to Port Perry. At the prayer meeting in the evening. A fair attendance to organize a Christian Endeavour Society in connection with the congregation and the first officers were elected.

26 – Took the pig up to Joe Burtons in the forenoon and went to Port Perry with a load of wood for Charles Gordon in the afternoon. Started to snow very hard towards night but did not last long. At the singing class in the evening, a rough night. Mrs. Luke and James A. Michie here today.

27 – A very cold day, did nothing but the chores. Went to choir practice in the evening but there was none as none of the McMills turned out. A bright clear night.

28 – Some snow in the afternoon and evening and pretty cold. Sawed some wood.

29 – A fine day, but pretty cold. Attended S.S. and church. G. Miller being absent, Mr. Cameron addressed the school. Augmentation collection today.

30 – A very cold day and somewhat rough towards night. Visited Marks and Isaac O’Neills in the forenoon. Took the Jersey up to Alex Lee’s and cut some wood in the afternoon. Willie O’Neill got two bags oats.

31 – A very bright clear and cold day. Churned in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry and among other things got some oysters, which we had for supper. The first time I ever tasted fried oysters, they went very good.

Feb. 1 – A fine morning but somewhat rough in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here in the forenoon. Willie Corran came after her just before dinner. Alex Ewen here in the afternoon trying to repair the scuffler. At the prayer meeting. Rather a small turnout. James Miller leader. No organist.

2 – A very fine clear day. At the scuffler in the forenoon. In the afternoon took the harrows to Gulley’s to get sharpened and the back of the stove repaired. At the singing class in the evening. Fred Love is moving down to the farm and Jas. Carnegie in to the village today. James Innis leaves for Wabagoon tomorrow.

3 – Snowing some in the forenoon. Dr. Archer came before dinner. Took a load of turnips to Port Perry in the afternoon for Albert Akhurst. At choir practice in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. T. Phair called today.

4 – Churned and shaved in the forenoon. Drove to Port Perry in the afternoon and called at Andrew Ross’ and had a short talk with Mrs. James Ross of Manitoba. Wrote to R. Holtby and W. Stephens in reference to limiting the number of liquor licenses. Isaac O’Neill here and got 5 bu. turnips.

5 – Attended S.S. and church. Rev. McKenzie of Oakwood preached a good sermon. At the first meeting of the C.E. with Jennie in the evening. Mrs. Mark stayed with Mother while we were away. A very good meeting for a start. A fine day and splendid sleighing.

6 – A beautiful day. Isaac O’Neill here in the morning wanting to buy turnips but did not get any. John Lee called before dinner and J. M. Real and Mrs. A. Leask in the afternoon. Got a letter from Manitoba with a wedding present of \$5.00 for Jennie.

7 – Another very fine day. Drew a load of manure for the garden and three loads of cedar from the lower field for wood. Miss Ida Phair called today. Wes Luke in before breakfast. The big maple in [?] bush near our gate was cut down today.

8 – Got colder and rough in the afternoon. Cutting wood in the woodshed and making a water trough for the hens. At the prayer meeting in the evening. Not many out. James Miller, leader. Jennie wrote to Manitoba.

9 – A very cold rough day. Finished sawing the cedar sticks in the woodshed. At the singing class in the evening, rather a small turnout. Turnips freezing in the root house pretty bad.

10 – Another very cold day. Did nothing but the chores. Wes Luke in before dinner. At choir practice in the evening, a small turnout. There was also a school trustee meeting at Jas. Millers. The job of getting wood let to W. H. Leask. In compliance with the wish of the inspector it was decided to get new seats and a new slate blackboard.

11 – Still very cold. Isaac O'Neill here in the morning for a load of hay, a bag of oats and a loan of \$5.00. Nellie Michie called in the afternoon. Bagged up some oats to take to the mill. Northern lights very bright in the evening.

12 – A very fine bright day but pretty cold. Mrs. Mark came and stayed while Jennie and I went to S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached a good sermon. Another jubilee, it being 50 years today since services were held at Wick. Both at the C.E. in the evening. A fairly good meeting but rather stiff. Miss Nellie McMillan took the topic.

13 – Another very cold day. Mending harness in the forenoon. In the afternoon at Manchester at the council meeting, the license question being up. To the surprise of most everyone the council decided to submit Local Option, the voting to take place on March 21. Called at Uncles and found him some better from a bad attack of the gripe. Wes Luke in before dinner and after supper.

14 – A fine day, not so cold. Went to Port Perry in the morning with oats to get ground. Called at the Dr's and brought home the lumber for W. Marks boat. Went with the sleigh to Isaacs for wood but there was none. Willie O'Neill here for 4 bus. oats. Wes Luke here twice and Long John for some soft water. Box social at E. Barrett's.

15 – Snowing some and rather rough. At Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Working at the boat in the afternoon. At the prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. E. Boe was the leader, after which there was a talk about S.S. library. Nellie Michie here getting a wrapper cut and fitted. W. Mark here after dinner. Got a letter from J. Whiteford and wrote him in reply.

16 – A very fine day and quite mild, working at the boat all day. At the singing class in the evening.

17 – Mild day and raining a little in the evening. Jennie went to Port Perry for the Dr. for father who has boils on his face. He got here about 5 p.m. Working at the boat in the afternoon. Willie Michie here getting her wrapper fitted. Miss Ida Phair called. A fire apparently on Scugog Island about 8 p.m.

18 – Thawing a little and threatening rain all day. At the boat in the forenoon and drawing wood from Isaac O'Neill's in the afternoon. At a trustee meeting at G. Reals in the evening to see about new seats for the school. Mrs. Luke, Mrs. A. Lee and W. Mark here today.

19 – A fine day, a little colder. Back to Wick to Jubilee service, preaching by Rev. McMillan, Lindsay. An excellent sermon. The Rhine bros. sang a duet, very nice. Came home to dinner and then went back again in the evening but could not get a seat on account of the crowd. A pretty rough night coming home. Mrs. Mark stayed while we were away. Mr. Mark here in the evening.

20 – A very fine day and the snow going fast. Drew two loads of wood from Isaac's in the forenoon. Plugging and painting the boat in the afternoon. Went to a school trustee meeting at the school-house at 4 o'clock to see about the new seats. Alex Lee called in today.

21 – Warm and the snow going fast, roads bare in many places. Painting the boat in the forenoon. Sharped the bucksaw and sawed some wood in the afternoon. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon, Sr. here today. The I.O.F. were to have a concert tonight but the man Stafford that was to have given it is sick.

22 – 4 or 5 inches of soft snow fell through the night but quite a bit of it was gone before night. Painting the boat in the forenoon, washing the cattle with tobacco tea in the afternoon. At the prayer meeting in the evening. James Miller led the meeting, choir practice after. A bright moonlight night.

23 – A fine day but somewhat colder. Sawing wood most of the day. Jack Hill and Mr. Innis here in the afternoon. Both at the S. of T.³ in the evening, a special meeting on account of the Rhine bros. being there to sing. A good turn out and a good time. A debate on Local Option which was declared a draw. After 11 when we got home. A fine moonlight night. Nellie and Jessie Michie here all night.

24 – A very fine day. Sawing a bit of wood in the forenoon. At Greenbank getting horses shod in the afternoon. District Division meeting at Raglan today and a very different day from the last time it was there. Word came by telephone that Miss Ellie Byers died in Toronto this morning. At the singing class in the evening. A very bright night. John Lee called today.

25 – Another very fine day. Made an oar for the boat in the forenoon and cut wood in the afternoon. Willie O'Neill here for 2 bags of oats and Isaac for 1 bag and some hay. It appears that Ellie Byers was killed by the train in Toronto yesterday. The body was brought to George Byers' today.

26 – A raw cold morning with some rain and sleet. Went to S.S. and church. A small attendance at both on account of the funeral. Mr. Cameron preached on training children. Both at the C.E. in the evening, a good meeting. Jas. Blair, leader, president Miller absent. Wes Luke here in the evening. Sleighting on the roads getting pretty thin.

³ Sons of Temperance

27 – Colder, with snow in the afternoon and rough. Sharpened Wes Luke's bucksaw in the forenoon and sawed wood. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Mary home with her. James Smith came about 5 o'clock and stayed all night.

28 – Blustery, inclined to rain in the afternoon but colder at night. Sawing wood most of the day, finished all that was drowed up. Mrs. Bryant and Barbara Walker here in the afternoon. Oyster supper at G. Reals under the management of Alex Ewin. Got a bid but did not go.

Mar. 1 – A fine day and thawing a little in the afternoon. Drawing wood all day, made 5 trips. James Smith left for home after dinner. Mr. J.M. Cameron and E. Boe here. At the prayer meeting, a fair attendance. James Miller, leader. Choir practice after. A year today was the Ontario elections when C. Calder was elected.

2 – Nice day, sawing wood most of the time. At the singing class in the evening. Took Jennie up to Alex Lee's. Trustee meeting at G. Reals, but did not go.

3 – Sawing wood in the forenoon. Found the Steel cow dead when I went out after dinner, the reason a mystery. Got Wes Luke to help skin her. Jennie took Mary home in the cutter, very poor sleighing. Rain in the evening. There was to have been a meeting at John Lee's to talk of enlarging the church but did not go on account of the rain.

4 – Thawing a good deal. During the day drew in the hay stack with G. Michie's help. Mr. G. Real called in the forenoon and Mrs. J. O'Neill in the afternoon. Started to go to the S. of T. as the Rhine bros. were to be there but having to call at G. Reals to a trustee meeting, so much time was spent that I did not go to the village. A very disagreeable night – snow and sleet, rode in the buggy. Mr. and Mrs. Mark here in the evening.

5 – Quite a fall of snow through the night which thawed somewhat through the day. Went to S.S. and church with the cutter. Mr. Cameron preached on purgatory. The Rhine Bros. sang two pieces very nicely and also spoke in the S.S. Did not go to the C.E. as it turned out a very rough cold night.

6 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and did not get home until 1:30 having to wait for the Dr. and then she did not see him. Sawing wood most of the day. Both at the Rhine Bros. meeting in the Presbyterian church, a good turn out and a very interesting meeting. Mrs. Mark was here when we were away.

7 – Rather a raw wind from the east. Fixing the nests in the hen house in the forenoon. After dinner Pat Thompson came and told that there was some wood cut ready to be hauled. Drew one load but broke the shoe on the front bob and had to go to Greenbank to get it repaired and did not get back until about 6:30. Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan here for tea and Miss Ida Phair collecting for the Bible Society. Rhine bros. in the Methodist Church but did not go, a cold windy night.

8 – Pretty cold morning but turned out a fine day. Drawing wood and made 5 trips. Drawed all the tamarack he had cut, 3 ½ cords this time. Mrs. Mark here for dinner and the afternoon getting a

wrapper cut. Barbara Fowlie here for tea. At trustee meeting at G. Reals and afterwards at prayer meeting. Mr. Boe, leader. No organist, no choir practice. G.A. McMillan married today.

9 – Mild day, drawing poplar wood. Made 3 trips in the forenoon. Marshal O'Neill after 4 bushels oats. Mrs. Alex Lee called on her way home from Port. Wig sellers here just before dinner. Norman Stewart, the assessor, called in the afternoon, also Dr. Archer on his way home from J.M. Reals. Sawed a little wood in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill here for a bag of oats and some hay. At the singing class in the evening. The Nancy cow calved.

10 – A nice mild day. Drew two loads of poplar which I suppose finishes the wood for this season, sleighing getting rather poor on the roads, but good in the fields. Cutting a little wood in afternoon. Wes Luke in after supper.

11 – Thawing a good deal, especially in the afternoon. Down at Isaac's in the forenoon settling up accounts and looking at his livestock, then to Marshall's and saw his cows. In the afternoon drove (with the buggy) to the schoolhouse to a trustee meeting to see about the floor and seats, then to the village and got the oil can filled and home in time for chores.

12 – At S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached. Both at the C.E. in the evening, a fairly good meeting. It fell to my lot to take the topic. Muddy roads and a little snow in the evening. Heavy rains through the night. T. Phair and Mrs. W. Luke called today.

13 – Not doing much in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with G. Real to Pinedale to look at their school seats. Came home by way of Saintfield and saw the seats there. Like the Saintfield ones the best. W. Leask here collecting for a present to E. Bewell which is to be presented tonight at Jas. McMillans.

14 – A fine day. Fanning up some oats for W. Burton, after which I went down to the swamp and skated down the middle of the concession. Very fine ice, can go most any place. Helping Wes Luke to kill a pig in the afternoon. At a committee meeting at John Lee's in the evening to make plans for an alcove for the church. J.M. Real, J. Lee and myself committee. A raw east wind at night. E. Bewell moves to Uxbridge today.

15 – A strong wind from the S. East with rain and sleet, a very disagreeable day. In the forenoon put a new bottom into a pail and made grafting wax under the directions of Isaac O'Neill who was present giving us a long talk about fruit trees. Jennie churning. Doing very little in the afternoon. Both at prayer meeting in the evening, a very small turnout. Jas. Miller, leader. A very rough windy night.

16 – A fine day. Gluing some chairs in the forenoon and started early after dinner to go to Uxbridge together with John Lee to confer with James Walker as to the probable cost of an alcove for the church. He figures the cost to be about \$400.00. Got home between 5 and six. At the singing class in the evening. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner. Wes Luke here for his saw, Isaac for oats.

17 – Sharpened W. Lukes saw and then went skating in the forenoon. Went down to Isaac O'Neills in the afternoon to try to buy a cow but did not do so altogether. Both at choir practice in the evening, a very good sing. A pretty cold night and snowing a little.

18 – Snowing most of the day from the east which makes fairly good sleighing. In the forenoon went with Jennie to Isaac's to bring home the cow and calf. Doing very little in the afternoon. Wes Luke called and Isaac came for a load of turnips, 25 bs, at 6 cts. Price of cow \$33.

19 – Snow through the night which makes 6 or 8 inches of snow. Both at S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached. A meeting of the S.S. officers and teachers to see about books. Did not go to the C.E. as it was a rough cold night.

20 – A very rough day, snowing and drifting from the north west badly but settled at sundown and a bright calm evening. Did nothing all day but the chores. About the worst drift of the whole winter.

21 – A pretty bleak wind from the S.E. and rough in the afternoon. Drove up to Greenbank and voted on the Local Option by-law in the forenoon. Fanned up a grist of wheat in the afternoon. The roads somewhat heavy with snow. Local Option carried.

22 – Cleaned out the pigpen and sawed some wood in the forenoon, and in the afternoon both went to Port Perry with the grist in the sleigh. At prayer meeting in the evening, a good turnout and an extra good meeting. Mr. Cameron was there, choir practice after. Thunder and rain about 11 o'clock, the first thunder this year.

23 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the grist and mending harness in the afternoon. A very rough afternoon, snowing and drifting from the N.W. At the singing class in the evening, not many there on account perhaps of the rough night and bad walking.

24 – A fine day, not doing much in the forenoon. At preparatory service at the church in the afternoon, a fair good turnout. Rev. Mr. McKay of Sunderland preached. Mrs. H. Taylor, Arch McArthur, Maggie Carneggie and Mrs. G.A. McMillan came in this time. Called at W. Reals and telephoned for the Dr. to come to see Father who has a bad boil on his lip. Both D. and R. Archer came in the evening. They put Mother under chloroform and examined her. They give little hopes that she will ever be able to get up again. Mr. and Mrs. T. Phair called.

25 – At Port Perry in the forenoon for medicine for Father, sawing wood in the afternoon. Rough and snowing from the SE in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Both at church in the forenoon, it being communion. A very good turnout, the greater part of the Wick congregation being present. Mr. Cameron conducted the services. At the C.E. in the evening, the largest turnout as yet. G.A. McMillan took the topic, a good part of the time spent in getting names to the pledge. Wes Luke called in the evening.

27 – A fine day. Sawing wood all day. Mr. And Mrs. Akhurst and Mrs. Gordon here in the afternoon. Churned the cream from Nancy's milk for a week, 9 lb. 5 oz. of butter was the result.

28 – Sawing wood in the forenoon. Drawing church plan in the afternoon, raining a little most of the afternoon. At the church envelopes in the evening. W. Mark called and Mrs. A. Lee.

29 – A very rough stormy day. Mrs. Mark kept house while we drove to Uxbridge and got a new dress. Both picking over the potatoes in the cellar in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, a small meeting. Jas. Miller, leader, no organist, no choir practice.

30 – A fine day and thawing a little. Took 14 bags of oats on the sleigh to Port Perry to get ground and got them back with me, arriving home about 1 o'clock. Sleighing not very good, probably the last of the season. The lake does not show the least sign of breaking up. The ice is between 2 and 3 feet thick. Choring in the afternoon. Made a boat paddle. At the singing class in the evening, tried them in flats for the first time. Wes Luke called in the afternoon.

31 – Good Friday. A fine day and thawing some. Splitting wood in the forenoon and sawing wood in the afternoon. J. O'Neill here in the forenoon for a load of turnips. John Lee called in this afternoon. Tom Black and Alma came about 6 p.m. with the waggon.

APR. 1 – Fanning up oats and bagging potatoes for Tom Black in the forenoon. They leave for home (with the wagon) about 2 p.m. Several snow flurries during the afternoon. Marshall O'Neill here for two bags of oats and settled up accounts.

2 – At S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached on the resurrection of Christ. Tom Bell came before dinner. At the C.E. in the evening. Jennie was to have taken the topic but at the last moment found that she could not go. Rather a small meeting as it was rough in the evening. Mrs. Somerville led, Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Colwell called.

3 – A fine day, cleaning out the calf pen and sawing wood in the forenoon. Margaret and Ethel came before dinner, they walked up from Port Perry. In the afternoon, drove out with Jennie and [?] Bell, principally to see Mrs. Joe Bell and Mrs. Perrin who were there. At the church managers meeting in the evening. Jennie at the store shopping. There was a full attendance. The principle business was the proposed improvements. After all had expressed their opinion, some favourable, some opposed, and others lukewarm, it was decided to lay it on the table until the next annual meeting. Mr. Mark called in the forenoon. Mr. Colwell's barn, between this and Port Perry, burned between 7 and 8 in the evening.

4 – A fine day and thawing some. In the forenoon we churned the weeks cream of the O'Neill cow. The result was 10 lbs. 4 oz. of butter. Went up to Mr. Akhurst and got some apple cuttings for grafting. In the afternoon went to the schoolhouse to see Jas. Walker and Co. putting in the new seats. Jennie and Margaret at Alex Lee's in the evening. Tom Michie starts work for Alex.

5 – The most spring-like day that we have had so far. Splitting some wood in the forenoon. Jennie takes Margaret and Ethel to Port Perry and gets back about 3 o'clock. Tom Bell coming with

her. At the prayer meeting in the evening. A fair turn out, but no minister and no elders. It fell to my lot to lead the meeting in a way. Choir practice after the meeting. Roads pretty muddy.

6 – A fine spring-like day. In the forenoon went to Port Perry for the Dr. for father who is now very bad with his face, worse than has been this winter. The Dr. did not come as he said he could not do any good. Tom also on the sick list. Isaac O'Neill here for two bags of oats. Mrs. Carnegie here for dinner. Sifting the timothy seed in the afternoon. At the singing class in the evening. Wes Luke got his team and wagon into the old creek today.

7 – Raining a little most of the day, especially towards night. Went down to the scene of yesterdays scrape at the creek. Put up some fence gaps and fixed the cupboard in the woodshed in the forenoon. Did very little in the afternoon. Thomas Phair here in the afternoon. Fred Love called in the evening to get the job of spraying the apple trees.

8 – The ground covered with snow again that fell through the night but it was all gone before night. Cleaning out the pigpen and with Wes Lukes and Tom Bells help took out the black teeth. Sawing wood behind the barn in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill here in the forenoon and Wes Luke at supper time.

9 – Ground white with snow again this morning. At S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached on Sabbath observance. At the C.E. in the evening, rather small attendance, no doubt on account of the roads which are very bad. G. Miller was leader. Alex Lee called in the evening.

10 – A nice spring-like day. Finished the wood at the barn in the forenoon and did very little in the afternoon. Raked the straw off the strawberries. Jennie making a wrapper for Mrs. Joe Bell. Jennie took Tom part way home in the morning. Mr. Mark here in the morning.

11 – Did little but churn in the forenoon. Duff and Heron here wanting to buy cattle after dinner. Wes Luke got stuck in the lane with a load of turnips on account of the snow. One of our pigs died today. We were all ready to go to hear Rev. Mr. McMillan of Toronto lecture on the Scottish covenants, but it came on rain and we did not go. A very dark night.

12 – A warm day, with quite a high wind in the afternoon. Took off the storm windows, fixed some hens nests and planted some potatoes (the first planting of the season) in the forenoon. In the afternoon, took the new boat down to the swamp on the stoneboat and with Jennie boated down as far as the sideroad. When we got back, Mr. Mark was come to take it down. Broke the whiffletree and made a new one. John Lee here in the afternoon. He was telling about the lecture last night, a very small attendance, \$3.30 was the receipts. Mr. O'Neill around today buying potatoes.

13 – A nice spring day. Digging berry bushes in the forenoon. Heavy rain and thunder after dinner. Picked over the Murphys this afternoon. Cleared up about 4 p.m. and at the berry bushes again. Went down to Isaacs for some plum grafts and he came here for 25 bus. turnips. At the singing class in the evening and this being the last meeting, C. Gordon on behalf of the class presented me with a nice teachers bible and .75 cts.

14 – Thunder and rain in the forenoon. Jennie drove to Port Perry, left home at 10 and got back at 3. She reports the roads very bad. W. And F. O'Neill here for 8 bus. oats. Sandy Gordon called after dinner.

15 – A fine day. In the garden in the forenoon and sowed some radish and onion seed. At Greenbank in the afternoon getting some blacksmithing done and for some salts for the pigs. John Sommerville here and got 45 bus. oats. Tom and George Michie here in the evening practising on the violin.

16 – The ground covered with about three inches of snow which did not all go off during the day. At church and S.S. A stranger preached, Mr. Cameron being at Sunderland. Both at the C.E. meeting in the evening, a pretty good meeting. Jennie was leader. Mrs. Mark stayed while we were away. Mr. Mark and Mrs. A. Lee also here in the evening. Very bad roads.

17 – Quite a frost in the morning. Went down to the bridge to get a boat ride but could not get it unlocked. Arch McArthur here for oats but did not promise him any. Isaac O'Neill after 2 bags oats. Grafting plum trees in the afternoon – 1st tree (from the south) Lombard, 2 Shepherd's Pride, 3 another kind from Isaacs, 4 Sam Dusty plum, 4 another kind from Isaacs. Silas Butt called in the afternoon.

18 – A fine warm day. Picking over some of the turnips in the morning and grafting the remainder of the day. Put in 103 grafts in the afternoon. W. Mark here charging some eggs. Tom Bell came in the afternoon. All three down to the creek for a boat ride in the evening.

19 – A fine warm day. At the garden and plowing the berry bushes in the forenoon and grafting in the afternoon. Tom Bell drove to Greenbank to get clovices mended. At prayer meeting in the evening, Jas. Miller leader. An after meeting about the S.S. anniversary; the various committees appointed and things start with good prospects. Moved Mother into the S. bedroom today.

20 – Fine day. Plowing the ground and planting potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon. Tom Bell helping. Plowing sod in the SW field in the afternoon. Jennie working on the garden and made me a pair of new pants. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. M. O'Neill here in the evening.

21 – Plowing sod all day. Tom went to Isaac O'Neills and got some of his blackberry bushes. Down with Jennie and Tom for a boat ride in the evening.

22 – Threatening rain in the morning but soon cleared up. Grafting in the forenoon while Tom cultivated east of the orchard. Afternoon sowed oats east of the orchard, the first sowing of the season. Isaac O'Neill after 25 bus. turnips. Tom B. goes hoarse. Quite a warm day.

23 – A very fine day. Took a walk with Jennie up to A. Lee's in the forenoon. At S.S. and church. Mr. Cameron preached. The new S.S. books were given out for the first time by the new system. At C.E. in the evening, a large meeting, Jas. Miller led. Mrs. Mark stayed while we were away. Mr. Mark also here. A very fine moonlight night.

24 – A fine day. Harrowing the oats east of the orchard in the forenoon and plowing sod in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie Gordon here for dinner and Mrs. Carnegie for supper. A man from Lindsay selling bed springs also here for supper.

25 – Fine weather. Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Isaac here for 2 bags of oats. Went down to Isaac O'Neills in the evening for strawberry plants.

26 – A fine day. Planted the strawberries in the morning, then took some turnips and potatoes over to Mrs. Carnegie. Both went to Port Perry with some oats to the mill. Got 5 bus. barley to sow the winter-killed places in the fall wheat. Got a screen door for the front. Did not get home in time to get to prayer meeting. Mr and Mrs Cameron here while we were away. Fixed an alarm bell so that we both slept in bed for the first time for awhile.

27 – A fine day. Jennie went to Greenbank in forenoon while I put on the screen doors. In the afternoon got George Michie's seed drill and sowed the peas and oats. Tom Bell came in the afternoon. George came for ½ bus. peas. All three down to the creek in the evening fishing but did not get any fish.

28 – Another fine day. In the forenoon cleaned out the calf pen and the hen house and drew the brush from the orchard. Tom harrowed the peas and oats. Afternoon cleaned out the little building and dug some in the garden. Planted butter beans. Tom rolled the peas. Willie O'Neill after 8 bus. oats. Both at choir practice in the evening. A good turnout, but not much done.

29 – A very warm day. Sowed some barley in the fall wheat where it was killed out and Tom harrowed and rolled it. Fixed the bars and hoed the berry bushes. Moved the stove out into the woodshed. Barbara came before dinner. Tom B. goes home. Wes Luke in awhile in the evening.

30 – A warm day. At church and S.S. Barbara at church. Mr. Cameron preached. Both at C.E. in the evening, a fairly good meeting. Mrs. McKittrick led in place of Maggie Blair. Lightning and thunder in the evening.

MAY 1 – Cultivated the north field in the forenoon and sowed it with oats in the afternoon. Quite a thunder shower about 1 pm. A pretty warm day. Mr. Akhurst here after supper. Took the jersey up to Alex Lees but no go.

2 – Rolled the new grass until about 9:30 and left for Port Perry with the wagon at 11. Barbara and Jennie going. Also Barbara took the train for home and we went to Mrs. Shire's sale for awhile. Got home at 5:30. Took Tiny up to Alex Lees again. Mrs. Phair called in the evening. The first sown oats are well up. A little cooler towards night.

3 – Somewhat cooler. Harrowing the north field in the forenoon. Fred and William Love sprayed the orchard for the first time. Tom Bell came for dinner and he ploughed in the SE field all afternoon while I planted some shade trees, fixed the watering place and fences.

4 – Trimmed the berry bushes and worked in the garden in the forenoon and at Burton and O'Neill's cattle sale in the afternoon. The cattle sold for pretty good prices. Tom plowing all day. Jennie making dress. Corn in the orchard through the ground.

5 – Tom and I went out to Port Perry in the forenoon for the eggs sent from Frank Bratley for hatching. Fixed the gates and other chores. Tom plowed in the afternoon. Jennie at dress. At choir practice in the evening, a fairly good meeting. Potatoes coming through the ground.

6 – Warmer today. Gardening in the morning, planted cucumbers and radish. Will O'Neill here for oats, Tom harrowing. Finished sowing tonight. W. O'Neill after three bags of oats.

7 – A fine day. At church and SS. Mr. Cameron preached. All three at the CE, a large meeting. Nellie McMillan led. Mrs. Mark stayed. Mr. and Mrs. Luke in at evening and T. Phair, Edith and Cecil called on their way home from church.

8 – Choring in the forenoon while Tom harrowed the SE field. All three out at Port Perry in the afternoon moving Mrs. Bell into another house. Got home about 7 o'clock. A very fine day.

9 – Tom went to Greenbank in the morning for whitening and rolled most of the day. Whitewashed the kitchen in the forenoon. Mr. Carnegie helping to scrub. Enlarged the pig pen and planted the watermelons. Silas Butt in for tea.

10 – Drawing out manure all day for corn and potatoes, 25 loads. Jennie cleaning cellar. A very fine day.

11 – Rain through the night and part of the forenoon. Spreading manure in the forenoon and drawing manure in the afternoon (12 loads). Put the young cattle out to pasture. Union choir practice in the Methodist church for the SS convention but did not go as it started to rain a little after 6 o'clock.

12 – Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon Tom went to Port Perry for corn and mangle seed. Jennie finishes her dress (no, Jennie did not). Fred and W. Love sprayed the orchard for the second time. A very fine day.

13 – Jennie finished her dress today. Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Cleaned out the root house and grainery and planted some corn in the forenoon. Plowing in afternoon. At choir practice in the evening, a very good practice. A cool night.

14 – A fine cool day, frost in the morning so some say. All at church and SS. Mr. Cameron preached. At the CE in the evening, a fair meeting; G. Miller leader. Union choir practice in the Methodist church after service. Mrs. A. Gordon here for tea and stayed the evening. Took her home after we came from meeting.

15 – [written by Jennie] - A fine day. Robert plowing in the morning, is gone to the SS convention this afternoon. It is in Greenbank. Tom harrowing. Mr. Luke and W. O'Neil called today. Housecleaning upstairs all day. [written by Robert] - Convention quite a success, a good attendance at both sessions, especially the

evening. Put in as secretary of the association for the year. Took Nancy cow up to A. Lee's. A hairy frost this morning which did damage.

16 – Tom rolled the corn and potato land while I fixed a place to water the pigs when rain came on and continued most of the forenoon. Drilling up in the afternoon until about 4 pm when it started to rain again and continued through the evening.

17 – Drilling in the forenoon and sowed the mangles; planted the horse and some of the Indian corn in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron here for tea. Put the calves out to pasture and also the cows for the first time. Started to rain between 5 and 6 and continued through the evening. Did not go to prayer meeting.

18 – Finished drilling and planting the Indian corn and drilled most of the potato drill in the forenoon. Cutting potatoes in the afternoon. Pretty cool and threatening rain several times. Jennie papering Fathers room. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. C. Gordon here seeing about baking for the SS anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee in for the evening.

19 – Cold and raining some in the forenoon. Cutting and picking potatoes in the cellar. Tom drove to Greenbank for the mail and some errands at the store. Isaac O'Neill here. Planted the potatoes in the afternoon. 28 drills and 8 bags of seed. Jennie finished papering the room. 9 little pigs arrived this morning.

20 – Planted some corn in the orchard, drew 25 posts from Isaac O'Neills and drew out some manure in the forenoon. Drawing manure in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and Jessie Smith came about 5:30 pm. Mr and Mrs. Bryant called in the evening. At choir practice, a fairly good meeting. Still keeps very cool.

21 – A fine day and a little warmer. SS anniversary Sunday. At SS and church. Mr. Hodges of Oshawa preached a very good sermon. His text was 11 D-2:17. He mentioned some springs that go dry, youth, health, friends, money, but Christ's salvation does not. A large attendance. Another very crowded house in the evening. Mr. Hodges preached again on the example of Sampson in slaying the lion. We all have [?], cowardice, impatience, narrowness, neglect.

22 – Rain through the night. Took the Jersey cow to Alex Lee in the morning. Willie, Annie and Jessie Smith left for home about 9 am. Jennie and Tom went to Port Perry and did not get home until 1:30. Planted cabbage, cauliflower and cucumbers. Took the Molly cow down to the swamp field but she soon broke through the fence and came back. We therefore had to repair the fence. Afterwards drew 3 loads of manure. Went fishing in the evening but did not get anything. Got word that Annie's baby died yesterday. The Baptist church raised today.

23 – Empire day, the first time celebrated. Planted the corn in the little place near the pump and some other chores in the forenoon. Tom principally shooting at woodchucks. Up to Greenbank putting up the tables for the anniversary tomorrow. Jennie washing and baking bread and baking cakes for the 24th. Mrs. Duncan McMillan died quite suddenly this morning.

24 – A beautiful day. Drew out a few loads of manure in the morning when Mundo Perrin and Alma, Annie Tate, Mrs. Bell and Willa came between 9 and 10. Went down with Mundo, Alma, Annie and Willa for a boat ride and fish but the fish were scarce. All at the Sunday School anniversary in the afternoon and evening. There was a good crowd. The children gave a cantata in the afternoon which went off very well. The Uxbridge Presbyterian choir furnished the music in the evening which was very good, only too much of a kind. Mr. Secombe, Fraser and Glasford were the speakers. With the Sunday collections the proceeds amounted to \$83.00.

25 – Tom took Mrs. Bell and Willa home first thing in the morning. Mundo and Alma start for home about 9:30. Planted the potatoes that came from the experimental farm. Drew out a few loads of manure after dinner but rain came on about 3:30, some thunder. At the social in the evening, not a very large turnout. Made over \$8.00. South Ontario election [?] starts today.

26 – Drawing manure until the middle of the afternoon when it started to rain and kept it up until about 6. Some very sharp lightning. J. O'Neill came after some oats but did not get any. Tom got his finger cut and burned by the explosion of a cartridge he was pounding with a hammer. Dryden unseated by the court today.

27 – Drawing manure all day and nearly finished. Several showers during the day. Most of the crops suffering by wet.

28 – A very dull day, threatening rain all the time with quite a heavy shower in the evening with lightning. At SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached and Mr. W. Robinson of Detroit sang a solo very nicely. At CE in the evening, a good meeting. Mr. Robinson led the meeting and sang a solo.

29 – Plowing turnip land all day. Two [?] mower men called wanting to sell a mower, but did not do so. J. Burke here gathering eggs and another Uxbridge man on the same business. Thundering most of the forenoon to the south but no rain here, but there was a very heavy thunder shower about 6 pm. C. Rennie's raising and Marsh Hill anniversary but did not go to either of them.

30 – A fine day, no rain, the first for several days. Plowing in the forenoon. Tom spreading manure. In the afternoon drew 5 loads of manure which finishes for the season. Miss Maggie Carnegie here wanting help at a plowing bee tomorrow. Mrs. David Cragg called to see Mother, and Alfred Butt called in the evening.

31 – Fine day, a very little sprinkle of rain in the afternoon. Jennie went out to Port Perry in the forenoon while I hoed the berry bushes and some other chores. Plowing in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill, A. Butt, and T.H. Wilson, the great medicine man of Brooklin, here today. At prayer meeting. Mr. Cameron was there. Afterwards there was a meeting to wind up the business in connection with the anniversary, about \$70.00 clear after paying all expenses.

JUNE 1 – A very fine day, no rain. Plowing and harrowing the potatoes. Stove pedlar called. Got out of bed at 11 and found that Jess had got a horse colt.

2 – Took Nancy cow up to Alex Lee's and spent most of the forenoon trying to get the colt to suck but failed. Hoeing potatoes in the orchard in the afternoon while Tom went to Port Perry for some more horse corn to plant the second time. At choir practice in the evening, not a very good turnout. A fine day, no rain.

3 – Planted the horse corn for the second time, the greater part of the first planting being rotten. Did not do much in the afternoon. Took the red heifer to the swamp field and then went down to the creek where W. Mark and G. Michie were fixing the bridge. Miss Ida Phair called in the afternoon.

4 – Thunder and rain through the night and most of the forenoon. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a very good meeting. G. Miller leader. Took Maggie Carnegie across the swamp there being water on the road. Mosquitoes very bad.

5 – Making a new fence in the front of the barnyard. Tom went to Port Perry for floor paint in the afternoon. Jennie painted the kitchen floor. Fred Love and John sprayed the apple trees for the third time. They were here for dinner. Went down to the creek with Alex Leask and Charles Gordon to fish for mudcats but got only one perch. A very warm day with a good deal of thunder but no rain.

6 – Another warm day, a good deal of thunder but no rain. Putting up new fence west of the barn. Tom went to Port Perry in the morning for more paint. Mr. Cameron here for tea. Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the forenoon. Jennie painting floor.

7 – Warm with thunder all afternoon with a big shower between 7 and 8. Tom harrowed the corn and potatoes. Finished cleaning up the fence rubbish, planted the white beans and did some other chores. Did not go to prayer meeting as the rain came on. Beef ring⁴ started today.

8 – A fine day and much cooler. Went to Greenbank in the morning for some things at the store. Banked up the early potatoes and hoed in the orchard the remainder of the day. Went with Jennie up to Alex Lee's in the evening, they having got another boy today. Mrs. Mark and Barbara Walker here in the afternoon.

9 – A very fine cool day. Took Topsy over to Alex Lee to pasture, then Tom harrowed the corn while I hoed mangles and other jobs. Tom harrowed turnip ground in the afternoon and went home at night. Mrs. James Leask here in the afternoon.

10 – Fine cool day. Drilling up for turnips, 48 drills, and sowed them before supper. At choir practice in the evening, a pretty good meeting. Jennie visiting at John Lee's.

11 – A beautiful day. At church and SS. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a very good meeting. Flossie Burns leader. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon. Big pig eat a number of the chickens in the forenoon.

⁴ During the hot months, with no means of refrigeration, each farmer would take a turn butchering an animal and sharing the meat among the other members of the 'ring'.

12 – A fine day, some thunder to the north but no rain in here. Finished plowing the turnip land about 4 o'clock, then took Jess to the horse at D. McDonalds. Took the Isaac cow up to A. Lee's in the morning, but no use. Mrs. Bell and Tom came before dinner. Jennie housecleaning the parlor.

13 – A pretty warm day. In the morning Tom harrowed what was plowed yesterday. About 9 o'clock the colt was much worse. I went and got Sandy Gordon, took him home again and went on to Charles Gordon's for a syringe, and worked with the colt until 3 o'clock when it died. Mrs. S. Dusty, Mrs. Alex Gordon, and Alex Lee here in the afternoon. Jennie took her mother and Tom home after supper.

14 – Thunder most of the afternoon and some rain after supper. Drilled up and sowed turnips, 56 drills. Went to prayer meeting but was too late. W. Luke, Mrs. Luke and W. Mark called today. First strawberries of the season for supper.

15 – Started at 7 for Uxbridge for some pig feed and got lots of rain on the way. Got ½ ton of cornmeal and paid \$8.50 for it. Got home at 4. The weather turning much cooler. Joe Stone bought the red heifer for \$42.50 and paid \$5.00 down. John Lee called today.

16 – This being the first day of the lunge fishing, I got up at 3:30 am and went down to the creek where George Michie came with the wagon and took the boat over to the lake. Fished until about 9 o'clock and got 2 lunge, 3 bass and 2 perch. Quite a number of boats out but not so many as usual on a first day. The weather was very cold and disagreeable with rain flurries and quite a high wind. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon while I hoed mangles and did some other chores. Both at choir practice, a very good turnout. Decided to have a strawberry festival on the 27th.

17 – A very fine day, finished drilling and sowing turnips. James Smith and Jessie arrived at 6 p.m.

18 – A fine morning but threatening and rain in the afternoon and much lightning to the north in the evening. George Fowlie came for dinner. At SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached. Jas. Smith and Jessie left for home at 6 pm. At CE in the evening, a fairly good meeting. Mrs. Somerville leader.

19 – Scuffled the corn and potatoes in the forenoon. Went for a load of gravel for the road and then drew out some wood from Isaac's field for Mrs. Bell. Planted some corn for the third time. Took the Isaac cow up to A. Lee's but no use. Jennie down at Marks for the trolling lines. Word received that Mr. James Butt was married on Saturday last. Silas Butt called at supper time. A very fine day but rather warm.

20 – Got up at 3 am and with Jennie drove over to the lake to fish. The water was rather rough. We got one lunge and 2 bass. Got home at 8 am, then went drawing gravel. Drew three loads which finishes the road work. A nice cool day. Annie Gordon here for dinner and Mrs. Mark in the afternoon. Took the Isaac cow up to A. Lees again.

21 – Took the heifer to John Stones in the forenoon and walked all the way. She led very well and weighed [?]. Hoed and planted some corn in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs Robert Phair, T. Phair and Mr. Wright calling in the afternoon and had a nice little visit. Both at prayer meeting which was also preparatory service. A good meeting. G. Michie, Nellie Michie, Annie Dusty, Althea Love, and Silva Leask came in this time. A very fine cool day.

22 – A very fine day with a little rain about 1 o'clock. Went to Port Perry in the morning and got home at 9:30. Planted corn and hoed the mangels. John Ewin and J. Lee here in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie had her SS class here including Maggie Blair and they had a very good time.

23 – Hoeing mangels and corn in the forenoon and plowing in the orchard in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs James Allan, Mrs T. Phair and Mrs Wright called in the evening. At choir practice, not a very good turnout. Took the Nancy cow up to Lee's. A fine day.

24 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Sowed the buckwheat in the forenoon and hoed in the afternoon. Jennie went out to Port Perry in the afternoon. Alex Lee and boys called and Charles Gordon.

25 – A fine but pretty warm day. Went to Wick to the communion service. Took Mrs. Carnegie there and back. A good turnout, most of the Greenbank people were there. Jennie did not go. Both went to the Methodist SS anniversary service in the evening. A large crowd. Rev. Mr. McDermid of Whitby preached a very good sermon but could not agree with the doctrine he taught.

26 – At Port Perry in the forenoon, hoeing corn in the afternoon. Both at Sonya at the Presbyterian SS and CE convention in the evening, a large crowd. McMillan of Lindsay and Patterson of Toronto were the speakers and they were splendid. Got home at 11 pm. A very fine day.

27 – Went to Port Perry for strawberries and afterwards hoed all the potatoes in the field. Tom Bell came before dinner. Both at the strawberry festival in the evening. A good crowd and a good time. The proceeds amounted to \$18.23. After paying expenses there will be about \$10.00 to the good.

28 – A drizzling rain in the forenoon and quite heavy in the afternoon. We picked and preserved 7 jars of strawberries. W. Luke and A. Akhurst called in the forenoon. Made out the church reports for the quarter in the afternoon. Annie, Emma and Alfie came about 7 pm. CE business meeting tonight but did not go. Quite cool with bright northern lights.

29 – Went up to Greenbank in the morning for the beef, but there is a hitch and there will be none this week. Put Paris green on the potatoes in the orchard and did some hoeing. Annie left for home at 2 p.m. Had a small mess of new potatoes, the first of the season. A fine cool day.

30 – Got up at 3 am and with Jennie went over to the lake and got one 4 lb lunge. A beautiful morning but a little cool. Got home at 8. Churned and did some hoeing. Hoed a few turnips, the first of the season, but they are rather small. Started to wean the little pigs. George Michie up for the scuffer.

JULY 1 – Dominion Day and very fine day it was. Scuffled turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon went alone to the Sons of England demonstration at Port Perry. A large crowd and saw the usual sports. Got home about 7. Both went up to Alex Lee's in the evening.

2 – A fine day. At SS and church. Mr Cameron preached. Both at CE in the evening, a very good meeting. Election of officers; Nellie McMillan, pres. W. Ledingham and G. and Mrs. G. Bewell at church. Mr. A. Day preached in the Methodist church today.

3 – Rain in the early morning and threatening several times during the day. At Port Perry in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Tom comes back and takes a load of wood out to his mother and also some oats to get ground. William Perkins here for dinner and Alex Lee and Abe Cragg just after dinner. At managers meeting in the evening. A full turnout but there was little business to transact.

4 – A very warm day with a good deal of thunder but no rain here. Paris greened the potatoes in the field in the forenoon while Tom scuffled. Annie Gordon here for dinner and John Lee Sr. and John (Jack) Lee Jr. here just after dinner. Tom went to Port Perry with another load of wood while I hoed turnips. The old sow got in the stable and ate all but 8 of the chickens.

5 – A little rain in the morning and a good deal of thunder during the day and very warm. Went for the beef in the morning, then banked up the potatoes and scuffled the corn and hoed some turnips. Tom hoeing turnips. Both at prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Cameron, leader. Not many out but an extra good meeting. Gave Mrs. Gordon a ride home. Jack Lee there.

6 – A fine cool day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon and turnips in the afternoon. Tom finishes scuffling the turnips. Jennie picking currants and making jelly. Barbara Fowlie here for dinner and stayed during the afternoon.

7 – Got up soon after 3 am and went to the lake. A very fine morning it was but not a fish did we get. Hoeing turnips the remainder of the day. Jennie picking the gooseberries. At choir practice, a good turnout.

8 – Rain through the night with sharp lightning again at 2 pm and 7 pm. Hoeing turnips all day.

9 – A fine cool day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. All three at CE. Maggie McMillan, leader; a fairly good meeting. Mrs. W. Luke here in the afternoon.

10 – A fine cool day. At Port Perry in the forenoon. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon with some new potatoes and black currants.

11 – Hoeing turnips until about the middle of the afternoon when we went over to help Wes Luke to cock up some hay as rain was coming, but we got very little done before it came on. Did not do much during the remainder of the afternoon as there was another shower came on. Mrs. Akhurst and Mrs. John McLean here for tea.

12 – At Thomas Phair's until the middle of the afternoon shingling his barn. Tom takes the wagon to Greenbank to get repaired and hoed turnips the rest of the day, very nearly finished. Both at prayer meeting. Mr. Boe, leader, and not very many out. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

13 – Very fine day, finished hoeing turnips 1st time. Hoed mangels, horse corn, and beans. Mrs. A. Lee and Mrs. Phair here in the afternoon. Went with Jennie and Mrs. A. Lee to the lake in the evening. Had a fine boat ride but got no fish.

14 – A pretty warm day. Fixing hayrack, patching the barn roof and other jobs. At choir practice in the evening. Tom mudcatting at the creek in the evening.

15 – Making a hay stack for George in the forenoon. Cleaning the straw out of the barn and other jobs in the afternoon. Some rain in the evening. Took the Nancy cow to Alex Lee's.

16 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a very good turnout. It fell to me to take the topic. A pretty warm day.

17 – At Port Perry in the forenoon, then Tom went to Greenbank for the wagon. Fixing the bridge at the barn door. Then started to cut hay about 4 pm. Mrs. Bryant and May here in the afternoon. Picked the first lot of raspberries – 13 boxes.

18 – Tom finished cutting the field west of house about 10 o'clock. Raked and cocked it up in the afternoon. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon, a nice cool day.

19 – A very fine cool day. Drawing in hay. Mr. W. Mark, helping. After which Tom raked the field. Mr. Cameron and Mr. W. Akhurst here for tea. At prayer meeting Mr. Cameron spoke on why I am a Presbyterian, 1st night.

20 – Cut the little field at the swamp and drew in rakings, fixed fence at swamp pasture and other jobs. A little rain just before dinner. Afternoon went down to Isaac's to see if he had anything that would make a sleeper for the barn but he did not have any. Tried at Marshall's with the same result but got a stick from G. Michie. Mrs. Luke here picking berries. Mrs. R. Sonley and a Miss Richardson came with her. Mrs. Jas. Burns, Flossie and baby Burns, Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Harper and Barbara Walker here for tea. Barbara, Willie and Jessie Smith came about 6 pm. Went down to the creek in the evening fishing for mudcats with Isaac. Had pretty fair luck and got home about 9:30.

21 – Threatening rain in the morning but did not amount to much. Went with Tom for the barn sleeper at George's, then framed it and put it in. Tom went to Port Perry for bread and other provisions. Afternoon raked and drew in the hay on the little swamp field, Willie Smith helping. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Charles McLean here. Tom took the Isaac cow up to Alex Lees. At choir practice, a very good turnout. Berry social at the Methodist church.

22 – Got up at 4 am and with Willie Smith went over to the lake. A very fine morning but we only got one bass. Got back about 9:30. Picked berries in the afternoon, May Bryant helping; 27

boxes. Smith folks left for home at 7 pm. Went to Greenbank to a sale of the old school seats but there was no sale on account of no notice having been given.

23 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Both at SS and church; Mr. Cameron preached, and both at CE in the evening. A fair turnout. Hugh Martin, leader. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon. Alf and Lizzie Spencer of Brooklin and Frank Smith of Dakota at church.

24 – Went to Port Perry with the wagon for salt and binder twine. Just after dinner Mr and Mrs W. [Brimacombe?] came on a tandem wheel⁵ and left again at 6 pm. Did nothing but talk to them. Mrs. Marshall O'Neill here in the afternoon. Went over to Lukes after supper to see about the binder. A pretty warm day.

25 – Tom scuffling turnips all day. At Wes Luke's in the forenoon fixing up the binder and making a pig rack in the afternoon. Went with G. Michie to Wick to hear Dr. [Nugent?] on missions. A fair meeting but not much life. Fred and Roy O'Neill picking berries in the afternoon. A little rain about 3 o'clock. Pretty warm.

26 – A very warm day. Helping Wes Luke to start the binder in his rye while Tom put Paris Green on the potatoes. At G. Lee's barn raising in the afternoon. Ben Ward and Dan McDonald were the captains. Ben Ward's side won after a hot fight. Peter Ganton fell from the beam on his head and shoulder and had to be carried off. At prayer meeting. Mr. Cameron was there and gave his 2nd address on why I am a Presbyterian. Jeannie and Tom picking berries in the afternoon. Mrs. W. O'Neill, Roy and Lillie picking in the forenoon. 40 boxes in all counting yesterdays picking. John Lee called in the afternoon.

27 – Took 6 pigs to Port Perry; their weight was 965 lbs. Brought a bedstead home. Helping Wes Luke with the rye in the afternoon. Tom scuffling turnips. Annie and Ralph came just after dinner. Mrs. Mark helping to pick berries. A very nice cool day.

28 – Helped at Luke's rye until finished, about an hours work and then cut our fall wheat, finishing at 3 pm. Russell helping. Hoed a few drills of turnips, 2nd time, and went to choir practice in the evening.

29 – Cut George's fall wheat in the forenoon and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Tom went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Willie home with him.

30 – Tom left early in the morning and walked to Port Perry to see Tom Bell of Raglan who is there today. Mr and Mrs. Alex Lee here in the forenoon and James Michie came just before dinner. At SS and church. A little late for SS and Mr. A. T. Horne taught the class. Mr. Cameron read an old sermon preached by Rev. McArthur in 1867. At CE in the evening, a large turnout, perhaps the largest yet. R.R. Harrington, leader. A very cool day for the time of year and a high wind.

⁵ Tandem wheel – a bicycle for two people.

31 – A very fine day. Drove out to Port Perry in the forenoon with Wes Luke for some repairs for the binder. Spent the afternoon with Wes fixing the binder. Willie drove to Port Perry after supper and brought Mrs. Bell and Tom back with him. Jennie and Willie picked berries.

AUG. 1 – A fine day. Hoeing turnips with Tom until 4 pm when we finished. After supper went to Greenbank to get the discharge arms of the binder straightened. William Real threshing rye, the first of the season as far as I know. Heard that W. McGill of Port Perry and Sir. J.D. Edgar are dead and John Horne of Saintfield very low. Mrs. Mark and Jessie called in the evening and Luc O'Neill for some apples. Pared some apples in the evening, the first of the season.

2 – A very warm day. Fanned up 7 bags of wheat and took them to Port Perry mill and got flour in return. Brought home a mattress bed. Fixing binder, horse rake, and other chores in the afternoon. Jennie scalded her foot. At prayer meeting with Jennie and Willie in the evening. Mr. Cameron was there but did not speak on his unfinished subject.

3 – Drew in the fall wheat in the forenoon. Tom raked the field and we drew it in in the afternoon. Fixed the watering place in the swamp field and other chores. Jennie at a quilting bee at Mrs. Lukes.

4 – Cut the oats east of the orchard in the forenoon. George and his horse Joe helping. Jennie and Willie picking berries. At choir practice in the evening, a fair meeting. Plowing sod west of house in the afternoon.

5 – A fine day and somewhat cooler with wind from NW. Jennie and Willie start for Inniskillen at 7:30. Willie stayed there and Jennie got home at 6 bringing Annie Bell with her. Cutting the old fence posts and other rubbish for wood. At Greenbank in the evening to sell the school seats but there was no sale on account of there being so few there.

6 – A fine day but the roads very dusty. At SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached, rather a small choir. At the CE in the evening, a fairly good meeting, Nettie McMillan leader.

7 – Trimming sod in the forenoon and cut the peas and oats in the SW field. A very fine cool day.

8 – A very fine cool day. Trimming sod in the forenoon while Tom shocked oats and peas. Tom plowing in the afternoon while I shocked. Helped W. Luke to fix the canvas of the binder at which refused to work. Jennie at Marks to a quilting bee.

9 – Went for the beef in the morning and then Jennie and her mother went to Port Perry and got back after twelve. Annie got dinner ready. Skinning sod in the afternoon and finished the piece. At prayer meeting in the evening, rather a small meeting. I. A. Miller, leader.

10 – Did some chores in the forenoon while Tom harrowed the newly plowed sod. Did very little in the afternoon but take the Tiny heifer up to Alex Lee's. Left home at 4 o'clock with Jennie

and Annie Bell and went over to the lake and had a very nice time but got only 1 fish. Got home about 8 o'clock.

11 – Drawing in oats east of orchard in the forenoon and cutting wheat for George in the afternoon. At choir practice in the evening. Mrs. W. Leask, organist. A fair turnout. Mr. Cameron here for dinner. A pretty warm day, a very little rain about 6.

12 – A very heavy thunder storm between 4 and 6 in the morning which soaked things pretty well, and it was needing it as things were getting very dry. Did very little in the forenoon. Cutting wheat and oats at George's in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Jas. Bush called. W. McMillans new barn (hardly finished) struck by lightning and burned this morning about 5 am. Just as we were getting into bed there came a rap at the door, which proved to be Margaret Bell. As we had no idea of her coming it was quite a surprise.

13 – A fine cool day. Walked to SS with Annie Bell, Mrs. Bell and Maggie coming later with the rig. Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. W. H. Leask, organist. At CE in the evening, a very good meeting, Jas. McKittrick leader, no organist. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon.

14 – Finished cutting George's field of oats about 10 o'clock and got 2 rounds about our north field before dinner. Finished the field in the afternoon. A very fine cool day. The Port Perry S. of T. excursion to Fenelon Falls today.

15 – Drew in oats in the forenoon and at Alex Lee's threshing in the afternoon and a big ½ days threshing it was. W. Taylor's machine. Jennie took her mother and Maggie to Port Perry and left them there. Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the forenoon. A very fine day.

16 – A very fine day. Drew in peas and oats in the forenoon and some rakings in the afternoon. Got 6 bags of oats from Alex Lee. Mr. Cameron and John Lee here between 4 and 5 o'clock. At prayer meeting with Tom and Annie Bell, rather a small meeting. Ice cream social at W. Reals.

17 – Went to Port Perry in the morning and took Father to the Dr. and Annie Bell to Mrs. Bell's where we left her. Father paid his Dr. bill which was \$35.00. Went over to Lukes after dinner to see about cutting and did little else until after supper when we cut four rounds about the SW field. A pretty warm day and a beautiful moonlit night.

18 – Finished cutting for 1899 at 5 pm. Got a horse from W. Luke. G. Michie came and helped to shock up at 4 pm. Drove up to choir practice with George's horse, rather a small turnout. A fine day.

19 – Tom started in the morning and took Annie Bell home to Inniskillen and got back at 8 pm bringing Maggie with him. George Michie came up in the morning and helped to finish shocking and then I went and helped him with his oats building a stack. Got done at 4 pm. Took the sow up to Joe Burton's after supper. A very hot day. A man called about buying apples.

20 – A very warm day. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a good meeting. Maggie Blair, leader.

21 – A fine day and not so warm. Worked all day drawing in the oats in the north field. George helping. Billie Bowles called to ask hands for his raising next Wednesday. Voting today on the question of a poor house for the county, but did not go to vote.

22 – A cool day and almost rain in the forenoon. Tom raked the north field and we drew it in. Cutting oats at George's in the afternoon which finishes the cutting for the year. George Miller called in the evening to see about the new school blackboard.

23 – Jennie drove Tom and Maggie to Port Perry in the forenoon where she left them, as Tom starts for Manitoba tomorrow, while I cut the old wood out of the raspberry bushes. Went with George in the afternoon to Mr. Bowles raising. A little scarce of hands, but it went up very well. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

24 – Went down to George's in the morning to get him to help at the oats but he was at C. Gordon's; then tried for one of M. O'Neill's boys but could not get one, but got Wes Luke and Stanley Crowle and drew it in the afternoon. Raining a little in the evening.

25 – Drew in oats in the forenoon, George helping. After dinner pumped out the water and cleaned out the well. I then raked the SE field and drew in the rakings after supper which finishes the harvest for 1899. At choir practice in the evening, a small turnout. Jennie at the store shopping. A fine day.

26 – A nice day, but pretty warm. Gang plowing in the SW field until 5 o'clock. After supper Jennie drove to Port Perry to meet Barbara who came up on the train. They got home at 9 pm. O'Neill's boys here for apples.

27 – A nice day. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Moon of Seagrave here for dinner. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached, no organist at SS. At CE with Jennie in the evening, a good turnout. J. A. Miller leader. Choir sang a piece for the first time. Eliza Beare kidnapped Allie McMillan tonight.

28 – Helping George all day staking oats and finishes his harvest. W. Luke also finishes today. Barbara down to Marks' in the evening.

29 – Gang plowing in the SW field all day. Very warm. Alex Lee called in the forenoon.

30 – Took Jennie out to Port Perry and left her there. Gang plowing in the afternoon and finished the SW field. W. Perkins here for dinner and Mr. Cameron and John Lee for supper. Jas. Burns called at dusk. A pretty warm day.

31 – Took the binder over to Lukes in the morning and spent the remainder of the forenoon fixing the grainery and mending harness. About 10:30 Mrs. Clyde, Hannah Clyde, Mr. Murray and Mrs. Joyce from Sutton came, got dinner and left again about 2 o'clock. Harrowed the SW field in the afternoon and went to Greenbank in the evening and brought Mrs. Joyce (who had been

visiting at Mrs. Walkers) here for the night. Sat talking until after 11. Started to rain about 10 o'clock and it is very badly needed as things are very dry.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine rain all night which was much needed. Took Barbara to Port Perry and brought Jennie home, rain most of the way. Started at 3 o'clock to drive Mrs. Joyce to Uxbridge but fell in with Hannah Clyde on the road who took her the latter part of the way. Got tea at John Lee's and went to choir practice, a very small turnout but had quite a sing. Very dark night, threatening rain.

2 – Threshing all day at Mr. Akhurst's; W. Taylor's machine. Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the afternoon.

3 – At SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached, no superintendant at SS, small choir. At CE with Jennie in the evening. I had to take the topic and very few assisted. Quite a cool day.

4 – Threshing at Wes Luke's until 2 pm. Was at the rakes and a very hard place it was, they threshed so fast, but it was a nice cool day. Picking the Culbert apples in the later part of the afternoon. Had a headache and went to bed early.

5 – Thunder and rain in the forenoon. Harrowed the fall wheat ground in the forenoon and plowed some of it in the afternoon. A fine cool day. Jessie Michie here in the afternoon.

6 – Threshing at George Michie's and finished at 5 pm, then went to Isaac O'Neills and started at 6 and worked until long after dark but could not finish after all. Jennie went up in the morning for the beef but there is another hitch. She then went to Port Perry and got back at noon. Mrs. Alex Lee and Maggie Brown here in the afternoon.

7 – Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning and finished his threshing which took about an hour, then plowed the remainder of the forenoon except when a shower came up. After dinner started to help C. Gordon to thresh but they had not finished at D. Cragg's and it was 5 o'clock before they started at C. Gordon's. Finished him out in about 2 hours.

8 – Went up to Greenbank first thing in the morning for the beef but went on a fool's errand. Plowing the rest of the day. At choir practice in the evening, a fairly good turnout.

9 – Plowing until about 4 o'clock and finished the fall wheat ground, then harrowed it once over. Fine cool day.

10 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Miss Flossie Burns came to tea. At CE with Jennie, a good meeting, G. Miller leader. A dull night.

11 – A heavy thunder storm at 7 am and a drizzling rain most of the forenoon. Fanned up the seed wheat and some other chores in the forenoon and harrowed the ground twice over and went for the drill at George's in the afternoon.

12 – Sowed the fall wheat in the forenoon and harrowed it and plowed some in the field east of the orchard in the afternoon. Two or three rain flurries after dinner. Cool day.

13 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Mr. Cameron, Mrs. T. Phair and Mrs. Crowle here in the afternoon.

14 – Drying the potatoes in the orchard. Jennie helping. Picked some apples and dug up some berry bushes. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee and Barbara Walker called in the evening and Mrs. Mark in the forenoon. A hard frost in the morning, the first of the season that I have noticed.

15 – Plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping A. Lee to thresh, first at the Ewin place and after 5 at his own place. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Apple packers here. John Lee called. At choir practice in the evening, the best turnout for a long time.

16 – Threshing at Alex Lee's until 10 when they moved here and had a short run before dinner and all afternoon. Mrs. Mark helping Jennie.

17 – At church and SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie in the evening. Bella McMillan leader; not very large meeting. Saintfield [?] home services. E. Horne at church and Mrs. And Mrs. E. [?] out for the first time. Jas. Yule sr. died yesterday.

18 – Finished threshing at home at 9 am. They then moved to W. Luke's where they started at 10 and threshed him out by night; a very hard day's work. Foggy in the morning and threatening rain in the afternoon, cooler at night.

19 – Cleaning up the barn floor in the morning and cutting horse corn the rest of the day. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon. Rain from the east in the evening. Marshall O'Neill's trial today for kicking Pat Thompson.

20 – When I went to the barn in the morning I found that Fly [horse] was missing. Hunted over Lukes place before breakfast, then hitched up to hunt her when I heard that W. Lukes buggy and harness was also gone. We then decided that they were stolen. Drove out with Wes to Port Perry and got 30 cards printed out and sent them to all the surrounding places but got no trace of the thieves. In the afternoon we drove as far as Saintfield but could not get any trace. Mrs. A. Gordon called in the forenoon; Mr. Cameron in the afternoon and George and Jessie, W. Luke and W. Phoenix in the evening.

21 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 3 barrels of apples sold to Mr. Monroe and 10 bags of peas and oats to get ground. Went to the fair in the afternoon. Jennie went down but did not go to the fair; there was quite a fair turnout but the exhibits were rather few. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon called when we were away. Had George's horse Joe.

22 – Plowing all day. Moved the cook stove into the kitchen. At choir practice in the evening, a poor turnout of girls. Quite a cool day.

23 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Made a pig trough and cut corn in the afternoon. A very hard frost in the morning.

24 – Thunder and rain in the early morning and rain again in the evening. Communion Sunday; a fair turnout and an extra good sermon by Mr. Cameron. Did not go to CE on account of the rain. George Fowlie here for dinner, he came on a wheel [bicycle].

25 – Rain off and on all day. Cleaned out the root house and made a new door to it in the forenoon. Did not do much in the afternoon but go down to Marks. Making out the quarterly church reports in the evening.

26 – A steady rain all day, with snow after dinner (the first of the season). Nothing doing. A cold disagreeable day. Saw nobody.

27 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie to do some shopping. In the afternoon put up the little stove and then went down to Marshall O'Neill's to see about getting Fred to help with the potatoes. Went to prayer meeting in the evening but there was no meeting, only Flossie and John Burns there. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

28 – When I got up there was two of the little pigs missing and thinking they were stole, went to Greenbank to see W. Phoenix who was watching the [?] last night, but he had not seen anything. I then came home and found the pigs in the swamp field. W.P. came down to see about it in the forenoon. Plowing the remainder of the day with W. Luke's horse. A high wind at noon and a little rain in the evening. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

29 – Plowing all day with George's horse. At choir practice in the evening, a pretty cool night. Whitby fair day.

30 – Digging potatoes all day, Fred O'Neill helping. A pretty cool day with slight rain flurries. Snow in the evening.

OCT. 1 – At SS and church, G. Miller preached, Mr. Cameron being away on his holidays. At CE in the evening. Nettie McMillan, leader; a good meeting. A pretty cold night. Mrs. Bryant here in the afternoon.

2 – Jenny went to the Dr. in the forenoon to get help for her sore finger. Digging potatoes all day and finished, Fred O'Neill helping. At managers meeting at night. A very hard frost in the morning.

3 – Taking in the mangels, Fred O'Neill helping. Jennie went to Greenbank in the forenoon to get Barbara Walker to do the work for a few days while she nursed her hand. Barbara came in the afternoon. A very fine day, quite a frost in the morning.

4 – First went for the beef and then plowed the remainder of the day. A little rain towards night. Wrote to Manitoba in the evening.

5 – Cutting Indian corn. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee here in the evening. A very fine day.

6 – Cutting corn in the forenoon. Went to Mr. Monroe's sale near Manchester in the afternoon. Jennie went as far as Port Perry. At choir practice in the evening. Took Barbara Walker home.

7 – Finished cutting corn and picked apples the remainder of the day. A very fine day.

8 – At SS and church (Children's Day services). Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as it came up rain when we were ready to start. Tom Michie in for awhile in the evening.

9 – Rain in the morning. Went down to Marks to see how Jessie was, she being ill with appendicitis and found her some better. Afterwards made a door for the root house. Plowing in the afternoon with Alex Lee's horse Dick. Jennie made two shirts for Father.

10 – A very fine day, plowing in the forenoon and at Boud and McKay's sale near Seagrave in the afternoon to see the horses but did not buy. Drove up with Jennie to Greenbank in the evening for the mail but someone had been there before. Called at John Lee's. Mr. Wright of Toronto called before dinner.

11 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Phair here in the afternoon, Nellie Michie in the morning and Mr. Cameron for tea. Went to prayer meeting with Mr. C. and got a ride on way home by Mr. Boe. The Mollie cow dropped a big calf this morning.

12 – Plowing all day. Miss Hannah Clyde and Miss Mary Joyce of Sutton here in the afternoon. Went down to Marks in the evening to see how Jessie was and found her out of bed and much better. A husking bee there tonight.

13 – Plowing in the forenoon. Picking apples in the afternoon, G. Michie helping. James Smith and Annie came at 6:30. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee called in the evening. At choir practice in the evening. Annie Smith went with me. A very good practice. A very fine day. Transvaal war declared.

14 – Picking apples alone in the forenoon. Nellie Michie picking up some fallen apples. Thunder shower just before dinner. Plowing in the afternoon. James Smith and Annie left for home at 12 pm and F. Perrin and Anna Tate came at 8 pm.

15 – Fernando Perrin left for home at 10 am. Went with Annie to SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached, or rather read, a pastoral letter from the moderator of the assembly. Collection in SS for the centuary fund. Went with Annie to the opening of the New Baptist Church in the evening, there was many more than could get in. Dr. Wilton of Toronto preached a very good sermon from the text 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in him should not perish but have everlasting life'.

16 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. At a bee putting in the posts for a new fence in front of the church. Baptist tea and lecture tonight.

17 – Plowing in the forenoon and finished the SW field. In the afternoon went with Alex Lee to W. McKay's sale. It started to rain about 3 o'clock and kept it up until bedtime at least. Brought Mrs. Bagshaw to Alex Lees.

18 – Went with A. Lee to R. Wallace's to see about a horse, but he was not at home. We then went to W. McKay's and bought a mare for \$30.00. Got home a little before dinner. Plowing in the afternoon.

19 – Thanksgiving Day. Picked apples in the forenoon. Margaret and Ethel came before dinner and Willie Bell just as we were at dinner. Went to church service in the afternoon with Annie and Jessie Michie. Mr. Cameron preached, 6 infants baptised. J. Wallace (2), J. Burns, A. Lee, R. Walker and W. Thomas. At the W.F.M.S. social in the evening with Margaret and Annie, a rainy night but a very fair time. Made \$22.00. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon. Jennie drove Willa home before we went to the social.

20 – A fine day but a little raw in the afternoon. Drew in the potatoes. There was about 4 loads with the gravel box. Went in the evening to a school trustee meeting at G. Real's, but little was done. Decided to meet again on Saturday of next week. G. Miller, our present head teacher, has resigned. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

21 – Went down to Marshall O'Neill's in the morning to get Fred to help with the turnips next week. Called at Isaac's for some bags and also at Mark's for the same purpose, then bagged up oats and peas and went to Port Perry taking Margaret and Ethel down to the noon train. Went to Mrs. McGill's sale and got home about 5:30 in the evening. Jennie and Anna drove Lucy to Greenbank for coal oil and some other things. Mrs. Fowlie and Mrs. Lamb (Barbara) here for dinner and John Lee and Bella and also a young man (enquiring about the vacancy in the school) here in the afternoon.

22 – At church and SS with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached. Mr. John Burns was at SS and gave an address. He came here for tea and then we all went to CE in the evening when Mr. Burns gave us a very good address on the CE pledge. Some rain in the evening.

23 – Rain through the night and half through the forenoon. Fixed the root house in the morning and plowed the rest of the day. Topped a few turnips after 4 pm. Mrs. Akhurst and Mrs. Gordon here in the afternoon.

24 – Plowing sod in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon, Fred O'Neill helping. Tax collector Holman here in the forenoon. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Jessie Michie here.

25 – Harrowed up about half of the turnips and then drew in 12 loads, Fred and Anna helping. A very fine day. Jennie and Anna went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

26 – Drew in 8 loads of turnips in the forenoon. Finished topping in the afternoon and got a few harrowed out but it started to rain and drizzled through the evening. Bible Society meeting at Greenbank. Plowing match at Myrtle.

27 – Rain all the forenoon and part of the afternoon. Did not do much. Hung the gate into the root house, put in some glass and tried to fix the clock. At choir practice in the evening, a very dark night and only five there, muddy roads.

28 – Rain all through the night and half the forenoon. Plowed sod about 2 hours in the forenoon and about 1 ½ hours in the afternoon when it began to rain harder than ever. School trustee meeting at G. Real's tonight but did not go as it was a very dark wet night. Put Mother on the mattress today but she did not like it and we had to change back.

29 – A fine day but a little cool. At church and SS with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a large meeting, R. Burns leader. G. A. McMillan out for the first time since he had the fever. Mr. John Ewin died last night.

30 – A very fine day. Harrowed out all the turnips and drew in 14 loads. At trustees meeting at G. Real's in the evening to see about hiring a teacher. Norman Cragg engaged on condition that he accept \$375.

31 – Drew in the remainder of the turnips, 10 loads, 44 loads in all. Afterwards drew in the corn. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. J. [Lince?] here in the afternoon. Anna Tate walked to Port Perry towards night. Drove over to R. Monroe's in the evening to see if they had engaged a teacher for their school and found that they had. A very dark night and raining a little.

NOV. 1 – Plowing sod in the forenoon and the corn ground in the afternoon. At prayer meeting with Annie in the evening, a small meeting. Mr. Cameron was at it, pretty cold night. News today of a bad British reverse at Ladysmith, South Africa.

2 – A very fine day with a pretty hard frost in the morning. Plowing sod all day. Mending harness in the evening.

3 – A hard frost in the morning and pretty cool all day. Finished plowing the sod and awhile at the corn ground. Joe Bennet here wanting to sell apple trees. Mrs. Phair here in the afternoon. At choir practice in the evening but it turned out a wet night and there was no singing. Wes Luke called in the evening.

4 – Plowing in the forenoon, a wet waste time. At D. Cragg's wood sale in the afternoon and bought ½ acre lot for \$3.50. Mr. Coolage of Myrtle here for tea, he was wanting to engage as teacher. At trustee meeting in the evening. Hired Norman Cragg for \$400.00.

5 – Drove down to Jas. Smith's, arriving at 12 o'clock, and left for home at 5. Mrs. Black and Allan came just before I got home. Roads rather muddy. Anna at SS, church and CE. Mr. Duncan of Woodville preached on the Centenary fund.

6 – Did very little all day. Went up to Alex Lee's and had a talk with John Lee about the centenary fund and other things, and in the afternoon went to Greenbank with Jennie to the post office, and ordered a pair of Sunday boots. Annie and Allan left for home at 1 pm. Anna went to Port Perry with them.

7 – Plowing sod in the little field until 4 when I went to the induction tea in the Port Perry Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Cooper being inducted today. A large crowd but the meeting was rather tiresome. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Duncan here in the interest of the centenary funds.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Anna went to prayer meeting in the evening. Jennie and Anna housecleaning upstairs.

9 – Finished plowing the little field at 4 o'clock. Beef meeting tonight but did not go. Jennie and Anna housecleaning.

10 – Drawing manure on the orchard in the forenoon. At Port Perry with Jennie in the afternoon and at choir practice in the evening. Brought Topsy home from Alex Lee's where she has been pasturing during the summer.

11 – Ground white with snow in the morning and it snowed a little all forenoon. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon and drawing manure in the orchard and covered the apples with straw in the afternoon. At school trustee meeting at G. Real's in the evening, engaged Miss McBrien at \$225. Pretty cold, looks as if it were to freeze up.

12 – Froze up hard but a fine day. At SS and church with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a very good meeting. Flossie Burns, leader. It was decided to hold a social night the Wednesday before Christmas. Mrs. Bryant here in the afternoon.

13 – Went over to Lukes to get him to kill pigs in the afternoon. Fixing up the apparatus and spreading the manure on berry bushes in the forenoon. Killed 3 pigs in the afternoon, W. Luke head butcher. Jas. McKittrick here packing the apples. 11 bus., about 5 or 6 bus. spoiled by the frost.

14 – Picked up the best of the frozen apples and then cut up the pigs in the forenoon. Took the apples to Port Perry in the afternoon but did not see Mr. Monroe. A little rain on the way down. Pared some of the frozen apples in the evening (the first).

15 – A dull day. Threshing at T. Phair's. Jennie and Anna making head cheese and rendering lard. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Anna at prayer meeting. Apple tree agent here in the morning.

16 – Threshing at T. Phair's for about 2 hours in the morning. Cutting up the pork and some other chores in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Mr. Boe in the interest of the centenary fund. A very fine day.

17 – A very fine day, plowing in the orchard and finished it. Anna drove to Greenbank after dinner to get some batting for quilts they were making today. At choir practice in the evening.

18 – Harrowing the orchard and cleaning out the pigpen in the forenoon and drawing the manure to the apple trees and other chores in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna housecleaning the kitchen. Mrs. T. Phair and Mrs. H. Brown here in the afternoon. A fine warm day.

19 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached, the congregation larger than usual. At CE with Anna in the evening, a fair attendance. Liberty and Law was the subject. Song service in the Methodist Church.

20 – Took off the screen doors, put up the storm doors and windows. Fixed the door between the horse and cow stable and some other small jobs in the forenoon, and went to Port Perry with Jennie in the afternoon. Saw Mr. Monroe about the frozen apples but could not get anything out of him. Jennie brought home a fine Christmas cake from her mother. Nellie Michie here in the afternoon and evening. Pared apples in the evening.

21 – Fixed the apple drying rack and the clock in the forenoon and making a lounge in the afternoon. Anna drove to Greenbank for the papers after dinner.

22 – Finished the lounge and pruned some apple trees in the forenoon and went to Burton, O'Neill and Ward's cattle sale at Joe Burton's in the afternoon. Mr. Cameron and E. Boe here in the afternoon. Anna went to prayer meeting in the evening. Fine day. South Ontario election to be on Dec. 12.

23 – Pruning trees all day. Anna drove to Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Jessie here in the afternoon and for tea. Pared apples in the evening. Had a sore eye in the evening.

24 – Finished pruning the apple trees in the forenoon. Drew away the brush and covered the strawberries with straw in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna covering the new lounge. At choir practice in the evening. A fair turnout, a pretty dark night. Mrs. W. [Kerr?] and Mrs. A. Lee here in the forenoon.

25 – Burned up the old berry bushes in the morning and then drove with Jennie over to the lake to see if the boat was there, found it there all right. Got home just at dinner. Did some chores and dug up a big apple tree in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. Had quite a time getting in two of the calves. A very dark night.

26 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE but Anna went. Marshall O'Neill and Mrs. drove to church today, the first time I ever remember seeing them do so. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Jason Stone here in the afternoon.

27 – Trimmed up the apple tree into firewood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with John Michie to the lake and brought home the boat. Afterwards drew apple brush out of the orchard. Mr. Monroe of Manchester and G. Lane called in the afternoon. Isaac and Pat here sharpening axes. Pared apples in the evening.

28 – Did a few small jobs in the forenoon and helped Wes Luke to fix his well in the afternoon. Drove up to Greenbank after supper with Jennie for the mail but it was gone. I then went down to Marks for the papers and to see what they were going to do for the Century fund. A very dark night, mild weather.

29 – A nice mild day. Helping W. Luke with his well most of the day. Anna drove to Port Perry in the forenoon. A. Lee called in the afternoon; G. Real and another man in the morning. A very dark night and started to rain about 9 pm. Hon. G. W. Ross speaks at Port Perry tonight.⁶

30 – Fanned up a grist and went down to Marks' for some bags in the forenoon and filled up oats for meal. Took the oats back to Alex Lee that I had borrowed, let the water off at the spring, and planted some berry bushes. A very mild day, some rain in the forenoon. Dark night, foggy. Pared apples in the evening.

DEC. 1 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with a grist of oats and wheat and got home at 1 o'clock. Threshed the beans in the afternoon. At choir practice in the evening. A very dark night and a small attendance. Tried the new books (Randall's) for the first time. S. Martin got a load of straw.

2 – Went to Port Perry for the grist in the forenoon. Intended to take out a load of wood for Mrs. Bell but found out that Mary had sold it again. Did very little in the afternoon, a drizzling rain most of the time. Pared apples in the evening. Jennie made taffy which went very well.

3 – At SS and church. Mr. Duncan of Cannington preached an excellent sermon on the three doors. Anna at CE in the evening. A dark night, a little cooler, but there is no frost yet of any account.

4 – Frost in the morning and continued getting colder all day. Feels as if it froze up for good this time. Wheeled in some firewood into the woodshed. Anna went to Greenbank to political meeting, Dryden vs. Calder.

5 – Wheeled in wood part of the time. Alex Lee here in the forenoon asking hand to a gravel bee at the church but did not go. Went down to Phair's swamp in the afternoon to have a talk with G. [?] who is cutting wood there, but he had gone home. Samson Martin was cutting there. Pared apples in the evening. A pretty cold day.

6 – Rather rough and snowing in the forenoon but better later in the day. Wheeled in wood in the forenoon and did very little in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna drove to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

7 – A fine day with a little snow in the evening. Did little but the chores all day. Anna drove to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Mrs. Bell home with her. Pared apples in the evening after which Anna went down to Marks' with the papers. Manitoba election day, Greenaway defeated.

8 – Got the sleigh out and drew in the remainder of the wood into the woodshed in the forenoon. Did not do much in the afternoon. J. Lee called and we had quite a talk on the century fund. At choir practice in the evening.

9 – Helped Wes Luke to kill a pig in the afternoon. Anna drove Mrs. Bell home. Pared apples in the evening. A cold raw wind from the SE.

10 – At church and SS. Mr. Cameron preached. No superintendent in SS. Anna at CE. A very dull foggy afternoon. Started for Port Perry at 9:30 for the dr. to Jennie and brought Mrs. Bell home with me. Got back about 11:30, the dr. getting here at the same time.

11 – No rest all night and after a very severe travail a daughter was born at 8 am. Dr. Archer remained for breakfast. Baby weighed 9 ¼ lbs. Rain most of the night and nearly all the day, quite heavy in the afternoon. W. Mark called and brought the papers from Greenbank. 5 little pigs came in the evening. Annie born.

⁶ G. W. Ross was premier.

12 – South Ontario by-election day. A very rough windy day with rain flurries now and again. Went up with Father to vote in the forenoon and got a shower on the way up. Did very little in the afternoon. Planted some berry bushes just for curiosity, no frost in the ground. Wes Luke came in about 9 o'clock and brought word that Dryden is elected by between two and three hundred. Calder under the drifts badly. Poor Charlie.

13 – The ground white with snow in the morning and some snow falling but no frost. It got colder towards night and froze some. Went down to Marks' in the morning to get William to run the line between the wood lots at D. Cragg's' swamp but W. was not going today. Went up to Alex Lee's awhile in the afternoon. Anna and Mrs. Bell drove to Port Perry in the evening, a bright moonlight night. Isaac O'Neill called in the forenoon and got blowed up by Mrs. Bell for selling her wood. Marshall also called and settled up accounts.

14 – A raw east wind all day with some snow in the afternoon. Went to the swamp and helped W. Mark to run the line between the wood lots in the afternoon. Anna drove to Greenbank to the store. Dr. Archer called to see Jennie and pronounced her doing all right. Mrs. Mark called in the forenoon.

15 – Snowing a little most of the day, somewhat rough in the afternoon but hardly snow enough to make good sleighing. Drove out to Port Perry in the forenoon. Cleaned out the pig house in the afternoon and at choir practice in the evening, only 4 out, had the practice at Mr. Millers. A beautiful clear night. Got a card from George saying he was coming down next week or the week after.

16 – Got the cutter rigged up in the forenoon and Anna and Mrs. Bell drove to Port Perry with it in the afternoon, the first of the season. Jessie Michie here for tea and then Anna went home with her in the evening. A very fine day. Father's face badly swollen today, the first of any account this winter was yesterday.

17 – At church and SS with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached a good sermon. At CE in the evening with Anna, G. Miller, leader. An extra good meeting. A short choir practice after CE. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon.

18 – Did a few odd chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove out to Port Perry with the cutter to see the doctor about Jennie who is not getting on as we would like. The dr. did not come but sent some medicine. Sleighing nearly gone, started to rain in the evening. Managers meeting tonight but did not think it best to go. Pared apples in the evening. Nellie Michie here in the afternoon.

19 – Rain through the night but cleared up in the morning and got colder. Picked over some apples in the cellar in the forenoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon and Mrs. A. Lee here in the afternoon. Anna drove with the buggy to Greenbank for coal oil and she went down to Marks in the evening with the papers.

20 – Took the sleigh and went to Isaac O'Neill's and got his fanning mill to clean the wheat which is mixed with barley and afterwards drew two loads of dung to bank up the root house. Fanned at the wheat most of the afternoon and made very slow work. At special CE meeting to elect officers for the first half of 1900, a

very good turnout but the meeting was rather long. They put me in for president. A. Cleghorn here after dinner selling sprayers and other things. W. Mark called about posts.

21 – Fanning wheat in the forenoon, doing nothing in the afternoon as Mrs. Bell and Anna were out at Port Perry getting some things for Christmas. A woman called after dinner selling fancy cushions and suchlike. A very fine day, scarcely any frost. Jennie got out of bed for the first time.

22 – An exceptionally fine day, mild and spring-like. Fanning at the wheat a good part of the day. Mrs. Bell and Anna baking for Christmas. W. Mark called and brought the mail. He can hardly speak with a very bad cold. Wes Luke called brining a goose for Christmas. Public school concert at Greenbank. Anna went to it.

23 – A fine warm day. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the afternoon for the timothy sieve for his fanning mill and while I was away George came from Manitoba after an absence of nearly 10 years. Mr. Ross drove him out. He looks very much the same, only a little grey. Anna went to Christmas tree at Shaw's church. A very dark night. Wes Luke called before dinner and again before supper.

24 – Rain through the night and all forenoon. About noon it turned to snow which continued through the afternoon and evening, pretty rough through the night. Nellie Michie here for dinner and she went with me to SS and church, a small attendance at both. Mr. Cameron perched an extra good sermon. No one at CE in the evening on account of the weather.

25 – Christmas day. Ground white with snow but not enough to make good sleighing. Anna drove out to Port Perry with the cutter and brought Willie Bell back. Got our goose eaten and in the afternoon hitched up the cutter to go to the Post Office but got the mail from Long John. Took George to Sandy Gordon's. Ate part of the big cake Mrs. Bell baked for supper. A nice bright day. Mr. and Mrs. Akhurst celebrated their golden wedding today.

26 – A very fine day. The first thing in the morning George drove Mrs. Bell and Willie to Port Perry and got back about 3 o'clock. He then went somewhere for tea. James Michie and Robert Akhurst here in the forenoon. Jim was going to Toronto. A family dinner at Marks today. Making a clothes horse in the afternoon.

27 – At public school meeting in the forenoon, a fair sized meeting, which passed off quickly in spite of the talk. J. M. Real was elected trustee in the place of G. Real. Finished making the clothes horse in the afternoon. Nellie and Jessie Michie here a while in the afternoon. Mr. Cameron here for tea. Annual SS meeting in the evening, a fairly good meeting. J. M. Real was elected superintendent. George, who had been visiting folks about Greenbank, came home with me.

28 – A very fine cold day. George went away in the forenoon to visit the people on the 12th concession. Fanned up some timothy in the afternoon. Anna at a party at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening. Edith Phair here in the afternoon.

29 – The coldest day this winter so far. Cleaned out the pig pens in the forenoon. Cecil Phair came over with some books. Attended preparatory service in the Church in the afternoon. Mr. Glasford of Sunderland preached. Ethel Miller, Mrs. Knox and Charles Durward admitted into membership. A managers meeting was held, the caretaking for 1900 let to Jas. Innis for \$35.00. Choir practice in the evening, a fairly good one; hard candies and peanuts for a treat. Annie Dusty here for tea.

30 – A very cold day. George Miller came just before dinner and remained all afternoon until after tea when he went to Port Perry to meet Jas. A. Miller. George came back about the middle of the afternoon and went down to Marks' in the evening. Father did not get up for breakfast this morning, something I do not remember of before.

31 – A pretty cold day. Drove with the buggy to the communion service at Wick. George went with me to the Methodist anniversary services at Greenbank. The church at Wick was nicely filled and Mr. Cameron preached. Jessie Michie here for dinner and both her and Nellie for tea, and went with Anna to the Methodist church in the evening.

And so ends the year 1899.

1900

JAN. 1 – A very fine mild day. George went over to visit Phair's and Lukes in the forenoon. Wes Luke called before dinner, the principal talk being public school matters. Drove to Greenbank in the afternoon and voted for Holtby, Doble and Manderson for the township council. Methodist hot supper and lecture by Rev. C.O. Johnston of Toronto. Did not get home in time to get to the lecture. George went to it. Anna down to Marks for dinner and tea. Doble, Holtby, Jeffery and Beys elected.

2 – Stormy in the forenoon. Drove George to Port Perry in the afternoon on the way to the front. Isaac O'Neill here in the forenoon. Worked until 11 o'clock in the evening. At the church reports and envelopes. Sleighing not very good.

3 – Drove out to Port Perry with the sleigh in the forenoon and brought home the coal stove that George bought and a half ton of coal, the first coal ever brought on the place. Put the stove up after dinner and then drove to the school house where the trustees had a meeting, then home and did the chores and back to prayer meeting. Jennie went for the first time out since a long time. A fine mild day.

4 – Cleaned out the pigpen in the forenoon and drove out to Port Perry with Jennie in the afternoon. Worked at the church books with Jennie and Anna's help until after 12 o'clock but could not make them come right. A nice mild day. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Real called on their way to Port Perry.

5 – Spent most of the forenoon at the church books, found the mistake all right, and in the afternoon went to the farmers institute meeting at Greenbank. Rather a small turnout for a very interesting meeting. At choir practice in the evening, one of the best practices for a long time. Maggie McMillan was there. Mrs. T. Phair called in the forenoon and Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. was here for tea.

6 – Another fine mild day. Fanned some timothy seed in the forenoon. Went down to Marks in the afternoon for some bags. A fine bright night.

7 – Thawing all day, with some rain in the afternoon and evening. The roads somewhat muddy. At church and SS with Anna. Mr. Cameron conducted a service of humiliation and prayer by request of the Queen. Teachers chosen in the SS. Maggie McMillan here for tea. At CE in the evening, a good turnout considering the weather. It fell to my lot to lead the meeting.

8 – A very fine day. Bagged up some oats and peas and took them to Beare's Mill in the afternoon. Got the horses shod at Tulleys, and called at John Lee's. W. Luke, Mrs. A. Gordon Sr., and James Lee here in the forenoon. Jim stayed for dinner and rode part of the way to Greenbank with me on the waggon.

9 – Went after the meal at Beare's in the forenoon. Went by the 10th and came home by Greenbank. Went to Samson Martin's chopping bee in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. 9 hand in all including Samson himself. A fine day and bright night. Alex Lee here in the afternoon.

10 – Cleaned out the pigpen in the forenoon. Isaac O'Neill here after some oats. W. Luke, Mrs. [D----?] of Oshawa and Robert Miller of Manitoba here for awhile before dinner. Cleaned the clock in the afternoon and in the evening went with Anna to the annual congregational meeting. A very good turnout. The retiring managers were re-elected. A. T. Horne; W. H. Leask; J. M. Real; and myself. I was also re-elected choir leader. The alcove question was laid on the table for another year. A very fine night.

11 – A pretty cold day with easterly wind. Started to snow towards night and snowed quite heavy enough to make sleighing. Made a coal sifter in the forenoon. Working at the church reports in the afternoon. Nellie Michie here in the afternoon.

12 – Drew three loads of wood from Cragg's swamp. Snow rather thin for good sleighing. Anna visiting at S. Dusty's in the afternoon. Drew one load of wood and went back for the second but broke the tongue of the sleigh just as I got to the pile. Put in an old reaper tongue in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna drove to Greenbank in the evening while I kept the baby. A very little snow falling.

13 – A fine mild day. At SS and church with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached. Ethel Miller came here to tea. At CE in the evening with Jennie, an unusually large meeting. Maggie McMillan leader. It was decided to get a communion set for the church when we get money enough.

14 – Drew three loads of wood, snowing a little in the afternoon and evening. Jas. Lee and Mrs. Andrews of Montana here in the forenoon. At managers meeting in the evening, officers elected for the year. A. T. Horne, chairman; Jas. Leask, sec; W. H. Leask, financial sec.; and Alex Leask, treas. Norman Cragg ordered by the dr. to quit teaching for a time at least.

15 – Drove out to Port Perry with the cutter, the sleighing being better on account of the snow. Jennie and the baby went with me. She intended to go to her mothers but found she was not at home

so she had to go to Miss Glovers. This is the first time out for the baby. First went to D. Millars to hear about Norman Cragg, then got 4 chairs at W. Nott's for the school and enquired about a teacher. Got home about noon. In the afternoon went up to the school. Called at J. M. Reals but he was not at home. Saw Normal Cragg. Went to Greenbank for the papers and home for supper. In the evening went to J. M. Reals where we had a trustee meeting and decided to engage a Mr. Grey of Uxbridge to teach until Norman be able to take charge again.

16 – Drew one load of wood in the forenoon and sharpened W. Luke's bucksaw and drew 2 loads in the afternoon. Making out the copy for the printed church reports in the evening. Mr. Cameron here in the forenoon. 2nd day of Port Perry races.⁷

17 – A very fine day, rather too mild for the sleighing. Drew 4 loads of wood; sleighing splendid. Nellie [?] here in the afternoon. Drove to Greenbank in the evening. Called at J. M. Real's and John Lee's, then went to C. Beare's to try to get Mrs. Beare to act as organist but did not succeed very well.

18 – Drew three loads of wood, the sleighing rapidly disappearing. Anna went with a sleigh load to Cannington to C. [McLean's?] but they will have a hard time to get back I think. At choir practice in the evening, a very small turnout. Bill McMillan, organist.

19 – Thawing all day until near night when it turned colder with quite a high wind from the NW. A little rain before dinner. Anna got back from Cannington about 2 pm and reporting having, well, nothing tearing of a time. Mended some harness in the forenoon and cleaned out the pigpen in the afternoon.

[no entry for the 20th]

21 – Walked to SS and church with Anna; was afraid to drive on account of the ice. Mr. Cameron preached on Foreign Missions. Drove to CE in the evening. R. T. Harrington, leader, a very fair meeting.

22 – A very mild day and thawing quite a bit in the afternoon. Made a new part for the bucksaw and sawed some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove with the buggy to Port Perry with Jennie, among other things to see the dr. about the baby who is not very well. George came back from his visit down south.

23 – A fine day but somewhat colder towards night. Killed a little pig in the forenoon, George acting as chief butcher. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the papers and called at G. Real's about school money. Dr. Archer called on his way home from J.M. Real's. Mrs. Luke here for tea. Tom Black and Allan came just after supper. George went up to Alex Gordon's in the afternoon.

24 – A very cold morning with an east wind but it got warmer towards night. Did very little all day. Wrote out the minutes of the SS association in the afternoon. Tom Black and Allan left for his brother John's at Bolsover at 1 pm and a cold drive they will have.

Went to prayer meeting in the evening, a very small meeting. Mr. Boe, leader, no organist. Anna at party at S. Martin's. George came back in the evening.

25 – Mild in the forenoon but got quite rough towards night with snow a little. Went to Alex Lee's for his crosscut saw and then with George's help cut some apple tree trunks. Anna drove out to Port Perry in the afternoon for Mrs. Bell and Willa but did not get them as Willa was on the sick list. W. Mark here in the morning for the quilting frames. Anna brought word that Mr. Bricks oldest daughter committed suicide this morning.

26 – A very cold wintery day with a strong wind from the NW; the coldest day this winter so far, at least it feels that way. Turnips freezing in the root house. Did very little but the chores all day. Did not go to choir practice on account of the cold. George here all day.

27 – A very fine day, a great difference from yesterday. Drove up to Greenbank for the mail and some other errands in the afternoon. George went to the woods and got some maple trees to take with him to Manitoba. Alex Leask here just before dinner wanting to hire Anna but did not make a bargain. Ida Phair here in the afternoon and brought 2 baby bibs, a present from Mrs. Wright of Toronto. Had Mother out of bed in the rocking chair and out in the room. Anna not very well. Was some of the notion of going to Oshawa.

28 – At church and SS with George. Mr. Cameron preached. A small choir, Belle McMillan, organist. At CE in the evening, a fairly good meeting considering the weather which was rather rough. Mr. Jas. Miller, leader. Did not bring Anna home. George at R. T. Harrington's for tea.

29 – A pretty cold day. Drove to Port Perry with the buggy in the forenoon, the chief errand being to get a map and numeral for the school. In the afternoon drove George to W. McMillans, he is to put in some days visiting in that neighbourhood. Willa Bell came home with me from Port. Mrs. A. Lee here in the forenoon. Isaac O'Neill after 2 bags of oats. Four years today since our wedding.

30 – Snow and rather rough all day, especially in the afternoon. Fanned up some oats in the forenoon with Jennie's help. Expected to go canvassing for church money in the afternoon but my companion, Mr. C. Gordon, did not come likely on account of the weather. Jennie drove to Port Perry and brought Mrs. Bell back with her. She left home at 5:30 and got back at 7:30. The Foresters have a lecture or concert at Greenbank but I did not go.

31 – Fanned up some more oats and started at 10 am for Uxbridge with 26 bags of oats but found the roads bare in many places. Got stuck on the hill by the church. Left 10 bags at J. Lee's and took the rest through. Got 26 cts. Brought home 1 bag of oatmeal and 6 bags of cornmeal for pigs. Got home at 5 pm. C. Gordon came today but did not find me at home. Did not go to prayer meeting.

FEB. 1 – A very sharp day. Did little in the forenoon but bag up some oats and in the afternoon took 13 bags of oats to Beare's mill and got it home with me. Dressmaking upstairs. Baby very cross.

⁷ Horse races were held on Lake Scugog.

2 – A fine day but pretty cold. Cleaned out the pigpen in the forenoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here. Alex brought her here on his way to Port Perry and called for her again on his way home. Anna and Willie started off to Port Perry with Lucy but she got unmanageable about Well's and G. A. McMillan brought her home while the girls walked on to Port. Drove down for them and met them just starting for home. Went with Charles Gordon in the afternoon canvassing for church money and had some success. At choir practice in the evening, a fair attendance. Had it in the infant room on account of the cold. Mr. and Mrs. C. Blair there for the first time.

3 – A fine cold day. Did the chores, cut some wood and sharpened the bucksaw. Wes Luke called in the morning.

4 – Snowing all day from the east which makes good sleighing again. At church and SS with Anna and Willa. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, rather a small meeting. G.A. McMillan, leader. Drove the girls up to the meeting but not home again. Two young men about the size of A. Akhurst and Tom Michie did the job.

5 – A very fine day. Drove up to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail and called at J.M. Real's to talk over the trouble that appears to be brewing in the choir. At the Pathmaster meeting at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening. Only Alex Lee and me came. Put in Wes Luke for pathmaster. Fell about half sick with a cold.

6 – A very fine day. More snow through the night. Jennie, Willie and Mrs. Bell drove to Port Perry in the forenoon. George got back from his visit out north. Did very little all day being half sick with the cold. An extra fine clear night. Read Mr. Whitmans famous sermon in the afternoon.

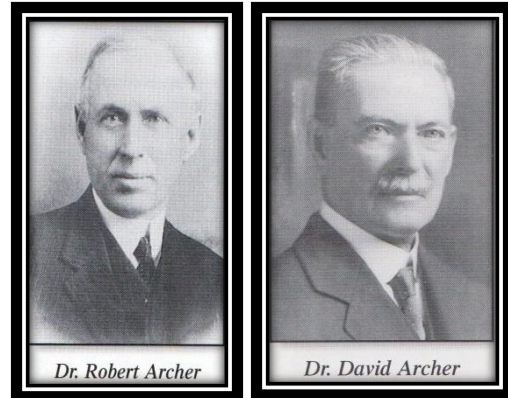
7 – A mild day, thawing in the afternoon and rain in the evening. Helping Wes Luke to clean stable floor in the afternoon. George goes over to T.E. Cragg's. Mrs. Mark and Maggie Dusty here for tea. At prayer meeting with George in the evening, a very small meeting. Mr. Miller leader. Went principally to see Mr. Cameron about the choir difficulty but he was not there. Saw Alex Ewin.

8 – Rain most of the day and the snow going fast, sleighing ruined. Did nothing but the chores and nursed my cold. T.E. Cragg here in the afternoon on business with George's life insurance policy.

9 – A fine day, froze up again and very icy. Cut some wood in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. G.A. McMillan and baby boy here in the afternoon. George at Mark's or somewhere in that direction. At choir practice, a fair good turnout, but not at all good feeling. Mrs. W. Leask left because [L..?] was there. There is every appearance of being a big bust.

10 – A fine day, thawing some. George and I sawing wood most of the day. Took a chill and went to bed without supper. Annie and Willa putting their hair in curl papers to go to Wick on Tuesday. Were looking all evening for Mrs. Bratley and Mrs. Black but they did not come. Jennie very smart. Got 5 eggs today, that is nothing.

11 – [written by Jennie] A fine day. Rob't in bed and very sick. Grandpa taken with chills at dinner time and had to go to bed. We called Dr. Archer and he said it was la grippe and it had affected Grandpa's heart and he may not get better. Rob't's fever 104. George, Annie and Willa at church this afternoon and heard W. Cooper, Port Perry, new pastor, pronounced him good. Albert Akhurst and Annie, Willa and Tom Michie drove to Wick in the evening. It is the fifty first anniversary of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Mark here this evening.



12 – [written by Jennie] Very soft day, looks like rain. The dr. here tonight. Grandpa no better. Rob't holding his own. Called Russell Luke, Mr. Akhurst, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Lee, Mr. John Lee, Mr. James McMillan, Mr. W. Real, Mrs. W. Mark. George to Greenbank and doing the chores. Annie and I washing. Mother and Willa doing the other work and minding baby.

13 – [written by Jennie] A wet foggy morning, rained all night. Old Mr. Perkins arrived here about one am having heard Grandpa was sick and not likely to recover. He stayed until this afternoon when George drove him home. Dr. here about three o'clock. Grandpa no worse, Rob't improving. Callers, Mr. Akhurst, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Phair, Mr. Alex Gordon sr. Mrs. W. Mark stayed all day. Annie & Willa got left, the boys did not come to take them to Wick tea. It is a stormy night.

14 – [written by Jennie] A nice day but very high wind. George drove to Port this morning to get a lawyer to come out and make Grandpa's will. The dr. and Mr. [Garnold?] came about four pm but Grandpa unable to transact business. The dr. said he was much worse and there was no hope for him. Robert improving slowly. Callers, Nellie & Jessie Michie; Mrs. Gordon & Mrs. Dusty; Alex Lee; Mr. Akhurst & Mr. Boe; Mr. Lane & others. Telephoned the girls tonight to come at once.

15 – [written by Jennie] A nice day. Mr. & Mrs. James Smith arrived here at midnight. Grandpa died at 4:10 this morning. Annie and Margaret did not arrive in time to see him. Wesley Luke & Silas Butt laid Grandpa out. George & James Smith went to Port and made all arrangements for the funeral.

16 – [written by Jennie] A beautiful day. Robert able to be up and dressed but not downstairs for the funeral service which was held at 1:30 pm. There were a great many here. Mr. & Mrs. Smith went home tonight, leaving here at seven o'clock.

17 – [written by Jennie] A cold clear morning. Annie & Margaret went home on the noon train. John Michie drove them to the station. I went down to Port with them. The flags were flying today because the British had gained a victory in South Africa. George went to G. Burns' sale this afternoon returning about six in the evening. He reports a good sale and a large crowd. I. Boe here today and bought our pigs for \$4.60. Eva Luke here this afternoon, also Mrs. Alex Gordon, sr.

18 – After a week in bed I am thankful that I am able to be about again, although very weak. This has been a beautiful clear day and pretty cold. Jim Michie came before dinner, he skated most of the way across the swamp. He drove Jennie to church in the afternoon, the first time she has been there for months. He stayed for tea and then started for Monroe's. Anna walked to SS and stayed somewhere for tea and went to the CE I suppose. Joe Burton and Mrs. Bryant here in the afternoon.

19 – A very fine day but pretty cold. John Michie took our 7 pigs to Port Perry in the forenoon, weighed 1124 lbs, got \$4.60. Map agent, driven by John Boe, called. Mrs. Akhurst, Nellie Michie and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McMillan called in the afternoon. George and I spent a good part of the day in looking over Father's papers. John and Anna drove to Greenbank in the later part of the afternoon.

20 – A very fine day. George packed up and left at 10 am for Port Perry to start for home tomorrow. John drove him to Port. James Lee here in the forenoon, Mrs. Jas. Blair and Maggie Blair in the afternoon and Albert Akhurst in the evening. Got out as far as the barn today but feel pretty shaky. Burt's and O'Neill's cattle sale today.

21 – A fine day but a cold east wind with snow in the evening. Maggie Blair and Nellie Burnett, Mrs. Mark, Miss Ida Phair, Jessie Michie and Mr. Cameron here in the afternoon. Mr. A. Malice here for dinner. John Michie doing the chores. Anna walked to prayer meeting but did not walk home. News comes that Lady-smith has been relieved.

22 – Snow and hail from the east all through the night and the most of the day. Wes Luke was in, in the afternoon and told us of the dreadful calamity that took place at Pinedale last night. Russell [Luke] went back to Pascoe's last night to take a load of stuff to Epsom where he has rented a farm. During the night the house took fire and Russell, Mrs. P. Luke's brother and their third daughter were burned to death, besides everything in the house. W. Luke brought the news down this morning. As soon as we heard it John hitched up the cutter and drove Jennie and Anna over to Lukes. Anna stayed to help Mrs. Luke who is in a terrible way. In the afternoon John drove Mrs. Bell home and brought Mrs. Rundle back to Lukes, he then drove Anna to Greenbank to get some things for Mrs. Luke. Tom Michie came in with the mail and stayed the evening. John drove over to Lukes about 9 o'clock and brought Anna home. He stayed here all night.

23 – A nice day but drifting some, the road up by Alex Lee blocked up for the first time this winter. Jennie drove over to Lukes in the morning to see if there was anything that could be done. She then drove to Port Perry and brought her mother and Anna's mother back with her.

24 – Snow from the south most of the day. Towards night the wind turned to the NW and got colder. John drove over to Lukes in the morning with some eatables. James Miller and E. Boe here in the afternoon, their business was to see me about the choir.

25 – A very cold day and drifting from the north, especially in the afternoon. Went to the barn in the morning and did the chores but did not go out again all day. Jennie and Anna went to the funeral in the afternoon and in spite of the bad day and roads there was a very large turnout. Russell and Gertie Luke were both buried in the one coffin. No one out in the evening.

26 – A terribly cold night, perhaps the coldest this winter. Nobody called all day. Anna went down to Marks in the afternoon. Got a little milder towards night.

27 – A very fine day. John after dinner drove the sleigh to Port Perry taking Mrs. Bell and Willa home, Aunt Janet on the way home, also Anna, but he brought her back. He also took a grist of wheat to the mill. J.M. Real called in the afternoon and Mr and Mrs Alex Lee in the evening. I think I am getting a bit better. Thos. Phair very sick.

28 – Snow from the east most of the day. Jennie drove over to see how Mr. Phair was and found him worse. John and George Fowlie came about 10 o'clock, they walked all the way from Manchester. They stayed for dinner and left for home again about 3. Jennie drove to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail and some things at the store. Just as she was about to start, Alex Lee drove in to tell us that Thomas Phair had just died. The papers tell of the Boor General's surrender.

MAR. 1 – Snowing all day and drifting some. Snow very deep and the roads pretty well blocked. No one called today, nor was anyone off the place. No news from the rest of the world, which is rather an unusual thing.

2 – Blowing and drifting all day until sundown when the wind went down. The roads must be in bad state now but we do not know how things are as we have not seen a critter today. Do not know if Mr. Phair's funeral was today or not.

3 – A fine day after the storm. No one seen in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie and Anna hitched up Lucy and made a brave attempt to raise the blockade and after floundering in the snow for some time they got as far as Alex Lee's, the road from there not having been broken. They heard that Mr. Phair was buried yesterday. Albert Akhurst here in the evening and stayed until about 12 o'clock.

4 – A nice day with a very little snow from the east. Thought of going to church but when it came time did not feel like going so there was no one either out or in all day.

5 – A fine day but a raw east wind. Jennie and Anna did a big washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove up to Greenbank with Jennie and the baby for the mail that we have not got for several days. Made a visit at John Lee's and a cup of tea, got back about 5 o'clock.

6 – Hail through the night which turned rain which continued most of the day, but turned colder at night. Isaac O'Neill here in the forenoon for some bags. Started to burn green wood and it does not go very well.

7 – Cold with snow flurries during the day. Drove up to Greenbank with Anna in the afternoon for the mail and some things at W. Wallace's store (just started). Called at John Lee's and Mr. [Bran...?]. Roads a little better but had to take the sides of roads some places. A. McArthur here selling news.

8 – An exceptional fine day. W. Mark here in the morning. W. Phoenix and Mr and Mrs Gordon in the afternoon. Drove out with Jennie and the baby to Port Perry, left home at 11:30 and got dinner at Mrs. Bell's. Called at lawyer Yarnold's and got his advice about the estate. Got home about 6 o'clock.

9 – Started at 2 pm with Jennie and the baby and drove to James Smith's where we remained all night. James Lee was there. Mr. and Mrs. Mark stayed here while Anna went to C. Love's party. A fine day but rain in the evening.

10 – John did the chores in the morning. Jim Michie here for dinner. Jessie here all day and Nellie at night. We left Jas. Smith's in the morning and got to Frank Bratley's for dinner and left again at 3 for Oshawa. Took a walk uptown and saw the foundation of the new McLaughlin works, an immense building. A very fine day.

11 – John did chores in the morning. Jim here for dinner and remained during the afternoon. Nellie, Jessie and Tom stayed here in the evening while Anna went to Port Perry with Albert. Went to the new Presbyterian church with Tom Black, Mr. Hodges preached a good sermon, singing rather weak. Hardly know whether I like the new church or not. Left at 2 pm and got to [?] Perrin's at 5 and found them all well. Another very fine day.

12 – Jim Michie did the chores all day. The four boys went to Port Perry to get their picture taken. John brought Mrs. Bell back and she stayed here while Anna went with a sleigh load to Alex Ewins, Uxbridge. They got back about 5 o'clock in the morning. Remained at Perrin's all day, went with Munda in the afternoon 8 miles NE for a load of wood.

13 – Jim Michie came here with Anna from the party and then left for Manitoba. John did the chores. Albert Akhurst took Mrs. Bell home. Started from Perrin's in the morning and got to P. Blacks for dinner. Started again at 2 and although the roads were pretty rough and patchy we got to Port Perry in 2 hours and 20 minutes. Got home at 6 pm.

14 – A good deal colder all day. Isaac O'Neill here in the forenoon. Bagged up 18 bags of oats and took them to Beare's Mill in the afternoon. Anna went to Marks with some pickles and stayed for tea. Mr. Cameron here for tea. Somewhat late in getting chores done.

15 – A fine day. Went for the meal at Beare's Mill in the afternoon. In the evening went with Jennie to a little party at Mr. Akhurst's. Anna kept the baby. Oysters were the principal thing at the party. Mr and Mrs W. Mark, Mr and Mrs Alex Lee, Mr and

Mrs Alex Gordon, jr., James Lee were the company. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Somerville here for tea. Jessie and Annie Dusty here in the afternoon.

16 – A very fine day. Drew three loads of wood from D. Cragg's swamp. Mr and Mrs Alex Lee here in the afternoon. Baby got her foot burned on the stove this morning, this may be said to be the first accident that has happened to her, but quite likely not the last.

17 – St. Patrick's Day. A fine snow from the west and rough and drifting until about the middle of the afternoon. Cut some wood in the woodshed. Jennie drove up to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

18 – Went to SS and church with Anna, the first time for 5 weeks. Mr. Cameron read a sermon. No choir, on strike. At. CE with Jennie in the evening, a very fair meeting. As Mr. McKittrick did not turn up to take the topic it fell to my lot to do so.

19 – A much warmer day, thawing rapidly, rain in the latter part of the afternoon and evening. Alex Jamison here in the morning for his money for the school wood. Drove to Port Perry with Jennie in the morning and did not get home until about 4 o'clock as we had to wait about 3 hours for to see Mr. Yarnold. Samson Martin, M. O'Neill and Joe Burton working at the bridge on the side road. Good sleighing.

20 – Colder with snow flurries in the afternoon. Jennie drove to Port Perry in the morning to see Mr. Yarnold. W. Mark called in the forenoon, Ida Phair in the afternoon collecting for Bible Society. Wes Luke called just before supper, the first for several weeks. Went for a load of wood in the afternoon and upset in Mr. Akhurst's field and left half the load. Fixing up our boat a little. Anna at a party at Akhurst's. Tom Black came at 10 o'clock after we were in bed.

21 – A very fine day. W. Mark here in the morning. Spent the forenoon fanning up oats for T.B. Drew 2 loads of cedar wood from D. Cragg's swamp in the afternoon. Tom Black left for home about 3 o'clock and James Smith arrived at 6. Mr and Mrs W. Thomas here for tea. Anna went to prayer meeting in the evening. Alex Lee brought a load of manure for S. Martin.

22 – A fine day and thawing a little. Fanned up some oats for James Smith and he left for home about 10 am. Alex Lee here in the forenoon. Drew two loads of wood in the afternoon and Jennie and I went down to Mark's in the evening to talk over their claim to the place. Quite a dark night.

23 – A fine day with quite a wind from the NW and thawing some. Drew out the [poles?] on Mr. Mark's lot in D. Cragg's swamp (33 in number) and brought home the wood left in Mr. Akhurst's field. Alex Lee brought down two loads of rye straw and took away in return two loads of oat straw. Went with Anna to the preparatory service, a fair turnout. Anna Tait and Jessie Michie came in to the church this time. After service I had a consultation with the session about the choir trouble, but did not come to any agreement. Anna down to Mark's in the evening.

24 – Drove to Port Perry in the morning with Anna to see the lawyer about arranging for a meeting about the estate which was to have been today but Annie wrote saying they could not come on account of the roads. We agreed to try it again next Wednesday. Cut down wood and did some other chores in the afternoon. Jim Lee here in the forenoon and Florence Phair called in the afternoon.

25 – A very fine day and good sleighing. Went to church with Anna in the forenoon, it being sacrament at Greenbank, a large turnout, most of the Wick people being there. Mr. Cameron preached, the choir were in their places. At CE in the evening with Jennie who led the meeting, an unusually large turnout and a good meeting. Had a long talk with G. Miller (who is home for a day) after meeting. Topic was the choir difficulty. A meeting is called for next Wednesday evening to consider the matter.

26 – Another fine day and thawing a little. Cutting wood in the woodshed and other chores. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. In the evening went with Anna to a party at Alex Lee's under the management of Jim Lee. Oysters was to have been one of the principal attractions but they could not be got at Port Perry. There was quite a nice time, dancing was the amusement. Got home at 12, Anna sometime later.

27 – Cutting wood in the woodshed and sharpened Wes Luke's bucksaw. Mrs. Hartley Brown called in the forenoon, W. Mark after dinner and a pack pedlar in the afternoon. Wes Luke called in the afternoon.

28 – A very fine day and the snow going a little but the sleighing is very good yet. Drove out to Port Perry in the morning to meet the girls at Mr. Yarnold's office to settle up Father's estate. They were all there, also Mrs. Mark and George M. After a good deal of talk they all signed off their claim to the farm but Margaret and Annie would not do so until they got the promise of \$50.00 each. Frank Bratley was also in town but was not in the office. Got dinner at Mrs. Bell's and left Jennie and the baby there until Saturday to do some sewing. Cleaned out the pigpen after I got home. Went in the evening to the congregational meeting to consider my resignation as choir leader. There was quite a large attendance and after a great deal of talk the meeting broke up with nothing done but with things apparently rather worse than when it started. They would not accept the resignation and I would not go on unless the Lige Beare trouble was healed up.

29 – Snow going a good deal today. Sawing and splitting wood in the woodshed all day. Anna down at Mark's helping to bake for their big party which comes off tomorrow night.

30 – A very fine day and thawing. Splitting wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove to Greenbank, the sleighing being fair. Called at G. Lee's to see him about Sunday School association matters. Took a bag of oats to W. Wallace's. Called at the post office and then John Lee's and brought him and also Minnie Martin down to Egypt. Almost lost Lucy in a hole a little west of Sam Dusty's gate. Mr. Petty sawing wood with horse power. Anna at the big dance party at Mark's and got back between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning.

31 – Drove down to Port Perry in the morning to get Mr. Yarnold to come back and get Mother to sign off to the place and to bring Jennie and the baby home but Mr. Y. was away to Toronto and Jennie was not through with her sewing so I had to come home alone. The roads were a good deal worse on the way home. Split some wood in the afternoon and other chores.

APR. 1 - A very fine day and thawing fast. Drove alone to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached, his text was 'Arise let us go home'. No choir but Mrs. W. Leask played the organ. Had a loud talk with Mrs. Leask after service. Did not go to CE as the roads were very bad.

2 – Drew 2 loads of manure to the garden in the forenoon and had a long talk with Wes Luke. Split some wood, mended harness and some other chores in the afternoon. Rain in the afternoon and evening. A managers meeting, a dark night and very bad roads. Went with the cutter.

3 – Sharpened the bucksaw and then went down to the concession and found it badly flooded. When I got back W. Mark and Tom Michie were waiting to carry the boat down. We took it down and found it heavy enough. I then went up to Akhurst's to see about getting some money from Albert for school purposes, so went the forenoon. Drove out to Port Perry with the buggy in the afternoon after Jennie and the baby. Had to go around by Mark's, the water on the sideroad almost reached the front axle of the buggy. Roads very bad.

4 – Sawing wood in the forenoon. Went up to Alex Lee's in the afternoon to settle up with him but he was not at home. Cutting wood the remainder of the afternoon. Alfred Butt here in the afternoon. Cecil Phair here before supper. Albert Akhurst here in the evening. Anna at Mark's in the evening. Some colder today, not thawing very much.

5 – Went up to Alex Lee's in the morning and settled up with him there being \$10.00 coming to him. Cut some wood. Nellie Cragg here after dinner. Drove with Jennie and the baby to W. Luke's and got tea there. A fine warm day and lots of mud.

6 – Making pump sucker in the forenoon and went to Greenbank with the buggy in the afternoon to get ring on sucker and also leather. Roads pretty bad. Broke the road from A. Lee's down to our gate.

7 – Fixed the pump, mended the single harness, put washers in the buggy wheels and sawed some wood in the forenoon. Cut wood in the afternoon. Anna at Mark's in the evening to get his money for the century fund. Alex very bad with the toothache.

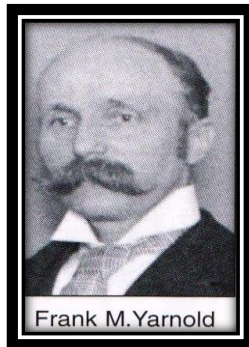
8 – A very fine day. Mrs. Alex Lee and three oldest sons here in the forenoon. At SS and church with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached, no choir. Mrs. W. Leask organist. Dr. Park at church. Did not go to CE on account of the roads which are bad.

9 – Quite a hard frost during the night which did not altogether thaw out all day. Took 17 bags of oats to Beare's Mill to get ground in the afternoon. Sawing wood the rest of the day. Wes Luke called in the evening.

10 – Drove out to Port Perry with Anna to get Mr. Yarnold to come back but he could not come today but is to come on Thursday. At Beare's for the meal in the afternoon. Took Silas Butt from Luke's and left him at Blair's. Mrs. Mark and Jessie here for tea. Anna at Gordon's in the evening.

11 – A very fine spring like day. Bucksawing wood nearly all day. Mr [Caine?] here in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Jennie at W.F.M.S. at the church in the afternoon. Jessie here while they were away. Anna at prayer meeting in the evening. Fred Love here wanting timothy seed but did not get it.

12 – A dull foggy day, threatening rain sometimes. Drove out to Port Perry in the morning and got Mr. Yarnold back to get Mother to sign off her right to the place, which she did. John also signed off. Drove Mr. Yarnold home again and got back at 1 pm. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe here and bought the fat steer at 4 ¼ cts., to go two weeks from tomorrow. Sawing wood the remainder of the afternoon. Anna at a party at Marshall O'Neill's in the evening.



13 – Good Friday. Sawing wood all day. Anna got back from the party about 10 am. Nellie Michie came home with her. In the afternoon they went for a boat ride. George, John, Nellie, Jessie and Anna making the company. A little snow towards night.

14 – Cutting wood in the forenoon and finished the cutting at the house. At the Reach, Port Perry and Scugog SS Association executive meeting held in the basement of the Methodist Church in Port Perry. A very small meeting (only 5) and nothing done. Silas Butt here in the afternoon and Jessie Michie at supper time.

15 – Easter Sunday. At SS and church with Anna. Jessie came home with us for tea. At CE, a fair meeting, Maggie Blair, leader. Anna at Methodist Church. Had a long talk with G. McLean.

16 – Finished splitting the wood and planted raspberry bushes in the forenoon. Pruned the black currant bushes, dug some garden, sowed some radish seed, the first sowing of the season. Raked the straw off the strawberries and other chores. Jennie and Anna drove to Port Perry. Anna went to a party somewhere near Uxbridge. Went to a SS meeting to see about an anniversary, a small meeting but decided to go on with it.

17 – Plowed the raspberry bushes and put up fence gaps in the forenoon and in the afternoon took the pig over to Salter's. Anna got home from the party at 7:30 am. Started to rain at 6 pm.

18 – Dug up berry bushes, planted some potatoes in garden; carrots, parsnips and radishes in the forenoon. Cleaned the little house, took straw from the strawberries and dug some in the garden in the afternoon. At prayer meeting. Jennie at Alex Gordon's. A thunder shower in the evening, first of the season.

19 – A fine day. Cut the wood behind the barn in the forenoon. Jennie at Mark's seeing Mrs. M. who is sick. C. Gordon here wanting some straw and he came for it after dinner, A. Akhurst helping him. A. Gordon after some berry bushes. John [Lunsden?] the assessor called in the afternoon. Anna at Mark's in the afternoon.

20 – A fine warm day. Plowed the orchard for early potatoes in the forenoon and planted them in the afternoon. Jennie helping. Picked off some stones, put on the screen doors and took off the storm doors. Nellie Cragg here in the afternoon.

21 – Fine warm day. Cultivated the field NE of barn and did some plum grafting. Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the forenoon. Drove to Greenbank with Jennie in the evening. Jessie here in the evening. Anna at Mark's in the afternoon.

22 – A fine warm day, some rain in the forenoon. At SS and church with Anna. Mr. Cameron preached. Mr. Allan led the singing. At CE with Jennie, Mr. Jas. Miller, leader. Very bad roads and foggy.

23 – Fine day. Sowed the field NE of barn and then a little corn in the orchard and put in some apple grafts. G. Real called about a recommend to Clara Perkins. Jennie at Alex Lee's in the afternoon. Tom Michie carried the baby home and called for a few minutes.

24 – A very fine day. Harrowing and rolling all day. Mrs. Akhurst here for tea. Anna at Akhurst's and Mark's in the evening.

25 – Cultivating the pea ground and went down to George's and got nearly 7 bus. of peas. Sowed them in the afternoon and did some harrowing. Fat steer bloated up and we were afraid of him. W. Akhurst here in the morning for some strawberry plants. Anna walked to prayer meeting. I did not go as my feet were sore.

26 – A fine day. Got somewhat cooler towards night. Harrowed and rolled all day. Planted watermelons. A. Akhurst here for a few minutes in the evening.

27 – Took the fat steer to Port Perry in the morning and had a hard time of it as he turned on me 3 times and nearly run the life out of me. It weighed 1225 lbs at 4 ¼ cts. Jennie drove down and brought me home. Got 7 apple trees at Kellot's. Planted the trees after dinner then harrowed and filled in furrows. Jennie at Mrs. Akhurst's visiting.

28 – Cultivated the SW field and did some apple grafting. A very fine day.

29 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church with Jennie, 1st time she has been there for a long time. Willie Bell came up with Alex Lee from Port Perry. At CE with Anna and Willie, a good meeting. R.T. Harrington, leader. George Fowlie came on a wheel from Manchester just as we were starting for CE.

30 – A little rain in the forenoon and then a very high NW wind and lots of dust. Sowed the SW field and cultivated the little swamp field. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for tea. Anna went to G. Real's for setting eggs.

MAY 1 – A very fine day but pretty cool, frost in the morning. Jennie and Anna drove out to Port Perry in the morning, principally to see the Dr. for Anna who is all out in a rash. The Dr. however, says it is nothing serious. Planted the strawberries and raked up the leaves in the lane and some other chores. Sowed the little field and harrowed some in the afternoon. Jim Taylor here for school caretaking pay. Anna in bed in the afternoon. Planted 2 grape vines.

2 – Harrowing and rolling all day. Walked to prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron, leader. Anna in bed most of the day.

3 – A cool day. Harrowing in the forenoon and sowed a part of the SE field which finishes the sowing for this season. Book agent here in the afternoon.

4 – Jennie drove up to Greenbank the first thing in the morning and called at G. Real's for eggs. Harrowed in the forenoon and rolled the new grass in the afternoon which finishes up the seeding for the year. A pretty cool day, quite a frost in the morning.

5 – Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and among other things got a new Sunday hat. I tied up the berry bushes, mended the step ladder, harrows, and other chores. Plowed and harrowed in the orchard and planted some potatoes, corn, beans, cucumbers, watermelons in the afternoon. Quite cool, a few flakes of snow after dinner.

6 – A pretty cool day. Minnie Martin came before dinner to see Anna and stayed until after tea. Went to SS and church with Jennie, Mr. Cameron preached. Flossie Burns came home with us for tea. Anna and Minnie Martin went down to Mark's to see Nellie who has been sick, while I went with Flossie to the CE. A rather extra large meeting. Bella McMillan, leader. Nancy cow [had] a calf in the morning.

7 – Some warmer during the day but a pretty hard frost in the morning. W. O'Neill came and got 25 bushels of oats. Drawing manure for corn and potatoes all day. Jennie and Anna housecleaning in full blast, finished the upstairs. Mrs. Bryant here in the afternoon. Fixed window blinds in the evening.

8 – Rain in the forenoon in spells and again in the evening. Jennie drove to Greenbank the first thing in the morning for wallpaper and coal oil while I spread manure between showers, and drew out manure in the afternoon. Housecleaning on the go, papering the best bedroom. Isaac O'Neill here in the forenoon.

9 – Plowing the corn ground. Jessie came up in the afternoon and told us that Nellie was very ill. Anna went there and stayed all night. Went to prayer meeting, Mr. Boe, leader. Afterwards there was a meeting about the anniversary and after that an impromptu managers meeting to see about painting the manse. R. Baird was there from Wick. A very hard frost in the morning.

10 – The hardest frost of the season. Drawing manure in the forenoon and went to E. Beare's and got 14 bags of oats ground. Both Drs. Archer were to see Nellie this forenoon and they say she is in a very critical condition. Went down in the evening and the Dr. had been there again and he said the symptoms were slightly better.

11 – George Michie brought the turnip drill home and got 19 bushels of oats. Whitewashed the kitchen in this forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Mr. Cameron here just after dinner. Jennie and Anna went down to see Nellie in the evening. Anna stayed all night. Jennie reports Nellie very bad, the Dr. has been there twice today and is coming again at 12. He is to perform an operation tomorrow, her only chance, and that a very poor one.

12 – Spread some dung in the morning and then fanned up 10 bus. oats for Isaac O'Neill. I then drove out to Port Perry with Anna to meet Jas. Smith at the lawyers office but he did not come, although I waited until noon. Plowed in the afternoon. James Smith and Barbara came about 7:30 and then Mundo Perrin and Alma came a little later. Barbara and Jennie went down to see Nellie.

13 – A very warm summerlike day. Before breakfast the O'Neill cow dropped a calf. James Smith, Anna and Mundo Perrin went down to see how Nellie was, and they report her a little better. Did not go to SS. Mundo, Anna and Alma left for home at 1 o'clock. Went to church with James Smith, Mr. Cameron preached. Jim and Barbara left for home at 6 o'clock and just after they left Jess dropped a mare colt. Jennie went down in the evening to see Nellie, she is still holding her own.

14 – A very warm day with a strong wind from the west and lots of dust. Took the young cattle to the swamp field, fixed the watering place, and shelled some corn in the forenoon and picked over some potatoes in the cellar in the afternoon. Vegetation showing a great change today.

15 – A fine warm day. Took down the storm windows, fixed the pump spout at the barn, made a screen window and some other chores in the forenoon and picked over potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie went down to see Nellie in the forenoon and found her still keeping a little better. Wes Luke called this morning. Wrote to George in the evening, got his letter today.

16 – Went down in the morning and got George's Joe horse and spent the day plowing and harrowing the corn and potato land. Went over to Luke's in the evening and got John McKinnon's baby carriage. A fine warm day.

17 – A very nice day. Drove out to Port Perry and met James Smith at Mr. Yarnold's to arrange about administering the personal property of the estate. Got back about 1 o'clock. Harrowed

and rolled the corn ground in the afternoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the afternoon. Planted some cauliflowers I got from J. Smith.

18 – East wind and threatening rain several times. Drilled up for horse corn in the forenoon and planted it in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill here in the morning for a bag of oats. George got the roller⁸.



19 – Drilled up for Indian corn in the forenoon and planted it in the afternoon. Turned the cows into the pasture for the first time. The Tiny heifer dropped a calf about 8 pm.

20 – A fine day but somewhat cool. SS anniversary Sunday. Went to SS and church, an extra large attendance at SS. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. The Methodist choir did the singing; same preacher and choir in the evening and a large crowd. An extra good sermon. Gave Mrs. Akhurst a ride home in the evening as their Ben horse did not act very well.

21 – A cool day with a very high NW wind in the afternoon and lots of dust. Drilling up for potatoes in the forenoon and planting it in the afternoon but did not finish. Went down to O'Neill's in the evening to change some eggs for hatching. Called at Mark's and found Nellie out of bed.

22 – Got up early and churned before breakfast and Jennie went to Port Perry market, got home at 1 o'clock. I covered up the potatoes in the afternoon and planted 16 drills horse corn south of the potatoes. Mrs. Carnegie here for tea. Wes Luke called in the evening.

23 – A very warm day. Planted horse corn in the orchard and planted beans and pumpkins and some other chores in the forenoon. Made 2 hen coops, planted tomatoes in the afternoon. Jennie baking for anniversary. 10 chickens dead this morning. George Michie came up with the mail, which we have not got for nearly a week.

24 – Queen's birthday, 81 years of age. Salted the cattle and tried to fix the turnip drill in the forenoon and did little in the afternoon but go the SS anniversary. There was hardly a large crowd as

some years but it was quite a success. The Port Perry Pres. Choir furnished the music and did it well. Rev. Mr. McFarlane was the only speaker besides local. Nellie Michie came up for the afternoon and stayed all night. Proceeds of anniversary \$77.

25 – An exceptionally fine day. Hauled out manure alone in the forenoon and had William Mark helping in the afternoon. Got the loan of George's waggon.

26 – Drawing manure all day, Mr. Mark helping. Eva Luke here in the evening.

27 – A fine day with a little rain between 12 and 1 o'clock which was very welcome but not enough to do much good. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. The attendance at both was rather thinner than usual. At CE in the evening, a fair turnout. Mrs. Somerville, leader. Mrs. A. Lee and Mrs. W. Wallace here in the evening.

28 – Partial eclipse of the sun in the forenoon. Finished drawing out the manure, took George's waggon home after dinner with some 6 bags of oats and had a long talk with Dr. R. Archer about operating on the girl. Jennie and the baby went to Greenbank in the evening.

29 – Plowing and spreading manure all day. Very fine weather.

30 – Plowing and spreading manure. Jennie washing. Mr. Lang of Prince Albert here for dinner, he was looking for work. Alex Leask here in the evening asking hands for his raising tomorrow. Wes Luke called in the evening.

31 – A fine warm day. Plowing in the forenoon. Hoed in the garden, harrowed the corn and plowed in the afternoon. Eva Luke called in the evening. Alex Leask's barn raising.

JUNE 1 – Plowing all day. A drizzling rain the greater part of the afternoon which got quite heavy in the evening. John Lee and Bella, Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Akhurst here in the afternoon. Mrs. Akhurst stayed for tea. Drove up to Greenbank in the evening for the mail and got wet before I got home. Rain very welcome as things were dry.

2 – Plowing all day. George and Jessie came in the afternoon for the bed springs and mattress, the dr. having decided to operate on Jessie on Monday morning. At Alex Lee's in the evening seeing about pasture for Topsy.

3 – A beautiful day. Jennie and baby drove out to Port Perry in the morning to see her mother who has not been very well for some time. At SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as Topsy tore the back out of the buggy cushion. Mrs. Mark came after some towels for the operation which is to be tomorrow morning.

4 – A very fine day. Took Topsy colt over to Alex Lee's for pasture. Jennie went down to Marks in the morning to be at the operation on Jessie, but the Drs. did not come. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Finished plowing the turnip land and most of the little corn plot near the pump.

⁸ Image from 'Turn-Of-The-Century Farm Tools and Implements, Peter Henderson & Co.' Dover publication.

5 – A fine warm day. Jennie went down in the morning to the operation on Jessie but the Drs. did not come. Mr. Cameron came home with her and stayed to dinner. They both went back in the afternoon and the operation was performed by Drs. Robert and David Archer, Dr. Windel and a student, Mrs. R. Archer's brother. Mr. Cameron and Jennie were the only two that saw it. Planted the corn in the little plot in the forenoon and harrowed turnip land in the afternoon. Lucy did some fine kicking.

6 – Went down the first thing in the morning to see how Jessie was and found her as well as could be expected. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and brought her mother back with her. Harrowed the turnip ground twice over in the afternoon. Jennie went down to Mark's and stayed all night with Jessie. Beef ring started today.

7 – Rain through the night. George brought Jennie home in the morning. Fixed the turnip drill in the forenoon and fenced in the afternoon. Went down after supper to see Jessie. Mrs. and Mrs. George Allan here in the evening and stayed until near 12.

8 – Fine day. Went to Greenbank in the forenoon and got Joe shod. Rolled the turnip land in the afternoon. Mrs. John Leask here for dinner.

9 – Drew three loads of gravel for the road and then took the Jess mare to Port Perry in the evening. Took Mrs. Bell home. A very fine cool day.

10 – A beautiful day. Went to SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached on fitness for the Lord's table and spoke some pretty strong words. Kept the baby while Jennie went to CE, no leader but a very good meeting. G.D. McMillan who is just home from Manitoba laid up with rheumatism was out.

11 – Very fine day. Drilled up for turnips and sowed them in the evening, 56 drills. E. Boe called and had a talk about reorganizing the church choir. Jennie washing. She went down to see Jessie and found her getting along all right.

12 – A very fine day. Fanned up some oats to take to Uxbridge and hoed in the forenoon. After dinner took Jess over to Ned Barrett's but wasn't a day too soon. Came home by Greenbank and got Jess shod, hoed potatoes the rest of the afternoon. Had the first strawberries of the season for tea.

13 – Started at 6 am and took 15 bags of oats to Uxbridge and got 800 lbs. of cornmeal. Got home a little after noon, then took Jess over to Barrett's but no use. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ross here for tea. Two McCormack binder agents here in the evening. Thunder in the evening and a fine rain.

14 – A fine cool day after the rain. Churned and did some fencing in the forenoon and fencing in the afternoon. Nellie came and took Joe away. Oliver Luke came for the turnip drill.

15 – A fine cool day. Jennie went to the market in Port Perry in the morning. She took two boxes of strawberries, the first ever sold off the place. Hilled up the potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon and after dinner went over to W. Luke's to see about a

beast for the beef ring and afterwards harrowed the corn. Drove to Albert Phoenix's in the evening to get him to trade numbers in the ring. George here in the forenoon for turnip drill.

16 – Drilled for turnips all day (66 drills) and sowed them after supper. Oliver, Eva and Ned Luke here in the evening for a feed of strawberries. A very fine day.

17 – Quite a heavy shower about 2 pm. Willie Bell walked out here in the forenoon. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. After service had an interview with the session about reorganizing the choir. Tom Michie came home with me for tea and he then drove Willie part of the way home. Walked to CE, a fairly good turnout but no one to take the topic. Rode home with A. Akhurst and Annie Dusty.

18 – Plowed and harrowed the orchard. James Smith came at 6 pm and after supper he went down to see Jessie. Spent the evening winding up business.

19 – Got up at 3:30 am (a beautiful morning) and went with James Smith to the lake. Rowed up as far as 7 Mile Island but did not get even a bite. Got home about 8 and then went to Port Perry, Jas. Smith going at the same time. Took 10 boxes of strawberries and got 12 ½, also took some butter. Had an interview with Mr. Yarnold. Got home about 2 o'clock. Sowed buckwheat in the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie making cushion for back of buggy. W. Mark here in the afternoon for the boiler. Isaac here in the forenoon. Excursion to Guelph, several from these parts went.

20 – Drilling for turnips all day. Went over to Ned Barrett's after dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Annie Gordon here for tea. John Blight hung himself this morning.

21 – A very fine day. Finished drilling and sowing the turnips in the forenoon. Jennie went down to the operation on Nellie which was done in the forenoon by Dr. R. Archer. Nellie's was a much worse case than Jessie's and she is in a critical condition. Barbara and Willie Smith came about 2 pm and left for home again at 8. Jennie got back about 4. Mr. Henders called wanting to sell monuments and fruit trees.

22 – Hoed in the orchard in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry with strawberries. At preparatory source in the afternoon. George here in the morning for a bag of potatoes. Went down to see how Nellie [is] twice and found her about as well as could be expected. I. O'Neill here after the turnip drill.

23 – Went over to Beare's and got some cedar plank for stable floor. George and John here in the morning for a pail of strawberries. Putting in stable floor in the afternoon. Fred Love and Roy O'Neill here in the evening for strawberries. Jennie went down to see Nellie and found her doing very well.

24 – A fine warm day. Sacrament at Wick but did not go. Willa Bell came in the forenoon. At the Baptist church in the afternoon, a small congregation but a very fair preacher. Jennie took Willa part the way home. At Church in the evening, Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. Luke called on her way to Mark's and left Eva and Ned until she came back.

25 – A very warm day. Worked at the stable floor in the forenoon and in the afternoon went out to Port Perry to get the money to pay for the stock and implements. Mrs. A. Gordon stayed while we were away. I walked home while Mrs. Bell came with Jennie.

26 – Started at 6 am and drove to James [Sonittis?] and paid him \$700.00 for the chattels and livestock. Left for home at 12:30 and got home at 4:30, very dry dusty and hot. Worked at stable the remainder of the afternoon. Mrs. Luke here in the morning for strawberries. Jennie and Mrs. Bell picking and preserving strawberries.

27 – A fine day but pretty warm. Some thunder in the afternoon but no rain. Went for the beef in the morning. Worked at the stable for awhile and then went over to Barrett's before dinner. Scuffled some corn in the afternoon but Lucy got uncontrollable and had to stop. Then hoed some. Went to prayer meeting, Mr. Boe, leader. A CE meeting after. Mrs. M. Gordon here in the forenoon with her two little girls for strawberries and stayed to dinner. Jennie preserving strawberries. Baby's first tooth discovered this morning.

28 – A fine day, thunder and showers all around but not any here. Scuffling and hoeing corn and potatoes all day. Mrs. A. Lee and 3 oldest boys here in the afternoon for strawberries. Alex came later on and took them home. Mrs. Mundo Perrin, Jennie Perrin, and Willa Bell came about 8:30.

29 – A little rain in the morning and a very high NW wind and lots of dust in the afternoon. Jennie drove out to Port Perry and took Willa and Lizzie took her rig and her mother home. Hoed the potatoes and some other jobs. John Lee and Bella here for strawberries and later Minnie Martin and Mamey Dusty for some. Miss McBrien and W. Grey called for their school pay. The school closed today. Jennie and Lizzie washed the buggy in the evening. Had a few new potatoes, the first of the season, for dinner.

30 – A very high NW wind all day and quite cool. Worked at the stable in the forenoon and finished the job and painted the buggy in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the evening with Perrin's buggy. W. Taylor here for school caretaking money. He was telling us about Mrs. W. Real being attacked by a man on her way home from Port Perry. W. Luke and old neighbour John Throop of Atonabee called in the evening. Jessie walked up here in the afternoon, the first time since the operation.

JUL. 1 – A fine cool day. Walked to SS and then to the Methodist SS anniversary services. Rev. Cameron and Walker were the speakers, a large crowd. Rode home with Mr. Throop and Mrs. Phair. In the evening drove out with Jennie to Port Perry with Perrin's horse and rig and heard Mr. Cooper for the first time and liked him very well.

2 – A very fine day. Drilled up the potatoes in the forenoon. Went with Jennie and the baby in the afternoon to the Methodist SS anniversary in Beare's bush and got tea and then drove them home. Then drove alone to the lecture. The Rev. Mr. Spears lectured, his subject was singers and their songs. A very good lecture and a crowded house. They made in all \$159.00.

3 – Looked like rain in the morning but it did not come. Fixed the horse rake in the forenoon and fixed fence in the afternoon. Mrs. Bryant, Lizzy and Mr. Throop here in the afternoon. Jenny and Lizzy dressmaking. At church managers meeting in the evening.

4 – Drove out to Port Perry and brought Mrs. Bell and Willa back. Gave the buggy another coat of paint. Fixed fence and hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Mrs. G. Welch and Mrs. H. Hickman here for strawberries but they were too late. Mr. Cameron called in the afternoon. Went with Jennie and Willa to prayer meeting.

5 – A warm day, thunder most of the time and showers went around but hardly a drop here. Rain is badly needed now. Put the buggy together, hoed strawberries in the forenoon. Put in a post for the bars into the pasture, sawed some wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell and Willa drove out to Port Perry in the afternoon. George Miller called in the evening.

6 – Very warm day and still no rain. Hoeing strawberries and Paris Greening potatoes in the forenoon. Scuffling turnips in the afternoon.

7 – Another warm day, with a short shower in the afternoon. Mrs. Perrin left for home at 9 am. Mrs. Bell going to Newcastle with her. Hoeing turnips most of the day. At Port Perry in the evening.

8 – A good deal cooler especially towards night. At SS and church with Willa, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie and Willa at CE, G. Miller, leader.

9 – Cool day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and sprayed potatoes and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa picked the gooseberries.

10 – Jennie and Willa went to Port Perry market in the morning taking some new potatoes, the first of the season. Paris Greened the potatoes in the afternoon. Willa at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening.

11 – Cut hay in the forenoon in the north field, rather a poor crop. After dinner there was every appearance of a big rain storm but there was only a few drops, however there was a little shower between 4 and 5 o'clock which was much needed. Hoed some turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa went to prayer meeting. Mr and Mrs G. Byers and Mrs John Truax here in the afternoon.

12 – Quite a cool day. Finished cutting the hay in the forenoon and went to Port Perry with the wagon in the afternoon for pig feed. Got a new plough and binder twine. Mr. Cameron and A.T. Horne here in the afternoon about the church choir but I did not see them. Mrs. Luke and Ned here for currants. Churned butter after 9 pm.

13 – Jennie and Willa went out to the market in the morning. Hoed turnips and some other chores in the forenoon and raked the hay in the afternoon. Willa drove to Greenbank for the mail after supper. Sally Lee here after dinner. G. Michie brought the bed mattress home. Very dry day and a high NW wind.

14 – Drew in the hay, 9 loads. Had George helping. Went to Port Perry after supper.

15 – A great deal of thunder and rain through the night which soaked the ground well and very welcome it was for everything was suffering badly. Went with Willa to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie and Willa went to CE in the evening, Jennie was leader.

16 – A very close warm day. Raked the hay field and drew in the rakings with Jennie's help in the forenoon. Scuffled and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa picking white and black currants. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and stayed until after tea when I drove her home. Started to rain between 4 and 5 and rained quite awhile and looks like more.

17 – Jennie went to market in the forenoon taking the first raspberries. Mrs. Bell came back with her. Willa drove up to Greenbank in the evening for the mail. Big thunder storm between 5 and 6. Hoed turnips most of the day, very uneven crop.

18 – Scuffled some turnips in the morning and then went to woodlot at D. Cragg's swamp and piled up some wood that was cut last winter. Hoed turnips in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting with Jennie and Willa. Mrs. Edith Phair and Miss Lilly Throop here for tea. Willa at Mark's in the afternoon.

19 – Worked most of the day fixing the cow stable and after supper drove with Jennie via Port Perry to Manchester to see Uncle who has been very sick for some time. We found him quite a bit better. Got home at 10 o'clock. Willa at a party at Akhurst's in the evening. Silva Leask here in the afternoon for berries.

20 – A pretty warm day. Spent most of the day at the cow stable. After supper went with Jennie, Willa and the baby over to the lake and got one lunge. Mrs. Alex Lee here a little while after dinner. Raspberry social at the Methodist church.

21 – Hoed a few turnips in the forenoon. Pherril, the fruit tree man, and Mr. Bongard called. Sold the four pigs for \$5.75 per 100 [pounds]. In the afternoon drove up for the mail and then took Mrs. Bell and Willa home and from thence to Manchester. Got home about 6:30. Mrs. Mark and Jessie here in the afternoon picking berries, a big picking today. Brought home a new set of single hames.

22 – A very fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie at CE in the evening, James Miller, leader.

23 – Fine day. Spent the forenoon helping Wes Luke to start up the binder. It did not work very well and he took the knotter to Port Perry. In the afternoon hoed a few turnips and went to a school trustee meeting at the schoolhouse in the evening. Miss McRae, Maggie Brown and Mrs. A. Lee here in the forenoon. Mrs. M. O'Neill, Roy and Lilly here picking berries and stayed to dinner. Mrs. Mark and Jessie in the afternoon and Mrs. Luke, Eva and Ned and Miss Mabel Throop after supper. Mrs. O'Neill got 24 boxes and Mrs. Luke 12.

24 – Went over to Luke's in the morning to rig up the binder again but the knotter worked worse than ever so we sent it out to Port Perry again with Jennie. Hoed a few turnips. After dinner I took the knotter over and put it on and it worked all right. About 2:30 it started to rain a little and got quite hard about 3 or 4. A fine rain

and will do a lot of good except to the barley that is cut. Nothing doing in the afternoon. Planted a few strawberries just for curiosity. Jessie here in the forenoon for some raspberries. Quilting bee there this afternoon.

25 – Rain through the night. Went for the beef in the morning and then worked at greening the potatoes until 5. Helped Wes Luke to start cutting his rye after supper. Jennie went to prayer meeting. A congregational meeting was held after and chose J. M. Real choir leader.

26 – Took our 4 pigs and 2 for Wes Luke to Port Perry. Ours weighed 785 lbs, the price was \$5.75 per 100. Hoed turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Jessie here all day at the berries, an immense picking today.

27 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning for the mail and then Jennie went to market at Port Perry while I cut the corners of the fall wheat and hoed turnips. Went over and helped W. Luke to repair the binder. He was cutting rye in the NE field of the old place. Cut the fall wheat in the afternoon, George and his horse helping. Hoed turnips after supper. Eva Luke here in the afternoon nursing the baby.

28 – A very fine day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and pulled peas in the afternoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and Jennie drove her home. Mrs. Mark picking berries and Eva Luke attending to baby.

29 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. The choir sang for the first time for several months. Ethel Miller came home with me for tea. George Fowlie and John Park came as we were at supper. Jennie went to the CE. It started to rain before she got there and continued during the evening. Much thunder and lightning.

30 – Pulling peas all day after it dried up. Eva Luke here in the forenoon nursing. E. Mark picking berries in the afternoon and Mr and Mrs. E. Beare and Miss May Beare here in the evening. An exceptionally fine day.

31 – Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with berries to send to Newcastle and got home at 12. Pulling peas and finished at 5 o'clock. A very fine day.

AUG. 1 – A fine day. Scuffled turnips until 5 pm, some for the first time. Eva and Ned Luke here for awhile in the forenoon. Mrs. Luke and Mable Throop here for tea. Mrs. A. Lee and family here for a feed of berries which are pretty near done now. Mabel goes home tomorrow. She was telling us that Edna and Win are to be married on the same day in a few weeks. John Leask's new threshing machine went to Phair's this afternoon.

2- Threshing at Mrs. Phair's in the forenoon. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. After 5 I drove to Manchester for the Legislative grant for the public school (\$66.90, then to Prince Albert and paid Miss McBrien, then to Port Perry and called at Mrs. Bell's and found her not very well. Got home a little before 10.

3 – Cut oats in the field NE of the barn in the forenoon, George helping. The knotter on the binder broke just before dinner. Went to Port Perry after dinner and got it fixed and only worked a few

rounds before it played out in another place. After supper we drew in the fall wheat. Eva Luke here all day and Mrs. Luke and Ned here in the afternoon picking berries.

4 – Tried to take the worn part off the binder in the morning but failed, then drove to Port Perry for Browne but he could not come. Got the parts required and after I got home went at it again and put the part in all right. Started at noon and finished the field and then drew up the peas, George helping. After 7:30 John came along with the papers and we all fell to and finished the stocking up about 8:45. A very fine day.

5 – A very warm day. Jennie drove out to Port Perry in the forenoon to see how her Mother was keeping and found her little or no better. Walked to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached a sermon against the teachings of the Mormon elders who were around those parts last week. At CE in the evening, Maggie Blair, leader. A very good meeting. Eva and Ned Luke here for tea, Wes and Mrs. Luke being away at Pinedale, his mother being very sick. Alex Lee and Mrs. called in for a few minutes after 9 o'clock.

6 – A very warm day. Helping George to cut oats with his own binder. Finished at 5 pm. Alex Lee's boys here in the afternoon for a feed of berries. Mr. Henders here in the morning buying duchess apples. He is offering 40 cts. per barrel. Mrs. E. Luke died at Pinedale today.

7 – Another very warm day. Cut the SW field of oats with George's help. Hoed a few turnips after 6. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Car here in the afternoon picking berries. Alex Lee spent the whole day trying to get his binder to work in the south field.

8 – Another very warm day with a high NW wind in the afternoon. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and after supper. Went to Mrs. Luke's funeral at Greenbank in the afternoon. Mr. McColl of Port Perry conducted the service. 11 little pigs came to hand in the afternoon, 1 dead.

9 – Helped George to draw in his peas in the forenoon and then came home for a horse to help him cut, but a little shower came on, so I spent most of the afternoon hoeing turnips. Threshed at Alex Lee's from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. Wes Luke called in the evening to tell how bad the binder worked. Man here in the morning delivering books. Mrs. Luke, Alex Lee and family, and George Michie called today.

10 – Threshing at Alex Lee's until about 10 and then a short run at W. Luke's before dinner and in the afternoon until 4 o'clock. Hoeing turnips after supper. A very hot day.

11 – Went down to George's in the morning to help at his oats, but he did not need me, so I hoed turnips all day with the exception of a while after dinner when I went over to Luke's to see what was the matter with the binder. Finished hoeing the turnips for the first time, the latest on record as far as I can remember. They did not come up on account of the dry weather. Not likely they will be hoed the second time at all. Jennie went out to Port Perry in the forenoon to see how her mother was and found her very little better. Young man here selling a medical book. George went to Oshawa to bring home the girls who have been down that way for 2 weeks. A little rain in the evening.

12 – Rain through the night which made the day delightfully cool. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, Flossie Burns leader. A very good meeting.

13 – Rain through the night and all the forenoon and sometimes in the afternoon, therefore there was no harvesting today. Threw off a small load of peas in the barn, then swept out the granery and then gave the shop a good ridding up, the first time for many years. Sharped the bucksaw, fixed the bars behind the barn and brought the young cattle up from the swamp field. After supper drove to Greenbank for the mail.

14 – Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Made an arm for the binder reel, a spring for the screen door, hoed some, cut out field corners and cut out the old raspberry bushes and some other chores. George here after dinner for Lucy to cut oats. Started to rain a little between 5 and 6.

15 – At the berry bushes most of the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon in the field west of the house for fall wheat with the new plough for the first. Mr. Cameron and John Lee called in the afternoon. Jennie went to prayer meeting in the evening. A fine day.

16 – A fine day. Cut the little field and the piece in the root field. Got through at 4:30 which finishes the cutting for this year. After supper drew in 4 loads of oats. George here helping.

17 – Drawing in oats with George's help in the forenoon. Jessie here keeping the baby while Jennie helped in the barn. Helping George to draw in oats in the afternoon. A very fine day.

18 – Drawing in oats at George's in the forenoon and here in the afternoon. Nellie kept house while Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Jessie here in the afternoon minding the baby.

19 – A fine day with a little rain in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke kept house while we went to church where we got the baby baptized by Mr. Cameron. At CE in the evening. Oliver and Eva Luke here for a while in the evening.

20 – Some rain through the night and very dull all day but only a few drops of rain. Spent the greater part of the forenoon talking to Mr. Henders, the apple tree man. Plowed a while and in the afternoon, with George's help, drew in all the oats which finishes the harvest all but the rakings, worked until dark. Jessie here keeping the baby. Mrs. Ed Fisher and Mrs. Aggie Bodin called after supper.

21 – A fine day. Helping George all day at his oats and finished harvest but the rakings.

22 – Went after the beef in the morning and raked oat stubble the rest of the day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and got the baby's picture taken. Mrs. Bell and Willa came home with her. At prayer meeting with Jennie and Willa.

23 – A very fine day. Raking in the forenoon. After dinner, with Jennie's help, drew it in and finished harvest for 1900. Plowed the latter part of the afternoon. Went up to Alex Lee's in the evening to see about getting the loan of some oats. Jennie and Willa at quilting bee at Mark's, a large gathering.

24 – A very warm close day. Went up to A. Lee's in the morning and got the loan of 4 bags of oats and then plowed the remainder of the forenoon. Brought Topsy colt home before dinner. In the afternoon, with George's help, we pumped out and cleaned the well. We found two dead frogs and 1 dead toad in the well. We then hitched up Topsy for the first time, tried her in the waggon and plough and she went very quietly.

25 – A very warm day. Plowing all day. Had Topsy hitched up again and she went very well. Had a call from A. Lee in the forenoon and Albert Phoenix in the afternoon. Willa drove to Greenbank after dinner for the mail.

26 – A very warm day. At SS and church with Willa, Mr. Cameron preached. Willa went to Jas. McMillan's for tea. At CE in the evening, a good meeting, Bella McMillan, leader.

27 – A pretty warm day. Plowing all day. Had Topsy hitched up again and she went very well. Jennie spilled most of the cream in the churn on account of the lid falling off. W. Luke called in the forenoon.

28 – Another very warm day. Plowing all day. Mrs. Forbes and Aggie Bodie here in the afternoon and for tea. Oliver Luke and Stanley Crowle called in the forenoon.

29 – A very fine day and quite a bit cooler. Plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went over to the lake and had a little picnic. Mrs. Luke, Oliver, Eva, and Ned, Nellie and Jessie, Willa, Jennie and baby Annie made the company. We had quite a pleasant time and got home about 8. John Lee and Bella came in just as were starting away.

30 – Finished plowing the field west of the house and then harrowed it. After supper measured out for fence down at the swamp. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and took her mother and Willa home.

31 – Warm day. Gang plowed the little field and finished at 5 o'clock. Wes Luke called in the evening for some cucumbers.

SEPT. 1 – Harrowed the little field and drew out big stones in the forenoon. Alma Black called and Tom called where I was working. At C. Gordon's threshing in the afternoon. They did not get started until 4 o'clock. Rode home on the tractor. James Smith, Barbara and Jessie came in the evening. A very fine day but pretty warm.

2 – A very warm day with a high west wind. Went to SS and church with Jas. Smith, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie, Barbara and Jessie at CE in the evening and called at Sandy Gordon's on their way home. Will Manning died today.

3 – Somewhat cooler. A nice shower between 11 and 12 which was badly needed but there was not near enough. Moved the old fence between the SW field and the little field. Jas. Smith helped to lay the new part. Jas., Barbara and Jessie at Mark's for dinner and left for home at 5 o'clock. John Leask, who was threshing at Whitter's, moved to G. Michie's and had quite a time getting up the sand hill.

4 – A very fine day. Threshing at George Michie's and finished about 3 o'clock, then to David Cragg's and threshed him out. They then moved to Marshall O'Neill's.

5 – Threshing at Marshall O'Neills and finished about 10:30 and then to Isaac O'Neill's and made a very short before dinner. Finished about 2, then to Akhurst's and got supper before starting run for about ½ hour when they broke down and had to go to Greenbank. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark keeping house while she was away. Eva Luke called in the evening.

6 – Some rain through the night. Threshing at Akhurst's until about 2, then to A. Lee's at the Ewin barn and finished that in less than 2 hours, then to his home barn, and threshed after supper until 7. Pretty warm.

7 – A beautiful day. Threshing at Alex Lee's and finished about 10. They then came here and finished at 4:30 (\$6.50 was what he charged). They then moved to Luke's and threshed about an hour. Jessie Michie kept the baby.

8 – A fine day. Threshing at W. Luke's and finished at noon, which finishes my threshing for a time. The machine went to Mr. [Petties?]. Was pretty well played out and did not do much in the afternoon but clean up the barn floor. Jessie brought half of baby's pictures. Jennie made a miscalculation about the day of the week, she thought this was Friday.

9 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie at CE, A. McArthur, leader. A small attendance owing to the harvest home at Saintfield.

10 – A fine day and some like rain. Went down to George's in the morning for some fall wheat which he got from G. Real for me. Drew off some stones, filled up the furrows and harrowed the fall wheat ground. In the forenoon Jennie went to Alex Lee's to see about getting his drill to sow the wheat but could not get it today. W. Mark here picking up some fallen apples. Alex Lee's boys and Bella here for dinner. Cutting corn in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank after supper.

11 – Sowed the fall wheat in the forenoon with Alex Lee's drill, the ground being very dry. Cutting corn in the afternoon. Jessie came up in the forenoon and took the baby away with her and brought her back at 4:30. Annie Dusty came with her.

12 – A terrific wind through the night and most of the day. The dust was terrible, blew down most of the corn shocks, some fences, the top of A. Lee's and Akhurst's straw stack, the chimney of the church, some silos, and apples by the waggon load. Picked out some seed corn, pulled the beans and moved in the cooking stove in the forenoon. Both picking fallen apples all afternoon, put them in the woodshed. Edith Phair here in the afternoon and Mr. Cameron for tea. Put up the apple rack and peeled some apples in the evening, the first of the season.

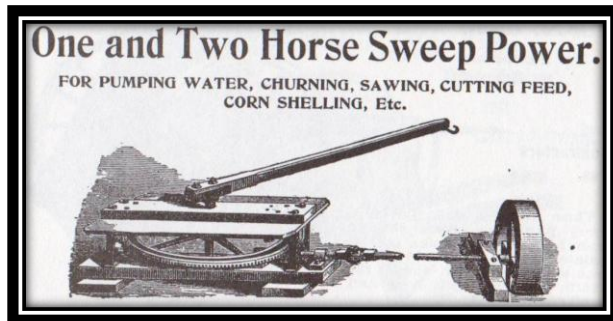
13 – At the corn in the forenoon. After dinner drove up and got Mrs. Gordon who came and kept house while Jennie and I and the baby went to Port Perry's Great Syndicate Fair. Got home at 7. Afterwards drove Mrs. Gordon home. A very fine day.

14 – A fine day. Working at the corn all day. Jennie washing. Jennie went to Greenbank in the evening. She heard that D. McMillan's little boy which has been all its days at Jas. McMillan's was drowned in a barrel.

15 – Cutting corn and finished at 5. The swamp fire was threatening to burn out Marshall O'Neill. Went down to see how it was going in the afternoon and it looked pretty bad. Made a gate for the orchard after supper. Pared apples in the evening.

16 – A good deal cooler with slight rain flurries in the afternoon and evening. At church and SS, Mr. Cameron preached. Baptism at the Baptist church. Jennie went to CE, R.T. Harrington, leader. George Michie led the singing.

17 – A cool day. Finished the orchard gate and finished drawing the old rails from the swamp field in the forenoon and helped W. Luke to fix his horse power⁹ in the afternoon.



18 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. Isaac Clemens took away Lucy for a few days. Helping W. Luke with his horse power in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

19 – A very foggy morning. Went for the beef and brought Mrs. Jas. Burns to Mrs. Phair's. Plowing in the forenoon and drawing stone from the old fence bottom in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank in the evening and took 9 chickens.

20 – A little rain through the night which was badly needed, but not enough to do much good. All day drawing stones from the old fence bottom. John Lee called in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

21 – Trimmed a tree, put up some fence, fanned up some rye (5 ½ bus) at Luke's barn, and drew stones in forenoon. Sowed rye (the first ever sown on the place as far as I know) in the afternoon with A. Lee's drill. Took his oats back which was borrowed. Jessie Michie here after dinner. Big thunderstorm in the early morning.

22 – Finished drawing stone in the morning and ploughed the remainder of the day. Pared apples in the evening.

23 – A fine day. At SS and church (walked), Mr. Cameron preached and hit hard at those that held a grudge at anyone. Jennie at CE, Mr. Boe, leader. Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. E. Burton here in the afternoon.

24 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Sold Lucy to Joe Burton for \$10.00. Anna Tate arrived just before dinner. She rode up from Port Perry with Tom Michie in the waggon. Hitched up Topsy in the buggy for the first time. Pared apples in the evening.

25 – Threatening rain in the morning but it did not come. Drawing in corn in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna at prayer meeting. Alex Lee away to Whitby as a witness in the Frank Trebell case.

26 – A very warm day, too warm to work. Plowed all day. A hitch in the beef ring today. One of our 6 ducks missing in the morning, another in the afternoon, and the other 4 at night. Hunted high and low for them but could not find them. No doubt it is the work of a fox. Barbara Walker called in the forenoon. Jennie and Anna dressmaking.

27 – Ducks turned up all right in the morning. Much cooler today. Plowing in the forenoon. After dinner went down to Mr. O'Neill's to get Fred to help at the potatoes tomorrow. They are building a new house and I had some trouble to get him as they have so much to do. Went with Jennie to the preparatory service in the church. Mr. Sincler [Sinclair?], the new minister at Sonya, preached. The new communion service got by the CE was presented to the congregation. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon and J.A. and George Miller for tea. P. Luke started to plough on the old place. Pared apples in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Fred O'Neill helping. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and did not get home until about 3. Pared apples in the evening.

29 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon, which was badly needed. Covered up the potato pits the first thing in the morning and worked at paving the passage in front of the cattle the rest of the forenoon. After dinner went up to Akhurst's to see Albert about school money. Got ready to plough but Henry Love came to see about the stable wall and talked a long time. Then J.M. Real came for some apples which took some more time, so I did not start to plough but did some more paving. Anna went down to Mark's in the evening. Jennie making a jacket for little Annie.

30 – A fine day. Communion at Greenbank. Attended with Jennie, Anna and the baby. Mr. Cameron preached. The new communion service used for the first time. Mrs. Luke stayed while we were away. Eva and Ned Luke here for dinner. Mrs. L. had to go home as someone had come to their place. John Lee, Mrs. A. Lee, and Bella called in the afternoon. At CE with Anna, a fairly good meeting. Anna did not come home with me, a foggy night.

OCT. 1 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day. Alone in the forenoon as Fred O'Neill did not turn up. Jennie helped in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening.

⁹ Image from 'Turn-of-the-Century Farm Tools and Implements, Peter Henderson & Co.'; Dover publication.

2 – Finished digging potatoes with Jennie's help in the forenoon. After dinner fixed the wheelbarrow and then plowed the rest of the afternoon. Sold the apples for 60 cts. per barrel. Joe Burton and Mr. O'Neill had a cattle sale this afternoon but I hear it did not go off very well. A very fine day. Potatoes rather small.

3 – A very fine day. Picked the Snow apples in the forenoon. Jennie and Anna helping. Plowing in the afternoon. John Michie and Jessie here awhile and Mrs. Annie Gordon and Mrs. Jas. Leask for tea and they went with me to prayer meeting in the evening.

4 – Plowing all day. Jennie and Anna dressmaking. Very fine weather.

5 – A very warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and the baby. Hitched Topsy the first time on the road, she went fine. Plowing in the afternoon. Liberal convention at Whitby. W. Luke sent over to get me to go with him but I was away at Port Perry.

6 – A very warm day. Drew the potatoes into the cellar, after which Jennie, baby and I drove with Topsy to see G. Allan who is down with fever. Called first at Jas. Allan's and got tea, then to George's where we found him about the same. Got home about 9. Soon after we left home Willie and Annie Smith came. They went down to Mark's in the evening.

7 – Some rain through the night. Willa Bell, who stayed at Mark's last night, came over in the forenoon. All at SS and church but Jennie. Children's service. A heavy shower came on a little before the service closed and more on the way home. Willa went home with Nellie Michie. Willie and Annie Smith started for home at 6 pm. Anna Tait at Mark's in the evening.

8 – Bagged up 20 bags of oats and took them to Beare's Mill and brought home lumber for stable door jambs and drew in some corn in the forenoon. Went for a load of building sand at Jas. McMills, then to M. O'Neill's for 100 bricks and 50 tile, then finished drawing in the corn. At school trustee meeting at J.M. Real's in the evening. Engaged W. Grey at \$350.00 and Miss McBrien at \$225.00 if she will accept it. A beautiful day and a good deal cooler.

9 – A very fine day. Drew off stones in the forenoon while John Michie worked at taking off the claw boards of the kitchen. Both at it all afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for felt paper and took Anna out. She is going to start tomorrow at the dressmaking with Miss Knight. Pared apples in the evening.

10 – A slight frost in the morning, the first of the season as far as I know, which is rather an unusual thing. Pumpkin vines and such like are still quite green. Went for the beef in the morning. Got a new pair of boots from Sam, then went for the meal at E. Beare's. Putting on claw boards on kitchen in the afternoon. John at it all day. Jessie and Eldgie Mark here in the afternoon picking up apples.

11 – A fine day. At the felt papering all day, John acting as boss. Jessie here for awhile in the forenoon. Mrs. Jas. Miller and Mrs. F.

Ward for dinner. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon and drove Topsy. Apple packers packed 3 barrels of Snows. Mr and Mrs and Grace Cameron called in the afternoon.

12 – Worked at the house until the paper was spent and then picked a few apples before dinner. Started early after dinner for Port Perry with 3 barrels of Snow apples and got another roll of paper and 6 [?]. Got home at 3 and then at the house and finished all we intend doing at this time. John here all day. George came up in the morning for some apples. Pared apples in the evening.

13 – All day picking apples, John helping. Eva and Ned Luke here awhile in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Leask called as we were at supper to see if they could get some sweet apples. A very fine day.

14 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Drove Topsy to church for the first time and she ran away from the gate to the barn. No one at CE. Jennie flunked after getting ready to go.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing all day at the corn stubble. Pared apples in the evening.

16 – A good deal cooler with some rain in the morning. Spent most of the forenoon fixing windows. Plowing in the afternoon.

17- Quite a hard frost in the morning. Finished plowing the potato ground and the remainder of the day plowing sod in the field NW of barn. J.M. Real here before dinner for a barrel of sweet apples. Mrs. Mark, Jessie and Mrs. Luke here a while in the afternoon.

18 – Thanksgiving Day. Jennie drove to Port Perry in the forenoon with a duck for her mother, while I kept house and did a few chores. Anna Tait and Jessie Michie came about 10:30. Went with Jessie to the Thanksgiving service in the church, Mr. Cameron preached an excellent sermon. Mrs. Luke, Eva and Ned here in the afternoon. Anna left for Port Perry after supper.

19 – Plowing sod all day. Alex Leask came for 5 bags of sweet apples. John Lee called. A very fine day. Pared apples in the evening.

20 – Plowing sod all day. George Michie and Jessie here picking apples in the forenoon. A. Lee called in the forenoon and was telling that he has rented the Luke farm for 3 years. At Greenbank in the evening to a political committee meeting to appoint delegates to convention at Brooklin on Monday. Split in party. This is the second convention.

21 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. No organist and no choir. Mr. Allan presented. No CE as there was anniversary services at the Baptist Church. Annie Black, Allan and Emma came about 5:30.

22 – Some showers throughout the day. Before breakfast G. Real called and gave me a blowing up about engaging an assistant teacher. He is not at all pleased that we did not engage his girl. Went over to W. Lukes to see about going to the convention at Brooklin, then picked a few bags of apples, Allan Black helping. Started at 12 and rode with Wes to Brooklin, getting there at 2. The convention was large and feelings ran high. There was a decided split between Burnett and Folke and after a good deal of

talk they dropped them both and united on R.W. Ross of Port Perry. Went to James Smith's for supper and got home about 11:30 feeling in better spirits than when we went away.

23 – Rain in the morning and most of the forenoon which went in about 2. Annie, Allan and Emma started for home after dinner. Plowed sod in the afternoon except what time I spent talking to A. Lee, J.M. Real (on school matters) and John Lee. Pared apples in the evening.

24 – Plowing sod all day. Had another talk with G. Real. He is in much better humour today.

25 – Plowing sod all day and nearly finished. Jennie went down to Mark's for some newspapers, as we have not had any for some days, and the election near at hand. Jack Leask's machine went down the road to Phair's at dusk.

26 – Threshing at Phair's until a little after four when it started to rain. Some lightning and the heaviest rain for a long time, and it was much needed. Plowing match at Bruce's farm, Port Perry. W. Luke, Tom Michie and Kyler Whitter left the threshing to go to the match. Eva Luke here for supper and stayed all night.

27 – Threshed at Phair's until 9 and finished. Several hundred bushels of oats broke through the floor and landed in the horse stable. Finished plowing sod before dinner. Fixed the cover of the barn well in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. Anna Tait came home with her. Pared apples in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie. Anna kept the baby. George Fowler and his mother here in the afternoon. Jennie and Anna at CE, a good meeting.

29 – A foggy morning and rain in the afternoon off and on. Threshing at W. Luke's from about 9 to 3:30, had to stop twice for a rain. Jack Leask here for dinner. Jennie went to Port Perry and took Anna down, and brought her mother back. A very dark night and lots of mud.

30 – Fanned up some wheat for a grist the first thing in the morning, then drew stones and dirt and finished fixing the barn well platform. Drove out to Port Perry in the afternoon and took 1 ½ bags of wheat in the buggy. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. [Chuh?] of Clifford here in the afternoon. W. Ross had a meeting at Greenbank but I did not go as it was a rainy night. Got Topsy shod for the first time.

31 – Foggy morning. Went down to Mr. O'Neill's to get Fred to help tomorrow at the turnips, then banked up the north end of house. Topped turnips in the afternoon (they were very wet). Jennie went to Greenbank and got home a little before 6. Went in the evening with A. Lee to Mr. Ross' meeting at Port Perry. Mr. Lout was the speaker, a very good meeting, got home at 12.

NOV. 1 – At the turnips, Fred O'Neill helping, until about 2:30 when rain came on. W. Luke called during the rain. Smith's meeting at Greenbank tonight. Took in 5 loads of turnips – At the turnips all day, Fred helping. Drew in 10 loads. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. Jessie and Mrs. I. O'Neill here in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank in the evening with 10 roosters.

3 – At turnips all day, Fred helping. Drew in 8 loads. H. Love came down in the morning to do the stone job but I did not have time to attend to him. Norman Steward, collector, called after dinner. Jennie drove her mother home and brought Anna Tait and Nellie home with her. Went to political committee meeting in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie. Anna kept the baby. Mr. McDonald of Glenarm preached. Anna went to A. Gordon's for tea. At CE, Mr. Boe, leader, in place of M. McDonald.

5 – Rain through the night and some showers in the afternoon and evening. A little snow, the first of the season. Worked at the turnips alone, Fred did not come. Got in 6 loads, tied up the steers for the first time. Went to political committee meeting and took Alex Lee with me. A warm meeting.

6 – Threw back and topped turnips in the forenoon. After dinner went down to Mr. O'Neill's to see why Fred did not come to help with the turnips, too busy was the excuse. Got John Michie to help and drew in 5 loads. Eva Luke here for supper. Presidential election in the US, McKinley and Bryan are the candidates. (Later, McKinley elected 2nd time).

7 – Dominion general elections. Snow in the morning and most of the forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon. Put up the little stove and some other chores in the forenoon. Went to Greenbank and voted for William Ross. Hoed a few turnips after I came home. Did not hear who was elected tonight. (Heard next day that Ross won by 90 something).

8 – Snow a good part of the forenoon which went nearly all away by night. Did some chores in the forenoon and puttied up the windows in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. W. Luke called before supper.

9 – A cold wintery day with a high NW wind. Put on the storm windows and some other chores in the forenoon. Went over after dinner to help W. Luke with pigs and then went at the turnips, John helping, and got in 5 loads. Freezing pretty hard.

10 – Finished the turnips with John's help in the afternoon (5 loads). Apple packers here in the forenoon, put up 10 barrels. Jessie here in the forenoon. Drove to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

11 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, Mr. Grey led the meeting.

12 – A pretty cool day with some snow in the evening. Went up to Alex Lee's and bought a turnip pulper and brought it home and put it in place. After dinner the apple packers came again and put up 2 more barrels. Jennie went to Greenbank but had a little smash up in the lane first. Took in the apple culls while she was away. Pared apples in the evening.

13 – Started to snow about 8 am and continued all day from the east, about 6 or 8 in. A very wintery day. Took the apples (12 barrels) out to Port Perry in the forenoon. Made and hung a storm door on the east kitchen door. WFMS social at Greenbank tonight (or was to be) but did not go as the night was very rough.

14 – A very cold wintery day. Did the chores and made a stable door. Pared apples in the evening.

15 – Got the sleigh out and drew all the dry wood into the wood shed. Afterwards cleaned out the hen house. Very wintery.

16 – Drew manure for the garden and berry bushes in the forenoon and went to J. Ward's cattle sale at Greenbank in the afternoon. Good sleighing.

17 – Went after a load of posts on the 11th concession and some other sleigh jobs in the forenoon and made cattle stable door jamb in the afternoon. A little rain in the afternoon and evening, the snow going. Pared apples (frozen) in the evening.

18 – Rain in the afternoon and evening and all the snow gone but plenty of mud. At SS and church with Jennie. Mr. H. Horne of Elora preached. Did not go to CE as it was very dark and rainy. Anna Tait came about 10 am and left again for Mark's before dark.

19 – Rain most of the day from the east which froze as it fell. Did the chores and did some jobs in the shop.

20 – A good deal warmer, with fog, and a little rain. Took a load of oats and peas over to Beare's mill in the forenoon and pruned the black currant bushes and some other jobs in the garden in the afternoon while Jennie went to Greenbank.

21 – A little rain in the morning and a very high wind in the afternoon. H. Love came about 9 am and worked at the wall all the day while I [?] and made a door frame. H. Love stayed all night. Bible society meeting but did not go.

22 – A very fine day but rain in the evening. Helping H. Love all day, fixing the stable doors, and H. L. finishes his job. W. Luke making a big push to get his turnips in.

23 – Went for the meal at Beare's mill in the forenoon and paved in front of the cattle stable doors in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. Allan Byers called, he was taking orders for tea.

24 – Some frost in the morning and freezing towards night. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon and paving in front of the cattle stable in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry and brought Anna Tait and Nellie Michie back with her. Nellie stayed all night. Went over to A. Lee's bush to get maple seed to send to Manitoba but could not find a seed.

25 – Snow through the night but not enough for sleighing. At church and SS with Jennie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Anna, rather a small meeting.

26 – Made a window sash for the new stable window, the first I ever attempted to do, and in the afternoon went to Greenbank to the farmers' institute meeting. Mr. John McMillan, ex-M.P. of

Huron, and Miss Laura Rose of the O.A.C. were the speakers and very good they were. The attendance was very good. Pared apples in the evening.

27 – A very fine day but it did not thaw out any. Put in new window in stable, put in pane of glass in root house window, put the thumb latch on storm door and some other jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon put the storm doors on the front of house and then Mr. John Truax of Michigan came and I spent the greater part of the afternoon talking to him. He lived on the Byers' place over 40 years ago. He stayed to tea and then went to W. Luke's.

28 – Put in some glass in the stable windows and some other chores in the forenoon. Painted the storm door and tore down the fence behind the wood yard. Pared apples in the evening. L. O'Neill after a bag of apples.

29 – A very fine day. Put up the fence about the wood yard in the forenoon and cut up the rubbish. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry. Jessie Michie and Ida Phair here in the afternoon.

30 – A very fine day. Painted the new stable doors, cleaned out and overhauled the water closet. Mr and Mrs John Burns came just before dinner and stayed until about 3, they were on their way to Cannington. Got word that Flossie Burns has been given up by the Doctors, she has been ill for some time with typhoid fever.

DEC. 1 – A fine mild day. Finished plowing the orchard and plowed the little corn patch (which finishes for the season) and then harrowed the orchard and then burned the old berry bushes. Jessie here for a while in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. Flossie Burns died this morning.

2 – A fine mild day. Went to Flossie Burn's funeral at 1 pm. A very large crowd, more than the church would hold. Mr. Cameron conducted the service. They took her to Ashburn. No SS. At CE, a very small meeting. Lizzie McArthur took the topic. Jessie Michie opened the meeting (1st time) and Maud McDonald played the organ (1st time).

3 – A mild day and many plowing. Fixed the fence behind the barn in the forenoon and attended the meeting of the Reach, Port Perry and Scugog SS association at Greenbank in the afternoon. A very small meeting, only 5 there and nothing done. Weaning baby and Jennie laid all night on the lounge.

4 – A very dull day with sometimes a little sprinkle of rain. Cutting up elm tree that stood on the old fence bottom, John Michie helping. Pared apples in the evening. Jennie tried the bed upstairs with the baby but had to come down to the lounge.

5 – A little snow in the morning and some drizzle through the day. Split up the wood and trimmed the brush of the tree cut yesterday.

6 – Dug up two apple trees in the morning and cut wood the remainder of the day, John helping. Mary Dusty here for dinner, Jessie in the forenoon and Mrs. David Cragg in the afternoon getting names for the autograph quilt for the Baptist Church. A fine day.

7 – Cut wood with John's help, from 10 o'clock and finished the job.

8 – Drew away the elm brush from the trees we had been cutting and drew some brush and wood out of the orchard and covered the strawberries partly with maple leaves and partly with peas straw, then drove up to Greenbank for the mail, taking the baby with me (1st time). Pared apples in the evening. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner and most of the afternoon.

9 – A very cold wintery day with strong northwest wind. Anna Tait and Jessie Michie came before dinner. Went to SS and church with Jennie and Jessie, Mr. Cameron preached. Jessie came back for tea and Anna and her left about 8 pm. Did not go to CE as it was a very cold night.

10 – Cleaned out the pig pen and some other chores in the forenoon. Went down to D. Cragg's to see a wood lot that T. Cragg had to sell, came home by way of Isaac O'Neill's and George Michie's and called at each place. Pretty cold day especially in the morning.

11 – Jennie drove to Port Perry in the forenoon and did not get home until 2 pm. She left the baby at her mother's, this being her birthday. Cut some wood in the wood shed and some other little chores. Pared apples in the evening and wrote a letter to Scotland.

12 – Bush ranging, or hunting, for wood in the forenoon. Called at Luke's on my round. M. O'Neill called. Cut some old rails into stove wood in the afternoon.

13 – A very rough windy day with snow blizzards. Cutting old rails into firewood in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening and finished for the season. M. O'Neill here in the morning and settled up.

14 – A fine cold day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon, the principal errand was to bring home the baby, couldn't do without it. Mr. Cameron here for a short call just before supper. Cut old rails all day and went out in the evening to Port Perry to John Smith's reception in the town hall on his return from the Transvaal War. A full house and lots of speeches and fun. They presented him with a gold watch and chain. Got home about 11 o'clock.

15 – A fine day. Drawed some manure to bank up the root house and cut some wood in the forenoon and cut wood in the afternoon. Wes Luke called in the afternoon and we had a settlement of accounts, the first for two years. He is crippled with a lame back. Alex Lee called. He was telling that J. Somerville and Rose Petty are to be married on Christmas.

16 – A very fine but sharp day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached an extra good sermon. At CE in the evening, a fair meeting, Jas. Miller, leader.

17 – Cut old rails most of the day. W. Luke and Silas Butt called in the afternoon and near dark I helped A. Gordon to get his binder into W. Luke's barn. At church manager's meeting in the evening. A very fine day.

18 – A dull foggy sort of a day. Went to Beare's mill with a load of oats to be ground in the forenoon and worked at the wood in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Willa home with her.

19 – A mild day. Went to Manchester in the forenoon for school money and took a bag of wheat to mill. Jennie and Willa at quilting bee at Mark's in the afternoon while I put a new rig on the churn. At prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Cameron, leader. An after meeting to arrange for Sunday school papers. Paid both the school teachers. A very dark night. Vic Jamison and Nellie Burnett married.

20 – Went to the mill for the meal in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank. Called at Cragg's to see Norman about his pay for teaching, then to the school with the other trustees where Inspector Waugh gave us a talk about improving the school house. Jennie went to the WFMS.

21 – Cut old rails in the forenoon and fanned up a load of oats in the afternoon. William Luke called and made a bargain for an acre of swamp wood for \$9.00. W. Luke called, he was on a hunt for their Ned who had wandered away. Went down to Mark's in the evening with Willa and had a big musical evening.

22 – Went to Uxbridge with a load of oats and got a bag of oat meal. Took the wagon, roads very hard and smooth. Got home about 5. Anna Tait came in the evening. Willa went home with George.

23 – A mild day with rain in the forenoon which made the roads somewhat muddy. At SS and church with Jennie, Mr. Cameron preached about the wise men from the east. At CE with Anna, a good meeting, R.T. Harrington leader. Jessie played 3 pieces on the organ, the first she ever did in public.

24 – Put on some shingles on the barn and cut wood in the forenoon and cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon and took Anna to S. Dusty's where she stayed to tea. Jessie here in the morning and again near night.

25 – Christmas day, a very quiet day, no one called. The weather was colder and mud all hardened up, but hardly a bit of snow to be seen. We have never taken down the cutter yet. A little snow in the evening. John Somerville and Rose Petty married.

26 – A little snow on the ground and somewhat cold. Went to the public school meeting in the forenoon, a small meeting. W. Luke chosen trustee in my place. In the afternoon went down and settled up with Fred O'Neill for work done. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Boe, leader. A managers meeting before which let the caretaking to Jas. Innis for \$33.00. H. Love tendered for \$36.00. At CE meeting after to elect officers for the first half of 1901. Maggie Blair, president.

27 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the payment on the Mara place, \$65.00, and fixed the north barn door in the afternoon. Tried to settle up with John Brown but could not agree. Alex Lee threshing clover. Got the first egg of the season.

28 – Finished fixing the barn door and spent most of remainder of the day measuring out the wood lot in Luke's swamp. John Michie helped me in the forenoon.

29 – A fine day. Spent most of the day cutting old rails and finished the job. Jennie went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

30 – A fine day with a little snow but not enough for sleighing yet. Mrs. A. Lee, Barbara Walker, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Rundle and Mrs. W. Elliot called before dinner. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. No CE on account of the Methodist Anniversary.

31 – Went down to the swamp wood lot and cut a little wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank and had a settle up with E. and S. Dusty. Oliver Luke here a while in the afternoon. Fixed up the book shelves and counted up some interest account in the evening. Sat up to see the new year and also the new century come in.

And so ends the year 1900 and the nineteenth century.

1901

Jan. 1 – A very fine day but somewhat cold. Went up for Mrs. A. Gordon at 10 o'clock and brought her here to keep house while Jennie, baby Annie and I went to Port Perry (with the buggy) and got dinner at Mrs. Bell's. Miss Mary Glover, Mrs. Howey and Anna Tait were there. Got home at 4 and took Mrs. Gordon home. Methodist party tonight but did not go. A very bright night.

2 – Cut wood all day in the swamp and in the evening went to the annual SS meeting, a fair attendance. A.T. Horne was elected superintendant in place of J.M. Real. Willa Bell came just before dinner, she rode up with A. Akhurst.

3 – Cut wood in swamp in the forenoon and went with Jennie in the afternoon to the preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Reed of Leaskdale preached a good sermon. Mrs. Jas. Boe and Willie Leask came in this time.

4 – Some snow in the forenoon but hardly enough to make good sleighing. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Fernando Perrin came from Newcastle before dinner (with the buggy). Did very little in the afternoon but talk with Mundo, who drove out to Port Perry after 4 o'clock. He took Willa home and brought Anna Tait back with him. He drove Topsy and our cutter for the first time it has been out this winter. A beautiful clear night and pretty cold.

5 – Mundo Perrin left for home in the morning, taking Anna to Port Perry with him (pretty cold morning). Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and took a load (19 bags) to Beare's mill in the afternoon, got the meal home with me. Anna Tait came back again in the evening.

6 – A fine cold day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Wick, drove the cutter but most of the people had buggies. Mr. Cameron preached. In the evening drove out to Port Perry and

took Anna and Nellie Michie with me. Went to the Presbyterian church, Rev. Cooper preached a good sermon. Jas. Balfour sang a solo. Some snow on the way home.

7 – Some snow during the night, quite rough and drifting in the afternoon, but not very cold. Drawing wood from the elm trees on the old fence bottom in the forenoon and took the land roller up to W. Whiteford to get a new frame in the afternoon. Sleighing some better.

8 – A mild day with rain in the evening. Drawing elm wood in the forenoon and finished. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie washing.

9 – Cut wood in the swamp awhile, but broke axe handle and had to make a new one. At the wood in the afternoon. W. Luke digging out a fox in A. Lee's field. At annual church meeting in the evening, a fair good turnout. A. Akhurst elected manager in place of Thomas Phair (deceased), and for the usual term Jas. Leask; Jas. McMillan; Alex Gordon, and R.T. Harrington. G. Michie, choir leader. Roads pretty slippery.

10 – Drew up wood from the swamp in the forenoon. Alex Lee called and in the afternoon went with A. Lee to James Ross' sale at Port Perry. Snow in the afternoon and evening which makes good sleighing. Mr and Mrs Cameron and Oliver and Eva Luke called in the afternoon.

12 – Several inches of snow through the night which started to drift pretty bad in the afternoon. Finished making the bag truck and in the afternoon went to a special meeting of the public school to consider the repairing of the school or building a new one. There was quite a good turnout and it was decided to remodel the old one. James Ross from [Bradwardine..?] Manitoba came in the afternoon and stayed all night. Had a great old talk about old times. We were hunting up the books and find that it was just 25 years ago tonight since Barbara was married and that was the last time he was here.

13 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church with Jas. Ross. Election of teachers in the SS. A.T. Horne superintendent for the first time. Rev. Mr. Martin of Cannington preached an excellent sermon. G. Michie, choir leader for the first time. J.R. went to Marks for tea. At CE in the evening, an extra large meeting, Mrs. Somerville, leader. Mr. Ross came home with me and stayed all night.

14 – Nice mild day with a little snow in the afternoon. Drew up wood in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon to get the cutter fixed and some other errands. James Ross left in the morning, he is on his way north. Mrs. Akhurst here in the afternoon, W. Luke also. I. Wheeler here and bought the little red heifer.

15 – A mild day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and drawing wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing.

16 – Rain in the morning and the snow soft, but turned colder towards night. Spitting elm wood in the forenoon. Giving the cattle an application of tobacco in the afternoon.

17 - Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon principally to get a tooth out but Mr. Murray was drunk and she did not get it drawn. Wes Luke called in the afternoon and I spent most of the time talking to him. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. Pretty cold night. Anna Tait leaves for Newcastle this morning.

18 - Very cold day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and splitting in the afternoon.

19 - Coldest day so far this winter. Mended harness in the forenoon and threshed the beans in the afternoon.

20 - Some warmer. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached on giving. Special collection to wipe out debt of about \$102.00, \$60.43 collected. Jennie went to CE in the evening, this being her night to take the topic.

21 - Thawing a good deal but got colder towards night. Cleaned out the pig pen and split wood in the forenoon. Drew up wood from the swamp in the afternoon. At church manager's meeting in the evening, did not get home until 12. The news is that Queen Victoria is very low.

22 - A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Alex Lee called. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon and tea. Queen Victoria died.

23 - A very fine day. Tom Michie here all day helping to cut wood and timber for a new roof for the barn. Spent the evening fixing Father's old memorandum books.

24 - A dull foggy day with some snow towards night. Cutting timber all day, Tom helping. In the evening went with Jennie to a party at Alex Lee's. Mrs. Mark kept house while we were away. W. Donaldson and Willa Bell called just before we started. A lively time and got home between 12 and 1 but there was no sign of it breaking up then.

25 - A fine day. Bagged up some oats and some other chores in the forenoon. Went to Beare's mill in the afternoon and got the meal home.

26 - Went and got George Michie's fanning mill and fanned up some wheat in the forenoon and took it out to Port Perry in the cutter in the afternoon. Splendid sleighing. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. and Mrs. James McPhail here in the afternoon. Baby Annie has made great progress in walking the last two or three days.

27 - A fine day with some snow in the evening. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached or at least spoke about Queen Victoria. Mrs. W. McMillan at church, the first for a long time. At CE in the evening. A fair good meeting. Miss Bell McMillan, leader. George, Tom and I sang a piece (the first).

28 - A pretty cold day. Went to J. Wheeler's in the forenoon with the heifer. Walked all the way there and back. Drawed up wood from the swamp in the afternoon. Picked beans in the evening. Jennie washing.

29 - A very fine day. Drawing up the timber for the barn roof, Tom Michie helping. Jennie at Greenbank to the store in the evening. Baptist social tonight. 5 years ago today since we were married.

30 - A fine day. Drawing out timber and cutting rafters, Tom Michie helping. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Cameron leader, subject [was] giving. A good turnout. A beautiful night and good sleighing.

31 - Went to Port Perry in the forenoon, principal errand to see Mr. W. Ross, MP, about the census enumeration. Brought Mrs. Bell and Willa home with me. Drew up wood from the swamp in the afternoon and went to Alex Lee's in the evening and settled up with him while Jennie and Willa went to Greenbank to the store.

FEB. 1 - Cutting wood in the swamp all day. A fine day but drifting a little in the afternoon. W. Luke called in the forenoon and Allan Wallace in the afternoon.

2 - A very fine day. As this is a holiday on account of the Queen's funeral there was little done. Split some wood in the morning and went over to Luke's before dinner. Walter Donaldson came about 10 and stayed all day and night. Went up to Greenbank in the afternoon with W.D. and Jennie, Willa and Walter. Down at Mark's in the evening for a sing. A beautiful night.

3 - A cold morning (2 below zero) and some snow from the east in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, Mr. McDermott, a student, preached a good sermon. At CE with Walter Donaldson and Willa, a fair meeting, Mr. Boe, leader.

4 - Snow through the night and the forenoon from the east and drifting a good deal. The wind turned to NW in the afternoon and drifting badly. Jennie drove Willa and W. Donaldson out to Port Perry in the morning. Helping Wes Luke to kill a pig in the afternoon.

5 - Pretty rough and cold all day. Fanning up wheat in the forenoon. John came up for some flour (40 lbs) and helped me with wheat. Cleaning timothy seed in the afternoon. Cecil Phair came over with a file to sharpen their crosscut saw.

6 - 7 below zero in the morning and pretty cold all day. Sharpened Mrs. Phair's saw and cut some wood in the forenoon and with A. Lee dug out the road and made a place in the root house for the big pig. Jennie went to Port Perry and brought Willa back with her. Prayer meeting and after that nominations for two new elders. Did not go as I was not feeling very well and the roads bad.

7 - A very fine day. Cut wood in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Saw John Lee and he was telling me that A.T. Horne, Jas. Leask, J.M. Real, R.T. Harrington, Jas. Blair, G. Allan, and myself were nominated for the eldership last night. Some 10 little pigs came in the evening.

8 - A very fine day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and at the house in the afternoon. Jennie drove her mother and Willa home in the afternoon.

9 – A very rough day with heavy snow from the east in the forenoon. Cut some wood in the forenoon and sharpened Mrs. Phair's 2nd saw in the afternoon. Norman Phair came in the morning for the first saw and Ernest brought the other one as we were at dinner.

10 – 10 below zero in the morning but turned out a very fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jessie Michie played the organ in church for the 1st time. Ballots given out for the election of elders. Mrs. James Ward buried this afternoon. At CE, an extra large meeting. Maggie Blair, leader.

11 – A fine day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and drew it home in the afternoon. Spent the evening fixing up Father's old memorandum books. Mr. Cameron had a young people's [?] from the congregation tonight.

12 – A very stormy day and snow drifting badly. Not much doing. Cut a little wood in the afternoon and got one of my ears a little frozen. Jennie washing.

13 – A very cold stormy day and not much doing. Made a vice to hold saws when sharpening. Made an axe handle and sawed a little wood. Wes Luke called before dinner. Roads mostly blocked, especially the east and west ones.

14 – Another very rough and cold day. Rather worse than the last two. Most of the snow is now in heaps. Very little doing. Drove over to Luke's after dinner and got three bags of meal as ours was done and the roads not fit to go to mill. Getting a little warmer towards night.

15 – A good deal warmer. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and drove the sleigh to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Had to break the road a good part of the way. Roads badly drifted.

16 – A very fine mild day. Cutting wood at the house all day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. At Mark's in the evening for a sing. Jessie Michie here in the afternoon.

17 – A fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached on the duty of elders in the church. At CE, a fair meeting, Lizzie McArthur, leader.

18 – Fine day. Went to Cragg's swamp and brought home load of dry wood cut last winter and in the afternoon took 17 bags oats to Beare's mill but did not get it home. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe here while I was away but met them at A. Lee's and sold cow (Molly) for 3 ¼ cts per pound and a dollar more, and 7 pigs at \$6.25 per 100.

19 – Went after the meal at Beare's mill in the forenoon. Fixed the pig rack and sawed some wood in the afternoon. Jennie went down to visit Mrs. M. O'Neill but did not find her at home.

20 – A pretty cold and somewhat rough day. Cutting wood at house all day. Oliver Luke called in the evening with the mail.

21 – A fine day but pretty cold. Took the 2 pigs out to Port Perry (1230 lbs) at 6 ¼. Cut wood in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry and brought her mother back with her. Went down to Mark's in the evening and had a sing.

22 – A fine cold day. Cleaned out the pig pen and fixed the floor in the forenoon and killed 2 little pigs in the afternoon, Wes Luke helping. Mrs. Luke and Ned came over with him.

23 – A very fine day. Cutting wood and sawed logs in the swamp, John helping, but broke the saw handle about 4 o'clock. Jessie here after dinner. Alex Lee's cutting some wood in the swamp also.

24 – A fine day but pretty cold. At SS and church with Jennie, Mr. Cameron preached. Took up the ballots for elders. At CE with Jennie, Mr. Grey, leader, a fair meeting.

25 – A fine day. Mr. Miller here all day hewing timber for barn, John Michie score hacking. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Let the job of putting new roof on barn to Mr. Miller for \$50.00.

26 – A very fine day. Took the Molly cow to Port Perry in the forenoon. Mrs. Bell drove down and brought me home. Mr. Miller and John finishes hewing barn timber about 4 pm and after that drove with Jennie and the baby to G. A. McMillan's and got tea. Got home about 8:30, a very nice night.

27 – A fine day. Drew out the saw logs from the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon cut some more with John's help. James Smith and Barbara came about 4:30. Went to prayer meeting with Jennie, Mr. Boe leader. A fine bright night but pretty cold.

28 – A fine day. Drew out the logs cut in the forenoon and cut some wood in the swamp. In the afternoon Jennie drove up for Mrs. Gordon and she stayed to tea and then she drove her home again in the evening. Jas. Smith and I went down to Mark's in the evening. John in bed with [rheumatism?].

MAR. 1 – A fine day but somewhat threatening. Took a load of saw logs to Beare's mill in the forenoon and brought home a load of lumber and the same in the afternoon. Let a log fall and hurt my big toe. Jas. Smith left for home after dinner.

2 – A very fine day. Made two trips to Beare's mill with logs and brought lumber in return. Barbara at Mark's in the afternoon and stayed all night. Mrs. Bell not very well.

3 – A raw wind from the SE in the forenoon and rain in the evening but soon cleared up. Mrs. Alex Lee and Barbara Walker called in the forenoon. Did not go to church as I could not get my boot on but Jennie and Barbara went. Barbara stayed at Jas. Miller's for tea. Went to CE through the rain, a small attendance, Mr. Boe leader. Brought Barbara home with me.

4 – A fine day and thawing quite a bit in the afternoon but turned cold in the evening. Made a trip to Beare's mill in the forenoon and brought a load of lumber which finishes the job. 2000 feet 16 foot siding and 800 sheeting. Drew up the spur braces and some rafters in the afternoon and in the evening went with Jennie to the CE social which was quite a success. Mrs. Bell in bed most of the day and yesterday.

5 – Colder and quite rough in the forenoon and with John's help cut shingle blocks in the afternoon. Jennie drove Barbara to Alex Gordon's. She had just got home when Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Sonley came and Jennie drove Mrs. Sonley also to Gordon's, with Luke's horse.

6 – Very cold and pretty rough most of the day. Drew up some wood from the swamp in the forenoon and cut shingle blocks, John helping in the afternoon. Annie Black and Alfie called for a short time in the forenoon. Tom and her were on their way home from Carden. Barbara at Mark's for tea and stayed all night.

7 – A nice day. Drove Jennie up to Greenbank in the morning and cut some wood in the forenoon. Drew a load of shingle blocks to Beare's mill and also drew up some wood in the afternoon. At Mark's in the evening singing. Mrs. R. Akhurst there. Barbara visiting at Phair's and Luke's and stayed all night.

8 – A mild day with a little snow most of the time. Bucksawed wood all day. Jennie drove out to Port Perry in the morning and took her mother home. She had just gone when Norman and Florence Phair came and stayed a short time. Barbara came back in the afternoon. Got word that I have been elected elder of the church.

9 – About 5 inches of snow through the night but a fine mild day. Cut some wood in the woodshed in the forenoon until W. Luke came. Cutting shingle blocks with John's help in the afternoon. Barbara not at all well and I am about crippled with sore toes.

10 – Somewhat rough in the forenoon which turned to heavy rain which froze as it fell in the afternoon and evening. At SS and church with Jennie (Barbara kept the baby), Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE on account of the rain.

11 – Thawing some all day. Went to Greenbank in the morning for bread and other things and brought a telephone message to W. Mark telling him that his brother-in-law, Mr. McLean of Columbus, was dead. Drew a load of shingle blocks to Beare's mill and got some wood from the swamp in the afternoon. Tom Michie called and invited us to a party there tomorrow night.

12 – A nice day. Cut and split wood in the shed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Prince Albert to a meeting of the executive of the Sunday school association. Jennie went to Port Perry and did some shopping. Went with Jennie in the evening to a party at Mark's, a good crowd and lots of dancing. Got home between 12 and 1.

13 – Cut wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove Barbara over to Uxbridge and left her at Robert Phair's on her way to Sutton. We had only gone a little way when it began to snow very heavy and turned out a rough afternoon.

14 – Snowing a little from the east most of the day. Bucksawing wood all day. Jennie sewing.

15 – A fine day, bucksawing wood in the forenoon and cutting shingle blocks with John's help in the afternoon. W. Leask came in the evening and we worked until after 12 at the church reports. Party at A. Ewen's, Uxbridge.

16 – A fine day. Took a load of shingle blocks to Beare's mill in the forenoon. Eva and Ned Luke here with the papers. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Maggie Bell home with her. Mr. Cameron here in the afternoon to talk to me about accepting the eldership. H. Jack and Dan Boe called.

17 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached an extra good sermon. At CE in the evening, a good meeting. R.T. Harrington, leader.

18 – A very mild day and thawing fast. Cutting wood all day except the time bagging up a grist. Jennie drove to Port Perry in the forenoon and took Maggie home and got back at 1:30. At Mark's in the evening singing, preparing for the Burns' farewell party at A. Leask's tomorrow night.

19 – Snowing and drifting most all day from the east, a very disagreeable day. Went out to Port Perry in the forenoon with a grist and brought Mrs. Bell home with me. Ike Wheeler called in the afternoon and sold him the two steers at 7 cts per lb, dressed weight (not counting the hides) and \$1.00. Drove up to Greenbank for the mail. Roads pretty heavy. Went to the Burns' farewell at A. Leask's, went in George's sleigh. A bad night but there was a large turnout and a very pleasant time. They presented Mr and Mrs Burns with a fine picture of Flossie, an autograph quilt, a sleigh robe and a set of dinner dishes. Got home about 2 am.

20 – Thawing and quite a heavy rain especially in the afternoon. Cut wood in the forenoon. Went to Beare's mill in the afternoon and went to Greenbank to meet Barbara who has been on a visit to Sutton. She expected to come from Blackwater by the mail, but the roads were blocked so she and Miss Wilson of Greenbank came as far as Jack Stones with the [Sunderland boker?] and walked from there to Greenbank through the slush and rain.

21 – A fine day. Splitting wood in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry and took her mother home. Her errand was to get stuff for Annie Smith's wedding cake which they made in the afternoon. Took a few shingle blocks to Beare's and brought home the meal.

22 – A fine day and thawing quite a little. Went to Port Perry in the morning to get instructions from Mr. R. Mackey as to the duties of census enumerator and did not get home until 6 pm. Barbara visiting at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening.

23 – Thawing a good deal. Cut some wood and posts in the swamp in the forenoon. Jennie took Barbara to the 12 train at Port Perry. Alex Ewin called about 2 pm to bid us goodbye as he starts for Manitoba on Tuesday next. Went up to Greenbank for the mail but there was none. Jennie got a tooth pulled and has a very sore jaw over it.

24 – Quite a thunder storm in the early morning (the first of the season) but not much rain. Thawing all day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached a short sermon after which Mr. A.T. Horne and myself were ordained as elders of the church. At CE, not a very large meeting likely on account of roads but a fair amount of interest. I had to lead. Charlie Gibson died today.

25 – A mild day and thawing fast. Roads breaking up. Drew up some wood, posts and other cedar poles from the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove down to the woodlot at D. Cragg's and cut and drew out on the road about ½ cord.

26 – Thunder and rain through the night. A very mild day and thawing fast. Took the two fat steers with Tom's help out to Ike Wheeler's in the forenoon. Water rising in the swamp over parts of the 10th concession. Finished bucksawing wood at house in the afternoon and pruned a few apple trees.

27 – A change to cold again and quite wintery. Cleaned out the hen house and pigpen in the forenoon and went to Greenbank with the cutter in the afternoon. Not so bad sleighing. Oliver and Eva Luke here for a while in the afternoon.

28 – A pretty cold windy day. Went to Port Perry in the morning (going by way of Mark's on account of the water being over the concession) to get instructions on the census but Mr. Mackie did not come until noon. Did not get through until after 6 pm and then we did not get all the necessary papers. Wes Luke here in the afternoon for a long talk. Oliver and Eva came over about 10 pm hunting for him as he had not come home. I went up to A. Lee's and found that he had just left for home.

29 – A cool day. Sharpened W. Luke's bucksaw and studied up the census in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to preparatory service. Mr. Glasford preached, Mr. Cameron not there as he is unwell. G.D. McMillan came home with me and stayed to tea. W. Luke here in the evening.

30 – A very busy day. Went 3 trips to Beare's mill for lumber (small loads, 1100 feet in all) then to Greenbank to get the mail, expected census papers but they did not come. Then went to Port Perry with the sleigh (very bad sleighing) and brought Mrs. Bell back with me. G. Allan here in the evening talking over the census work. He left for home at 12. A beautiful night.

31 – At communion service with Jennie at Greenbank, Mr. Cameron preached. Not quite so many from Wick no doubt on account of the roads. At CE in the evening, rather small meeting, Arch McArthur leader.

APR. 1 – Went over to see how W. Luke was and found him around again, then made a gate in the forenoon. Went with the sleigh in the afternoon to Greenbank expecting to get the census papers but they had not come. Brought the buggy wheels home and put them on. At church managers meeting in the evening. A very fine night.

2 – Made a boat oar in the morning and pruned the orchard the rest of the day. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with the buggy, first time for the season.

3 – About 2 inches of snow in the morning and more falling coming from the east and continuing all day, or more like rain towards night. Did but very little but go to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail, no census came yet.

4 – A little rain in the morning and soft all day. Drew the apple brush out of the orchard in the forenoon. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon. No census papers yet. Afterwards hung the gate behind the barn. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Fleet Cragg's baby was buried today.

5 – Good Friday. Made another gate and some other chores in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon and got the census papers, then started at the census. Took W. Luke, W. Akhurst and A. Lee. A dark night.

6 – A fine warm day. Started at 7 o'clock on census. Took Mrs. Phair, Whetter's, A. Wells and R. Real's before dinner, then drove to Wildman's but they were not at home. Then took Burnett's, and Franklins. Barrett not at home, took J. Beare's where I got supper, then home at about 8:30. Oliver Luke called. Alex Lee had a wood sawing bee.

7 – Easter Sunday. At SS and church, a Rev. McDaniel's, a [Persian?] preached on Mormons in his country. At CE, a fair meeting, Maggie McMillan leader. Pretty muddy roads.

8 – At census all day. Took Jas. Burns at J.M. Real's, then J.M. [Real's], Neall McArthur's and Ralph Somerville's for dinner, then W. Ianson, W. Clyde's, W. Oliver's and Ned Barrett's. Finished there at 8:15 pm.

9 – Went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Mr. Mackie to show how I am getting on with the census. Mrs. Bell went out with me and in the afternoon took A. Gordon's, Nottingham's, Byers', Petty (supper) and Burtons. Got home at 9.

10 – At census work all day. Started at S. Dusty's, then to Fred Love's, James Love, and G. Real (dinner), called at W. Reals (absent) then took T. Cragg's, John Beare Sr. and Jr., Jas. Blair (supper) and E. Beare's. Got home at 9:30.

11 – At census all day. James Leask (absent), A. Leask, G. McMillan, Jas. McMillan (dinner), W. Thomas, T. Salter, A. Phoenix, D. Till, W. Real (supper). Got home at 8:30. W. Mark here wanting me to make grafting wax. W. Real plowing.

12 – All day at census work, namely Jas. Leask, R. Sommerville, D. Whalen, J. Clyde (dinner), Frank Dobson, W. Ward, D. McDonald, J. Stone (supper), J. Wallace, W. Henry. Got home about 9.

13 – At census work all day, started at Ben Ward, then Scott's, Jim Ewen (dinner), Jerry O'Leary, Joe Stone, Ball, W. McMillan (supper). Come home and did our own.

14 – A very fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, a fair meeting, W. Grey leader. Mrs. Luke and Ned here for tea.

15 – A very fine day. At census all day. Started from home and went to B.W. [Stoven?], then to S. McKay, A. T. Horne, J. Milner, Jas. Graham (dinner), then to the town line. Taylors and meet with the worst reception so far. Then called at Beaton's but did not take

him, then to Gilson, Malyorn's, Blakeley's (supper) and again to Beaton's where I remained all night. Mrs. Beaton came home from Joe Stone's, Mrs. Stone being sick, and some time through the night John Heron came after her.

16- Started at the village of Saintfield and finished about 4 o'clock. Got dinner at the hotel, then drove to Wildman's, then home for supper, then down to Marks and took them and had a sing. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon there.

17 - A fine day. Jennie drove me to Greenbank where I worked all day at census, got dinner at Phoenix's and supper at Mrs. Walker's. Did 15 houses. At prayer meeting. An after meeting about the anniversary, walked home. John Michie working here all day. Norman Steward here for supper. John drove Mrs. Bell home in the evening.

18 - Jennie drove me up to near Greenbank where I worked at census all day. Got dinner at Miller's and supper at Boe's. Nearly finished. Did 18 houses, walked home at night. Rain sometimes during the day. John here and sowed the last year's turnip ground.

19 - John sowing oats after frost got out. Doing some odd chores in the forenoon and working in the garden in the afternoon. Planted some onions and potatoes.

20 - The ground white with snow in the morning and it continued snowing from the NE nearly all day. Towards night it turned to rain. About 3 or 4 inches of snow fell and drifts some places 3 or 4 feet deep. Did little in the forenoon but make some grafting wax for W. Mark. Drove up to Greenbank in the afternoon and almost finished the census job.

21 - Rain through the night and sometimes through the day. The snow nearly all gone by night. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not get to CE as it was raining. Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee called in the evening.

22 - Showers through day, a very heavy shower from the east between 6 and 7, everything flooded. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to see the drs. about the mortality schedule of the census and in the afternoon went with the waggon and brought home the roller that had been at Whiteford's getting a new frame. There was so much mud that it was very hard drawing it home.

23 - A pretty fine forenoon but it started to rain again after dinner and continued more or less all afternoon. Worked at the berry bushes most of the day. Took the storm windows off. Jessie Michie called in the afternoon.

24 - Some better weather today but not altogether without rain. Did some odd chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon bagged up 14 bags of oats and took them to Beare's mill. Jennie cleaning up the lane and wood house and wood yard. Mrs. Ganton's funeral this afternoon.

25 - Went to the mill for the meal the first thing in the morning, then filled in some washouts and picked off some stone until dinner and in the afternoon harrowed what was sown just a week ago and none too dry. Mrs. Akhurst here for tea. Went down to Mark's in the evening for a sing. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon there.

26 - A very fine day. Took the census papers to Port Perry in the forenoon and delivered them to Mr. Mackie. Harrowing oats (that had been sowed a week) in the afternoon.

27 - A very fine day. Harrowing oats in the forenoon and plowing up some that was seeded last year, but not come well. Jessie and Nellie Michie here in the evening.

28 - A beautiful warm day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, B. McMillan leader. Eva Luke brought us some mayflowers.

29 - A very warm day for this time of year and everything budding out rapidly. Plowing all day. Jennie doing a big washing. Fred O'Neill here for some berry bushes.

30 - A dull day, threatening rain several times but did not amount to much until about 5 when it started to drizzle. Finished plowing and then sowed oats which finishes the sowing for this year. Eva Luke brought us a fish.

MAY 1 - A very fine day. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with the waggon and with John Michie's help moved Mrs. Bell's things from the house to the little shop nearly opposite Allan's blacksmith shop. Got home about 7. Mrs. Bell came with us. Young Mr. McKittrick here in the forenoon getting names for a recommend.

2 - Thunder and rain in the early morning but turned out a fine day. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon and harrowing oats and in the orchard in the afternoon. James Miller and D. Till here in the afternoon and started to frame the barn timber. At Mark's in the evening for a sing.

3 - Quite a cool day. Harrowed and partly rolled the fall wheat and rye in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry principally to see Mr. Mackie. James Miller and D. Till working at barn timber.

4 - A fine cool day. Rolling all day. Jas. Miller and D. Till at barn timber. Went in the evening with Jennie and baby over to E. Beare's to see him about shingles. Came home by Greenbank.

5 - A fine warm day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. I attempted to review the lesson in the SS for the first time. At CE, one of the larger meeting we ever held. In the absence of A. McArthur it fell to my lot to lead the meeting. Luke's children here in the evening. Mrs. Bell in bed most of the day, very sick.

6 - A very fine day. Put in a few grafts in apple trees, planted early potatoes, corn, butter beans, and 4 rows of strawberries. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Bell in bed all day. Mr. Miller came in the morning and took his tools to Bob Wallace's where they're to pull down two or three barns before they come back. Wes Luke had Jess mare away with pigs at Blackwater.

7 - Quite a warm day. Rolling in the forenoon and finished. Planting maple trees and strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Bell out of bed but not very well yet.

8 – A fine warm day. Finished planting strawberries, then tied up the berry bushes, then put on the screen doors and fixed the watering spring. Went to prayer meeting with Jennie and the baby, Mr. Cameron leader. A very dark night and some rain on the way home. Moved the stove out before breakfast. Got a letter from Alex Ewin, Manitoba, the first.

9 – Went to port Perry in the forenoon and ordered the SS anniversary bills [flyers], got some corn, nails, and apple trees and strawberry plants. Planted apple and strawberries in the afternoon and plowed in the orchard. Jennie up to Alex Lee's, they having got a baby girl today. Jas. Miller and D. Till came in the evening to work at the barn. Went down to Mark's in the evening with Mr. Miller for a sing. A little rain in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Planting corn in the orchard in the forenoon and hauling out manure in the afternoon. Miller, Till and John working at the barn timber. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. Two German pedlars stayed all night.

11 – Rain in the morning and off and on a little through the forenoon and a very heavy thunder shower about 2 and another very heavy about 4, water standing in pools everywhere. Drew out manure in the forenoon and peeling barn rafters and other chores between showers. Mr. Miller and Till at the timber and making pins. John did not come. George Michie and Alex Lee here while it was raining in the afternoon. This being the Jewish Sabbath our friends did not leave but did nothing all day and stayed all night. Somewhat cooler since the rain.

12 – Went to SS and church. Just before starting there was a heavy shower which made me late and a small school. Another very heavy shower about 8. At CE in the evening, a fair meeting, Mr. Boe leader. Stayed to choir practice after. The lightning struck this church yesterday.

13 – A little drizzly in the morning but turned out a fine day. Spread manure, sowed some oats where they had been covered by the wash, fixed fence and some other jobs in the forenoon. John came up to work but Mr. Miller did not come. After dinner I took down the lightning rod, John thinking it was the car fenders on the barn. Came up again, we then raising and put stone under the SW corner of the barn and afterwards drove over to Elija Beare's to see how they were getting along with the shingles and found not one made nor scarcely any sign of any being made. Planted some cucumbers and watermelons after I got home. Mr. Miller came in the evening for some tools as he goes to Jamieson's near Pinedale to make window frames. Our Jewish friends left in the morning.

14 – A very fine day but pretty cool towards night. John Michie here all day taking roof off the barn. Went to G. Baird's in the forenoon for Mr. Miller's pike poles and in the afternoon drew the old shingles into the woodshed. Went to Greenbank in the evening with Jennie and baby Annie for groceries for raising.

15 – A fine day, finished drawing away the old shingles and 3 loads manure in the forenoon and asking hands to the raising tomorrow in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Boe leader. A meeting about anniversary after. Mr. Miller, Till, and John at the barn. Mr. M. at SS convention at Port Perry in the afternoon.

16 – A very fine day. Drew some manure in the forenoon. Mr. Miller, Till and John at the barn all day. Just as we were at dinner Mr. W. Perkins came in, he had a little spat at Jas. Leask's in the morning and had walked to Port Perry and this far back. A few minutes after dinner Willa Bell dropped in quite unexpectedly from Toronto. Barn raising in the afternoon and it went up all right and nobody hurt. Got through about 6. The following were present: W. Luke, Oliver Luke, Ernest Phair, Jeff Whetter, Kyler Whetter, Anthony Wells, Jas. Blair Jr., Jas. McKittrick, Jas. Innis, John Lee, Edward Boe, T. Salter, W. Wallace, W. Phoenix, Weston Phoenix, G. Lee, J.M. Real, W. Real, G. Real, John Love, G. Byers, Jas. Burton, A. Gordon, Charles Gordon, A. Akhurst, M. O'Neill, J. O'Neill, W. Mark, Alex Lee, Tom Michie, Alex Leask, Jas. Leask, W. McDonald, David Cragg and Mrs. Mark and Jessie Michie helping with the supper.

17 – Somewhat showery especially in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Mr. Millers democrat for Willa's trunk, Mrs. Bell going with me. Plowing in the afternoon for corn. Miller, Till and John at barn. At choir practice in the evening, a large turnout.



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18 – Some showers through the day especially in the afternoon. Plowing and harrowing in the forenoon and drilling and planting horse corn in the afternoon. Mr. Miller, Mr. Till and John in at barn, they boarded up the west end.

19 – Rain through the night from the east and some showers through the day. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, this being SS anniversary Sunday. Rev. Mr. Cooper of Port Perry conducted the service, a full house. At the evening service with Jennie, another full house, Mr. Cameron preached. Rev. Secombe and Rev. Horne were present, a large choir. John Michie in the choir for the first time.

20 – Rain in the morning and several times through the day until evening when it faired up. Drilling for corn and picking off some stones in the forenoon. At Beare's for more lumber in the after-

¹⁰ Although this is not an actual photo of the democrat used, it would have been similar.

noon. John at the barn all day. Mr. Miller came just before dinner and Till did not come at all. Went over to Beare's with Mr. Miller in the evening to give Eljie a blowing up about cutting the shingles different thicknesses.

21 – A fine day, no rain. Planting corn and drawing out manure in the forenoon and at the manure in the afternoon. Miller, Till, and John at barn, put up the east gable end and sheeted the lower run of rafters. W. Luke here after dinner.

22 – Rain nearly all day and everything terribly wet. The carpenters only put up one set of the top run of rafters (the west end pair). John went home before dinner and Miller and Till in the afternoon. Went over to Beare's and got a load of shingles, 9 ½ thousand, and in the afternoon went to Port Perry to get strips to put under the shingles where the bend in the roof is. Got word that Grandma Tait was dead at Newcastle. Baby Annie sick all night and today a rash came out which makes it quite sure that is scarlet fever.

23 – A fine warm day until about 8 in the evening when there was quite a shower. Got up before 5 and started at 6 for Port Perry to take Mrs. Bell to the 7 train to go to Newcastle to her mother's funeral. Spread manure and harrowed the corn in the orchard the remainder of the forenoon. In the afternoon drew some lumber for the carpenters and then went to plow the potato ground. Had only gone about 3 or 4 rounds when the Hon. J. Dryden called and we talked about an hour on the political questions of the day. He had hardly gone when Jas. Watson and Miss Mary Ellen Watson of Clifford came and stayed to tea No. 1. He had hardly gone when Mr. Pearce came about insurance and had tea No. 2. Then Annie Smith and Lizzie Spencer came about 7 and got tea No. 3. Miller, Till and John at barn all day. Put up the top run of rafters and some sheeting. W. Donaldson called for a few minutes.

24 – Victoria day and a very bad day it was. Rain through the night and all day from the east and very disagreeable. Did nothing but dig a little garden in the forenoon and fixed Mother's chair in the afternoon. John here a while in the forenoon and W. Donaldson in the afternoon. Annie Smith and Lizzie Spencer went down to Mark's to practice their music for the concert tonight. About 6 o'clock went with Annie S., Lizzie S., Willa, Bella and W. Donaldson to the SS anniversary and to our surprise there was quite a crowd. The program was very good and consisted of music by the orchestra; the Misses Anderson and Annie and Lizzie, recitations by Willie Horne and Annie, and addresses by Revs. Horne and Secombe. The proceeds amounted to \$52. Weather some better coming home.

25 – A fine cool day and no rain. Plowed the potato land in the forenoon and cleared up the rubbish about the barn in the afternoon and went to Port Perry in the evening for more nails. Miller, Till and John at barn all day. They just got started at the shingles. Annie Smith, Lizzie Spencer and W. Donaldson left for home about 10. Cattle buyers called at 1 o'clock.

26 – A fine day but looking like rain. John Michie called as we were at breakfast. Went to SS and church with Willa, Rev. Robert Horne preached. At CE, a fair meeting, R.J. Harrington, leader. SS and CE held in the church as the basement was not cleared up after the 24th as there is to be a social tomorrow night.

27 – A fine day. Drilling up for potatoes in forenoon and planting in the afternoon. Miller, Till and John at barn, shingling. Mr. Cameron here in the afternoon. At SS social in the evening with Willa. A large turnout. Made about \$77.00 at anniversary.

28 – A fine day until evening when it commenced to rain a little from the east. Finished planting the potatoes in the forenoon. Willa drove to Port Perry for mail but got none. After dinner went to Beare's mill for more shingles but got only 17 bunches. Afterwards covered the potatoes. Went to Greenbank in the evening to see Jack Park. D. Till and John all day shingling barn. Mr. Miller was at R. Wallace's.

29 – Rain through the night from the east but cleared up and it turned out a fairly fine day until after 6 pm when it started to rain again. Mr. Miller came about 10. D. Till did not come at all and I helped John at the shingling in the forenoon. Went to Beare's mill in the afternoon for more shingles but got only 21 bunches. They finished shingling the south side. Beef ring started for the season.

30 – A little rain in the morning but cleared up until about 4 when it came down in torrents for about 2 hours, the heaviest since the roof was taken off the barn which is saying a good deal. Planted beans, hoed berry bushes and some other chores in the forenoon and helped then at the shingling in the afternoon until the rain came on. Mr. Miller and John at the barn all day.

31 – Rain in the morning but cleared up a little for awhile. Helped Mr. Miller to shingle for a short time (John did not come he being sick) then went to Beare's for shingles and got 21 bunches. Started to rain while loading the shingles and rained all the rest of the day, pretty hard sometimes. Mr. Miller went home after dinner. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon with Jennie for some blacksmithing and so on. Tiny cow calved.

JUNE 1 – Rain through the night and forenoon. None of the carpenters turned up today. Cleaned out the barn or part of it. Cleaned up the chips where the timber was framed and fixed some fence and some other little chores. A fine afternoon.

2 – Rain in the early morning and then it faired up until between 5 and 6 pm when it came down in torrents and continued. Wind in the NW. At church and SS with Willa, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE on account of the rain. There were 4 evangelists holding meetings in the Temperance Hall.

3 – A little rain in the morning but it soon cleared up and it turned out a very fine day with a strong wind from the NW. John came in the morning and Mr. Miller about 10 o'clock. I helped them to shingle most of the day. About 5 o'clock went to Port Perry with Willa to get more shingle nails and brought Mrs. Bell back with us. Two of the evangelists called before supper. Mr. Miller went home. Mrs. Annie Gordon and Mrs. Jas. Allan here for a few minutes in the afternoon.

4 – A very fine day and no rain. Went to Beare's the first thing and got 14 bunches of shingles. Afterwards drew out some manure but could not get along as the ground was too wet. Plowed and planted the little plot near the barn pump. Went to Greenbank to

see Jack Park. Walter Donaldson here in the evening, he came on his wheel. Miller, Till and John at barn, very near finished shingling.

5 – A very fine warm growing day. No rain. Scuffled the strawberries and helped the carpenters in the forenoon. After dinner went to Beare's and got 225 feet of 16 foot siding and then cleaned up the rubbish about the barn. Miller, Till and John at barn and finished the job about 4:30 pm.

6 – A warm day with two quite heavy showers of rain. Fixed the front door in the barn and some other chores in the forenoon. Hoed strawberries and drew out some manure but the ground is too wet. Drew some straw to try to fill up the bog. Mrs. Bell and Willa went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Willa stayed there. Alex Lee sowed turnips and our manure is hardly started and not a furrow plowed.

7 – A fine day. Drawing out manure all day. Eva Luke called with the mail.

8 – A cold drizzle of fine rain from the NW in the forenoon. Spreading manure and plowing all day.

9 – Quite a cool day and no rain. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell. Mr. Cameron spoke principally on Dr. McKay of Formosa who died a few days ago. At CE alone. A good meeting, Mrs. Somerville leader.

10 – A very fine summer day. Finished plowing the part of the turnip land that was manured, then harrowed it and then drilled it up, 40 drills.

11 – A fine warm day. Scuffled the corn in the orchard and some other chores while Jennie went to Greenbank for turnip seed and other things, then sowed the 40 drills of turnips before dinner. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Willa came back in the afternoon, she walked, and met a man with his arm in a sling who asked too many questions. She was saying that John [Vicpond??] of Brooklin was taken to the hospital with smallpox.

12 – A fine summer day. Went for the beef in the morning and drew out manure the rest of the day. At Marks in the evening singing. W. Luke called in the evening.

13 – A fine warm day. Drawing out manure and finished about 5 pm. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jessie Michie. Vic Jamison here in the evening for Mr. Miller's pike poles.

14 – A pretty warm day. Spreading manure and plowing turnip land all day. Turned the horses out at night for the first time.

15 – A very fine day, a little cooler. Plowing turnip ground all day.

16 – A very fine day. Had a big hunt in the morning for the cows which had got into Alex Lee's east place on account of his horse breaking the gate. Went to SS and church with Willa, Mr. Cameron preached. And in the evening drove Jennie and baby Annie to the Dr. at Port Perry to see her sore finger. Had the first strawberries of the season for supper. John Michie came after Willa and went off somewhere.

17 – A fine day, finished plowing the turnip land and harrowed it twice over. After supper planted some corn where it had been drowned out. Mrs. Bell visiting at W. Luke's in the afternoon.

18 – Rain in the morning but soon cleared up and was a fine day.. South Ontario Farmers Institute excursion to Guelph today. Finished harrowing turnip ground, then rolled it and then drilled up the remainder of the day. Jennie whitewashing and cleaning the kitchen.

19 – A little rain in the morning. Drilled up a few more turnip drills and then sowed what was drilled, 60. At road work in the afternoon without horses. Jennie, the baby and Willa at Port Perry in the afternoon. Jessie Michie here for a box of strawberries.

20 – Went to road work in the morning with the team but it came on rain when there only an hour and had to come home. The rain continued most of the forenoon. At road work with team in the afternoon, scraping the hill between here and the 10th concession. Willie and Annie Smith, who were at Mark's all night, came just before dinner. Went down with them in the evening and had a big sing. When I got home I found Jennie painting the floor which she finished about 12 o'clock.

21 – At road work alone in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon with horses which finishes for the year. Willie and Annie Smith came back before dinner and left for home about 2 o'clock. After finishing road work I went to Port Perry with Alex Leask to order the bills for the big strawberry festival to be held at his place next Wednesday evening. Got home about 7. A lot of men at work laying sidewalks in town.

22 – Finished drilling up the turnips in the forenoon and sowed them after dinner, after which sowed some buckwheat in the orchard and scuffled the new strawberries. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner and Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon. Oliver and Ned Luke came for the turnip drill. A good deal of thunder in the evening and some rain.

23 – A fine cool day. Robert Akhurst who is down on a visit came in before we had breakfast and stayed about two hours. Went to SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. Went with Willa to CE but there was not meeting as all went over to the Methodist Church, this being Rev. Mr. Secombe's farewell sermon.

24 – A fine warm day. Went to G. Tocher in the forenoon and paid Mary the interest on mortgage. North Ontario Farmers Institute excursion to Guelph, a large crowd went. Scuffling and hoeing corn in the afternoon. Jennie, Willa and Mrs. Bell picking strawberries, 47 boxes picked today. There has been 61 or thereabouts picked so far. Jennie and Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries but could not sell them all. 8 cts. was the price.

25 – A pretty warm day, thunder through the forenoon and a little rain about 11. Hoeing corn all day. Mrs. Bell, Willa and the baby visiting at Mark's in the afternoon. Went to Greenbank to see Jack Park, but he was not there.

26 – A very warm day. Got up at 4:30 and after breakfast went up to Wallace's with 31 hens, then helped to pick strawberries, 53 boxes. Mrs. Mark and John helping. Then banked up the early potatoes and hoed corn and strawberries the remainder of the day. In the evening drove over with Mrs. Bell and Willa to the strawberry festival at Alex Leask's. A very good time there was, got home at 12.

27 – An exceedingly warm day, 86 degrees about 1 o'clock. Hoeing in the orchard and garden. Made a rack for the grape vines and nailed the old boarding of the barn. Went down to Mr. O'Neill's in the evening to tell them to come for strawberries.

28 – Another very hot day. Picked 61 boxes strawberries in the morning, L. O'Neill helped and got 15 boxes. John Lee called and got 7. Eva Luke here all day. Jennie making her a dress for July 1st. At 10 am I drove to Port Perry to meet Mr. Mackie and wind up the census business. After getting through with him, which turned out better than expected, I drove by way of the centre road to the preparatory service in the church, Mr. Cameron preached. D. Watson expected, but owing to the heat he did not come further than Wick. Samuel Dusty came in by certificate. After supper scuffled and hoed the little patch of corn at the barn.

29 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Did some odd jobs in the morning and the remainder of the day at the cow stable floor. Went down to the sideroad after supper to a road job letting. E. Bryant and Jeff Whetter took the jobs. Eva Luke came after her dress. John Michie called in the evening.

30 – A very fine day, road pretty dusty. Went to Wick with Nellie Michie to communion and got home about 2:15. W. Donaldson came out on his wheel and left after supper. Mrs. Bell left the house at 10 and did not get back until after six. She was away reading a book. Went with Mrs. Bell to the Methodist SS anniversary service in the evening. Mr. Limbert, the new pastor, preached a very good discourse to a packed house.

JULY 1 – A very warm day and very dusty. Did a little at the stable in the forenoon. John Lee, Mrs. A. Lee and Bella here in the morning for strawberries, then Marnie Dusty came and then George and John. Drove Marnie home just before dinner. In the afternoon went with Willa to the Methodist SS anniversary [picnic] in Beare's woods and got supper and came home. Willa stayed for the evening. Jennie and her mother nearly all afternoon cleaning strawberries.

2 – Another pretty warm day. Scuffled potatoes, corn and turnips until about 3 and then hoed potatoes. At church managers meeting in the evening. Jennie, Willa and the baby at Port Perry in the forenoon sending off some berries to Newcastle. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Annie Dusty here in the evening for strawberries. Nellie and Jessie also here. Had new potatoes for supper, the first of the season.

3 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went for the beef the first thing and then finished hoeing the potatoes, then hoed turnips the rest of the day. After six went with W. Luke and bought a beast for the beef ring from R. Real for \$30.00. Marnie Dusty here in the forenoon for strawberries and Edith Phair in the afternoon, but there was none for her.

4 – Quite a heavy shower about 1 o'clock and pretty warm but not so bad as some days lately. Banked up the potatoes in the forenoon and worked at the cattle stable in the afternoon.

5 – A rainy forenoon off and on. Hoeing turnips between showers and at the cattle stable. James and George Allan here in the evening to see the brick in the horse stable floor. A heavy thunder storm between 9 and 10 pm.

6 – A fine day and somewhat cooler. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 4 ½ bags of wheat and got flour. Brought home a new water trough. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie, Willa and baby at Greenbank shopping. Wilbert and Jim Lee here for a feed of strawberries.

7 – Several small showers through the day. Mrs. Bell and Willa drove to church at Port Perry, there being communion Sunday there. I therefore had to walk to SS and got the benefit of a shower. Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. Bella and baby Annie drove to church afterwards. At CE in the evening with Willa, rather a small attendance. New officers chosen, Jas. Miller president, Nellie McMillan v. pres., Maggie Blair sec., A. Akhurst treas.

8 – A fine cool day. Hoeing turnips until 5 o'clock when I finished the first sowing (40 drills). After supper sprayed 10 drills of potatoes. Jennie and Willa picked the red and white currants. Willa went with John Michie to a picnic at Seagrave.

9 – A fine day. Finished putting Paris green on potatoes and scuffled turnips and corn (3rd time for corn) and hoed a little after supper. Went to Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Akhurst here for tea. Mrs. Bryant, May Bryant and two of Fred Love's girls came for strawberries but were too late. Willa at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening.

10 – A fine day but pretty warm, rain a little in the morning. Hoeing turnips all day. Mrs. Bella and Willa drove to J. M. Burn's on a visit and stayed overnight. The steer we got from R. Real went in the beef ring today and came out 14 lbs overweight.

11 – A very fine day. A little shower before breakfast. Hoeing turnips all day. Mr. Cameron called in the afternoon.

12 – A very fine day, not a cloud to be seen. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon helped A. Lee to stack hay. Put 10 loads in one stack, and finished at 8:30. Mrs. Bella and Willa came back from Mr. Burn's. Orange walk at Uxbridge.

13 – A very fine clear day and not too warm. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping George to stack hay, put 9 loads in one long stack. Worked until 8:30. Mrs. Bell, Willa and baby Annie at Greenbank in the evening for the mail. W. Luke came to get me to help him gather up his hay but could not be two places at one time.

14 – A very warm day. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening with Willa, a fair meeting, Jas. Miller leader. W. Real and Leonard Cragg had a little scrap. One of the Hood boys drowned in Lake Scugog.

15 – A very hot day, nearly 90 in the afternoon. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon scuffling turnips and strawberries and hoeing strawberries after supper. Mrs. Luke called in the evening.

16 – Another very hot day, 86 in the shade. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping George to stack hay, 6 loads. Went to Greenbank to see Jack Park in the evening. Willa went up to the post office in the afternoon.

17 – Another hot day, 86 in the shade. Quite a bit of thunder to the south but no rain here. Went and brought the binder from A. Lee's barn, then went to W. Luke's and got the mower and cut all the hay (in north field) and took the mower home again. A. Lee drawing hay from the Luke place to the home barn.

18 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and raked and cocked hay (George helping) in the afternoon. Willa away somewhere in the evening. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Isaac O'Neill brings back the turnip drill.

19 – A very fine day and some cooler. George and Tom Michie helping to draw in the hay (11 loads) and finished at 4 pm. Afterwards raked the field. Willa went to Greenbank after supper. Mrs. Luke, Eva and Ned here in the evening for black currants. Got an invitation to Annie Smith's wedding on the 27th.

20 – Another very warm day. Hoeing turnips and greening potatoes in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with Willa for binder twine and some other things. Got home at 5. After supper, greening potatoes. Willa at Mr. Akhurst's in the evening. Saw the first grain cut (rye) opposite G. Dowson's.

21 – A pretty warm day. Went to SS and church with Mrs. Bell. Tried to review the lesson in SS (2nd time). Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Mark went to the Baptist church. Walter Donaldson here for tea, he came on his wheel. Willa went off with John Michie to Wick or somewhere else. Went to CE alone, a fair meeting, Miss Bella McMillan leader.

22 – A fine day and not so warm. Finished putting poison on potatoes in the morning and then hoed turnips and finished (1st time) about 4 pm. Fixed the binder roll after supper. Mrs. Bell and Willa went to Port Perry with raspberries, the first of the season, and got 8 cts. per box.

23 – A fine day. Scuffling turnips most of the forenoon and in the afternoon cut the rye just west of the house, George helping. Mrs. Bell and Willa visiting at A. Gordon's.

24 – A fine day with a very little rain after 5. Went for the beef in the morning and then cut the fall wheat alone with the two horses and then shocked it up. Went over to Luke's to tell him about getting the binder tomorrow. Jennie and Willa picking berries. Alex Leask's boys here and got two pails and Willa took some to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willa packing up her things, she starts for Rochester in the morning.

25 – Took Willa to the train at Port Perry in the morning and scuffled turnips until 5 pm and then hoed in the orchard. Started to rain a little about 7 and continued during the evening. W. Luke came after the binder just before dinner. A threshing machine going over about Roses', the first of the season.

26 – A fine cool day. Hoeing turnips (2nd time) until 5 o'clock, then went down to M. O'Neill's with the stoneboat and got 100 bricks for cattle stable. Mrs. M. O'Neil here, and Lilly, Mrs. Luke, Oliver, Eva and Ned, Nellie and Jessie Michie all here in the forenoon picking berries. Alex Leask's boys came just at dinner time for more berries, but there was none for them.

27 – Started at 7 am and drove with Nellie Michie to James Smith's to attend Annie Smith's wedding. The ceremony took place about 11, then dinner on the lawn, and then they started about 1 for Oshawa to take the train to Buffalo to see the Pan American Exposition. Got home safely at 5 pm. About twenty at the wedding. Rain about 1 to 2 o'clock.

28 – Rain through the night – a little in the forenoon and several very heavy showers in the afternoon. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Had to wait after service until the rain went over. Did not go to CE on account of rain.

29 – Rain through the night and nearly all afternoon with a very heavy shower about 6 or 7 in the evening. Water standing in pools everywhere. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and got money for census work. At stable in the afternoon. Arch McMillan and his little niece here for berries and got dinner.

30 – A fine day and somewhat cooler. Put up the wheat shocks that had fallen down and found the grain growing badly. Worked at stable all day. Went over to Beare's in the evening to settle up but he was not at home, but left \$40.00 with Harvey. Mrs. Bell at Greenbank in the afternoon. Nellie and Jessie picking berries in the forenoon. Oliver Luke called after dinner. Lew and Roy O'Neill came in the evening wanting a few oats but did not have any for them. W. Phoenix putting up windmill for Mrs. Phair.

31 – A good deal cooler, a little rain after dinner. Finished paving stable in the morning and hoeing turnips the rest of the day. Helped C. Gordon to get his binder (which had been in Luke's barn) home. Mr. Cameron here for tea.

AUG. 1 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping W. Luke (and horse) to cut oats. Nellie and Jessie here picking berries. Ike Wheeler here in the evening and sold him the jersey cow for \$31.00.

2 – Cut oats east of orchard and finished between 3 and 4, W. Luke and horse helping. Then as it was threatening rain we drew in some wheat and rye but it was in very poor order. Rain in the evening. Eva Luke came over with the mail.

3 – Rain through the night. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to see lawyer Harris about making out papers for Tom to sign before he goes to Manitoba. Cutting oats in the afternoon, W. Luke and horse helping. Had a bad stomach and did not take any supper.

4 – A fine cool day. George and Tom Michie, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee, Hardy, Bell and their baby here in the forenoon and Mrs. Luke and Ned in the afternoon. At church and SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a large meeting. R.T. Harrington leader.

5 – A fine day. Cut the oats in the field NW of barn, W. Luke and horse helping, finished at 5. Afterward drew in the remainder of the wheat and rye. Alex Lee finished cutting except a small piece of peas, he is the first of the season. Anna Tait came in the evening. She came to Port Perry by train and from there by wheel. George and Tom Michie leaves for Manitoba.

6 – A fine day. Helping W. Luke all day with horse to draw in oats, barley and wheat. Anna Tait leaves for home.

7 – Quite a heavy rain through the night. Went to Greenbank in the forenoon and hoed a few rows of turnips. Mr. Akhurst came after some strawberry plants. Helping W. Luke (with horse) to cut oats in the afternoon. Did not make very good headway. Port Perry firemen's excursion to Fenelon Falls. Oliver Luke at it. About 9:30 went to W. Real's and telephoned for Dr. Archer for Jennie as Dr. D. Archer was not home. Dr. R. came about 11 but sooner than necessary so we all went to bed.

8 – The Dr. was called up about 4 and between 6 and 7. [baby was unnamed at this point¹¹] was born and the Dr. left for home about 8 or 9. Took Jess over to Luke's to work on the binder and then took the jersey cow to I. Wheeler's. Walked all the way and got home about 12. Cut some oats and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Nellie Michie came up in the morning and stayed all day, also Mrs. Mark a little while in the forenoon. Quite a high NW wind in the afternoon.

9 – Helping W. Luke to cut oats (with horse). Rain a little in the afternoon so that we had to quit before 5 o'clock. Nellie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Dr. R. Archer called. Went up to A. Lee's in the evening.

10 – Rain through the night and a heavy splash about 1:30 pm. A. Lee was to have threshed this afternoon (Samson Martin's machine) but it did not come. Mr. Akhurst here for a few more strawberry plants and Miss S. Rundle for some early apples to take with her to Manitoba. Hoeing turnips most of the day and finished them. Oliver Luke brought back Jess and got a ducking on the way over. Quite cool at night with a high NW wind.

11 – A fine cool day. Nellie went home in the morning for the day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. George Fowlie here for tea, he came on his wheel. Mrs. Mark, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee called in the evening. At CE, a fair meeting, Maggie Blair leader. Choir practice after meeting.

12 – A fine day. Threshing all day at Alex Lee's (Samson Martin's machine) and did a good job. Nellie went home in the evening.

13 – A fine day. Went over to Luke's in the morning and helped him to finish cutting, then he came here and started to cut about 10. He stayed until 5 when he went home, there being a church meeting tonight. Jessie here all day tending to Annie. Mr. Henders and a Mr. Hamblin, general agent of the Smith nursery of Winowa, came just before dinner and had a long talk on fruit trees but did not give an order.

14 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Went for the beef the first thing and then finished cutting oats except some lodged places which will have to be cut with the scythe. We then drew in one load of oats (W. Luke helping), then went to Mrs. Phair's and started to thresh about 11 (John Leask's machine), worked til 6. They had a bad time getting up the sand hill. W. Luke got lost in the swamp. Mrs. John Leask Jr. here for tea.

15 – Drawing in oats until near 5 when a thunder storm came up and stopped us. W. Luke and Oliver helping. Nellie Michie here all day.

16 – Went to A. Lee's and got 6 bags of oats (borrowed) then scuffled the strawberries (4th or 5th time), then finished cutting oats with scythe. In the afternoon cut the old wood out of the berry bushes. Two Whitby men took away about ½ barrel of harvest apples, got 35 cts. for them. Oliver Luke came after their horse rake. Nellie here all day.

17 – A fine day and somewhat warm. Went down to M. O'Neill's to get Fred to help at harvest and did some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew in oats. Fred and Oliver Luke helping. Nellie went home in the morning.

18 – A fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting. I had the topic. Choir practice after.

19 – Threatening rain several times but did not rain much. Horse raked a little in the morning and then went to C. Gordon's threshing. Started about 11 and finished at 3. After that drew in oats, Fred O'Neill and Oliver Luke helping. Nellie here washing.

20 – A little rain through the night and little through the day. Fixed the barn ventilators, cleaned out the grainery and some other small jobs and after 5 helped W. Luke to draw in oats. Mrs. Bell at Port Perry in the afternoon. W. Luke called in the afternoon. 13 little pigs came to town.

21 – A fine day and pretty warm. At W. Luke's all day with horse drawing in oats. Mrs. Jas. Allan here for dinner.

22 – A very warm day, a good deal of thunder during the afternoon but no rain here. At W. Luke's all day with horse drawing in oats and peas and finished his harvest.

23 – Went up to Greenbank the first thing in the morning for coal oil and some other things, then drew in oats, W. Luke and Oliver helping. Intended to finish but about 10 when we only had a small load and some rakings left there came on a very heavy rain which stopped operations. We all got pretty well soaked. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for pig feed and got a cistern pump. After supper worked at putting in the pump.

¹¹ Son, William, was born 8 Aug 1901, 1911 Census in Reach Township.

24 – A fine day and some cooler. Fixed the cistern pump place in the forenoon. Moved the few oat shocks and some other jobs in the afternoon. Allan and Alma Black and another girl came about 4 o'clock. They went down to Mark's all night and at 7 Mr. and Mrs. James Masson came. Went with Mr. M. to Alex Lee's about 9 to see Mrs. Lee who is very sick and has been for several days but we did not hear until tonight.

25 – A very find day. Went up to A. Lee's in the morning with Mr. Masson to see how Mrs. Lee was and found her about the same which was very bad. Went to SS and church and Mr. and Mrs. Masson came to church. Mr. Cameron preached. Allan Black came home with me and went to church in the evening. Mrs. Bell at A. Lee's in the afternoon. Jennie and Mr. and Mrs. M. went up in the evening and found her no better. Mrs. M. stayed all night.

26 – Went up to A. Lee's the first thing in the morning and found them a little more hopeful about Mrs. Lee, then after breakfast drove over with Mr. Masson to James Leask's to see the show cattle that go to the fair tomorrow. Then drove Jennie and baby Annie to Port Perry to see the Dr. who says it is her blood that is thin. Intended to draw in the bit of oats but there was quite a splash of a shower about 1 which spoiled it. Put in the cistern pump in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Real called and Mr. and Mrs. Masson left for home about 5. Went up to Lee's again about 6 and the Dr. was there and he spoke with hope yet. When I got home Mrs. W. McMillan and a little girl of L. O'Leary's were here. Mrs. Bell sick in bed all afternoon. W. Luke also called.

27 – A very fine day. Picked plums, tomatoes, beans, and did some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with W. Luke's and Oliver's help, drew in the remainder of the oats and thus finished harvest. Alma Black and Miss Becker came up from Mark's and stayed all night. Went up to A. Lee's in the morning and evening to see how Mrs. L. was, she is just about the same. A very clear moonlight night.

28 – A fine day and pretty warm. Gang plowing all day except what time I was talking to visitors. About 11 Mr. Cameron and his little girl Grace came but did not stay to dinner and in the afternoon Mr. John Throop, Mrs. Luke and Robert Akhurst and C. McLean's lad called. Alma Black and Miss B. went down to Mark's. Went up to see how Mrs. Lee was, she is just about the same.

29 – A pretty warm day, some thunder but no rain here. Gang plowing all day. Went up to A. Lee's in the evening and found Mrs. Lee some better. Oliver and Eva Luke came over with the mail in the evening. A banana social at R. Greig's for the Baptist church.

30 – Gang plowing all day except the time I was talking to two Deering binder agents that called in the afternoon. At Greenbank in the evening for sugar. Gave Mrs. S. Dusty a ride down to A. Lee's, she is going to sit up with Mrs. L. who is not quite so well tonight.

31 – Gang plowing down by the 10th concession until about 4 when the rain which had been threatening most of the day came on from the NE. Went up to A. Lee's in the evening and found Alex away for Dr. Mellow as Mrs. Lee was worse.

SEPT. 1 – A cool day and threatening rain a little in the afternoon. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell and baby Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, Ethel Miller leader. The Dr. has been to see Mrs. Lee 3 times and she is no better.

2 – A fine day. Finished gang plowing the little field at the south and then harrowed it twice. A good deal of shooting in the swamp as this is the first day of duck shooting. Norman Phair cutting the bands of some oats that are not in yet. Mrs. Jas. McMillan, who has been waiting on Mrs. Lee for some days, called in the afternoon, also Mrs. Luke. Mrs. Lee a trifle better.

3 – A pretty warm day. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and little Annie to Port Perry. Jennie afterwards to S. Dusty's to see if we could get Mary for a while but did not succeed. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Mrs. Bell went down to Mark's in the evening for a letter.

4 – A fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and came home by way of E. Beare's and got his screw jack and then put stones under the front posts of the bar and after that harrowed some. Went to prayer meeting with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron leader, subject envy.

5 – One of the hottest days of the season. Went to Uxbridge in the forenoon and got pig feed corn meal at \$1.20 per hundred. Got home about 1 o'clock and after that drew 3 loads of clay into the pig pen. Mrs. Lee very low and her chance is very slight.

6 – Another very warm day. Went up to A. Lee's the first thing in the morning and again after dinner. Mrs. Lee very low. Mr. Cameron there and he baptized the baby Gladys Maire. Mrs. Bell went up in the evening and Jennie in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon here in the afternoon for a bag of apples. Pumped out the water and cleaned the well at the house with John Michie's help in the forenoon, and some other little chores and plowed some in the afternoon. [note in the margin to say that President McKinley shot at Buffalo].

7 – A very warm day until about 5 when it turned cool with a high wind from the north and smoky. Went up to Lee's in the morning and found Mrs. Lee about the same, then plowed until about 10 when I went to Port Perry to get Dr. Archer for Mrs. Lee, but they could not come til towards night. When I got back Mrs. Lee appeared to be some better. Plowed in the afternoon and went to Lee's again in the evening to hear what Dr. Archer said but they had not come. Mrs. Luke here for awhile in the forenoon.

8 – A very fine cool day. Went up to Lee's the first thing and found that the Drs. Archer did not come last night. Mrs. Lee getting weaker all the time, they thought she was dying several times through the day, but was living when I was up in the evening. Did not go to SS but took Jennie and little Annie to church, Mr. Gilchrist preached. Did not go to CE. Had a long talk with Jeff Whitter at our gate on the way home from A. Lee's.

9 – Went up to Alex Lee's in the morning and found Mrs. Lee still alive but she died about 7 am. Jennie was there just after and she came home and I unhitched from the plow to drive Mrs. Jas. and William McMillan home but Mr. Boe was going that way and took them home. I, however, went to Greenbank taking Mrs. Bell to

Lee's. Plowed in the afternoon and went up to Lee's in the evening with Jennie when there was a little prayer meeting led by Mr. Boe. James Innis here in the afternoon telling us that Mrs. John Park died today.

10 – Did not do much in the forenoon but do some paving near the stable door. Alex Cragg called for a few minutes. Got early dinner and started for Mrs. Park's funeral. Called at the clerk's office and got the baby registered. The funeral started at about 3. Rev. Mr. Cooper conducted the service and she was taken to Greenbank. I then drove Mr. Cooper down to Alex Lee's to conduct the service there (Mr. Cameron not being at home). There was a very large turnout. The bearers were R. Wallace, G. Allan, A. Gordon, C. Gordon, J.M. Real and myself. Jennie went up after dinner and made a flower wreath. Mrs. Bell went up to the house but did not go further. Tom Black and Annie called after the funeral.

11 – Thunder and rain through the night. Plowing all day. Jennie preserving plums. At prayer meeting, E. Boe leader, rather a small meeting. Pretty dark night.

12 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Worked at the calf stalls in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon.

13 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Mrs. Bell cleaning the little room upstairs. Mrs. T. Rundle and Mrs. Luke called in the afternoon.

14 – A fine day. Went to A. Lee's in the morning and got rye, then harrowed the rye ground and sowed it. Got down between 3 and 4 and did some other chores. Went to Greenbank in the evening with Jennie and Annie. Mr. and Mrs. Mark here after dinner for plums. A picture agent called after dinner. [margin note says: President McKinley died].

15 – Rain through the night and very heavy about 1 o'clock. Mrs. A. Cragg and Bella Lee called in the forenoon. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, R.T. Harrington leader in place of V. Leask.

16 – A fine day with a very high wind. Plowing all day. W. Mark here after dinner getting some apples for to show at Port Perry fair.

17 – Threatening rain a little in the morning but did not come to anything. A road job drawing clay to put on the sand hill, quit at 5 o'clock and Jennie went to Port Perry to meet Barbara on the train, but Jas. Smith, Jessie and her came by rig, they got here a little after 6. Mrs. T. Salter died this morning.

18 – A fine day and pretty cool toward night. Mr. Mark came up the first thing in the morning to tell us that Alex Lee's baby had just died. Jennie went down and helped to dress it. Picked up the fallen apples. Jas. Smith left for home about 2 taking Mrs. Bell with him to Port Perry, this being fair day. Barbara and Jessie are staying for a few days. Went with Barbara to A. Lee's baby's funeral which we left about 4:30 and got back about 6:30 and just as we got home Margaret came having chanced it up from Port Perry. P. Thompson and M. O'Neill called in the evening for help for threshing. Moved the stove in.

19 – The first frost of the season. Went early to thrash (J. Leask's machine), first at M. O'Neill's where we finished about 11:30, then to Isaac O'Neill's and finished in a little over 3 hours, then to John's and started at 4 pm. Big fire in Port Perry in the early morning, all burned on the south of Queen Street from the Western Bank to Allison's Drug Store. Barbara drove Margaret to Port Perry to the train. Mrs. Bryant here in the afternoon. Late President McKinley's funeral. [*According to the Scugog Township Heritage Gallery...September 1901. At twelve o'clock midnight Sept. 18 the baker shop of A.J. Sproule, on the south side of Queen St. in the Purdy block was discovered to be on fire. Despite the best efforts of the Fire Brigade the fire destroyed A. Ross & Sons, general merchants; E.H. Purdy, produce merchant and groceries; C.H. Allison, druggist; J.A. Murray, dentist; S.T. Cawker & Sons, butcher; The Western Bank; S.M. Newton, publisher; W.H. Harris, barrister and many other small businesses*].

20 – A fine cool day. Threshing at John's and finished at 10:30. Cut some corn and finished the stable repairs and some other chores in the afternoon. At choir practice in the evening. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner and Mrs. Luke in the afternoon.

21 – A very fine day. Cut the horse corn in the little patch and orchard. Jessie Smith down at Mark's in the afternoon.

22 – A fine day. Walked to SS and church and Jennie, Annie and Jessie Smith drove up to church, Mr. Cameron preached a memorial sermon for Mrs. Alex Lee, a large turnout. Drove with Barbara in the evening to Port Perry and heard Mr. Cooper preach, a very good sermon. A beautiful clear night.

23 – A fine day. Shocked up corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon took Barbara and Jessie to the station in Port Perry and brought Mrs. Bell home with me. Dug a few potatoes in the orchard after coming home. Went over to Luke's with Jennie in the evening for the mail.

24 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Went up to Alex Lee's in the evening to see Alex Leask about cutting corn. He started after nightfall to cut Alex Lee's but had to quit as he could not see well enough, although it was a moonlight night. Jessie Michie here in the afternoon.

25 – A fine day but pretty cool in the morning. Went for the beef in the morning and plowed the rest of the day. Had A. Lee's horse Sandy hitched up in the afternoon as Mrs. Bell drove out to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell on the train but she did not come. It was about 9:30 when Mrs. Bell got home. A very fine moonlit night.

26 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. A. Bougard called wanting to buy pigs. He offered \$7.10 per 100, sold to go two weeks from today. Dr. D. Archer called just before dinner, he is hunting up evidence in a law suit with Mr. Town which comes off in Toronto next week. Threshing at Mr. Akhurst's in the afternoon. Started about 2:45 and worked until 7, the last ½ hour by moonlight. Went over to Phair's to ask them to threshing tomorrow. Mrs. Bell went out to Port Perry just before dinner and Alex engaged Miss Maggie Smith as housekeeper for a month on trial. Eva Luke came over with a card saying that Jessie Bell was

coming on the train tonight. Mrs. Bell drove down and waited until the last train when Jessie and Alma Perrin came. They did not get here until after 10 pm. A very fine moonlight night.

27 – A very fine day. Jennie went out to Port Perry in the morning for some meat and brought Jess' trunk up. Threshing at Akhurst's and finished about 9:45. They then moved here and had an hour run before dinner. Started again at 12:30 and worked till 6:30. D. Till stayed all night.

28 – A fine day. Finished threshing in about 2 ½ hours and then moved to W. Luke's and finished him a little before 6. Jennie and Jess went to Greenbank in the evening.

29 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Communion at Greenbank. Went with Jennie and Jessie Bell. Mr. Cameron preached. A small attendance on account of the rain. Did not go to CE as the weather was not very good and I had a bad cold.

30 – A fine day, a little cool. Threshing at Phair's all day and finished a little before 6. Mrs. Bell and Alma Perrin went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Miss Smith, A. Lee's housekeeper with them.

OCT. 1 – A fine day. Took 6 bags of rye and 10 of oats over to Beare's mill and fixed the line fence in the forenoon and drew 3 loads of clay on the road in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell and Alma Perrin went over to Luke's in the evening for the mail. Jennie went to Mark's to see about help in the house. F. Dobson and Bella McMillan married today.

2 – Thunder and rain through the night. Started at 6:30 am and drove Mrs. Bell, Jessie Bell and Alma Perrin out to Port Perry in the wagon to the morning train (rain most of the way out). Mrs. Bell and Jessie are off to Rochester. Nellie Michie came this morning to stay awhile. Went for the meal to Beare's mill in the afternoon and then cleaned up the barn floor. Nellie went to prayer meeting and did not come back for the night.

3 – A pretty cool day with several flurries of rain. Plowing all day. Kept the horses in all night for the first time.

4 – A cool day. Plowing all day. Jessie Michie and Lizzie Blight called in the forenoon. Nellie went down to D. Cragg's in the evening.

5 – Several rain flurries through the day and quite a heavy shower about 6:30. Plowing all day.

6 – A pretty cool day. At SS and church. Children's day service by Mr. Cameron. Mrs. Carnegie came home with me to tea. At CE, a fair meeting, Jas. Miller leader.

7 – A fine summer-like day but a pretty hard frost in the morning. Plowing all day. Went down to M. O'Neill's at noon to get help at potatoes tomorrow. Nellie left and Jessie came in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening. Brought John Lee down with me to Alex's. Got a new pair of short boots at S. Dusty's.

8 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon, Fred O'Neill helping, and went to G. Byers' sale in the afternoon. Things went well especially the livestock. Went over to see Charles Gordon in the evening, he has been very sick, but is now some better. Called at I. O'Neill's collecting for a present to Mrs. F. Dobson. Jessie Michie here all day.

9 – Threatening rain several times but did not amount to much. Digging potatoes in the forenoon and after dinner W. Leask cut the corn with the corn harvester and after that drew in some of it. Fred O'Neill helping all day. Old Isaac Truax here most of the forenoon and stayed for dinner. Jessie Michie here all day.

10 – A very dull day and several drizzles of rain. Took the pigs to Port Perry in the morning. Tried to lead them up alone but had to get John to help. They (6) weighed 1100 and got \$6.75 per 100. Brought a washing machine home on trial. In the afternoon went to Alex Lee's surprise plowing bee. 14 plows at it. Nellie here all day.

11 – A fine day. Digging potatoes all alone until about the middle of the afternoon, then shocking up corn. Jennie and baby Annie went to Port Perry and Jessie and Birdie Cragg here in the afternoon. Nellie here all day. Pared apples in the evening, the first of the season. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon wanting to buy apples.

12 – A fine day, but raining a little in the evening. At the corn all day. John Lee and Bella called in the forenoon.

13 – A very fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. and Mrs. John Monroe and Miss Jennie [?] were there. No CE as this is the S. of T. sermon at the Methodist church [Sons of Temperance].

14 – A very fine day. Picking up fallen apples and digging potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to a church managers bee to clear out the furnace pipes and nail some boards on the sheds.

15 – A fine day but rain in the evening. Digging potatoes in the forenoon, Jennie helping a little. In the afternoon went to Charles Gordon's bee helping him to dig his potatoes and mangles. Alex Lee, A. Akhurst and Alex Gordon at it. A. Lee, E. Phair and Oliver Luke called in the forenoon. Mr. W. Mark had our buggy away.

16 – A fine day. Finished digging potatoes in the forenoon, Jennie helping. She and baby Annie afterwards went to Greenbank. Jessie Michie here for dinner. Took A. Lee's borrowed oats home and plowed the remainder of the afternoon. O. Luke and Isaac O'Neill here after dinner and Mr. Cameron called in the afternoon. Went down to Mark's in the evening to practice singing for the W.F.M.S. social next Tuesday evening.

17 – Intended going to Mrs. Phair's to help shingle part of her barn, but it rained through the night and the roof would be too wet. Plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Mrs. Harper's sale. A disagreeable afternoon, some snow, the first of the season. Tax collector W. Dobson called as we were at dinner.

18 – Ground white with snow in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon picked most of the apples, Nellie helping. 3 barrels Ben Davis, 1 bag Wagners, 1 bag greenings. Mrs. Akhurst here for the afternoon. In the evening went with W. Luke by invitation to the meeting of the [?] League, to act as one of the critics in a debate. The subject was which was the greater man – Moses or Joshua, Moses son. Not a very fine night.

19 – A fine day but pretty cool with high wind in the afternoon. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew a load of bricks from O'Neill's for Mr. Purdy's new store which was burned down lately. Mrs. Mark and Jessie here in the afternoon picking apples and John came after them. At Mark's in the evening with Nellie practicing singing.

20 – At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, partly on account of the anniversary services at the Methodist church. Maggie Blair was down for leader but could not come on account of her father being very low. Mr. Miller took the topic.

21 – A very fine day. Cleaned out the pig pens and some other chores and topped a few turnips which starts the turnips [harvest]. Helping Mrs. Phair to shingle a part of her barn. Jessie, Edith Phair and Pat Thompson here today. Jennie housecleaning.

22 – A very fine day. Shingling at Mrs. Phair's in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon, Norman Phair helping. Isaac O'Neill had Topsy away at Uxbridge for pig feed. Jennie and baby Annie at Greenbank in the forenoon. At W.F.M.L. annual social, a fine night and a good turnout. One of the principal things being a presentation to Mrs. Frank Dobson and singing by Miss Annie Rennie. Made over \$24.00.

23 – A fine day with very high NW wind in the afternoon and lots of dust. Harrowing out turnips in the forenoon, Norman Phair topping, and finished them. Drew in in the afternoon alone, 5 loads. Threw back turnips in the evening.

24 – A pretty cool morning with high wind. Rowed up turnips for awhile and drew in for the rest of the day, Jennie helping. 11 loads. Threw them back in the root house in the evening. Phair's boys have fires in the swamp.

25 – A very fine day. Drawing in turnips, Jennie helping. 13 loads and finished all that was harrowed up. Threw back turnips in the evening. A beautiful night. James Blair Sr. died, aged 76.

26 – A fine day with a pretty high wind in the afternoon. Harrowed out the remainder of the turnips and rowed up a few in the forenoon and drew in 7 loads, Jennie helping. Threw back in the evening. Jennie and baby Annie went to Sam Dusty's in the evening to see about getting Mary for a month. We had scarcely got to bed when Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrin, Alma and Jennie Perrin, Anna Tait and Bella [?] came. Got to bed the second time about 11. Nellie went home to bed.

27 – A very fine day. Anna Tait, Bella [Slemon?] and Alma Perrin went down to Mark's in the forenoon. Willie Smith, who came back to Mark's on his wheel came here about 12. Went to SS and

church with Anna and Bella, Mr. Cameron preached. Norman Cragg addressed the SS. The Newcastle folks left for home at 5 pm. Did not go to CE. Mrs. Luke called in the afternoon.

28 – A fine day. Rowed up a few turnips in the morning and then went to Jas. Blair's funeral at 10 am. He was buried at Oshawa so I did not go further than the house. Drew in turnips in the afternoon alone, 5 loads. At Baptist church lecture in the evening. Rev. Mr. Kennedy lectured on John Bull and liberty. A good lecture but rather a small turnout although the night was very fine. Had a long talk with Mr. Burnett on political questions. Nellie here in the forenoon.

29 – A fine day. Drew in turnips alone in the forenoon, 4 loads, which finishes for this year. 45 loads in all. I do not remember when they came in in such good condition. In the afternoon went with a load of turnips for John Park of Manchester from G. Byers. Got home a little after dark. Mary Dusty came after dinner and started her month. Had a long talk with Mr. Burnett.

30 – A fine day. Went in the forenoon with baby Annie to G. Mark's to see about buying calves but he had sold his, but I bought 2 from Mr. Mill's nearby for \$17. Went after them with the waggon in the afternoon. W. Luke called and got 3 bags of apples. Jennie and Mary Dusty went to prayer meeting.

31 – Drawing manure into the orchard in the forenoon and drew in the horse corn in the afternoon, John Michie helping. Corn in splendid order. Pared apples in the evening.

NOV. 1 – A very fine day. Plowing all day in the orchard. Mary Dusty and Annie went down to Mark's in the afternoon and Jessie came up with them.

2 – An unusually fine day. Harrowed the orchard and threw back the turnips from the root house door in the forenoon and plowing sod in the afternoon. A. Mark's in the evening having a sing.

3 – A fine day but pretty cool towards night. Mary Dusty went home in the forenoon and came home with me in the evening. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached a memorial sermon for Mr. Blair, a large attendance. Nearly all the Baptist people were there. At CE, rather a small meeting, R.T. Harrington leader.

4 – Rain, snow and sleet all forenoon. Went up to Joe Burton's, fixed the tub, churn, washing machine, apple rack and a pail and cut some wood in the wood house in the forenoon, and plowed sod in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. Quite a hard frost tonight.

5 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Cleaned out the pigpen and plowed sod in the forenoon and cleaned out the closet and dug some in the orchard in the afternoon while Jennie and baby Annie went to Port Perry. Jessie Michie here in the afternoon and her and Mary Dusty went to S. Dusty's in the evening.

6 – A pretty hard frost in the morning. Rather too hard to plow, did some chores and helped to wash in the forenoon and went to Beare's mill in the afternoon with a load of oats to get ground. Got the meal home with me. Jennie and Mary Dusty at prayer meeting in the evening. Plowing match at Myrtle today.

7 – Rather a dull day and threatening rain but did not amount to much. Plowing sod in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon with a load of turnips for Alex Lee, he having sold a car load to Mr. Monroe. Mary Dusty at Mark's in the evening.

8 – A little rain through the night but a fine day. Took two loads of turnips to Port Perry for Alex Lee. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner.

9 – The King's birthday. A raw day with several rain and snow flurries. Plowing sod all day and in the evening drove to Port Perry for Mrs. Bell who came back from Rochester. A pretty dark night. A [book?] man here in the afternoon.

10 – A very hard frost in the morning which broke the handle of the cistern pump. Mary Dusty went home for dinner and stayed until evening. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a fair meeting. I was the leader, Temperance subject.

11 – Rain through the forenoon and a heavy fog in the afternoon and rain again at night. Burned off some of the barn timber chips, picked over some apples and other chores in the forenoon and plowed sod in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. A very dark night. Put in the fattening steers for the first.

12 – Heavy rain through the night. Plowing sod in the forenoon and in the afternoon dug out the last of the big elm stump, put a bottom in a barrel, the first time I ever did the like, while Jennie went to Port Perry for Mrs. Bell's trunk.

13 – Plowing sod all day and finished. A pretty hard frost in the morning and quite a snow towards evening. Mrs. Bell visiting Miss Smith at A. Lee's in the afternoon. Samson Martin moved his threshing machine to A. Lee's.

14 – A very rough wintery day with high NW wind and some snow. Fixed the root house windows, dug some in the orchard, banked up the pantry, fixed the rocking chair, got in the cabbage and other chores. Went over to Luke's before supper for the mail but there was none. Pared apples in the evening. Alex Lee had a runaway this afternoon.

15 – Snowing a little most of the day. Doing a few chores in the forenoon and threshing (S. Martin's machine) at Alex Lee's in the afternoon at the Luke place, and in the evening went over to L. Burnett's to have a talk on political subjects. A rough snowy night. Mary Dusty was home for the afternoon.

16 – Threshing at A. Lee's all day, finished the Luke barn at 9:15, then moved to his home barn and finished it at 4:30.

17 – A fine day and thawing a little. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, Mrs. W. Wallace leader. Mr. Petty and Rose called in the afternoon.

18 – A fine day. Went out to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and Annie and in the afternoon did a few odd jobs. Alex Lee took away 6 little pigs, 5 at \$3.00 each and a runt at \$1.00. At W. Luke's in the evening with Jennie.

19 – A fine day but not thawing much. Put on the storm windows and some other chores in the forenoon and drew in some wood into the woodshed with the sleigh (the first sleighing of the season, but not very good) in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

20 – A fine day. Fanned up a load of oats and 3 bags of wheat for a grist in the forenoon and drew in one load of potatoes in the afternoon, Jennie helping in both cases. In the evening went with Wes Luke to Port Perry to a little meeting to try to settle the differences between John Dryden and L. Burnett. The meeting was held at Mr. J.H. Brown's. After much talk they decided to bury the hatchet. Got home about 3 am.

21 – A fine day. Took the load of oats to Port Perry and got 42 cts, and in the afternoon drew in one load of potatoes. Mrs. Bell at A. Lee's for tea. George and Tom Michie got home from Manitoba.

22 – Thawing a little all day and a little rain in the evening. Wes Luke brought over a pig and we killed it and our one in the forenoon, and made a gate in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell went to Port Perry in the morning and did not get home until after 4. Pared apples in the evening.

23 – A pretty cold day with east wind. Finished making gate and cut up the pig in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon to Mr. Allan's cutter sale. Did not buy anything.

24 – Some warmer with a little rain in the afternoon which froze as it fell. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as Jennie and her Mother went to church at Port Perry. Jennie and Annie went down to Mark's before dinner to see the Manitoba boys.

25 – About 4 inches of snow through the night and quite a wintery day but not so very cold. Hung the gate west of the barn and put a handle in the draw knife in the forenoon and piled up wood in the woodshed in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

26 – A very cold rough day and drifting a good deal, the lane blocked with snow. Piled up wood in the woodshed, swept down the cobwebs in the stable and partly made a saw horse is pretty much about all that was done out of the house today.

27 – A very cold day, only 5 above zero in the morning which is very severe for November. Did little but a few chores. Jennie and Mary Dusty went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the cutter, the first time it has been out this season, fair sleighing. William Luke married today.

28 – Thanksgiving day, a fine day but pretty cold. Went to service in church in the afternoon, Mr. Cameron preached. A fairly good turnout. Took Mary Dusty home, her month being in. Pared apples in the evening, probably the last of the season.

29 – Some fresh snow through the night. Warmer and thawing a little, but colder again towards night. Banked up the root house with manure and drew wood into the woodhouse.

30 – A fine day. Piled up wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and drew in one load of potatoes, Jennie helping, in the afternoon. Quite a few frozen.

DEC. 1 - Warmer and thawing fast, the sleighing which has been good for the last few days is going fast. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. The congregation was small on account of Russell Camplin's funeral. At CE, rather a small meeting, E. Boe leader.

2 - Some colder. Drew in the remainder of the potatoes in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Went down to Mark's before dinner to see about getting John to help felt paper the house tomorrow. At Port Perry in the afternoon.

3 - John came up in the morning to help at putting on the felt paper on the house but we decided that it was too cold to start the job and he went home. I then cut down two of the apple trees behind the woodpile and the little tamarack at the cookhouse door and in the afternoon drew away the brush and put straw on the strawberries.

4 - Another very cold day. Made some scaffolding apparatus and piled wood in the forenoon and finished the sawhorse and cut some smaller trees at the north orchard fence in the afternoon. W. Luke called in the afternoon.

5 - A very fine day but pretty cold in the morning, just at zero. Went to Port Perry in the morning and when I got home Mr. E. Boe, R.T. Harrington and A. Akhurst were here. They came to see about a lecture by Mr. McMillan of Lindsay. They all stayed to dinner. Jessie came just as they were going away. Trimmed the trees east of the barn pump in the afternoon and in the evening went down to Mark's to see Miss Annie Rennie about helping at the lectures and had a lesson in music.

6 - A very fine day. Drew off the brush and the wood that I cut yesterday in the forenoon and in the afternoon started at putting the paper under the clapboard of the house, John helping. In the evening went with Jennie to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon's golden wedding, about 40 at it, and quite a good time. They gave Mr. G. A watch and Mrs. a shawl and hood. Got home at 12:30. Oliver and Eva called in the evening.

7 - Rather a dull day. All day at papering house, John helping.

8 - Started to snow heavily at 11 am, which turned to a misty rain during the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie, Mr. Cameron preached, giving his personal experiences of the evil of strong drink. Temperance pledge cards given out in the SS. Did not go to CE as it was a very dark night.

9 - Went out to Port Perry in the forenoon with little Annie to change the date on the lecture bills. Cleaned out the pigpen, sharpened the bucksaw and cut some wood in the afternoon. Went down to Mark's in the evening and had a sing. Snowing from the east in the evening.

10 - Several inches of snow through the night and a little falling through the day but not so very cold. Did very little but a few odd jobs.

11 - A fine day. Went to Port Perry (with the cutter) with Jennie and little Annie in the forenoon. At papering house in the afternoon, John helping. Jennie and Annie went to WFM meeting and Nellie Michie came home with her and stayed for supper.

12 - A very fine day. At papering the house all day, John helping, and finished the job.

13 - Thawing, started to rain about noon and continued most of the afternoon which played mischief with the sleighing which was very good. Put thumb latch on cattle stable door, put storm windows on Mother's room and some other odd jobs.

14 - Heavy rain all forenoon and until about the middle of the afternoon when it turned to sleet and hail and finally to a little snow. A decidedly bad day. Did nothing but a few chores. Saw nobody.

15 - A good deal colder. Walked to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Some wheels and some sleighs, wheels rather the best. Did not go to CE.

16 - A fine day and pretty cold. Cut some wood in the forenoon and drew a load of manure for the garden and drew in some wood to the woodshed in the afternoon. In the evening went with Mrs. Bell to a lecture in the church by Mr. McMillan of Lindsay. I liked the lecture well, but Mrs. Bell not at all. Made \$20.15 which left \$2.15 to the good.

17 - Fixed the clothes line and cut wood in the swamp all day, the first of the season. At church managers meeting in the evening. James Innis was expressing his dislike of the lecture last night. Snowing a little in the afternoon and evening.

18 - A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and went to E. Beare's mill in the afternoon with 14 bags of oats and got them ground. Mr. Henders here for dinner and took an order for 3 apple trees. Miss A. Watson married today.



Image above of Beare's Mill, c1900.

19 - 4 below zero in the morning but turned out a nice day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon. In the afternoon did little, but started at 5:45 pm and drove with Jennie to Uxbridge, it being the opening of their new town hall. A very good concert on the whole.

There was over 70 in the chorus, also orchestra, and band, and a full house. Went with the cutter but the sleighing was rather thin. Got home at 1 am. Mrs. Bell kept the children.

20 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Saw nobody.

21 – 6 below zero in the morning and a very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. At Mark's in the evening having a sing.

22 – Warmer, with quite a wind from the SW. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a very small meeting, leader Nellie McMillan did not turn up.

23 – A very fine day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went out to Port Perry with Jennie and little Annie for some Christmas things. Took the cutter but it was rather poor sleighing. In the evening went to the annual SS meeting. Not a very large turnout. They put me in for superintendant. A little snow in the evening.

24 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and picking over potatoes in the cellar in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell drove out to Port Perry in the afternoon. In the evening went to a concert by the S. of T., a fairly good time. \$10.60 was the proceeds. A very fine night.

25 – Christmas, and a very fine day. Went down to Mark's and got John to do the chores, and started about 10 am with Jennie, little Annie, and baby Willie (the first time he was ever off the place) and got to James Smith's about 1. Tom Black and all the family including Alan who has been very sick with typhoid fever, George and Tom Michie and James C. Masson, and also Mrs. Hallet were there. Put in a very pleasant afternoon and evening with music and talk and went to bed about 12. George and Tom left for home at 11. Went with the buggy.

26 – Another very fine day. Intended to be home for dinner but Willie Smith and Jas. Masson went to Whitby expecting to get a gramophone that he had bought as a present to Annie his wife, and we stayed to hear it, but they did not get it, so we got dinner and started about 3 and got home as it was getting dark. Found that Mother had been very sick last night when Mrs. Bell was here alone.

27 – A nice day. Finished picking over the potatoes in the cellar in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank with little Annie for coal oil. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Alex Lee got a barrel of apples.

28 – A fine day and thawing a little. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Mrs. Bell went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

29 – A little snow during the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached, an extra large congregation. No CE as there is anniversary services in the Methodist church. Mrs. Bell went up to visit Miss Smith in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Went down to Mark's in the evening to see William who was hurt with a tree falling on him last Tuesday. He is getting better. Dusty's girls were there. Sandy and Mrs. Alex Gordon here for some apples.

31 – Snowing and very rough with a high NW wind and much colder. Cutting wood in the swamp most of the day. An Indian here for dinner, he was selling little picture stands.

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Jan. 1 – A very fine day but pretty cold. Went up to Greenbank in the afternoon with little Annie for some tea. Wes Luke called after dinner with the mail. Made a gate for the field east of the orchard. Hot supper in the Methodist church but did not go. Made \$130.00.

2 – A fairly fine day with quite a snow storm in the evening. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. G. Michie came up with the team for a wood rack, but there was none here.

3 – A very cold day (3 to 6 above zero) and rough. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to the preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Wishart of Beaverton preached to a fair congregation. At Mark's in the evening having a sing.

4 – 6 below zero in the morning but got warmer during the day. Cut wood in the swamp in the morning and after dinner took Jennie and the two babies up to Alex Gordon's for a visit and went after them at 5 o'clock. George Fowlie here for dinner and stayed the afternoon.

5 – A fine day. Went with Mrs. Bell to communion service at Wick, Mr. Cameron conducted the service. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon. At service in the evening, Rev. Mr. Lumbert preached to a large congregation, there being no service at the Methodist church. Mr. Cameron preached at Saintfield.

6 – A fine day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove to Greenbank to vote for councilmen. Voted for R. Holtby for reeve and Jas. Munroe, Jas. McCullah and W. Stephens for councilmen.

7 – A fine day. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with Jennie and little Annie. Got little Annie's photo taken (2nd time). Mr. and Mrs. Cameron here while we were away.

8 – Snowing a little from the east most of the day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon but did not go in the afternoon as it was too wet. Put on some buttings on the shop. In the evening went with Jennie to the annual church meeting, a fair turnout. Money matters came out \$49.00 ahead. Managers elected. A. Akhurst, W. Wallace, A. Leask, and John Somerville.

9 – A mild day. Put on some more buttings on the shop in the forenoon and in the afternoon made a door for the cupboard under chimney.

10 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Had the [?] down in the evening, the first for a long time.

11 – Snow through the night and off and on most of the day which will make fine sleighing if it does not drift. Drew up some wood from the swamp in the forenoon (the first of the season) but the afternoon was snowy. Fixed the back of the sleigh and went over to W. Luke's, at least nearly got there and met Oliver and Eva in the cutter who said Mr. L. was not at home so I rode back with them.

12 – A very cold rough day. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, the first Sunday that I acted as superintendant. Some trouble getting teachers. Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as it was a rough cold night.

13 – Another very cold day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. At church managers meeting in the evening and did not get home until very near 12. The roads are pretty badly drifted.

14 – A fine day and much warmer. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and went out to Port Perry with Jennie and little Annie in the afternoon. Had some oysters for supper, the first for a long time.

15 – A very fine mild day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Jennie and Annie went out to Port Perry in the afternoon to get Annie's photo taken again, they did not like the first proof very well.

16 – A very nice day. Spent most of the forenoon with W. Luke in looking at another wood lot and finally bought one for \$10.00 and in the afternoon cut some wood. Went down to Mark's in the evening with a letter for John and to get the 2 inch auger. A very fine clear night. First day of Port Perry races.

17 – A very fine day. 6 below zero in the morning. Drawing wood from the swamp all day. Mrs. Bell not very well and Mother had a bad time with sore feet.

18 – A very fine day, but a little rough in the evening. Cut wood in the swamp all day, Tom Michie helping to saw. Got supper and was at the chorus when John Michie of Scott, Mrs. R. Greaves and Gertie Greaves came, and soon after Mr. and Mrs. James C. Masson came and they all stayed all night. Spent most of the evening until near 12 listening to Mr. M's gramophone and enjoyed it very much.

19 – 2 below zero in the morning but got some warmer through the day. J. Michie and Mrs. Grieves left about 10 am. Went to SS and church alone. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. M. and Jennie came to church, Mr. Sinclair of Sonya preached. At CE with Mrs. Masson, a fairly good turnout as there had been meeting for some time, it was election of officers. They put me in for president; R.T. Harrington, vice pres. A very bright clear night, road pretty tipsy in some places.

20 – A fine day and a holiday as nothing was done but listen to the music of the gramophone, this was music day for sure. Jennie and Mrs. Masson went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Gordon came down in the morning and Mr. Gordon stayed a while to hear the music and Mrs. G. stayed until about 4 o'clock when I drove her home and then went to Greenbank for some coffee for lunch in the evening. In the evening there was a big

concert which continued until after 12 and everyone was delighted. The following were present: George, Tom, Nellie and Jessie Michie; Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Oliver, Eva and Ned; A. Gordon Sr. and A. Gordon Jr.; Mrs. Alex Gordon and Bessie; Annie and Mary Dusty; A. Akhurst; Tennie McPhail; Alex Lee; and Miss Smith and George Lane.

21 – Another day pretty much the same as yesterday. Music until about 3 when Mr. and Mrs. Masson left for home, taking the music box with them. They were down at Mark's awhile in the forenoon. Started to storm some from the east just when they left.

22 – A great snow through the night from the NE and continued most of the day. There must be about 14 [inches] at least of new snow fell and quite a bit of drifting. Helped at washing in the forenoon, hung the clothes in the kitchen. Fixing the turnip drill in the afternoon.

23 – A fine day. Went down to the swamp in the forenoon and dug up some of the wood last cut out of the snow which is over knee deep. Spent all afternoon with the team breaking roads which are very heavy.

24 – A fine day. Drawing wood from the swamp. Very heavy work on account of the snow. Alex Lee brought the mail. No mail to Greenbank for two or three days.

25 – A very fine day. Cleaned out the pig house in the forenoon while Mrs. Bell went to Port Perry and in the afternoon drove with the sleigh to Greenbank with Jennie and little Annie (roads pretty bad). Got tea at John Lee's.

26 – A little snow in the morning from the SW which turned to sleet and then almost to rain, which settled the snow some. At SS and church alone, Mr. Cameron preached. Mr. James Allan and family were absent, a very rare thing. Did not go to CE as the roads, especially through the fields, were very heavy.

27 – Colder and a pretty high wind from the west but not drifting. Bagged up a grist of oats (16 bags) and helped with the washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with the oats to Port Perry and got them ground and brought them home.

28 – A very fine day, 2 below zero in the morning. Split some wood and fixed the turnip drill and some other chores. About 4:30 Willie Smith and his mother came, bringing the gramophone, and we drove up with the sleigh (Jennie went also) to the church and gave an entertainment of over 2 hours to a full house and highly appreciated as far as I could learn. A collection was taken up for the children's hospital in Toronto. Between 9 and 10 dollars was taken up.

29 – A very fine day. Very little done but listen to the gramophone. Willie Smith went down to Mark's and stayed for dinner. They left for home about 3. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry at the same time. John Lee called in the evening and had a talk principally on church matters. 6 years ago tonight since we started on married life. Fred Love's baby buried today.

30 – A fine day, at zero in the morning. Drew wood from the swamp and dry wood into the shed all day. W. Luke called with the mail.

31 – A fine day in the forenoon but snowing from the east in the afternoon and evening. Drew up wood from the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to the District Division of the S. of T. at Greenbank. A very good attendance. Went with Jennie and little Annie in the evening to W. Luke's and had tea and spent the evening. Alex Lee and Miss Smith were there also.

FEB. 1 – A fine day. Went down to the 11th conc. and brought home the last of the wood on the Cragg lot. In the afternoon took Mrs. Bell to Port Perry on the way to Newcastle. When I got home Mr. Jas. Miller was here and we went at the report on church life and work and finished in about 2 hours.

2 – Snowing a little in the forenoon which in the afternoon turned to a NW blizzard. A perfect terror of a night, the worst this winter so far. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Had all we could do getting home on account of the drifts. A. Lee rode up with and home with me. No CE tonight.

3 – Drifting all through the night and all day which makes drifts from 6 to 8 feet high in some places. Roads all blocked up. No trains. Did little but the chores. Saw no one expect those of our own house today.

4 – A finer day and pretty cold. Spent the afternoon in breaking roads. First time got through at 6 pm. Side road not open at 3 pm.

5 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the wood shed most of the day. Went down to Mark's after dinner.

6 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in the swamp with the saw, Tom Michie helping.

7 – Snowing a little during the day and got quite rough towards night. Cutting wood all day in the swamp, Tom helping, and finished the old lot.

8 – Snowing and drifting most of the day, especially towards night when it got very rough. To all appearances the roads are all blocked up again. Had Tom helping to cut down the big apple trees behind the woodpile and the big one near the east fence. Worked until about the middle of the afternoon when it got too rough. Nancy cow got a calf in the evening.

9 – Drifting all day and pretty cold. Alex Lee came down in the morning with the mail which he got yesterday and Oliver came over in the forenoon on horseback. No one out anywhere on account of the roads which are all blocked with snow.

10 – 4 below zero in the morning and a cutting NW wind and drifting a little most of the day. Helping at the washing in forenoon and trimming up tree tops in the swamp in the afternoon. Wes Luke called in the afternoon towards evening.

11 – A somewhat finer day but drifting some in the afternoon. With Tom's help we cut some saw logs on the new lot in the swamp (the first at another new lot). Cut the green pines. In the afternoon drove with the sleigh to Port Perry for coal oil and some other things.

12 – Snowing a little most of the day and drifting some. Spent the day in the shop making a wash stand. Tom came up in the morning and went to the swamp to cut logs but I did not know that he was there. He came up about 10 and then went to A. Lee's and did not come back.

13 – A much finer day. Cutting saw logs in the swamp with Tom all day but did not make much headway. Wes Luke tried to take a load of turnips to the Byers' place but did not get further than A. Lee's and had to turn back.

14 – The finest day for quite a while. Sawing logs in the swamp in the forenoon, Tom helping, and in the afternoon cut down the big maple which stood between here and Alex Lee's. It made 3 fine 12 foot logs which I intend taking to the sawmill to be cut into flooring.

15 – A most beautiful day. All the trees covered with hoar frost in the morning and looked something grand. With Tom's help finished cutting the maple and then cut the apple tree near the clothesline. Tom went home after dinner. In the afternoon I finished and painted the washstand.

16 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening, rather a small meeting. Lizzie McArthur was to have been leader but failed to appear so the lot fell to me. A beautiful evening.

17 – A very nice day. Helped at the washing and some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with little Annie (got her photos). Nellie Michie called in the afternoon. Wes Luke moved to the Byers' place today.

18 – A pretty cold rough day and drifting some. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Alex Lee came down in the evening with the mail, 5 letters and a postcard.

19 – A very cold morning, 2 below zero and a high NW wind. Things frozen up in the house, the worst this winter. It got some milder as the day wore on. Did very little in the forenoon, did the chores early expecting A. Akhurst to come with his team and go to a wood cutting bee for the church at Whetter's, but he did not come. Cutting in the swamp in the afternoon.

20 – A very fine day. Started to cut the wood pile. Started to do the chores before dinner when Oliver Luke came in wanting me to help him out with a colt that got stuck in the snow in Fair's swamp. He was taking the colt up to the Byers' place. After dinner went with Albert Akhurst's sleigh, along with Alex Gordon, John and Tom Michie, to the wood cutting bee for the church at Whetter's. Had to walk home alone.

21 – A very fine day. Trees covered with hoar frost in the morning. Drew up wood from the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to John Burke's sale, lot 11, conc. 8. A fair sale especially cattle and pigs. Did not buy anything. Gave A. Lee a ride home. Some terrible snow drifts on the roads.

22 – A very fine day. Drawing wood from the swamp and the orchard all day. Wilbert Lee came down with the mail in the afternoon.

23 – A very fine day. All the trees covered with hoar frost in the morning. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jas. Allan, Jas. Leask and G.A. McMillan appointed delegates to prohibition convention at Toronto on Tuesday. At CE, a fair meeting, R.T. Harrington leader. G.A. McMillan delegate to convention.

24 – A nice day and thawing a little. Drawing out saw logs from the swamp in the forenoon. Did a few chores in the afternoon and then went with little Annie to Port Perry to meet Annie Tait who came on the train. Wilbert Lee came down with the mail. D. Perkins had Joe Phoenix before J. Nott today charged with shooting through his window some time ago. Decision reserved.

25 – A very nice day and thawing a little. Drawing out logs from the wood lot all day. Anna Tait went with Wes and Mrs. Luke just before dinner to help them to put down a new parlor carpet and stayed all night.

26 – A very nice day. Drawing out logs and wood in the forenoon. When I came home to dinner I found 9 little pigs alive and 1 dead in the shed. After dinner A. Akhurst and I tried for about an hour to get the old pig into the root house but failed. Jennie, however, got her in during the afternoon. We then went to the church wood bee. I drove with the cutter. Had a stomach ache in the evening and Jennie and Anna did the chores. Ned Luke here a while in the afternoon. Thawing quite a bit and roads getting soft.

27 – Thawing quite a bit. Went 3 trips to Beare's mill with saw logs, 6 at each load. Jessie Michie here in the forenoon asking Annie Tait to a party tonight at Fred Bryant's but Annie took sick in the afternoon and did not go.

28 – Great rain through the night and off and on all day. Snow going very fast, bare ground to be seen everywhere, roads impossible. Did little but a few odd jobs. Jennie started a mat.

MAR – 1 A little rain in the forenoon and thawing some all day. Split some wood in the shed and some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove to Greenbank. Roads very bad after the thaw, the first to travel most of the road since the break up. No mail today or yesterday. Gave A. Akhurst a ride home. Saw Mrs. J. Turner at W. Real's.

2 – A little rain quite a lot of the day. Turned some colder in the evening. Nobody out at all today on account of the roads. A long day to me.

3 – Colder and a little snow and pretty rough day. Spent most of the day making new rollers for the turnip drill. Anna Tait walked to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail but someone had got it before she got there.

4 – A fine day. Cut wood with buck saw most of the day. Anna went down to Mark's in the morning with the mail and Nellie came up with her and stayed until after tea helping hook a mat. Anna and Nellie went up to A. Lee's and S. Dusty's in the evening. Wes Luke called in the afternoon. He was looking at the roads but the prospect was not good, in fact there is no passable roads since the thaw.

5 – A fine day. Cutting wood with buck saw most of the time. Anna went to Port Perry with G. and Nellie Michie in the afternoon. Nellie here in the forenoon. Wilbert Lee came with the mail. Alex Ewen [Ewing?] married.

6 – A fine day. Buck sawed wood in the forenoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. In the afternoon went with the sleigh to Port Perry with 10 bags of rye and oats to get ground but did not get it home. Took Jennie, little Annie and baby down on a visit to Marshall O'Neill's and brought them home again. Jessie Michie here with Anna. They both, with others, went to spend the evening at Alex Leask's. Wes Luke called with the mail. Anna did not come back but stayed at Mark's all night.

7 – A fine day and thawing quite a bit. Fanned up 15 bags of oats (Jennie helping a little) in the forenoon and in the afternoon took them out to Port Perry, the sleighing being very poor. Got 38 cts. When I got home Mr. F. Franklin and John Park were here horse collecting and they stayed for supper. Anna came back in the evening.

8 – Colder with east wind, threatening snow all afternoon but did not amount to anything. Drawing out wood and poles from the wood lot all day. Alex Lee had a runaway.

9 – A fine day, some snow through the night but was mostly gone before night. Went to SS and church with Jennie and little Annie. Mr. Cameron preached about the recent student's missionary convention at Toronto. At CE in the evening with Anna, rather a small meeting. Mrs. Somerville was down for leader but was absent.

10 – A fine day. Drove over with the sleigh as far as Phair's to see how the roads were and then went with our maple log to Beare's mill. In the afternoon went to the wood sawing bee at the church. Got tea at John Lee's (Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Boe were there also) and spent the evening with R.T. Harrington and W. Wallace at the church reports. John Lee came down with me to Alex's.

11 – Some rain in the forenoon but cleared up about noon. Got up early and drove Anna Tait to the early train at Port Perry on her way home, as they are to have a party there tonight. When I got home Isaac O'Neill was here, the first for a long time. He was just 70 years old today. In the afternoon went to Jas. [Wadel's ?] sale near Wick, a very large turnout and good prices, especially livestock. Tom Michie went with me. We went by the side road and came home by the centre road, the side road was far the best sleighing. Got home at 7. A dark night, thunder and rain.

12 – Rain through the night and some in the forenoon. Thrashed the beans and cut wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon helped to shovel out the road. W. Luke, W. Akhurst and Ernest Phair also at it.

13 – Threatening snow a little in the forenoon but did not come to anything. Sharped the buck saw and cut wood in the forenoon and went to the church wood cutting bee in the afternoon and finished the job. Nellie Michie here in the afternoon.

14 – A very fine day and thawing a good deal. Went two trips to Beare's mill and took 2 maple logs and brought home some scantling and lumber for pig house. Sleighing very bad in some places. Alex Lee called before dinner.

15 – A fine day. Went over to Beare's mill in the morning with the last maple log and a cedar one. After dinner I started for George Rose's sale at Wick with the cutter but turned near D. Cragg's as there was no sleighing. I then drove to Port Perry with the buggy for Mrs. Bell who came back from Newcastle on the 5:30 train. Isaac O'Neill here after dinner for some turnips.

16 – Thawing and rain. Went to SS and church with Annie and Jennie, took the cutter but it was very poor sleighing. Small attendance both at SS and church. Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE on account of the roads.

17 – Colder and a little snow in the afternoon. Drew the brush of the big maple out of the orchard in the forenoon and cut rafters and other poles in the afternoon. Jennie washing.

18 – Went three trips to Beare's mill with logs, sleighing very poor. Also drew up the remainder of the rafters. Pretty cold day.

19 – A pretty cold day and a good deal of dust. Went two trips to Beare's mill with logs and drew away all the lumber from the mill as they cut it. John Lee called with the mail.

20 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day, almost entirely cedar and cut down the last tree on the old lot. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Wes Luke called in the afternoon, Nellie Michie in the forenoon.

21 – A fine spring-like day. Drew out poles from swamp with the chain in the forenoon and in the afternoon wood with the sleigh and finished the old lot.

22 – Another very fine day. Cut wood and some other jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon fanned up 23 bags of oats and four of wheat, Jennie helping. Alex Lee called with the mail and brought a letter from Aberdeen saying that Mrs. Peter Davidson and Uncle George Tough had died since New Years. The assessor, Jas. Moore, called at dusk and Miss Maggie Smith in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. Went to SS and church with Jennie (with the buggy), Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as the roads were very bad.

24 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with a grist of 4 bags of wheat and 21 bags of oats for sale, got 38 cts. Got nails etc. for the pig house. In the afternoon took a load of oats and rye to Beare's mill to get ground and brought home some lumber.

25 – A fine day. Went for the meal at Beare's mill and picked off some stones in the forenoon and buck sawed wood in the afternoon. Jennie and little Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

26 – A very fine day. Drew stones for the pig house in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 4 old cedar logs on the waggon to Beare's mill and got them sawed into planks and brought them home again with some more lumber. Jennie picking potatoes in the cellar. Mr. Cameron called in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting, not many there.

27 – A very nice day, a little rain in the morning. Cut wood in the forenoon. W. Mark called and I let the job of finishing cutting wood for \$4.00. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry with 18 bags of potatoes and got a suit of clothes for them. Brought home a load of Mrs. Bell's things but did not take them off the wagon as it was 7 before we got home, the roads in some places being bad.

28 – Good Friday. Somewhat dull and rain in the evening. Worked at the raspberry bushes and planted a pail of potatoes in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to preparatory service, Mr. Cameron preached. Miss Mary Ann Carnegie and Miss Lella Horne were accepted. Jennie and her mother busy most of the day putting away the things. George Michie clover threshing.

29 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon but cleared up and got colder in the afternoon. Painted the turnip drill and cut wood in the shed most of the day. A. Butt called and bought the little heifer for \$31.00. Jennie fixing the baby carriage. A. Lee started to plough.

30 – Easter Sunday. A fine day until about 4 when it started to rain hard. Went with Jennie to communion service at Greenbank, Mr. Cameron preached, a fair turnout. Mr. Howard Parker of Orillia called in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell made a little visit to her friend Miss Smith at A. Lee's. Jennie Muntz is there now. Did not go to CE on account of the rain.

31 – A fine day. Helped Mr. Jas. Miller to frame rafters for pig house, finished about the middle of the afternoon and I then hung the gate into the field east of the orchard. Jennie washing and churning.

APR. 1 – Snow through the night and most of the forenoon but did not lay long. Finished splitting wood in the shed and trimmed the black currant bushes in the forenoon and scuffled the raspberry bushes (with George's scuffer) and planted some in the afternoon. McLauchlin buggy agent called in the evening but I did not buy. Alex Lee called with the mail.

2 – A rather cold raw day, some snow. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and brought back the remainder of Mrs. Bell's things. Roads pretty bad. Put up stones and dug part of the foundation of pig house in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

3 – A cool day. Drawing stone all day for the pig house.

4 – A very fine day. Digging trench and drawing stone for pig house until about 4, then raked straw off the strawberries while Jennie and little Annie went to Greenbank to see H. Love about the mason work but she did not see him.

5 – A very fine day, quite a hard frost in the morning. Went 2 trips for sand at McMillan's in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry for lime and plank. Alfred Butt came after the heifer but could not take her away.

6 – A very fine day. Jennie and Annie and Willie drove Mrs. Bell to Port Perry (or nearly there) it being communion Sunday at Port Perry. One of the buggy wheels played out and she had to borrow one from E. Taylor. Went to SS and church, extra large turnout at both. Mr. Cameron preached on the Sabbath. At CE, a fair meeting, had to take the lead.

7 – A very fine day. Henry Love all day building foundation of pig house and I was mixing the mortar. At church managers meeting in the evening.

8 – Rather dull day with quite a high east wind especially in the afternoon. Henry Love at the stone work in the forenoon and finished the job. Miss Ida Phair came on a visit after dinner, also Hugh Jack and Dan Boe. They bought the two steers one at 4 cts, the other at 4 ½. Went to Port Perry to take the borrowed buggy wheel back and bring Mrs. Bell home.

9 – Rain and snow from the east a good part of the day. Cleaned out the root house, laid the [sills?] of the pig house and some other chores. A. Butt came for the heifer and had quite a time of it, helped him. At prayer meeting, not many out, Mr. Boe leader. An after meeting was held about the SS anniversary and it was decided to hold it on May 24.

10 – A little rain about 5 pm. Worked all day at pig house. Nellie and Jessie here in the forenoon picking up some potatoes and George came after them in the afternoon. Fowlie heifer calved this morning.

11 – Worked at pig house until about 4 and got the sides raised, Jennie helping. Then tied up berry bushes. Jennie cleaning out cellar. Went down to M. O'Neills in the evening to settle with Fred but he was not at home.

12 – A little rain and hail several times during the day. Plowing (1st of the season) in the orchard and filling furrows and tied up berry bushes. M. O'Neill and Joseph Ward called wanting to buy young cattle. Barbara and Willie Smith came about 5 pm for strawberry plants.

13 – Some rain in the morning but cleared up and got a good deal colder. Barbara and Willie went down to Mark's for dinner and left for home about 2:30. Went to SS and church, Rev. R.P. McKay, Foreign Missionary Sec., preached on missions. At CE, a fair meeting. Mr. Boe leader.

14 – A fine day but quite a hard frost in the morning. Fixed the fence between the house and barn that was blown down. Peeled some rafters and other chores in the forenoon. Sowed the field NW of barn, the first of the season.

15 – A fine day. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I worked at the berry bushes. Sowed the north field in the afternoon. W. Mark cutting wood in the afternoon with buck saw. A. Bongard called and bought the pigs at \$6.00 and the [?] to go in 2 weeks.

16 – A very fine day with some frost in the morning. Mr. Marshall of Port Perry called in the forenoon to sell a buggy but did not make a sale. Harrowing the remainder of the day and walked to prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Cameron leader.

17 – A fine day. Harrowing and filling in furrows and went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the evening and called at Mark's. W. Mark here cutting wood in the afternoon and Jessie picking up some potatoes. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and their little boy here in the forenoon.

18 – A fine day. Took a load of oats to Beare's mill and brought home lumber, then worked in the garden. Isaac O'Neill here after dinner and I then went down to his place and helped him with pigs. W. Mark cutting wood all day. At political caucus in Greenbank to choose delegates to convention at Brooklin tomorrow.

19 – Went to Beare's mill in the morning for the meal, then cultivated the last year's root land which took the rest of the day. W. Mark cutting wood in the forenoon and finished the job. Thunder in the afternoon but no rain, but some rain in the evening. Liberal convention at Brooklin today, John Dryden nominated.

20 – A fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a small attendance. Mr. Miller, who was to have taken the topic, was unable to attend on account of Mrs. Miller being sick, so the lot fell to me again.

21 – A little rain in the morning. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry for the apple trees from the Wenona nurseries. Split and piled wood, planted some potatoes, planted trees and some other chores. Fred O'Neill called in the evening and I settled up with him.

22 – A very warm day. Sowing all day and finished for the season. Jessie Michie came with the mail. 2 cattle buyers called. The warmest day of the season, high west wind.

23 – A very high wind with much dust and a good deal colder. Harrowed in the forenoon. After dinner fanned up 10 bags of oats for Isaac O'Neill, Pat Thompson helping. Afterwards split wood. At prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader, and after meeting about the SS anniversary.

24 – Went over and got the maple flooring from Beare's mill and piled it up at the foot of our side line, 489 feet. Then drew some chips into the wood shed and rolled the new grass in the afternoon. Mrs. W. Luke here for tea. A high wind and pretty cold.

25 – A very fine day until about 6 pm when it started to rain and drizzled on through the evening. Took the 2 steers out to Port Perry in the morning with John Michie's help. Jennie drove down for me. Planted some potatoes and corn in the orchard and split wood in the afternoon. A. McKinnon, the medicine man, called after dinner.

26 – A great rain and heavy thunder through the night and some rain in the forenoon. Sowed some grass seed on the bare places on the hay field. Made a door for the pig house and split wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie and Annie went to Greenbank and I went with them to Wes Luke's and spent the afternoon at his raspberry bushes. A very high wind and rather raw.

27 – A fine day but pretty cool. Went to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a good meeting, G.A. McMillan leader.

28 – A very fine day. Splitting wood in the forenoon and finished the job. John Michie came up for some tools. Alex Lee cutting wood with E. Beare's circular saw. Pruning the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning.

29 – A fine day until about 5 pm when it started to rain and continued through the evening. Took the 6 pigs to Port Perry in the morning and got \$6.25, they weighed 1010. Drew the brush out of the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Bell, who has been very poorly lately, was rather worse today.

30 – A fine day but rather cool. Took off the storm doors and windows and put on the screens and some other chores in the forenoon and worked at the new pig house in the afternoon. At prayer meeting, anniversary meeting, and choir practice after.

MAY 1 – A fine day but pretty cool. Finished rolling the hay field and also the field NW of the barn. Alex Lee here after dinner and helped to kill a pig. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner.

2 – Cut up the pig and then went to Beare's mill and got 6000 shingles at \$1.60, then drew out 2 loads of manure. Mr. Akhurst called in the forenoon, also George and John Michie for the turnip drill to sow mangels. After dinner Mrs. and Emma Black came and I did very little all afternoon as it rained off and on a good part of the time. They left for home about 4 pm.

3 – A very fine day. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Alex Lee to Port Perry to buy a buggy each, but after looking at the different makes, we did not buy.

4 – Some showers through the day. Went to church and SS, Mr. Cameron preached a strong doctrinal sermon. At CE, a good meeting, Maggie Blair leader. On the way up I telephoned for the Dr. for Mrs. Bell. Dr. R. Archer came, he says the trouble is malaria.

5 – A fine day. Went down to Mark's in the morning to get Nellie to help for a day or two. She came in the afternoon. Drawing out manure most of the day. Alex Lee called after dinner with the mail and put rings in the old sow's nose.

6 – Some rain about noon and a heavy thunder shower between 6 and 7. Spread manure and some other chores in the forenoon while Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry principally to see the Dr. about Mrs. Bell who is no better. Nellie Michie here all day. Plowing mangle ground in the afternoon.

7 – A fine day. Drilling up for mangels. At prayer meeting. Mr. Cameron not there as he is supposed to be marrying Albert Akhurst and Annie Dusty. Nellie Michie here all day. Pat Thompson here after dinner for some strawberry plants.

8 – Sowed the mangels in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry for the window sash and some lumber. Rain on the way out and quite a thunderstorm about 8. Parkins, the old iron man, here for dinner and Mrs. A. Akhurst in the afternoon and for tea.

9 – Quite cold and raw with a very high NW wind. Went to Beare's for 400 feet of lumber in the forenoon and tore down the old pig pen in the afternoon. Jennie papering the south bedroom upstairs. Went up to Alex Lee's in the evening, he had a cow which they killed last night for tuberculosis. George here in the morning for the roller.

10 – A hard frost in the morning. Drew out manure for corn in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. A. Lee called with the mail and George Michie for some music.

11 – A fine day but somewhat cool. At SS and church. A college student, Mr. Henderson, preached in the interest of the student's missionary movement. At CE with little Annie, a good meeting. Mrs. G. A. McMillan leader. Jennie up to A Lee's in the forenoon. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon and Miss Maggie Smith in the evening.

12 – Went out to Port Perry in the morning to order the SS anniversary bills. Plowing in the afternoon, rain off and on during the afternoon.

13 – A fine day. Planted strawberries in the forenoon, Jennie helping. A. Lee called and in the afternoon went with Jennie and little Annie to Port Perry for the anniversary bills and ordered a McLaughlin buggy. Went to Greenbank in the evening to hear an address on foreign missions by Mr. Henderson and a very good one it was. Gave Nellie and Jessie a ride home. Mrs. Wright and Edith Phair called in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill came after 2 bags of oats. Reach council around looking at roads.

14 – A fine day but somewhat cool. Planting strawberries in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and finished. Finished tearing down the old pig house and worked a little at the new one. A choir practice in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Working all day at the pig house, John Michie helping. W. Perkins called and Jas. McKittrick selling binder cord.

16 – A very nice day. Rolling the north field in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 10 bags of oats to Beare's mill and brought home 300 feet of lumber. Rolled a little after I got home. Isaac O'Neill here for the turnip drill.

17 – A beautiful day. Rolling in the forenoon and in the afternoon harrowed and rolled the corn ground and then planted some horse corn in the orchard. Jennie, Annie and Willa went to Greenbank.

18 – A very fine day. At SS and church, this being anniversary Sunday. Mr. Sinclair of Sonya conducted the services both afternoon and evening. Very large turnout at both, and good sermons. Annie Rennie and Mrs. Cameron helped in the choir.

19 – A fine day and very warm. Went to Beare's mill in the morning for the meal and drew out manure for potatoes the rest of the day.

20 – A very fine day. Drilling up for corn in the forenoon and planted it in the afternoon. Nellie and Jessie called in the evening. R. Balfour broke his cream waggon and also A. Lee's.

21 – A very fine day. Plowing awhile in the morning, then Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry principally for baking material for the anniversary. Plowing potato land in the afternoon, little Annie riding on the plough for the first time. Walked to prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader.

22 – A very warm day and a good deal of thunder during the afternoon. Started to rain about 3:30 and continued off and on until about 7. A very heavy storm between 6 and 7. Harrowed the potato ground in the morning and then drew manure until stopped by the rain. Things are growing very rapidly these days. This is nomination day for the Ontario General Elections. Alex Lee and I had it arranged to go to Port Perry to a meeting tonight but the rain prevented us. It was Mr. Dryden's meeting.

23 – Very warm. A terrific thunder storm with some hail about 11. A good deal of thunder in the afternoon and some very heavy rain to the south. Drew out manure until about 3 pm when the Jess mare had a colt. Worked at the pig house the rest of the afternoon.

24 – A dull morning and rain several times but cleared up in the afternoon. Working at the pig house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and little Annie to the SS Anniversary, a large turnout and a big success. The following took part: the orchestra; Miss Mitchell of Toronto; Miss Gould and Miss Graham of Uxbridge; Miss Rennie; W. Horne; Rev. Mr. Lambert; and A. McMillan. Made \$120.00.

25 – A very fine day except a little rain about 5 and 6 pm. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie. SS held in the church. Mr. Arch McMillan of Sonya preached a good sermon. No CE tonight.

26 – A heavy rain between 11 and 12. Working at the pig house all day, John Michie helping, and at 6 o'clock went with Jennie and Annie to the after social at the church. Quite a good turnout and made about \$14.00.

27 – A very dull day, rain off and on most of the day and pretty raw. Working all day at the pig house, John helping. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. M. O'Neill called in the evening.

28 – A very cold raw day with some snow in the forenoon. Working at pig house in the forenoon and putting new windows in house in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Cameron leader, meeting very small. Rev. Mr. Dixon of Seagrave held a meeting in the hall to tell his views on the prohibition question. Rather a small turnout, did not stay to hear him. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and the little boy here in the forenoon.

29 – A fine cool day. Put in the last window in the room (the west one) and then went to Greenbank and voted for Mr. Dryden, this being Ontario General Elections. Called at W. Luke's for some eggs but did not get any. Hoed in the orchard in the afternoon and

in the evening went to Port Perry to hear the election news. Dryden elected but it was uncertain about the government, the last report puts them 4 or 5 ahead. A very dark night. Mrs. I. O'Neill here in the morning.

30 – A fairly fine day with a little rain in the afternoon. Went down to George's in the morning and got the lend of a horse, then plowed and planted with corn the little plot near the barn pump, then made a few drills for potatoes. In the afternoon went to Port Perry principally to bring home the new buggy but did not do so as the roads were pretty muddy and the buggy was not according to order. Jennie went to W. Luke's in the evening for eggs and to O'Neill's for cooking hens. Government majority 5 according to the Globe and Mail today.

31 – A very fine day. Drilling up for potatoes in the forenoon and drawing out manure in the afternoon. Quit at 4:30 and then went to Port Perry with Jennie and little Willie to see Mr. Marchall about the new buggy. James Wallace called when we were away wanting to buy the colt. Jessie called.

JUNE 1 – A very fine warm day. Went to SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie and little Willie. R.T. Harrington was to have been leader but did not come, therefore it fell to me.

2 – A fine day with a few drops of rain in the forenoon. In the morning went with the waggon to Greenbank for a barrel of sugar, the first ever brought on the place. Little Annie went with me. Drawing out manure the rest of the day. Alex Lee sowing turnips. Tom Michie away to Victoria Corners to an anniversary. Jennie housecleaning the kitchen. Started to send the cream to the Port Perry creamery, the first ever sent off the place. Big thunder storm after we had gone to bed.

3 – Rain the first thing in the morning, a thunder shower. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and finished the job. Plowing in the afternoon. Word that the war in South Africa is over.

4 – Quite cool again. Planted potatoes in field, 26 drills and 8 drills of corn. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Cameron leader. Gave John Lee a ride down to Alex's.

5 – A most beautiful day, clear and not a cloud to be seen. Plowing all day at turnip land. Jennie most of the day at the weeds in the garden. James Smith came at 6 pm. Isaac O'Neill brought back the turnip drill.

6 – A fine day but somewhat dull towards night. Jas. Smith went to Fred Love's in the forenoon to see him about shingles. He left for home after dinner. Plowing until about 4 when I went to Port Perry for the new buggy, but went on a fool's errand.

7 – A very fine day, but rain through the night. Finished plowing the turnip ground, then plowed in the orchard, then harrowed the turnip land. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for tea. Dug in the garden after supper.

8 – Quite a cool day. Went to SS and church with Jennie and little Annie. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, Mrs. W. Wallace was to have been the leader but failed to appear so it fell to me again. Mrs. Bell at A. Lee's in the evening.

9 – Another pretty cool day. Harrowing turnip land in the forenoon. Took George's horse home after dinner then went to Manchester for the road list. Called at Uncle's. Mrs. Bell went with me as far as Port Perry. In the evening called at A. Lee's and A. Akhurst's and went up to the concession and stuck up a road job bill.

10 – A cool day with some rain flurries in the forenoon. Enlarged the calf pasture, rolled part of the turnip land, and then drilled up and sowed 44 drills of turnips (the 1st of the season). George took away the drill. Mrs. Luke called on her way to Port Perry.

11 – Pretty cool day. Went for the beef in the morning, then scuffled the strawberries and potatoes in the orchard, then hoed the strawberries and part of the raspberry bushes, Jennie helping. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron came at 4:30 and stayed to tea. Went to prayer meeting. Some rain just after I got home.

12 – A fine day, a little rain at 9 pm. Hoed in the orchard and in the afternoon finished rolling the turnip land and harrowed the corn. Alex Lee brought our new buggy from Port Perry. Jennie, Mrs. Bell and the two children at W.F.M. meeting at Mrs. Mark's. Job letting on the concession in the evening. John Watson's barn raising this afternoon.

13 – Some rain through the night but a fine day. Scuffled the mangoes and some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Manchester for pipe for road culverts. G. Michie came up in the evening to see about the turnip drill but it was at W. Luke's. Jennie and the children visiting at Lee's and Akhurst's in the afternoon.

14 – A very fine day. Working all day on the road, spreading gravel and cutting brush along the road. The gravel drawers were on a \$10.00 job but I was doing road work. Mrs. Bell went to Port Perry with the new buggy, the first time out. Carnegie's Mill¹² At Port Perry burned early this morning.

15 – Quite a warm day. At SS and church, Rev. Mr. Nixon of Ayre preached an excellent sermon. Mrs. Bell rode up to church but on the way she lost her book and she walked all the way back looking for it and found it near our gate. At CE with Jennie and Annie, G.D. McMillan leader. Jas. Allan not at church. At assembly meeting.

16 – Some thunder through the night and morning. A drizzly rain most of the forenoon but cleared up. Got cooler with a high NW wind. Drilled up 60 turnip drills and sowed them. John brought the sower home. George and Tom away to [?] to play. We had the first strawberries of the season for tea.

17 – A pretty cool day with high NW wind. Hoeing mangels most of the day. Jennie and little Annie went to Greenbank in the morning, and Jennie, Mrs. Bell, and the children visiting at W. Luke's in the afternoon.

18 – A very fine day. Working all day at pig house, John helping. Put on the sheeting. At prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. An after meeting about SS matters.

19 – Working all day at pig house, John helping, and got about ½ of north side shingled. In the evening went with Jennie and little Annie to lawn concert at Wick, rather cool night, but a very good time. The Uxbridge orchestra; Miss Mitchell of Toronto and the great Jim Fax were the performers. Fax was the star and did his part well. They took in \$66.00. We got home about 12 o'clock.

20 – Finished drilling and sowing turnips and harrowed the potatoes and corn. At Mark's a little while in the evening asking hands to a shingling bee tomorrow and having a little sing. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 5 boxes of strawberries, the first of the season.

21 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon drizzling a little, but cleared up and a fine afternoon. Hoed a few mangols in the morning and then hung the pig house door. In the afternoon a shingling bee. Norman Phair, Albert Akhurst, Tom Michie (from A. Lee's) and George and John Michie were at it (all that were asked). Got along very well but hardly finished as the nails went down.

22 – A very cool day for the time of year. Overcoats were quite common. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. G. and T. Michie, Mrs. W.H. Leask and I sang a piece in SS (the 1st). At CE with Jennie and little Annie, Arch McArthur leader. Officers elected for next half year, Maggie Blair president, G. Michie Vice. Pres., W. A. Leask sec., and A. Akhurst treas.

23 – Another very cool day. Hoed mangols in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry on some business and waiting for the 5:30 train expecting Willa Bell from Rochester but she did not come.

24 – Quite a bit of thunder and some rain in the forenoon and a little in the afternoon. Hoeing mangols and finished. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with strawberries and to meet Willa but she did not come. They went again in the afternoon with the same success. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Love called in the afternoon and brought some cabbage plants and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Burns called in the evening on their way home from Cannington.

25 – Went in the forenoon to George Tocher's near Blackwater and got home just before dinner. Willa Bell arrived a few minutes after, she came to Port Perry last night and got a ride out today. Shingled at the pig house for a while when I had to stop for the rain and then hung the hen house door. Jennie went to Port Perry for Willa's trunk. It started to rain very soon after leaving and rained all the way there and back and all through the evening. She heard in Port Perry that King Edward VII was sinking fast and there

¹² Carnegie Flouring Mill and Planing Mill

would be no coronation tomorrow. William Beaton and Robie McLeod married this afternoon, there is said to be 200 invitations out and the supper was to be on the lawn but the rain would spoil this part of it. Edith Phair here for strawberries.

26 – Another pretty cool day. Went to Greenbank in the morning to see the horse man and the rest of the day made and hung the door on the buggy house. Wes Luke called in the afternoon, also Ned. This was to have been the coronation of Edward VII. Alex Gordon called in the morning to see about strawberries and Alex Lee with the road money.

27 – A fine day but still pretty cool. Worked at the pig house in the forenoon and finished the shingling. In the afternoon went with Jennie and little Annie to the preparatory service in the church, Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. Alex Gordon came in by certificate. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with strawberries.

28 – A very fine day and some warmer. Excursion to Guelph today. Sowed some buckwheat in the orchard, scuffled the strawberries and potatoes and corn in the orchard. Drew away the rubbish about the new building and put windows in new hen house. Jennie went to Port Perry before dinner with strawberries. Mrs. Phair and Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon for strawberries, also Oliver, Eva and Ned Luke for the same purpose in the evening. Between 8 and 9 Mundo Perrin, Alma and Bella Slemmon came and stayed all night.

29 – A cool morning with east wind and a little rain about noon but cleared up and was a fine afternoon. Went with Mrs. Bell to Communion service at Wick, not quite so many as usual out, especially from Greenbank. Mundo Perrin went to Uxbridge to see some friends. In the evening went with Willa Bell and Bella Slemmon to the Methodist SS anniversary at Greenbank. Rev. Mr. Jolliffe [Joclyffe?] preached a good sermon but rather long. Willa thinks he was too slangy. A full house.

30 – Went down to Mark's the first thing in the morning and got the key of the boat and two trolling lines, then Mundo Perrin, Bella Slemmon and I went over to the lake but did not get even a bite. Rain came on a little when we were there. After dinner all hands went at picking strawberries and picked altogether 70 boxes, raining most of the time and all got pretty wet. Mildred Love came and got 3 boxes and Oliver Luke 1 box for themselves and 6 for Mrs. Stone. John Michie came up in the evening for 2 bags of oats. The Newcastle folks left for home at 5 pm, the weather not at all bright, but it turned out not so bad.

JUL. 1 – Rather dull in the morning but soon cleared up and was a very fine day. Started at 9 with Jennie and little Annie for Uxbridge to attend the Old Boy's reunion demonstration. We went principally to hear the 48th Highlanders band of Toronto, but heard but very little of them. There was a very large crowd. Got home between 5 and 6. The Methodist SS anniversary was held in the church and grounds, not in the bush as usual.

2 – A fine day. Hoed the strawberries and corn in the orchard and scuffled the corn in the field. Nellie Michie helping to pick strawberries, a big picking of about 120 boxes. Mrs. H. Love and James Ewin came for berries before dinner and just after dinner Tom

Black and Annie and Ralph came. Tom went to G. Frankling's with A. Lee and Annie went down to Mark's awhile in the afternoon. They left for home between 6 and 7. Alex Lee brought the beef and came again after dinner for the horse rake. Went to Greenbank in the evening to see the horse man. Mrs. Bell and Willa drove down to J.M. Burn's with strawberries and stayed all night.

3 – A heavy rain through the night. Worked at the new building most of the day. Went down to George's to see about a yearling heifer that has got out of the field. Mrs. Bell and Willa came back about 8 pm.

4 – Quite a warm day with thunder in the evening. Hoeing all day at the corn. G. Rose called in the afternoon and talked life insurance. Nellie Michie all day picking strawberries and Jessie awhile in the afternoon. John Lee and Bella called in the forenoon for berries and Mrs. G.A. McMillan, John Lee, and Elgie and Mrs. W. Real in the afternoon and evening. Jennie drove up to Luke's, M. O'Neill's and A. Gordon's with berries in the evening. Picked 130 boxes, the biggest on record. Big thunder storm after 9.

5 – Very warm and sultry with thunder most all day, especially in the evening. Several showers in the evening. Jennie went to Port Perry the first thing in the morning with strawberries. Drew 2 loads of brick 1400 from M. O'Neill's for the floor of the pig house, then 2 loads of dirt for the same. After supper I went over to John Watson's to see about getting berry boxes. He had none so I went down to Seagrave and got 250 from R. Thompson. Rain on the way there and just after I got home. Very muddy roads.

6 – A fine day but some thunder but no rain here. Went to SS and church with Jennie, Willa and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening with Willa but she did not come home with me. Maggie Blair was leader.

7 – Pretty close and warm with thunder in the forenoon and in the afternoon more and more until between 3 and 5 a most terrific thunderstorm. The lightning was terrible and the rain in deluges but very little wind and no hail. Nellie Michie here all day picking berries, 142 boxes, but had to stop on account of the rain. Nellie McMillan and Mrs. T. Lamb here before dinner for berries, Mr. and Mrs. R. Monroe of Manchester after dinner, and Mrs. W. Real, Mrs. C. Gordon and Isaac Beare later on. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry with berries and got a new set of dishes. They had to go into G. Dowson's on the way home for shelter from the storm. Barbara and Jessie Smith and Alma Black came just after dinner and stayed all night. Worked most of the day laying the brick floor in the pig house. John Lee and Bella called before supper. Went to church managers meeting in the evening but there was no business to do.

8 – A very fine day and much cooler. E. Beare called in the morning for strawberries but got none. He told me that the road was washed out at the corner so I went down and fixed it the first thing, then scuffled a few drills of turnips but it was very wet. Then hoed turnips most of the remainder of the day. Nellie Michie came up and helped to finish picking the strawberries, about 60 boxes. Willa took some up to Burton's and W. Real's. The Columbus folks left for home between 9 and 10.

9 – Went after the beef the first thing in the morning, then went to A. Lee's to help him with his hay that has been out all through the rain lately, but we had only got a little in when the rain came on again and stopped us. I then finished laying the floor of the pig house. Nellie Michie here helping at the berries until the rain came on. Just after we had dinner Uncle from Manchester and Barbara (Mrs. Lamb) and her two children came and stayed about two hours. The W.F.M.S. met here in the afternoon, also the two youngest classes in the SS, to get a feed of strawberries. There was a good turnout, 53 in all. Mrs. J. Campbell of Woodville was the principal speaker in the W.F.M.S. The children had supper out in the lane but the rain came on just as the lady's table was being set so they had to come inside. Leslie Phoenix and Mrs. Jas. Boe called for berries but did not get any. Had the first new potatoes of the season.

10 – A fine cool bright day and no rain. Scuffled and hoed turnips in the forenoon and helped A. Lee with his hay in the afternoon. May Beare, Mrs. W. McMillan and Willie O'Neill called for berries. Willa visiting at A. Lee's in the evening. Nellie and Jessie picking berries.

11 – A very fine day, cool. Hoed turnips all day. Mildred Love called in the afternoon, and George, John, Tom, Nellie and Jessie Michie, and Miss Jennie Munty here in the evening getting a feed of strawberries.

12 – A very fine bright day and cool. Hoed turnips until about 4 pm and finished the first sowing which is all that is ready. Then put in the trough in the new pig house and got the pigs in for the first time. Washed the buggy after sundown. Nellie Michie helping to pick berries, about 60 boxes picked. This will be the last of any account. Jennie and little Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon and Greenbank in the afternoon. Mrs. W. Real and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lambe called in the afternoon and got 4 boxes of berries and Ed McArthur, Lizzie and May Peter in the evening for the same purpose but they got none. Big afternoon preserving strawberries and got through about 10 o'clock.

13 – A very fine day but pretty warm, about 80. At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. His text was "Lo, I am with you always". Mrs. Bell went to the Baptist church. At CE with Jennie and Willa. Jennie was leader and a good meeting. Some talk after about a social.

14 – Thunder all day with a few drops of rain at 1 pm. and quite a shower between 7 and 8. Hoeing the berry bushes in the forenoon and scuffling turnips, corn and mangols in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa picked the gooseberries and some black currants and 17 boxes of strawberries.

15 – A fine day, some thunder but no rain here. Hoeing turnips all day. Put up the gate west of the new building after 6:30. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with strawberries, gooseberries, black currants, and new potatoes (1st of the season). Picked 48 boxes strawberries today, pretty near done now.

16 – A fine day. Bagged up 10 bags of oats in the morning and took them to Beare's mill, then went on to Uxbridge and got 10 bags of pig feed. Got back home about 1. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. G. Ross called again about life insurance but did no

business with me. Jennie took little Annie to the Dr. in the afternoon as she has not been well for the last 2 or 3 days. The Dr. says it is an epidemic among the children but she will be all right again in a few days. At prayer meeting with Willa, a fair meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. An after meeting to make arrangements about the berry social. It was decided to hold it 2 weeks from tomorrow. The first raspberries of the season.

17 – A very fine day but somewhat dull in the morning. Quite a high NW wind in the afternoon. Some rain through the night. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and scuffling mangols, turnips, strawberries and corn in the afternoon. Hoed the little corn patch near the barn after supper. Willa picked the cherries, not very many. Baby Willie pretty sick with the epidemic today. Willa went down to Mark's in the evening to see how John was, he has had another sick spell, but is some better again.

18 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips until 3 pm when I went to help Alex Lee with his hay and worked until 8:30. Mr. and Mrs. W. Marshall here in the afternoon with the whip holder for the buggy.

19 – Threatening rain most of the forenoon but it did not amount to much, but in the afternoon it was a regular down-easter rain. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and after dinner went down and got John and we worked the afternoon enlarging the grainery. Annie and Willie both pretty sick but they appear to be a little better at night.

20 – At SS and church with Mrs. Bell, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE as I was not feeling very well. Quite a heavy rain in the evening.

21 – Rain through the night and the greater part of the day from the east. Cleared up towards night. At the grainery until supper, John helping, and finished the job. After supper put up part of the pig yard fence. Alex Lee called in the forenoon.

22 – A very fine day and no rain. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and finished scuffling them in the afternoon. Hoeing again after supper. Jennie, Willa and the two children at Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell washed the single harness. George and Tom Michie at Toronto getting musical instruments.

23 – Rain at 12 and a lot of thunder during the afternoon but no rain. Hoeing turnips all day. At prayer meeting with Willa. Meeting after about the social at A. Leask's. Mrs. Bell visiting at Mr. Akhurst's.

24 – A fine day, no rain here. Hoed turnips all day and finished for the first time. Willa went to Port Perry in the morning to order the bills for the social and again in the afternoon with berries. Whetter Bros. cut barley today, the first grain cutting that I have heard of.

25 – A very fine clear day. Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon and helped George with hay (on the Luke place) in the afternoon. Drove up to W. Luke's in the evening to see about getting the mower to cut hay. Mrs. Phair and Mrs. Ferguson of Port Perry called in the evening. Mrs. Bell, Willa and little Annie at A. Lee's in the evening.

26 – A fine day and pretty warm. Quite a lot of thunder but no rain here. Got W. Luke's mower and cut the hay east of the orchard (a heavy crop). Took the mower home and got back in time for supper. Hoed strawberries after supper. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry after dinner with berries and for bread. Mrs. Bell visiting at Mrs. Phair's.

27 – A very heavy thunder storm between 1 and 2 pm. At SS and church with Willa, Mr. Cameron preached. A young man, Purvis of Toronto, sang a solo. At CE with Willa, a fair meeting, Ethel Miller leader. George, John and Tom Michie sang a piece. The rain has lodged the grain a good deal.

28 – A fine day and no rain. Fixed the gate and made the fence about the pig pen. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries and to get some repairs for the binder. Turned some of the hay after supper.

29 – A very fine day. Turning hay and plowing and hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Raking and cocking hay, Jennie helping, in the afternoon. George helped after supper and got in 4 loads. Went up to Lee's in the evening to get help for tomorrow. Willa went to Greenbank in the afternoon for bread.

30 – Another very fine day. Drew in hay, 8 loads, George and Tom Michie helping and finished what was cut. Raked it over after dinner and Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry with berries. When they came home I drove up to W. Luke's to see about getting his mower and drew it home behind the buggy. After supper started to cut hay but had to quit as the knives were too dull. With Jennie's help we took in the load of rakings. Jessie Michie here in the afternoon picking berries, a big picking, 52 boxes.

31 – A fine day. Cut the last half of the hay in the forenoon, took the mower home after dinner, then scuffled the mangols and some turnips. Quit at 5 and with Mrs. Bell (Willa went earlier) went to the lawn social at Alex Leask's in connection with the CE. There was a large crowd and about \$120.00 was taken in. The Claremont Band and James Fax supplied the music. Port Perry and Greenbank football teams played and got 1 goal each. Just as the concert closed it started to rain very heavy and continued for a long time and a great many remained until the rain was over. It was very dark, we got home at 1:30.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day. Went the first thing in the morning to Seagrave for binder cord. Had a long talk with R. Thompson on prohibition. When we got home W. Luke was here for the binder. After dinner Mrs. Bell drove to A. Leask's, then to Greenbank, then Jennie went to Port Perry with berries while I helped W. Luke to cut fall wheat. Did not get along very well. Eva drove me home. Jessie Michie here picking berries, 68 boxes picked. Mrs. M. O'Neill, Lew and Lillie here for berries.

2 – A very fine day. Did some hoeing and turned some hay and then Jennie horse raked while I cocked up. In the afternoon John and Tom helped to draw in hay, 8 loads. 14 boxes berries picked today. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner. Alex Lee and Maggie Smith were married tonight. They drove back to Mr. Cameron who did the job.

3 – A very fine day. Thunder in the morning but no rain. Mrs. Bell and Willa went up to church at Port Perry so I had to walk to SS. G. Miller reviewed the lesson. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie and Willa, Nellie McMillan leader, an extra large turnout.

4 – A very fine day. George came up in the morning and helped to draw in the last of the hay. I then raked it and drew it in with Jennie's help and so finished haying. Hoed mangols the remainder of the day. Jessie Michie, Mrs. Alex Gordon and little Bessie here picking berries and all stayed for dinner. Willa drove her mother to Port Perry in the forenoon on her way to Newcastle. Drove up with Willa and the two children to Luke's in the evening and called to see Mr. Akhurst who is in bed sick.

5 – Went to W. Luke's for the binder in the morning and did some repairing to it. John came up with a horse to help but we only got one round of the bit of rye before dinner. After dinner rain came on and nothing more was done in cutting. E.D. Weeks, driven by G. Real of Port Perry, called taking subscriptions for the new temperance paper, The Pioneer. Went to Greenbank with Willa to see a football match and a meeting about organizing a band. It was decided to go on with the band. Scuffled turnips in the afternoon.

6 – A fine day. Scuffled turnips awhile in the morning, then with George Michie's help, cut the rye. Got done between 3 and 4. Shocked it up and hoed a few mangols. Mrs. Alex Gordon here picking berries and stayed for dinner. Annie Black, Emma and Alfred came about 10 and picked berries. They left for home after supper. Went to prayer meeting with Willa, Mr. Cameron leader. Excursion to Niagara Falls, quite a number from here went.

7 – A fine day until evening when it started to drizzle a little. Scuffled the remainder of the turnips the second time, the mangols again and the strawberries and hoed some mangols.

8 – A fine day except a little drizzle for a short time in the afternoon. Hoeing mangols and finished 2nd time, then hoed strawberries. Hughie Leask here for berries and Mrs. Bryant likewise but she did not get any. George called for the horse rake. A. Lee also called.

9 – A fine day. Drew in the rye in the forenoon with George's help and in the afternoon went with Jennie and the two children to Port Perry partly to see about repairs to binder. Quite a large crowd out as the Pan American Circus was there. Mrs. Bell who came to Port Perry yesterday from Newcastle rode home, so I had to walk. Mrs. E. Ward here in the afternoon for berries but only got 5 boxes. This is coronation day King Edward VII.

10 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Willa and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Mrs. Bell, a fair meeting. I was leader of the topic, talked about disposing of the social money but nothing done.

11 – A fine day and cool. Wes Luke came down in the forenoon and we spent quite awhile looking at the binder. I then drove the binder up to Luke's gate. He was to take it to Greenbank to see if the blacksmith could fix it but just before he got started John Browne and Fred Taggart came trying to sell a new binder. Talked with them, they then, with Wes, came here and we talked for a

long time but no sale. I afterwards raked the rye and drew it in with Jennie's help. Scuffled turnips (3rd time) after supper. Nellie Michie here picking berries, they are getting nearly done.

12 – A beautiful day. Scuffled the remainder of the turnips for the 3rd time in the forenoon. Willa and little Annie went to Port Perry for bread. Worked at pig house, put on the gate to the pig yard in the afternoon.

13 – A very fine day. Went for the beef. Plugged up the mouse holes in the grainery and other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and the two children to Manchester with the road list. Called at Uncle's and then to J.M. Burn's and had tea and a nice visit. Got home at 9:30. Willa went to prayer meeting.

14 – A very fine day. Did quite a number of small jobs including throwing out straw, fixing up cutting box, cleaning out pig house, cutting weeds along the roadside, and piling up wood in swamp field. Went with little Annie to W. Luke's in the evening to see how he was getting along cutting. Rev. Mr. Cameron and John and Gracie Cameron called in the afternoon.

15 – A fine day. Did a few odd jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon cut oats in the SW field, George Michie helping. Got along fairly well. Mrs. Bell and little Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon.

16 – A most beautiful cool day. Cutting oats all day, George helping. Willa went to Greenbank after supper for bread. Mr. Petty threshing, the first in Egypt, but the machines have been going for a week or more. Oliver Luke came in the evening for two bags of oats.

17 – A fine day but a little drizzle in the evening. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie, Willa and little Annie there also. At CE, a good meeting, A. McArthur leader.

18 – Rain through the night and a little through the day. No harvesting. Willa went down to see Tom Michie who is very ill, the cause being an ulcerated tooth. Blood poisoning has set in and he is in critical condition. Put in a new post to the gate at the barn and cleaned up the bottom of the old pig house. Jennie, Mrs. Bell and little Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon to get a ticket for Manitoba. Mrs. Bell intends to start for there on Wednesday. Henry Love and Charley called and conditionally bought our 2 year old colt. Went down with Jennie in the evening to see Tom, he is no better. Rain coming home.

19 – Rain through the night so there was no harvesting in the forenoon. Went down the first thing to see how Tom was, he was no better. Then finished cleaning out the old pig house bottom and some other chores. In the afternoon, with George's help, finished cutting the north field. Jennie down in the afternoon to see Tom. The Dr. did not lance the abscess, it not being ready. After supper got Alex Lee's double buggy and drove Mrs. Bell to Port Perry on her way to Manitoba. She starts from Port Perry tomorrow morning. Willa at Mark's all night.

20 – A fine day. Willa came home and reports Tom improving. Cutting oats with George's help in the forenoon and cutting some lodged oats with the scythe in the afternoon and finished cutting for the year, the first in Egypt. Jennie went down in the evening to see how Tom was getting on and found him doing well.

21 – A very fine cool day. Helping Wes Luke all day shocking oats, a very heavy crop. Willa at Greenbank and Port Perry.

22 – Helping Alex Lee to shock up oats. Rain at 11 and again at 6 which spoiled the day somewhat for harvesting. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon to see the Dr. about Willie who is not very well. Willa at Marks in the evening.

23 – A very fine cool day. Helping Wes Luke to cut oats and wheat.

24 – A beautiful fine day. At SS and church with Willa and little Annie, Rev. R. Leask preached. At Port Perry in the evening to the reopening of the Presbyterian Church, A Mr. Robinson of Toronto preached. A full house, a fair sermon. Willa was also there but she did not go with me.

25 – Another very fine day. Helping Alex Lee to draw in rye. Willa and Annie at Greenbank.

26 – A fine day. Helping Alex Lee to draw in all day. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry for pig feed and other things. 10 little pigs came.

27 – A fine day. Drawing in oats, George helping. Jennie helping in the barn. Oliver Luke brought back the binder, they having finished cutting today. R. Balfour, the cream man, called for the last time of the season.

28 – A most beautiful day. Drawing in oats all day, George and Jennie helping, and finished except the rakings and a little loose stuff. Mrs. Annie Gordon, Barbara Walker, and Miss McRae and Miss Maggie Brown of Toronto called in the afternoon.

29 – A fine day. Raked stubble and with Jennie's help drew it and the loose stuff in except about half a load which slid off after it was pitched on. Alex Lee called in the evening.

30 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Drew in the last of the rakings in the morning and so finished harvest, the first in this locality. A. Lee and A. Akhurst finished later in the day. At 9 am I went to Phair's for A. Lee and worked at stacking oats until 8 pm. Put 22 loads in one stack. Bert Asling and Mrs. at Phair's. Willa washed the buggy.

31 – A fine but pretty warm day. Some thunder in the evening but no rain here. At SS and church with Willa and little Annie, Mr. Mustard preached. Jennie and Willa at CE, a fair meeting, Mr. Boe leader.

SEPT. 1 – A fine day. Scuffled the strawberries and cut the old wood out of the raspberry bushes. Jennie washing. Went to Greenbank after supper to get some blacksmithing done, but was too late.

2 – A very fine day. Went to Uxbridge for pig feed and got home at 2:30, then put up the fence where the old pig house stood.

3 – A fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and did a number of small jobs during the rest of the day. Willa and Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon and asked some people to the picnic which is proposed to hold at the lake tomorrow.

4 – Gang plowing in the north field. The picnic at the lake did not come off as it was too cool and windy and there was several showers, especially in the forenoon.

5 – A very nice day. Helping Wes Luke all day to thresh (W. Taylor's). Willa and Annie visiting at Mark's.

6 – Threshing all day at Phair's. A fine day.

7 – Some thunder through the night but little rain here. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie. Mr. Mustard preached. Jennie and Willa went to Port Perry church in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Threshing all day at Phair's and finished the job. Willa and Annie at Greenbank and Port Perry.

9 – Drove with buggy along with little Annie the first thing in the morning to Wes Luke's to see about getting some rye for pig feed but before we got there a terrific thunderstorm burst. The rain continued all the forenoon and a little about half the afternoon and there is mud in plenty. Cleaned out the grainery in the forenoon and put in a spout to carry oats from the grainery to the feed passage in the afternoon. Drove Willa over to M. O'Neill's in the evening there being a birthday party there. Willie O'Neill coming of age today.

10 – A fine day. Went to Wes Luke's and got 4 bags of rye then to Beare's mill and got it ground. Plowing sod NE of the barn in the afternoon. Used a skimmer for the first time. Willa got out of bed at 11.

11 – Plowing sod most of the day. Jennie, with little Annie and Willie, drove Willa to Port Perry to the noon train on her way to Newcastle. Annie was to have gone with her but flunked at the last. Mrs. Luke called on her way home from Port Perry to see about plums.

12 – A slight drizzle of rain most all the afternoon which turned into a heavy down-easter in the evening. Plowing sod all day.

13 – A fine cool day. Finished plowing the rye land and then harrowed it over 4 times. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon for plums and stayed for tea. Wes called for her at 9:30 on his way home from Port Perry.

14 – A fine day and pretty cool. At church and SS with little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached on the Lord's Supper. Nellie Michie came home with me for tea and her, Jennie and Annie went to CE.

15 – Went to W. Luke's the first thing and got 3 bags of rye, fanned it, got George's drill, sowed and harrowed the ground in the forenoon. After dinner went over to help A. Lee thresh at the

Throop place, but there was no threshing done, the engine being out of repair. Came home and dug the potatoes in the orchard. Jennie, Annie and little Willie went to Greenbank.

16 – A very fine day, threshing until 5:30 for A. Lee at the Throop place and finished the barn and moved to Alex's home place. Jennie washing and baking.

17 – A fine day. Gang plowing most of the forenoon and threshing at Alex Lee's in the afternoon. E. Bryant married.

18 – A fine day. Threshing at A. Lee's until about 2 pm, then at Akhurst's the rest of the day. Walter Bratley came at noon. Mrs. I. O'Neill here for crab apples.

19 – Threatening rain during the forenoon and quite a bit sometimes in the afternoon. Threshing at Akhurst's in the forenoon and moved the machine here but did not thresh as the boys wanted to go to Port Perry fair. Went to the fair which was almost a failure, very few there and few exhibits. Went for a tank of water after supper.

20 – A very fine day. Threshing at home and finished at 4 pm. W. Luke; Norman and Ernest Phair; A. Akhurst; Alex Lee; George, John and Tom Michie; Will O'Neill and I. O'Neill helping. They moved over to George's at the Luke barn and threshed some there. Nellie Michie helping in the house.

21 – A very fine day. At SS and church with little Annie. G. Miller reviewed the lesson in SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a fair attendance, R.T. Harrington leader. A short business meeting after.

22 – A very fine day and pretty warm. In the forenoon went to Blackwater with 6 hogs and got \$6.75, they weighed 1150 lbs. Helping George to thresh in the afternoon. They finished the Luke barn about 2:30 then moved to the home barn. Some thunder to the south in the afternoon but no rain here.

23 – Helping George to thresh and finished at noon. They then moved to Isaac O'Neill's and finished him at 4 pm, then to M. O'Neill's but rain came on when ready to start so only threshed about ½ hour. Mary Dusty here picking up fallen apples.

24 – Threshing at M. O'Neill's and finished at 4:30. A cool day.

25 – Harrowing in the forenoon and drawing out manure in the afternoon. Threatening rain from the east sometimes.

26 – Rain through the night and rather dull all day. Drew out 5 loads of manure which was all there was. Plowed until 4:30, then drove with little Annie to Port Perry and brought Willa who came from Newcastle.

27 – [written by Jennie] – A warm dull day. Cut out Annie's new red winter coat and dress in the forenoon. Mrs. Robert Wilson of North Dakota called. Robert and Annie gone to Columbus. [written by Robert] – Stopped at T. Black's and got tea then went on to Jas. Smith's for the night. Mrs. J.C. Mason is home.

28 – Went to Brooklin SS and church with Barbara and little Annie. Jas. Smith, superintendent, reviewed the last quarters lesson. Children's service in the church which went off very well. Drove via Jas. Smith's to Tom Black's for tea, just got there when it started to rain hard. It cleared up and we got home at about 10. Willa at SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jubilee services at Sonya today.

29 – Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon made an oat box. Jennie, Willa and the two children at Port Perry. A very fine day.

30 – A dull day with a little rain in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Akhurst called on their way home from Port Perry. Plowing all day. Willa trimming Mrs. Akhurst's bonnet. Jennie washing. L. Sebert of Port Perry died last night¹³.

OCT. 1 – A cold rain most of the forenoon. Went for the beef in the morning and did some other chores in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. Willa making bonnet for Annie in the evening.

2 – A very fine day but pretty cool in the morning. Took Willa out to Port Perry in the morning on her way to Rochester. Plowed the remainder of the day.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and at preparatory service in the afternoon, Mr. Cameron preached. Mrs. Alex Lee came in by certificate. Jennie making a dress for little Annie. G. Welch's baby buried today.

4 – A very fine day. Cutting corn in the forenoon with the binder but it did not work very well so I quit it. Drew the cut corn and the pumpkins in the afternoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and Lew O'Neill for crab apples.

5 – At communion service at Greenbank, a fair attendance, Mr. Cameron conducted. A raw east wind and almost rain most of the day until about 4 when there was a thunder shower and the rain continued during the evening so did not go to CE.

6 – Rain through the night and in the morning. Fixed the eves troughs and put in some glass in the forenoon and cut the little plot of corn at the barn pump. Alex Lee called in the morning and Wes Luke and Ned and M. O'Neill in the afternoon. G. Real came about 5 pm with G. McKay's corn cutter and cut what corn was left. He stayed to supper. Went to managers meeting in the evening. G. Currie buried today.

7 – Rain after breakfast and again in the evening. Threshing all day at W. Luke's. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. C. McLean here in the afternoon.

8 – A fine day but a little rain in the evening. Jennie and the two children went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I set up corn and some other chores. In the afternoon took 12 bags of oats and rye to

Beare's mill, then drew corn and set it up against the fence. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and Clarence here in the afternoon for crab apples. Beef meeting tonight.

9 – A pretty cool day. Went to Beare's mill for the meal in the morning then drew off the remainder of the corn. Started to dig the potatoes, a very poor crop. I think the worst I ever saw on the place. Went up to Greenbank after dinner with Annie for the mail. Isaac and Mary O'Neill here for a lot of fallen apples.

10 – A hard frost in the morning and a very fine day. Digging potatoes all day alone and took in 8 bags on the stone boat.

11 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day alone and got in 7 ½ bags. Went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Margaret Bell who was expected from Rochester but she did not come.

12 – Rather a dull day with some rain in the evening. At SS and church with little Annie. Children's Day service which went off very well. No CE tonight as there is anniversary services in the Baptist church.

13 – Very heavy rain through the night and part of the forenoon. Did some small jobs in the forenoon and dug potatoes in the afternoon. Got in 3 ½ bags. Baptist tea tonight.

14 – A fine day. Digging potatoes all day alone and got in 6 bags. Jennie and the children went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Started for Port Perry in the evening to meet Maggie Bell but only got to the side road when I met her walking, she having come by the 5:30 train. I then went down to George's for Topsy, they having had her working a few days.

15 – Somewhat dull. Picked up 6 bags of apples and took them to Port Perry and got them made into cider for vinegar, 16 gallons, and brought Margaret Bell's trunk. Finished digging potatoes, 3 bags, in the afternoon. Tax collector Dobson called. \$11.20 was the sum he wanted.

16 – Thanksgiving day. A fine day but pretty cool. Plowed in the corn land in the forenoon and did little in the afternoon. Jennie, Margaret and little Annie left at 4 pm for Brooklin to attend the party in the church there. Nellie Michie came up and did the milking and got supper. They got home at 12.

17 – A very fine day. At the mangols and got in 4 loads. Jennie and Margaret dress making.

18 – Rain off and on most of the day. Finished drawing in mangols, 3 loads, and some other small jobs. Jennie went to Port Perry after 4 pm.

19 – At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. A heavy shower of rain just after we got home. At CE with Margaret Bell, only 11 out, Mr. Miller leader. Roads pretty muddy.

20 – A cool day with some rain scurries in the afternoon. Plowing all day in the north field and in the evening went with Jennie to the W.F.M.S. social which was quite a success. The Egyptian band appeared for the first time and did very well.

¹³ Louis Sebert, owner of Sebert House, in his 45th year.

21 – A fine day. Plowing in the north field. Went with Jennie in the evening to Port Perry and heard the Canadian Jubilee singers. Liked them very well. Got home at 11.

22 – Went down to I. O'Neill's in the morning to get Mary to help pick apples. Drew in a load of clay into the old hen house. Picked 3 bags of apples, cleaned out the cistern, repaired stable floor, cleaned out pig house and some other chores. Started to rain a little about 10 and drizzled a little most of the afternoon and quite heavy in the evening.

23 – Plowing in the forenoon. Picking apples in the afternoon, Margaret Bell and Mrs. I. O'Neill helping. Nellie O'Neill and Clarence was also here. In the evening went with Jennie to Greenbank and called at W. Luke's and got 12 pullets. Quite a cool night.

24 – Picked apples in the forenoon, Margaret helping, but rain came on about 10 (a thunder shower) and stopped us. Alex Lee came after dinner and helped to kill the pig. Then picked apples, Margaret and Mary O'Neill helping. A Lee's boys also picking for themselves. Weaned the little pigs. Margaret made candy in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. Picking all day at the apples, Margaret helping, and finished pretty near. Went down to M. O'Neill's to see about help for turnip picking. Called also at I. O'Neill's. Mrs. Akhurst here for tea.

26 – At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Margaret Bell, not a very large meeting. I was the leader. Rain and very dark on the way home.

27 – A fine day. Did a few chores in the forenoon. Jennie, Margaret and the children went to Port Perry and Margaret got her ticket for Manitoba (\$22.00). Started the turnips, Fred O'Neill helping, in the afternoon. Isaac and Mary O'Neill picking up the remnant of the apples. Calf died.

28 – At turnips all day and got in 5 loads, Fred O'Neill helping. Mr. Monroe called and sold him the apples at 75 cts for 1sts and 50 for 2nds. W. Taylor is moving into the Throop house today. Put up 2 barrels of apples for Manitoba.

29 – A pretty cold raw day. Took Margaret Bell to Port Perry to the morning train where she started for Manitoba. She took 2 barrels of apples, the freight charges was \$2.64. Brought 20 apple barrels home. Drew in 11 loads of turnips in the afternoon, Fred O'Neill helping all day. Isaac and Mary O'Neill here in the afternoon for apples.

30 – At the turnips, Fred O'Neill helping, and got in 8 loads. Rain came on at 11 and there was several small showers during the afternoon and evening, also some thunder. Jennie washing.

31 – A very fine warm day. At turnips all day, Fred O'Neill helping, and got in 17 loads, which finishes the job. Apple packers here for dinner, they put up 20 barrels. They were Mr. Monroe, G. Vansickler, and a Toronto man.

NOV. 1 – A very nice day. In the forenoon took the apples (20 barrels) to Port Perry and load enough it was as the roads were pretty bad. After dinner went to Greenbank with Annie for coal oil and the mail, and then picked up the culled apples.

2 – A very fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, Mr. Boe leader.

3 – A most beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing and churning.

4 – A very fine day. Plowing in the north field in the forenoon and finished it and in the afternoon plowing in the orchard. D. Cragg's little girl here getting signatures to a temperance pledge.

5 – A fine day. Finished plowing orchard then the little plot at the barn, then at the potato land. Tom Michie away to Raglan to plow at the match tomorrow. Wes Luke went with him. He had W. Real's team. At prayer meeting, quite a good turnout, Mr. Cameron leader. The 5 elders each spoke on the questions of the assembly. A very dark night and raining a little.

6 – Plowing and putting up small stoves in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Alex Lee to the plowing match at Raglan, there was 16 plows. Tom did not get anything for plowing but 1st for groomed team and 1st for outfit. Got supper at T. Black's and got home about 9, the roads pretty muddy. After I got home I went out to feed the horses and got kicked on the stomach by Jess. A 1 1/2 lb. boy was born to Mrs. Jas. Mason yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. W. Akhurst moved to Greenbank.

7 – A very fine day. Finished plowing potato and corn land and some sod. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron here for dinner.

8 – Quite a frost in the morning and a very fine day. Plowing sod all day.

9 – Some frost in the morning but a very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a fair meeting, G.A. McMillan leader.

10 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie washing and churning. R. Wallace called after dinner, wanted to buy colt, but could not agree on price. He offered \$90.00 and I wanted \$95.00.

11 – Frost in the morning and pretty cool all day. Finished plowing for the season in the forenoon and drew in some corn and out some manure and other chores in the afternoon.

12 – A big rain through the night but a warm day. Rain again from the east in the evening. Went to Port Perry with the waggon in the forenoon with the chickens. Drew 6 loads of dirt in the afternoon to fill up some holes in the barnyard. Went to prayer meeting but only 5 were there so there was no meeting but a meeting was held in the hall about the referendum vote. Very muddy roads.

13 – A foggy dull day. Brought the big colt home from A. Lee's where it has been pasturing for the summer. Cleaned out the pig and hen house and threw back the turnips from the door of the root house.

14 – A mild day. Dug around the apple trees, made a pump spout and several other small chores.

15 – A fine day. Put on the storm doors and windows and some other chores. Tied up the young cattle for the first of the season.

16 – A fine day. Went to SS and church with Annie. A stranger preached, I think his name was McPhaden from Toronto. Mr. Cameron was conducting anniversary services at Lesleyville. James Smith brought Mrs. Mark home last night (she has been waiting on Annie Mason). He attended SS and church and came here for tea and remained all night. Did not go to CE.

17 – Rather raw morning with a little rain from the east but cleared up during the day and started again in the evening. Jas. Smith left for home about 8 am. Spent all forenoon in taking pig up to G. Lee's. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. Just before dinner Tom Bell dropped in after an absence of over 3 years in Manitoba. We were not expecting him. In the afternoon he went to Port Perry with the waggon for his trunk. Did not do much in the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning.

18 – A very dull foggy day, threatening rain sometimes. Put a horse manger in the old hen house and put in posts for a hen yard, Tom Bell helping.

19 – A bright fine sunny day. Jennie, Tom and little Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I stayed at home and kept Willie. At the hen yard fence in the afternoon, Tom helping. Sandy and Arthur Gordon came for a bag of apples.

20 – A very fine day. Tom and Annie went to Greenbank in the morning for the mail. We drew in the remainder of the corn and several other small jobs.

21 – A fine day. Went and got George's saw and with Tom's help, cut down the mountain ashes west of the house, one apple tree and some other cutting.

22 – Quite a high wind with some rain flurries and some hail in the evening. With Tom's help cut up some old logs and rails about the barn.

23 – A little snow on the ground in the morning, the first of the season. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached on the temperance question. At CE but there was not enough gathered to hold a meeting.

24 – A very firm day. With Tom's help, drew in the wood we cut last week, drew off the brush from the orchard and covered the strawberries with straw. Jennie washing.

25 – A fine day. Tom went to Port Perry in the forenoon and to Greenbank for the mail in the afternoon. Did a few odd chores, put in some window glass.

26 – Started to snow from the east about 10 am and continued the remainder of the day. Tom went to Beare's mill with 20 bags of oats. Did a few chores. Isaac O'Neill here in the afternoon. Prohibition meeting at Greenbank tonight but did not go as it was a bad night.

27 – Did a number of small jobs. Tom went for the meal at Beare's mill. He took the waggon, but he says there is some sleighs on the road.

28 – Pretty cold in the morning but got milder towards night. Tom went up to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. He took the cutter, the first time out for the season. Henry Love and E. Boe called with the sleigh collecting things for Jas. Cross to give him a start at housekeeping.

29 – Thawing and some rain in the afternoon and evening. In the forenoon drew in wood into the woodshed, Tom helping. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's after dinner. Tom and little Annie went to Greenbank for the mail and then in the evening he went to Port Perry to meet his sister Margaret who is expected from Manitoba, but she did not come.

30 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting, Maggie Blair leader.

DEC. 1 – A very fine day. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning. In the afternoon, with Tom's help, drew in wood and filled the woodshed to the door but did not get all the dry wood in. Jennie washing.

2 – A very fine day. With Tom's help cut some wood in the swamp field. Wes Luke called, he was wanting me to help him fix his hen house. Went in the afternoon with Tom to Jas. Monroe's wood sale on lot 20, conc. 13. Prices went as high as \$51.00 for ¼ acre lots. Tom went to Greenbank on the way home.

3 – A dull somewhat rough day. All day helping Wes Luke with his hen house. John Michie also helping. Tom Bell at Greenbank in the afternoon. Alex Gordon and Jim Ewin and another man here looking at the colt.

4 – A very fine day. Took Isaac O'Neill to Seagrave to vote on the referendum, then went to Greenbank and voted myself. At Wes Luke's hen house in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. M. O'Neill here for tea. Oliver and Ned Luke after some poles for rafters. Tom Bell went to Greenbank for the mail.

5 – A pretty cold day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for flour and other things and at Wes Luke's hen house in the afternoon. Tom went up after the mail. Wes Luke had a runaway near the railway track.

6 – A pretty cold day. At Wes Luke's hen house all day. Tom went to Greenbank for the mail. Jas. McMillan called in the afternoon.

7 – Some snow through the night but not enough to make good sleighing. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE.

8 – A very cold rough day, 6 below zero in the evening. Jennie washing. Did very little but a few odd jobs.

9 – 6 below zero in the morning but got some warmer during the day. Did very little in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Tom's help, cut some old cedar logs in the swamp field. Jennie housecleaned the pantry.

10 – Rather rough but not so cold. At Wes Luke's all day principally fixing horse stable door. Tom went to Greenbank for mail. Ernest Phair had a runaway today.

11 – A pretty cold day. Banked up the root house in the afternoon. Tom Bell went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

12 – 7 below zero in the morning but fine and clear. With Tom's help cut some old cedar logs. Jennie housecleaning.

13 – A very cold day with snow from the east. Cut some wood in the swamp with Tom's help in the forenoon and some chores in the afternoon. Tom went up for the mail but got none.

14 – Coldest morning yet, 10 below zero, but turned out a nice day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Jas. Walker was there after an absence in the W.W. for nearly 21 years. At CE, a fair meeting, R.T. Harrington leader.

15 – Somewhat warmer and pretty rough in the evening. Tom split some wood in the swamp field. James Walker of Minnesota came in about 9 and stayed until after dinner. He has been away nearly 21 years and I did nothing but talk to him principally on the tariff question. At church managers meeting in the evening.

16 – Some rain through the night and the forenoon. The snow a good deal gone. Helped with the washing. Jennie went to Port Perry and took Tom on his way to Newcastle.

17 – Went down to Mark's in the forenoon to see John about going to finish W. Luke's hen house. Did very little but the chores. At prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. A meeting after about SS helps and papers.

18 – A fairly fine day. Cut a little wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Alex Gordon called to say that his sister Mrs. McCorcodale of Orillia died last evening. At Wes Luke's hen house in the afternoon and finished the job. Made cedar decoration for SS room in the evening.

19 – A fine day and thawing a little. Did very little in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Mrs. McCorcodale's funeral which was from S. Dusty's house. I acted as one of the bearers, the others were Jas. Burton, Alex Lee, Jas. Leask, J.M. Real, and Geo. Byers. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. James A. Michie of Griswold Manitoba arrived today.

20 – A fine day. Cut brush and made decoration in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove the team with brush to the church and helped to decorate the SS room. Nellie Michie went with me. E. Boe, John Lee, D. Till, R.T. Harrington, A. Akhurst, Maggie Blair, Bella Innis and Ethel [?] helping. Jas. A. Michie here in the afternoon.

21 – Rain through the night and a good part of the day. Roads very icy and sloppy. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. A large SS in spite of the bad day. Presents given to the primary class. Did not get to CE as it was a very dark night.

22 – Soft in the morning but turned quite cold towards night. Did the chores and helped Jennie at the washing.

23 – A very fine day. Cut some wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with the buggy. Fine wheeling but rather icy. Wes Luke called and stayed for tea.

24 – Cut some wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. After dinner Walter and Ethel Bratley came and stayed all night. Nellie Michie called in the afternoon. Snowed in the evening.

25 – About 3 or 4 inches of snow but rather thin to make good sleighing. Went to L. Beare's and G. Lee's in the forenoon. Walter Bratley went to W. Luke's and stayed until near night. Drove up to Greenbank with the cutter with Ethel, Annie and Willie. Walter and Ethel went down to Mark's in the evening and Ethel stayed there all night. Tom Bell came from Newcastle at 10 pm. Peter Gibson and Clara Love are getting married today.

26 – A pretty cold day and snowing a little. Tom Bell went to Port Perry with the sleigh and 12 bags of oats to get ground. Walter and Ethel Bratley went with him on their way home. Walked up to preparatory service. Mr. Campbell of Quaker Hill preached. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cross and Maggie McMillan came into the church this time. 4 babies were baptised, namely John Somerville's, Alex Boe's, G. Allan's and Peter Leask's. Jim Michie called in the afternoon.

27 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went down with little Annie to Mark's for dinner, there being quite a gathering there. Tom Bell went to Port Perry for the meal. Tom Black and Annie came in the afternoon.

28 – A fine but pretty cold day. Went to communion at Wick, Mr. Cameron preached, about the usual attendance. Sleighing good.

29 – Snowing a little most of the day. Fanned up 20 bags of oats in the forenoon and Tom went to Port Perry with them in the afternoon. Jennie washing. At annual SS meeting in the evening, a large meeting. Chosen for second year as superintendent. The other officers are Jas. Miller, assist. super.; Jas. Leask, treas.; Armour McMillan and John McDonald, sec., Jessie Michie, organist; and Annie [?], organist. Refreshments served after the meeting.

30 – A fine day. Helped Tom to hitch up the Fly colt for the first time. She went very well. A. Gordon Sr. called for 2 bags of apples. George Fowlie here for dinner. He has been laid up for over a month with a felon on his thumb. Tom went in the afternoon to a bee drawing timber for C. Gordon and had a big time. He did not get home until 8:30.

31 – A very fine clear day. A little after 12 in the morning Jennie took a chill while in bed and Tom went down and got Mrs. Mark who stayed all day. In the morning I went to Port Perry and got Dr. R. Archer. He pronounced the trouble not very serious and Jennie got up for dinner. Tom went to Greenbank in the afternoon to get some harness mended and when away Milton Henders and his brother came to see him. Then W. Luke and John Throop came and stayed a short time, then W. Mark.

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Jan. 1 – A very fine bright day. Nellie Michie came up in the morning and stayed awhile. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon Sr. called. Went with little Annie to Tom Black's for dinner and got home again at 6. Jas. Smith and family were there also. Good sleighing.

2 – A fine day. Went to Uxbridge in the forenoon to see about getting more maple flooring, fine sleighing. Tom went to Port Perry in the afternoon to see Milton Henders but he was not at home. Alex Lee's party tonight but did not go.

3 – A soft day, rain through the night and forenoon. Got a little colder towards night, the snow has gone a good deal. Washed the buggy. Tom hitched up the colt for the 2nd time and again in the afternoon and drew up some wood. He went to Port Perry in the evening. Nellie Michie here in the forenoon.

4 – A fine day. At SS election of teacher. Mr. Cameron preached in the church service. Joseph Watson of Clifford was there. At CE, a fair meeting. Jas. Miller leader. It was decided to continue the meetings and the new officers were elected.

5 – A fine day, a very little snow in the afternoon. Cut some wood in the swamp lot in the forenoon. Nellie here washing. After dinner drove up to W. Real's and telephoned for the Dr. for Jennie. He (Dr. D. Archer) came about 3 and about 5 a son was born but it was stillborn. It had been dead for over a week. Mrs. Mark here helping. Tom went to Port Perry in the evening to a hockey match.

6 – Snowing a good part of the day. Mrs. Mark went home after dinner as there is to be a big party there tonight and I had to be housekeeper and nurse. Tom drew up some wood and went to the party at night.

7 – Snowing a good part of the day from the NE. This has been callers day with us. First came James A. Michie, then just before dinner came Jack Park and George Fowlie with the word that Aunt, Mrs. Fowlie, died last night at the age of 76 after about 10 days illness. The three stayed to dinner. Then came Mrs. G.A. McMillan and stayed most of the afternoon. Then about 5 came Dr. Archer and with him Mrs. Archer. He had scarcely got here before J. M. Real came for him for his wife. Then after we had our supper came Mr. and Mrs. Cameron. Tom went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. In the evening went to the annual church meeting, a fair attendance. The managers elected were John Lee; J.M. Real, W.H. Leask and myself. The books show a balance on hand of about \$64.00.

8 – A very cold day with a sharp NW wind. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for some stuff for Jennie's leg and in the afternoon went to Mrs. Fowlie's funeral. Not many there. Mrs. Mark went home for the night.

9 – A very cold rough day and drifting quite a big from the NW. Did very little but the chores. Bagged up some oats for meal. Jas. Michie here in the evening.

10 – A pretty rough cold day. Did little but the chores. Tom went to Port Perry in the morning with oats and rye to get ground and did not get home until 6 pm and did not get the meal. Managers

meeting tonight but did not go as Annie was not very well and we had a bad night with both her and Willie. Croup or something like it was the trouble.

11 – Snowing from the NE most of the day. At SS and church. Mr. Reid of Leaskdale was expected but was unable owing to illness to attend so Mr. Cameron conducted the service. Spent a good part of the time in the SS in electing teachers. At CE a pretty good attendance as there was no Methodist service. Nellie McMillan and I were to take the topic but she did not come so it all fell on me. This is the first night under the new plan of having two to take the topic without any help from those present.

12 – Snowing and drifting all day and the road from here north blocked. Tom went to Port Perry in the afternoon for the meal and found the roads very heavy. There is special services at the church this week but I did not go tonight on account of the roads.

13 – A fine day. Went up as far as Alex Lee's in the forenoon to open the road through the fields. Tom drove the team up that far in the afternoon and then took Mrs. Mark home and brought Nellie here. Tom and Nellie went to the special service in the church in the evening.

14 – A fine day. Tom cutting wood in the afternoon in the swamp. Jennie got out of bed again in the afternoon. At special service in the church with Nellie, a fair attendance, Mr. Cameron conducted.

15 – A fine day. Tom cutting wood in the forenoon and at Port Perry (races) in the afternoon and him and Nellie at special services in the evening. Mr. Wishart of Beaverton was leader,

16 – Went to Uxbridge with maple lumber to get dressed, got home about 4. At special service with Nellie. Mr. Wishart conducted, a very good address, and a good attendance.

17 – Somewhat rough day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and called on the Dr. see him about Jennie's leg which is not doing very well. Cleaned out the pig and hen house in the afternoon. Tom chopping wood in the swamp.

18 – A very cold day, 6 below zero. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached an extra good sermon. At CE, rather a small turnout, G.A. McMillan and Ethel Miller leaders.

19 – Six below zero in the morning. Went to Uxbridge and got the flooring from the planing mill. Tom cutting wood in the swamp. Nellie Michie came up in the morning and helped to wash and went home in the afternoon.

20 – A very fine day. Making gate in the forenoon. Tom cutting wood in the swamp. In the afternoon went with Tom to farmers institute meeting at Greenbank. About the usual number present. Mr. Orr spoke on fruit and Mr. Guardhouse on heavy horses, both were good. Tom went to the evening meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee and Miss Ettie Phair called in the afternoon.

21 – About 3 or 4 inches of snow fell through the night. Tom drove Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon to see the Dr. about her leg which is worse. In the afternoon Tom hitched up Topsy and

the Fly colt and drove them to Port Perry. He went down to Mark's in the evening to a musical meeting.

22 – A fine day. Jennie's leg pretty bad so I had to do housework. After dinner went to Greenbank to get Barbara Walker but she could not come, then went down to Mark's. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon here in the morning and Mrs. Luke in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. Tom drove down in the morning and brought Nellie Michie to help with the work while Jennie rests her leg. Painted the gate in the forenoon. After dinner Tom hitched up and drew up two loads of wood, then he drove to Greenbank. Geordie McMillan of Port Perry called and bought Topsy horse for \$108.00.

24 – A very cold day. 10 below zero in the morning. We had just got breakfast when Tom and Ralph Black called on their way north. Took the Topsy mare out to Port Perry to G. McMillan. In the afternoon went down to M. O'Neill's and left some money for [?]. Tom in the swamp. James S. Lee called in the afternoon.

25 – Somewhat cold with an east wind. Tom drove Nellie home in the forenoon. Went to SS and church with little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. John Stone's little boy was buried today, he died of diphtheria. Little Mary and the hired man are also very bad. At CE, a fair meeting. R.T. Harrington and Russell Wallace leaders.

26 – Laying new maple floor in the kitchen all day, Tom helping and doing the chores. Nellie washing. G.A. McMillan called after dinner.

27 – Thawing and a little rain in the afternoon. Laying floor all day. Tom helping in the forenoon and in the afternoon he went to Greenbank and in the evening to Port Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rennie called about 4 pm.

28 – Thawing a little all day. Tom went to Port Perry in the morning for nails for floor. Laying floor all day. Alex Lee called to tell us that little Mary Stone died today. Nellie went home for the night.

29 – Thawing a good deal and raining. Some thunder after dinner and in the evening. Working at the floor all day. Tom went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Nellie went home for the night, there being a party at Jas. Leask's. An unusual number of trains on our line today. The 7th anniversary of our wedding.

30 – Colder and blowing and snowing. A blizzard from the NW most of the day. Put the finishing touches on the new floor in the forenoon and dosed the cattle with tobacco for lice in the afternoon. James Michie came up in the morning to say that Nellie could not come today as her mother was sick in bed.

31 – Much milder day. Tom went to Greenbank in the forenoon for coal oil and other things and in the afternoon went with A. Lee to Port Perry. Alex Lee called in the forenoon and Nellie Michie in the afternoon.

FEB. 1 – A mild day, some foggy at night. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached one of the best sermons he has given here. Both SS and church smaller than usual on account of the fear of

diphtheria. Jennie and Tom went to CE in the evening, Mr. Miller leader.

2 – Thawing with rain in the afternoon but colder in the evening. Tom went to Port Perry with 10 bags to the mill and got back about 3:30. A high wind in the evening. Jennie washing. I did very little but chores.

3 – A fine day. Cut and split wood in the yard. Tom went to A. Lee's to help him cut wood but only stayed a short time for want of an axe. He went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

4 – Soft and a little rain in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Greenbank with Jennie and the two children. Called at J.M. Real's, Alex Gordon's, Charles Gordon's who is sick in bed, and W. Mark's.

5 – A pretty rough cold day. Did nothing but chores. Tom helping A. Lee to cut wood in the afternoon.

6 – A fine day, a little snow in the afternoon. Tom helping A. Lee in the afternoon and went to Port Perry in the evening. R. Wallace called after dinner to buy the Fly colt but she was not for sale. He was telling me that Robert Gregg was killed the day before yesterday by a tree. Went over to Lige Beare's and settled up with him then to Greenbank. Jessie Michie and Mary Dusty called in the afternoon.

7 – An extra fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Tom drawing it up to the house.

8 – Snowing from the east most of the forenoon, then turned to a blizzard from the NW towards night. At SS and church, rather small SS and very few at church as Mr. R. Gregg's funeral sermon was preached in the Baptist church. Mr. Cameron preached a good sermon. No one at CE.

9 – Snowing most of the forenoon. Putting partition in pig house in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove over to C. Gordon's to see how he was and found him a little better. Took Jennie and the two children to Mark's while I was at Charlie's. After that Tom went to Greenbank for bread and to Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A fine day and thawing a little in the afternoon. We intended to start for Newcastle in the morning but Jim Michie came up to say that his mother could not come to keep house as John was ill. He got the horse and cutter and went to the Dr at Port Perry and was here for dinner. However John got better and Tom Bell went down for Mrs. Mark and Jennie and I and the children started in the afternoon and went as far as Tom Black's at Raglan and stayed there all night. Barbara and Willie Smith were there in the evening.

11 – Soft weather. Started from Tom Black's and drove over to Joe Bell's at Enniskillen and had just got dinner when it started to rain and continued through the afternoon so we did not go any further. A neighbour, Mr. Clark, brought over his gramophone and gave us some very nice music. In the evening went down to the village with Annie and Maggie Bell to a meeting of Bowmanville and Darlington SS Association. A good meeting, addressed by

Mr. Trebelcock of Bowmanville and Mr. Yellowlees of Toronto and a very good address they were. Turned some colder in the evening. County poor house opened.

12 – Started in the morning taking Uncle Joe's buggy as there as very poor sleighing from there south and got to F. Perrin's a little after noon and met Fred Patton for the first time. He and Mundo Perrin had quite a time hitching up a kicking colt for the first. T. Martin and family and Jas. Douglass and daughter of Manitoba came in the evening. Marshall O'Neill got his leg broken with a tree today.

13 – Some colder. Started for home and got to Uncle Joe's for dinner and then home by way of Blackstock. Got home about 6. After supper Tom drove Mr. Mark home. Harry Martin the tramp here all night.

14 – A very fine day. Tom went to Port Perry with some grain to the mill but did not get it home. Cut a little wood and went down to see M. O'Neill in the afternoon. Harry Martin left before breakfast.

15 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a small meeting. G.A. McMillan and Jas. Miller and myself leaders. Snowing a little on the way home.

16 – A fine day. Milton Henders came as we were at breakfast and Tom went with him on a fox hunt. They got 1 fox. In the afternoon went with A. Lee to a bee cutting wood for the church at Whitter's. 5 loads drawn today. In the evening went to Greenbank and with Alex Leask and W. Wallace made out the church report for the printer. A very cold night.

17 – 10 below zero in the morning with a cutting north wind. It never got above zero all day. Did nothing but the chores. Baby Willie has been somewhat sick the last 2 or 3 days.

18 – 4 below zero in the morning and pretty rough especially in the evening. Tom went to Port Perry in the afternoon for the meal but only got part of it. He did not get home until nearly 9 pm. There was a fire in town. Wes Luke called in the afternoon.

19 – A very nice day but pretty cold. Cut some wood in the yard in the forenoon. In the afternoon Tom and Jennie went to Port Perry. Tom went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

20 – A very fine day. Cut wood in the yard and cleaned out the pig house. Milton Henders and Tom all day hunting in the swamp but got nothing. Tom drove Milt home in the evening and stayed all night.

21 – A fine day with a little snow in the afternoon. Cut some wood in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Tom came home about 10 am.

22 – A fine day. At church and SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a very small meeting. Jennie was to be leader but she did not go so it fell on others.

23 – A fine day. Cutting wood all day in the swamp. Jennie washing.

24 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the yard in the afternoon. Tom went to Greenbank after dinner, then hitched up Fly to the cutter, the first time single, then walked to Port Perry and stayed all night.

25 – Very fine day. Cut some wood in the forenoon. Tom came back before dinner and he and Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for lunch on his way to Manitoba as he is to start tomorrow morning. Mr. Stonehouse called and spent a good part of the afternoon talking cream separator. A. Lee called after dinner.

26 – A very fine day and thawing some. Got up at 5 am and took Tom Bell to the morning train at Port Perry on the way to Manitoba. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Little Annie on the sick list.

27 – A very nice day and thawing some. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Annie some better.

28 – Thawing all day, rain in the afternoon. Cleaned out the pig and hen house and cut a bit of wood in the yard. Barbara and Willie Smith came about 3:30 and stayed all night. They were at Mark's last night.

MAR. 1 – A fine day but much colder. Walked to SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE.

2 – A fine day. Willie Smith went down to Mark's for dinner. They left for home about 3 pm. Went to G. Franklin's sale in the afternoon, a good crowd and prices.

3 – A fine day. Cutting wood all day in swamp. Jennie washing.

4 – A very fine day and thawing some. Jim Michie came up in the forenoon to say goodbye as he starts for Manitoba tomorrow. Went to Morrison [?] sale in the afternoon with the buggy, fair wheeling. The assessor, Jas. Moon, called.

5 – A fine day. 1 ½ inches of snow fell through the night but went away during the day. Bagged up some oats and took them to the mill at Port Perry with the waggon in the afternoon.

6 – A very fine day and thawing some. Went for the meal to Port Perry in the forenoon. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. In the afternoon Jennie, with the two children, drove Mrs. Gordon home and to Greenbank for the mail.

7 – Cutting wood in the swamp until about 3:30 when it started to rain and continued during the evening.

8 – A little rain in the forenoon. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. No CE on account of the bad state of the roads.

9 – Went up in the forenoon and with Alex Lee dug out a bit of the road. There is not so much snow as usual this spring. Drawing out wood from Luke's swamp in the afternoon and very rough work it was as there is scarcely a speck of snow. Florence and Edith Phair called in the afternoon.

10 – Buck sawing wood all day in the swamp field and cut 3 cords of 4 foot wood in two. I think this is about the most I ever cut in one day. Rain in the evening. W. Taylor cutting wood by steam at his house. Jas. Lee went to Port Perry to meet Mr. Throop about the sale of his Egypt farm. North Ontario by-elections for Dominion house. Grant elected.

11 – Splitting wood in the forenoon and keeping house in the afternoon while Jennie and Annie went to missionary meeting at the church. Roads very muddy.

12 – A fine warm day. Split wood in the forenoon and some chores in the afternoon. Jennie sewing carpet rags. Young Cawker the butcher called before dinner wanting to buy cattle. He did not buy them but came again and got a steer at 7 cts dressed weight. He took him away with him. Wes Luke called before supper.

13 – A fine warm day. Pruning apple trees. Beggar man called after dinner. James Lee called in the evening. First robin of the season today.

14 – A fine warm day. Pruning apple trees all day and finished the job. Jennie and the children started for Mark's in the afternoon but turned back on account of mud. Mrs. A. Akhurst [had] a daughter.

15 – A fine spring day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. No CE on account of the very bad roads.

16 – A fine warm day. Drew out the brush from the orchard in the forenoon and at the berry bushes in the afternoon while Jennie and baby Willie went to Port Perry. She reports very bad roads, no bottom to them. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. A very dark night and raining some. James Lee was also at Mark's.

17 – Another fine day. Cleaned out the colts pen and planted a few potatoes in the forenoon and cut down the apple tree in the garden. Went over to the Luke barn and got settled up with G. Michie, the first time for several years. Little Jim Lee brought the mail. Jennie dying carpet rags.

18 – A fine warm day. Made some nests in the hen house and at the berry bushes. At prayer meeting, Mr. Boe leader. An after meeting about the SS anniversary. It was decided to have one on the 24 and 25 of May. Roads very bad. Drove Mrs. Gordon to her gate. Lightning in the evening.

19 – A very warm spring day. Plowed and trimmed at the berry bushes all day. Jessie Michie came up in the forenoon and little Annie went down with her and Jennie and Willie went after her in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill called in the afternoon. Young Cawker called.

20 – A very warm day for this time of year. At the berry bushes in the forenoon and drew some manure to the garden and orchard in the afternoon. Joseph Burton called before dinner to see about building a new hen house. John Lee called in the afternoon. Wilbert Lee brought the mail. Thunder storm at 7 pm (the first of the season). Rain through the evening.

21 – Another nice day. Got cooler towards night. Plowed the garden (the first time since it was a garden as far as I know) and part of the orchard and finished fixing the raspberry bushes.

22 – A fine day, some frost in the morning. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. No CE.

23 – A drizzling rain from the east most of the day. Did a few chores and raked the straw off the strawberries.

24 – Somewhat cooler towards night. Mr. W. Akhurst here in the forenoon for some berry bushes. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 14 bags to get ground and got it home. Roads very bad, especially south from the 7th concession. A. Lee called with the mail.

25 – Rather rough with snow flurries most of the day. Drawing wood out of the wood lot in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon kept house while Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry with carpet rags.

26 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Buck sawed wood and cut nearly 3 cords. Isaac O'Neill and Clarence came for a bag of oats. Tom Michie brought Mrs. J.C. Mason and baby, who has been at Mr. Mark's for a day or two. About 6:30 Tom Black came with his tram. He got supper and went down to Mark's for the night.

27 – A fine day. Cleaned out the pig house and a few other chores in the forenoon. Tom Black got some seed oats at A. Akhurst's and left for home after dinner. At preparatory service at the church, Mr. Limbert preached, a fair turnout. Mr. D. Till became a member. Jennie and Mrs. Mason making a dress for Willie.

28 – Somewhat colder with a little snow flurries in the afternoon. Went up to A. Lee's and got a piece of an old seeder to replace one broken on ours. In the afternoon kept house while Jennie, Willie, Mrs. Mason and baby Mason went to Port Perry and got the two children's pictures taken. Mrs. M. also got hers.

29 – A very fine clear day. Mrs. Mason kept house while Jennie, Annie and I went to communion service. About the usual attendance. Mr. Cameron preached. AT CE with Jennie, rather a larger meeting than usual. I was leader.

30 – A very fine day. Took Mrs. Mason and baby to Port Perry on her way home. Brought Mr. John Throop (who is canvassing for beets for the Peterborough Sugar Co.) home with me and he stayed for dinner. Put up the poultry netting about the hen yard. Jessie Michie called in the morning and Alex Lee.

31 – A very fine day with high NW wind in the afternoon. Finished the hen yard fence, drew off stones from the fields and put in post for new gate at road. Jennie washed, churned and went to Greenbank with Willie. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron called while she was away.

APR. 1 – A fine day. Spent all the day fixing the gate at the road. W. Luke drawing wood. Ned paid us a visit. At prayer meeting, a good turnout, Mr. Cameron leader. An after meeting about anniversary.

2 – A very fine day with quite a high wind in the afternoon. Spent most of the day putting in garden stuff, Jennie helping. Also planted some potatoes (2nd lot) in the orchard.

3 – Rain all forenoon. About 2 pm it turned to snow and continued the rest of the day until the ground was white. Bagged up some oats for meal and found some for seed and made a whiffle tree. Andrew Ross' sale today. He and Mrs. Ross are going to Manitoba to spend the remainder of their days.

4 – About 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground and very cold and wintery all day. Did very little but the chores. Jennie and little Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Got a letter from Mrs. John Bell of Edinburgh.

5 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie went to CE, a fine turnout, R.T. Harrington leader.

6 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Took the 8 pigs to Blackwater and got \$5.90 (a drop from \$6.35 last week). They weighed 1520 lbs or 190 each. At church managers meeting in the evening. Raining a little on the way home.

7 – A fine day with quite a high wind. Did a few odd jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 15 bags of oats to get ground and got it home with me. Jessie Michie called in the forenoon.

8 – A very fine day. Split and piled wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon took off storm windows and doors while Jennie and the two children went to Port Perry. Jessie Michie brought the mail. Jennie went to prayer meeting, Mr. Boe leader.

9 – Went up to A. Lee's in the morning to get him to kill a pig tomorrow, then finished splitting wood near the swamp. In the afternoon it rained some from the NE and I went up to A. Lee's again to fan up some seed oats but he was down at the other place. Terry cow had a calf.

10 – Good Friday. A fine day but a little cool. Alex Lee came down in the morning and we killed the pig. I then went up with him and fanned up 12 bags of seed oats. Plowed and harrowed in the orchard in the afternoon.

11 – A fine day. Took half of the pig 78 lbs. up to Alex Lee and brought home the seed oats, then cultivated the field west of the house, the first spring work of the season. Then Jennie and the two children went to Greenbank. Mamey Dusty called.

12 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie at CE, G.A. McMillan leader.

13 – A fine day with a high east wind. Sowed the field west of the house, the first of the season. Jennie washing and making head cheese.

14 – Rain a little in the morning until about 10 when it set in in earnest and continued most of the day. Sowed 3 acres north of the barn when the rain came on. Alex Lee here in the afternoon bagging up oats. Granny cow dropped a calf.

15 – Rain through the night and threatening all day. Too wet for doing anything on the land. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie and Annie went to Wes Luke's in the afternoon for eggs for hatching. Went to prayer meeting, only 13 there. Roads very bad and very dark night.

16 – A fine day. Kept house and read the evidence in the [Garney?] charges in the forenoon while Jennie whitewashed the cellar. About 2 pm Willie boy got his left hand fingers badly bruised in the door between the kitchen and woodshed. Mrs. A. Gordon called in the afternoon. Plowed and harrowed in the orchard.

17 – A fine day but rather cool. Harrowing all day. Jennie varnishing some of the furniture.

18 – A fine day but rather cool. Did not go to bed until about 3 am as I was watching the sow, 12 little pigs, but 1 dead. Harrowed and picked off stones in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove with little Annie to Greenbank for the mail. Just after supper Joe Stone came in and bought the two steers for 4 ½ cents. Just at the same time came Jas. A. Miller, B.A., who has just got through his college course and is going as a missionary to Depot Harbour for a year. He stayed for tea and we had quite a talk.¹⁴

19 – A fine day. In the forenoon went over to A. Lee's bush with the children and got some mayflowers and found a partridge nest, the first I ever saw. At SS and church with Annie. Jas. A. Miller spoke at the SS. Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie went to CE, a good meeting, she and A. McArthur took the topic. Sir Oliver Mowat died this morning.¹⁵

20 – Some frost in the morning but a nice day. Drew out manure all day. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Went up to A. Akhurst's in the evening to see about the seeder. Mrs. Edly Stone died last night.

21 – Some snow flurries in the forenoon. Plowing for mangels in the forenoon and at Port Perry in the afternoon. Tom Black and Ralph came just before dinner for a load of turnips. Isaac O'Neill called in the evening for a loan of \$5.00. Wilbert Lee brought the mail in the morning.

22 – Cultivating in the forenoon and sowing oats in the afternoon. At prayer meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. Choir practice after. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Alex Lee called in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and got a bushel of Speltz and sowed it in the afternoon, the first ever sown on the place and the first in the locality as far as I know. Sowed also a few oats which finishes for the season. Jennie housecleaning upstairs.

24 – A very fine day. Harrowing and picking off stones until about 4 pm when Jennie and the children went to W. Luke's for 2 settings of eggs. Alex Lee called with the mail.

¹⁴ Depot Harbour, currently a ghost town, was just west of Parry Sound, Ontario in Wasauksing Ojibway First Nations territory on Parry Island.

¹⁵ Sir Oliver Mowat was the third premier of Ontario.

25 – A very nice day. Plowing in the forenoon. Alex Lee brought the Three Rivers strawberries and I planted them in the afternoon. In the evening went to Port Perry for Willemina Bell who came from Rochester. George and Eva Leask called for some strawberry plants but did not get any. J. Lee brought the mail.

26 – A very fine day. All went over to A. Lee's bush in the forenoon for flowers. At SS and church with Willa and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Willa and Jennie at CE, G.D. McMillan leader, a good meeting.

27 – An extra fine day. Took the two steers to Blackwater. A Akhurst took 1 and W. Luke 2. We all went together. Albert drove his rig. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry for the new rag carpet.

28 – A very fine warm day. Worked all day drawing stones to repair the road into the barn. W. Taylor called about potatoes. Went up to A. Lee's in the evening to get the news of the trial. Jennie and Willa put down the new carpet in the best bedroom.

29 – A fine warm day and things starting to grow a little. Planted potatoes in the orchard and some other chores in the forenoon and rolled the hay field in the afternoon. At prayer meeting with Willa, Mr. Cameron leader. Choir practice. Jennie housecleaning.

30 – A fine forenoon but a big rain in the afternoon. Willa drove me out to Port Perry to the morning train by which I went to Toronto. Heard the [Ga....?] trial for awhile, then went to the horse show and liked it very well. Walked home from Port Perry and a bad walk it was with rain and mud. Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Akhurst and Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon. Jennie drove them home.

MAY 1 – A very cold day, hard frost in the morning. Fixed fences and some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with oats to get ground. Jennie went also. W. Taylor called for potatoes. Keith Lee brought papers.

2 – A rather cool day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and in the afternoon cultivated and harrowed the mangold ground. Willa and the two children at Mark's. Jimmie Lee brought the mail.

3 – Rain in the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a fair meeting. Jas Miller and Nellie McMillan leaders.

4 – A fine day. Planting strawberries all day. Jennie digging the plants and Annie carrying them. Jennie and Annie went to W. Luke's for setting eggs and Willa and Annie to Port Perry for strawberries. L. and Fred O'Neill called in the evening, also A. Lee.

5 – Quite a frost in the morning but a very fine day. Finished planting strawberries in the forenoon and rolled in the afternoon. Jennie washed the buggy. At choir practice in the evening.

6 – A very nice warm day. Jennie and the two children went to Port Perry in the forenoon (got 3 cherry trees) while I planted some corn and other chores. Rolled in the afternoon.

7 – A fine day. Drilled up for mangolds in the forenoon. A. Lee brought the mail among which was a letter from Mrs. Archer saying she could not help us at our anniversary as expected so in the afternoon Willa went to Port Perry to see about getting someone to take her place and partly succeeded in getting Mr. McQueen. While she was away Mrs. W. Wallace drove down to say that the Claremont people that we expected were not coming.

8 – A very fine day. Finished drilling and then sowed the mangolds in the forenoon. After dinner hitched up the Fly colt in the old buggy to go to Greenbank but I completely lost control of her going up the lane and nearly went through the gate. I then hitched up Jess and with little Annie went up to see Mrs. W. Wallace about getting help for SS anniversary concert. When I got home Aunt Janet Tait of Whitby was here. She had walked from Port Perry as we had not got her letter saying when she was to come. Mrs. Mark was also here for some rose bushes. Drew out manure the remainder of the afternoon. Willa down to Mark's in the evening.

9 – A fine day. Drawing out manure all day. At Greenbank in the evening at band practice, the first time for one. Tried to beat the drums. A very fine night.

10 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Willa and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie, Willa and Aunt Janet at CE, a good meeting, Maggie Blair leader.

11 – A fine warm day. Plowing all day except after dinner when I went up to Greenbank to see Mrs. Wallace about the anniversary concert. Aunt Janet, Willa and little Annie visiting at Mark's. Alex Lee called in the evening to fill up 2 bags of potatoes for A. Cragg.

12 – A very fine warm day. Fixed the watering place at the spring and then took Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way home. Willa also went. Tried to make some arrangement for help at the SS anniversary at Port Perry but failed, then drove to Myrtle and got the promise of Miss Armiston. Called at Uncle's and learned that John Park was burned out a week ago last Sunday. Got home about 5 and walked to Greenbank in the evening to choir practice. Gramophone concert in the hall. Joe Wallace came down on his wheel in the morning. Willa at W. Lukes in the evening for eggs.

13 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure all day. At prayer meeting, Mr. Miller leader. An after meeting to make final arrangements about the anniversary. Brought Maggie Blair down to A. Gordon's.

14 – A fine day. Planted corn in the orchard and spread manure while Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry to market, the first time since it started again. A large turnout but butter only 14 cts. Planted corn in the little plot near the pump and plowed in the afternoon.

15 – A fine day and things growing nicely. Finished plowing the corn and potato land and harrowed it twice. Isaac O'Neill called after dinner. Willa went to Greenbank in the evening and I called at A. Lee's.

16 – A very fine day. Harrowed and planted the horse corn with A. Lee's drill. Little Annie went down to Mark's alone for the first

time but Willa and little Willie had to go after her. Silas Butt here for tea. He off work as he is not very well. At band practice and did not get home until past 12.

17 – A very warm summer like day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and baby Willie (he for the first time). Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Willa, a fair meeting, R.T. Harrington leader.

18 – A pretty warm day. Thundering most of the day until about 3 pm when there was a very heavy rain with some very sharp lightning. Drawing out manure until the rain came on. Anna Tait came about 7, she wheeled out from Port Perry and pretty bad roads it was. At choir practice in the evening.

19 – A fine warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and rolled in the afternoon.

20 – A very fine day and cooler. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie washing. John came up for the roller. At band practice in the evening. Willa and Annie went with me as far as W. Luke's for eggs.

21 – A fine day, some thunder after dinner but no rain here. Finished drawing out the manure, filled up holes in the barnyard and the barn bridge, and took the colt over to Alex Lee's pasture. Alex Lee called for scaffolding squares.

22 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Willa for packing boxes and scuffler [?]. Scuffled and hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Planned to go with Jennie to SS convention at Port Perry in the evening but little Annie was not well so we did not go.

23 – A fine day and some cooler. Hoed the berry bushes and at 4 pm with Jennie and the two children went down to the creek and got a boat ride. At band practice in the evening. A little rain on the way home.

24 – A very fine day but somewhat cool. At SS and church with Jennie, Willa and little Annie. Anniversary services conducted by Rev. Mr. Best of Beaverton. A very full house and a good address. At church again in the evening with Anna (Willa stayed for tea at Mr. Akhurst's). Mr. Best preached again and to another very full house. Collection of \$18.64, the largest on record.

25 – A very fine cool day. Hoed in the orchard in the forenoon. At the SS anniversary in the afternoon. Walked up while Jennie, Anna and the two children came after. Jennie and the children came home with John and he brought Willa up. There was a tremendous crowd, the largest we ever had, and everything went off well. The Greenbank Band appeared for the first time. The proceeds so far are \$137.00 with a social tomorrow.

26 – Cutting seed potatoes in the cellar all day. Willa drove Jennie and little Annie up to the church in the afternoon to help clean up the anniversary dishes. I drove up after 6 o'clock, there was not very many out. A big thunder storm came up as we were at tea.

27 – Drilled up for potatoes in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon until about 3:30 when a thunder shower came up but it did not rain much. Started about 5:45 and drove over to Shaw's Church to a social. The band played. A thunderstorm was on most of the evening. Got home at 11. Beef ring started.

28 – Cooler with high NW wind. Planted potatoes in field. B. Cragg called asking hands for D. Whalen's raising tomorrow. John Lee and Bella called.

29 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Nellie Michie called and Anna and her went to visit at A. Akhurst's.

30 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Mrs. J.M. Real and her mother Mrs. Leask called in the afternoon. At band practice. Anna and Willa went up to Greenbank with me and walked home.

31 – A very fine cool day. At SS and church with Anna, Willa and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie and Anna, a fair meeting. E. Miller and I leaders.

JUNE 1 – A very fine day. Finished plowing the turnip land in the forenoon, and in the afternoon went with Jennie and the two children to Seagrave to see R. Thompson about berry boxes.

2 – An extra fine day and evening. Scuffled the strawberries, corn and mangels and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with Jennie and little Annie. Johnnie Carneggie came for a bag of oats.

3 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning for the beef, then to E. Beare's for 8 thousand shingles. Drilled up for turnips in the afternoon. The women scraping off the paint and paper on the front room. At prayer meeting with Willa, an after meeting about SS money and the CE social.

4 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with little Annie, then sowed 24 drills of turnips and scuffled the mangolds. Alex Lee got 20 bushels of oats. In the afternoon helped to paper the ceiling and paint the woodwork of the front room. John Lee and Adam Hislop of Brooklin called. Willa and the two children went down to Mark's to see how John was, he having been under the weather. They report him better.

5 – Another fine day. Harrowing in the forenoon and hoeing in the orchard in the afternoon. Willa in bed all day. At choir practice in the evening. Judges gave their decision in the [Gamcy?] charges yesterday. Charges not proven. John Lee called in the forenoon.

6 – A fine day. Finished harrowing and then rolled the turnip ground. Hoed in the orchard and helped to paint in the afternoon. Nellie Michie here for tea. A. Lee called with the mail. At band practice at night.

7 – A fine day. At SS and church with Willa and Anna, Mr. Cameron preached. Anna stayed at Mr. Akhurst's for tea. Jennie at CE, Mr. Miller leader.

8 – A little rain in the forenoon. Hoeing mangolds all day, a pretty even crop. Women folk papering the front room. Had the first strawberries of the season for supper.

9 – A fine warm day, some thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Drawing gravel all day from Jas. McMillan's pit to the 10th concession just east of where the spring runs out. 6 teams drawing. This is the first year under the new plan of road work. We get 30 cts. per hour. W. Real is commissioner for this section. Willa went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Mrs. Annie Gordon called in the afternoon.

10 – A very fine day. Drawing gravel in the forenoon and helping Charles Gordon to lay the foundation of his barn. Willa and little Annie went to Port Perry with the first strawberries, 16 boxes and got 12 ½ cts for them. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron here for tea. At prayer meeting with Anna, Mr. Cameron leader.

11 – Rain through the night which did a lot of good as things were getting somewhat dry. Went to Seagrave in the forenoon for berry boxes at R. Thompson's but did not get them as they had not got there yet. At Charles Gordon's barn raising in the afternoon. John Monroe and John Brown were captains. Brown's side won by a very close margin. I was, as usual, on the winning side. Jennie at W.F.M.L. meeting at John Stone's.

12 – Drilling up for turnips in the forenoon. After dinner Jennie went to Port Perry with strawberries while I sowed turnips with Fly, the first time at such work. Then drilled up some more. A little drizzle from the NE most of the afternoon.

13 – A cool day. A heavy rain through the night. Took 4 young cattle to W. Luke's to cut down his clover field, then sowed 20 drills of turnips. Hoed mangolds in the afternoon. Joe Burton came for the drill and had just gone when George Michie came wanting it. At Greenbank in the evening. Went for band practice but there was no drum so I went to the S.O.T.¹⁶, the first time for several years. Gave W. Taylor a ride home.

14 – A fine day but very cool. At SS and church with Jennie, Willa and little Annie. At CE with Jennie and Anna, G.A. McMillan leader.

15 – A very fine day. Shingling the kitchen, John Michie helping. Did the east side. Jennie washing. Anna and Willa picking strawberries and then after 4 o'clock took them to Port Perry. G.A. McMillan came in about 9 o'clock to consult about the missionary views on Thursday.

16 – A fine day, a little rain in the evening. Shingling the west side of the kitchen, John Michie helping. Jennie and the two children went to Greenbank in the morning to telephone about the missionary views and visited at Mrs. Akhurst's and John Lee's and got home about 3:30. Wes Luke brought the turnip drill home and we had a settle up, the first for two years. Anna and Willa at Mark's for tea. Went to Port Perry and got 100 berry boxes from Mr. Kellet. A. Lee is shingling his house today.

17 – A little drizzling rain in the afternoon. Drilling up for turnips and finished at 4 pm. Jennie then went to Port Perry with strawberries while I finished the roof of the kitchen. Nellie Michie, Anna and Jennie picking berries. R. Thompson's boy came with 500 berry boxes. Frank Dobson's raising.

18 – Finished sowing turnips, scuffled the corn and strawberries in the forenoon and hoeing mangolds in the afternoon. Women housecleaning the kitchen. William Luke called wishing to rent his farm. At Greenbank with Jennie to a magic lantern [?] on Formosa, a fair turnout, proceeds \$9.31.

19 – A very fine cool day. Finished hoeing mangolds and then hoed in the orchard. Nellie Michie here picking strawberries. Jennie and the two children took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. G.D., Nellie and Maggie McMillan here in the evening. A tramp got breakfast.

20 – A very fine day. Hoeing in the orchard most of the day. Mrs. W. Real Jr. and Mrs. W. Real called for strawberries. Willa went to Greenbank after supper on the wheel. At band practice but there was no drum there yet. Had a few new potatoes for dinner, the first of the season.

21 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Anna and little Annie. G. Miller addressed the SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Anna and Willa, rather a small meeting, Willa was leader.

22 – A fine day with a little rain in the evening. Went after the cattle that had been at W. Luke's for 9 days and then scuffled the mangolds in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb of Manchester came after dinner, A. Lee and John Lee for berries, and Jim Taylor to get an eat of berries. Nellie and Jessie helping to pick. Oliver and Eva Luke called in the evening for berries. John Michie also called in the evening but not for berries. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries. A big picking today. After Lamb's left for home I hoed some corn.

23 – A terrible rain from the SE during the night which killed 9 chickens in the coops. Did a few odd chores in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willa went with me. E. Stone and G. Lee called for strawberries. Jennie, Willa and Anna at meeting in connection with District Division of S.O.T.

24 – Rain through the night and most all the day. Threw out some of the spare straw in the barn and then started to replace the kitchen floor, Jennie helping. At band practice in the evening, the first play on the new drum, and also the first time over the blacksmith shop. Alex Lee here in the afternoon making a stoneboat. Little Annie on the sick list.

25 – A very fine day but somewhat dull in the morning. Almost went for the Dr. for Annie in the morning but she got better. At the kitchen floor all day, Jennie helping part of the time, but hardly finished. Anna, Nellie and Jessie picking strawberries. Anna took a lot to Greenbank and intermediate places. L. O'Neill, Mrs. W. Real, Maggie Blair and Mrs. S. Dusty, John and Bella Lee called for berries. Bob Nelson called wanting to buy cattle. South Ontario F.E. excursion to Guelph.

26 – A fine cool day. Went with little Annie to George Tocher's in the forenoon and in the afternoon attended preparatory service at the church. Rev. Mr. Reid of Leaskdale preached. We got William Cameron baptized. There was also baptized A. Gordon's girl (Annie Isabella), W. H. Leask's girl (Cathleen Eugene) and J.M.

¹⁶ Sons of Temperance.

Real's girl (Mary Ledingham). Maggie McMillan and her niece Miss Leask came after strawberries. Finished laying the kitchen floor after supper.

27 – A fine day. Did several little chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 12 bags of oats to get ground. Willa went with me but came home on the wheel. At band practice in the evening. Jessie Michie here picking strawberries. Mary Dusty and Jennie Gordon, Mrs. J.M. Real, and W. Real called for berries. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe of Manchester came for berries but got none.

28 – A very nice day. Went with Jennie and Anna to communion at Wick. Mr. Cameron preached. Hardly as large a turnout as usual. I stayed for dinner at John Lee's and went to the Methodist SS anniversary service. Mr. Emory of Whitby was the chair, the speakers were Mr. Cameron and W. Ross, MP, and a very good meeting. Willa and Anna walked up and Anna went to Mark's for tea. Jennie and Willa went to the evening meeting. Mr. Emory preached to a large house.

29 – A nice day with quite a shower in the afternoon. Scuffling potatoes and hoeing in the orchard in the forenoon. C. Gordon called wanting me to help him shingle his new barn but I could not go. Nellie Michie picking strawberries. In the afternoon helping Alex Lee to paint John Lee's house. Willa went to Port Perry with berries to send to Newcastle and then took some to Greenbank. E. Stone came for berries and Mr. and Mrs. John Beaton but they did not get any. Barbara, Mrs. J.C. Mason and baby Kennedy Mason came about 7 pm. Uncle Tom's Cabin show at Port Perry tonight.

30 – Willa drove Anna to the morning train on her way to Whitby, perhaps for Winnipeg. Helped Alex Lee to paper the east end of Jim's house in the forenoon. At Port Perry in the afternoon and did not get home until 8:30. Barbara and little Annie at Mark's in the evening. Had the first meal of new potatoes today.

JUL 1 – A big rain through the night. Went for the beef in the morning, then picked strawberries. Jennie, Barbara, Mrs. Mason and Jessie and Nellie Michie also helping, Barbara, Mrs. M. and Master M. left for home about 3 pm. Went with Willa to the Methodist SS anniversary which was held in the church and sheds. The speakers in the afternoon were Rev. Buckles, Barber and Harris. Band played several pieces. Did not stop to the evening show. A thunder storm came up just after I got home. Very warm day. Made \$1.69.

2 – A very fine cool day. Scuffling in the forenoon and hoeing corn and potatoes in the afternoon. Nellie and Jessie here picking black currants.

3 – Jennie and the two children went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Rain all the way. C. Calcut and Angus ____ for Mr. Parish, put eves troughs on the barn. Nellie McMillan came for berries. Nellie and Jessie Michie picking berries. Wes Luke, John McKinnon; and Master McKinnon of Buffalo called in the afternoon. Sandy Gordon came for berries in the evening. Alan and Emma Black came in the afternoon and stayed all night. At choir practice in the evening.

4 – A fine cool day. Alan and Emma Black left for home in the forenoon. Experimented in poisoning groundhogs in the morning and hoed turnips the remainder of the day. Hoed the garden after supper.

5 – At SS and church with Willa and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Lizzie McArthur came home for tea. At CE with Willa, rather a small meeting, E. Boe leader. G. Miller spoke. A very heavy shower about 3 pm.

6 – A very fine cool day and no rain. Scuffling in the forenoon and hoeing in the afternoon. Nellie and Jessie picking strawberries. Jennie washing. At managers meeting in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. At Port Perry in the forenoon and finished hoeing the mangolds, 2nd time, in the afternoon. At band practice in the evening but very few out. Willa at Mark's arranging for picnic.

8 – A very warm day. Painting all day at house. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon for more paint. At prayer meeting with Willa, Mr. Cameron leader. An after meeting about the CE.

9 – Very warm. Painting at house until about 5 when a big thunder storm came on. Jennie, Willa and the two children at W.F.M.S. at Mr. Mark's.

10 – A fine cool day. Scuffled turnips awhile in the morning and then about 10, with Jennie, Willa and the children went over to orchards and rowed across to 7 Mile Island and had a very pleasant time. George, Nellie and Jessie Michie and Wes Luke, Oliver, Eva and Ned were the crowd. Got home at 7. Mrs. Mark stayed here while we were away. Alex Lee called in the evening for some butter.

11 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips all day. At band practice in the evening.

12 – A very fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached and spoke strongly of our duty to the CE and the like. Maggie Blair came home with us to tea. At CE with Maggie B. and Willa, a fair meeting. G.D. McMillan, our new president, leader.

13 – A very fine day. Scuffling corn, potatoes and turnips in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Willa visiting at Mark's.

14 – Some little rain flurries during the day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with the Greenbank band to the Seagrave SS picnic. Had a very good time. The principal singer at the concert was a Mr. McGregor of Toronto. Got home a little before 12. Willa went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

15 – A fine day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Willa at prayer meeting.

16 – A shower about 12 which would wet cut hay. At the turnips all day. Jennie and Annie at market at Port Perry. Mrs. W. Ianson, old Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Harper called in the afternoon.

17 – A fine day. At the turnips all day. Isaac O'Neill got the horse rake to rake up his hay.

18 – A very dull day with rain in the evening. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and finished, and Paris Greened the potatoes in the afternoon. At band practice in the evening.

19 – Rain in the afternoon and evening. At SS and church with Willa and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Got ready to go to CE but rain came on.

20 – A good deal of thunder all day but not very much rain. Some very sharp lightning about 2 pm. Hoeing in the orchard in the forenoon and painting the kitchen (outside) in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning the hen house in the afternoon which is very bad with vermin. Jennie, Willa and the two children at Greenbank in the evening for bread.

21 – A fine day. Some thunder but only a drop of rain. Painting most of the day. Went to W. Luke's before dinner to see about the mower. Willa and Jennie picking berries. Willa at Mark's in the evening.

22 – Rain through the night, thunder and a little rain several times through the day and a very heavy shower about 7 pm. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and scuffling turnips in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting but there was no one.

23 – A fine day. Cut thistles on roadside and then painted at the house. After supper took the team and went to Greenbank and brought home Mr. Dusty's cow and calf. Went by way of E. Beare's and took back 7 bunches of shingles. Jennie and Willa picking berries and then Willa and little Annie went to Port Perry with them.

24 – A very fine day. Went to Luke's in the morning for his mower and cut hay all day. Willa at Mark's for tea.

25 – Finished cutting hay and took the mower home in the forenoon. In the afternoon went down to Isaac's for the horse rake, then raked up some of the hay. At band practice in the evening.

26 – A very fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Willa, a fair meeting, R.T. Harrington leader. William Perkins died this morning.

27 – A fine cool day. At hay all day, A. Akhurst helping and George about 2 hours. Broke the waggon and had to get Albert's. Jennie at W. Perkin's funeral at Jas. Leask's.

28 – A fine cool day, threatening rain a little but only a few drops. At the hay, A. Akhurst and John Michie helping, and finished except the rakings at 5 pm. 17 loads in all. Jennie washing. Mrs. Bush buried today.

29 – Thunder and much rain through the night and the forenoon. Went for the beef and painted on the house the most of the day. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry. Mrs. A. Gordon called and Willa visiting at Jas. McMillan's. John Michie had a runaway with the binder.

30 – A fine cool day. Finished raking hay stubble and then went with George to Port Perry to order the bills for the Band lawn party. Drew in the rakings and then rigged up the binder a bit. Willa went to Port Perry with berries.

31 – A very fine day. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon and put Paris Green on potatoes in the afternoon. Willa at Greenbank for green. Jennie and the children visiting at G.A. McMillan's and W. Luke's.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day. Cut the rye in the forenoon, John helping, and did some chores and painted in the afternoon. Jennie and the 2 children took Willa to Port Perry. She is to stay to the Old Boys show on Monday. At band practice. Gave Alex Lee a ride up and back.

2 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, rather a good meeting. I acted as leader.

3 – Some dull in the morning but turned out a fine day. Did a few chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry Old Boys¹⁷ demonstration, which was quite a success. A good crowd. Our band was there and won 2nd in competition with Epsom and Layton. Did not stay for the concert. Mrs. Luke and Ned here in the afternoon.

4 – Great rain from the east through the night and all forenoon. Did some chores in the barn in the forenoon and painted the house in the afternoon. Put on the trimming paint. J. Lee called with the mail.

5 – Somewhat dull day. Jennie and little Annie drove to Port Perry where they went to Brooklin by train to see her father's grave as Aunt Janet is to put up a stone, but she could not find it. Willa brought the horse home. Painting most of the day. Went down to Port Perry with Willie for Jennie and Annie. At prayer meeting with Willa, larger meeting than usual. James Monroe gave an account of his trip to Vancouver to the general assembly.

6 – A dull morning with 2 or 3 thunder showers. Went up to A. Lee's in the morning for some felt paper and then boarded up the west door of the kitchen. Alex Lee started his new binder, the first he has cut.

7 – A very fine day. Painting house in the forenoon. At strawberries in the afternoon. Went up and saw A. Lee's new binder working. Jas. McKitrick called asking hands to his raising. Willa and the children at Mark's in the afternoon and her and Jessie went to the Epworth League in the evening¹⁸.

8 – A fine day. Painting most of the forenoon and finished the job. Jennie and little Annie went to Port Perry. After dinner Willa and Annie drove me to Greenbank to McKitrick's barn raising. At band practice in the evening. Got a ride home with C. Gordon. Little Willie 2 years old today.

¹⁷ Perhaps referring to the Home Comer's Reunion?

¹⁸ Epworth League is a Methodist young adults association for ages 18-35.

9 – A fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, G. Miller addressed the SS, Mr. Cameron preached. At C.E. with Willa, a fair meeting, G.A. McMillan leader.

10 – A fine day. Plowed sod east of the orchard in the forenoon. About 3 o'clock John came and we drew in rye. In the evening went to Greenbank and helped to fix up the ground for the party at W. Real's. Organ tuner called and tuned the church and SS organs.

11 – A fine day and pretty cool. George came up in the morning and took in the rest of the rye and then cut oats until 5 pm when we quit and with Willa went to the band lawn party at W. Real's, which turned out a big success. Harry Bennett of Toronto was the star. Got home about 11:30.

12 – John came about an hour in the morning and finished the field then Oliver Luke came for the binder. Raked the rye stubble and then took Willa to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle. Plowed a bit in the afternoon and in the evening went up and helped to clean up after the party. Bella Gordon of Boston and Annie McMillan, John and Bella Lee called in the afternoon.

13 – A very fine day. Plowed and harrowed in the forenoon. Drew in the rye rakings and put in new posts for the gate down the east lane.

14 – A very fine day. Spent the whole day in doing a number of small jobs. Everybody around cutting grain.

15 – A fine day and pretty warm. Spent all the day filling up the big wash out in the pasture field SW of the orchard. At band practice in the evening. Wes Luke called on his way to Port Perry for repairs to binder and sold me his share for \$15.00. Ned Luke stayed here while he was away.

16 – A very fine day. At SS and church with little Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Did not go to CE. Mother has been very poorly the last few days. Mr. Mark called in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. Went down to George's in the morning to make arrangements about cutting and did some other chores in the forenoon. Mrs. Gordon here for dinner. In the afternoon starting about 3 threshing at Mrs. Phair's. Jason Stone's new machine with a straw blower, the first in these parts, and it works very well. Mrs. Mark came and stayed while Jennie and little Willie went to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell and Alma Perrin who came from Newcastle. Dr. D. Archer came in the evening to see Mother.

18 – A very fine day. At Mrs. Phair's threshing and finished at noon. After dinner got A. Lee's double buggy and went to Port Perry for Jessie Bell's trunk, then went to W. Luke's for the binder and cut a little after supper. John came up in the morning to help but went home again. Alma and little Annie went down to Mark's in the afternoon.

19 – Cutting oats with John's help in the forenoon. After dinner there was some rain and there was no cutting until after supper.

20 – A very fine day. Finished cutting (with John's help) for the season in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Alma Perrin and little Annie to Seagrave and home by Saintfield and Greenbank.

21 – A fine day. Helping W. Luke all day at harvest.

22 – At W. Luke's with horse all day and finished his cutting. A little before 9 pm Mundo Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton and two children came and stayed all night. Willa also came with them.

23 – A fine day. At SS and church with Willa, Alma Perrin and little Annie. George Miller preached, Mr. Cameron being away on his holidays. At CE with Jennie, Willa and little Willie, a fair meeting. I was in for leader as Maggie Blair did not turn up.

24 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry the first thing in the morning for provisions. Mundo Perrin, Alma and Fred Patton started for home before I got home. Drew in oats the remainder of the day, George helping. Jennie helping in the barn. Mary Patton washing and Jessie keeping house.

25 – A great rain through the night and part of the forenoon and everything soaked, so there was no harvesting today. Cleaned up the grainery and a few odd jobs. At band practice in the evening. Expected Mr. Goldring of Port Perry to lead, but he did not come.

26 – A fine day. Went after the beef in the morning and scuffled the strawberries. In the afternoon went with Jennie to the graveyard on the 12th concession.

27 – A fine day, but pretty cool. Gang plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and the two children to James Smith's, calling for supper at Tom Black's. Jas. C. Mason was there and we talked until near midnight.

28 – A cool day and threatening rain from the east but did not come. Jas. Mason went to Toronto and we started for home after dinner and got here about 5. Mr. Henders called today wanting to buy apples.

29 – A sort of a mist all day from the east but hardly amounted to rain. Plowing most of the day.

30 – Heavy rain through the night and off and on through the day and very heavy in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, Mary (Mrs. Patton) and little Annie. G. Miller preached. Did not go to CE on account of the rain. Lots of grain out yet and badly soaked again.

31 – A fine day but rather close and damp. Some thunder but no rain here. Plowing and harrowing in the forenoon and from about 3 pm threshing at A. Lee's, Jason Stone's machine. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cragg there. Mr. Lyle the new tenant of the place was there also. Jennie and Mary Patton at Port Perry getting the Patton children's picture taken.

SEPT. 1 – Dull most of the day but cleared up some towards evening. Jessie Bell drove Mary and her children to Port Perry to the morning train on their way to Newcastle. Threshing at A. Lee's

until about 3:30 and finished. At band practice in the evening. Mr. Goldring was there for the first time. Rode up and back with Norman Phair.

2 – A fine day, no rain. Reset all the oat shocks in the forenoon and found them growing pretty bad. Drew out manure and some other chores in the afternoon. Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Carnegie here in the afternoon. They were after crab apples but we have none this year.

3 – A fine day. Finished drawing out manure. Got 6 bags of oats from A. Lee and did some other small jobs. Some of the neighbours drawing in grain, it cannot be very dry. Willa and the 2 children at Mark's and after supper at Greenbank for the mail.

4 – A dry day. A thunder storm went round in the afternoon but only a few drops of rain here. Drawing in oats all day, in the forenoon with Jennie's help and Albert Akhurst and Jennie in the afternoon. Finished harvest, late this year on account of the rain.

5 – A very fine cool day. Plowing in the forenoon and did some odd jobs in the afternoon while Jennie, Willa and the two children went to Port Perry. Took little Annie to the Dr. as she has not been doing very well lately.

6 – A fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie, G. Miller preached. J.M. Real was at SS, the first time this year. At CE, a fair meeting, C. Gordon leader.

7 – Jess drove Jennie and I to Port Perry to the morning train and we went to Toronto to the Dominion Industrial Fair.¹⁹ Went first to Jas. Masons, 88 Winchester Street, and then to the fair. An immense crowd. One of the big attractions is the Queen Victoria Jubilee presents. Did not stay to the fireworks as it was raining a little. Stayed at Mason's all night.

8 – Went first to see the zoo in Riverside Park and then to the Fair again. Another very large crowd. The great attraction was the Coldstream Guards Band of London, England. They played very fine. Left the grounds about 3:30, went to Mason's again. Train about an hour late in getting to Port Perry. Jessie drove down for us. Willa and the two children at Port Perry in the forenoon.

9 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. J. Goldring called wishing to sell a sewing machine.

10 – A fine day. Some thunder in the afternoon but very little rain. Plowing all day.

11 – A fine day. Doing some odd chores in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. Plowing in the afternoon. Willa walked to Greenbank.

12 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day. Edith Phair, Lilley Throop of Keene, and A. McArthur here in the evening.

13 – A fine day and pretty warm. At SS and church with Jessie, Willa and little Annie. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie and little Willie. Jas A. Miller was leader.

14 – A very fine day. Plowing and harrowing. Went to Greenbank after dinner. Neighbour Lyle started plowing.

15 – A very fine day. I think about the warmest this year, 80 in the shade. Gang plowing all day. Went up to Wes Luke's after dinner. Walked to band practice in the evening.

16 – Another very warm day. Plowing and harrowing in the forenoon and picking up apples in the afternoon. At prayer meeting, E. Boe leader. A good deal of thunder in the afternoon but no rain.

17 – Rain off and on most of the forenoon, some better in the afternoon. 32 degrees colder than yesterday. Did very little but a few odd chores. W. Luke here in the afternoon.

18 – A fine day, a few little sun showers. Threshing at A. Akhurst's (J. Leask's machine) in the forenoon and at George's (Luke's barn) in the afternoon. Jennie, Willa and the two children at Port Perry in the forenoon. Mrs. Jas. Leask and Mrs. Annie Gordon here in the afternoon.

19 – Quite a hard frost in the morning, the first of the season. Threshing at George's until about 9 and finished the barn, then to D. Cragg's and I went and built his stack. Mr. Henders called buying apples.

20 – A fine day. At SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. Jessie and Willa went to church at Port Perry. George Fowlie here for dinner and he and Willa and little Annie went to church. At CE with Jennie and little Willie, a good turnout, E. Boe leader.

21 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day. Jennie picked up nearly all that were dug. Willa and Nellie Michie went down to James Smith's for Mrs. Mason's gramophone. They got home about 8:30. Norman Phair, Armour McMillan and Arch McArthur called in (having been down to Mark's) to hear a few tunes on the gramophone.

22 – Another very fine day. At the potatoes all day alone. Went down to Port Perry in the evening for Mrs. Joyce who had been at J. Smith's for a few days. Spent the evening with music on the gramophone.

23 – A fine day, but some rain and rough towards night and in the evening. Went for the beef in the morning, then at the potatoes. Mrs. Joyce, Jessie and the two children visiting at Mark's. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron called in the afternoon. Jennie, Mrs. Joyce and the two children at tea at Wes Luke's. Music in the evening.

24 – A pretty cool day. Picked up apples in the forenoon and took them (21 bags) to Port Perry evaporators in the afternoon. Mrs. Gordon here for dinner and Mrs. Joyce went with her to S. Dusty's. After supper I took her from there to Greenbank. Port Perry's new electric light system starts tonight.

25 – A fine day. Finished the potato digging in the forenoon and in the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. Rev. ____ of Sunderland preached a great sermon. Jennie and Annie also there.

¹⁹ The Dominion Industrial Fair started in 1879. The name was later changed to the Canadian National Exhibition.

In the evening there was a concert until about 11 pm. Sandy Gordon, Mrs. Alex Lee and all the children, all the Michie crowd, and Phair's young folks, A. Dusty, Albert and Mrs. A. [Akhurst], and E. And Ernie Salter were the crowd.

26 – A very fine day. Harrowing in the forenoon. Cut the corn in the little plot near the pump. Then drove with the waggon to Port Perry for the meal and waiting until the 8 train for Aunt Janet but she did not come. Arch McArthur here in the evening.

27 – A pretty raw day with high wind. At communion with Jennie at Greenbank, Mr. Cameron preached. John Lee called in the afternoon. At CE with Willa and Jessie, an extra large meeting. Ethel Miller leader. Special collection to make up the balance of \$50.00 to help a student in the north west.

28 – A pretty cool day. Took Jessie Bell to the morning train on her way back to Rochester after being here 6 weeks. Harrowed the remainder of the forenoon. Cleaned the clock and cut corn in the orchard in the afternoon. Gramophone concert in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Cutting corn most of the day. Jennie and little Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

30 – Cutting corn all day and finished the job. At gramophone concert with Willa in the basement of church for the W.F.M.S., a full house and lasted 2 ½ hours. Proceeds \$22.00. 11 little pigs came, two dead.

OCT. 1 – Rain through the night, a little at midday, and quite heavy in the evening. Binding corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon drawing it to the fence side. Very wet and heavy to handle.

2 – A fine clear day. Finished setting up the corn in the forenoon. After dinner went with Annie to Greenbank for the mail and then plowed at the corn ground. G. Rose called and talked life insurance.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Mrs. and Mrs. A. Lee and children here in the evening to hear the gramophone.

4 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie. Children's service, which went off very well. No CE as S. of T. sermon was preached in Methodist church. Did not go out in the evening.

5 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Silas Butt called to tell about threshing at W. Luke's tomorrow. At church managers meeting in the evening. Mr. Mills of Port Perry put a stair in the basement today.

6 – At W. Luke's threshing all day (Jason Stone's machine) and at band practice at night. Willa and Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon.

7 – Some little showers in the forenoon. James Smith, who had been at Mark's last night, came up in the morning and stayed about 2 hours. Plowing all day.

8 – A fine day, pretty cool in the evening. Plowing until about 5 pm when I went with George's team with 11 others of the band to Sonya to help at a concert for the Layton band. Not a very large turnout but a fair time. Got home at 1 o'clock.

9 – A fine day but pretty cool. Threshing all day at Mrs. Phair's (Ben Ward's machine). Jennie and little Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

10 – Threshing at R. Nottingham's in the forenoon (Ben Ward's machine) and plowing in the afternoon. Went down to Mark's in the evening to talk over Nellie's wedding. A fine day.

11 – A fine day. At SS and church with Willa and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a good meeting, Miss Lizzie Baird leader.

12 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Jennie, Willa and the children went to Port Perry in the afternoon. They sent a box to Anna Tait at Winnipeg. Topped a few mangolds.

13 – A beautiful day. Threshing all day at Joe Burton's (for W. Luke). Jennie and Willa baking for Nellie's wedding. Jennie and little Annie at Mark's fixing the wedding cake. Nellie and Jessie called in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Went up to A. Lee's and got 5 bags of oats then plowed the rest of the forenoon. Willa at Mark's preparing for the wedding. Nellie and Jessie up for cakes. At 4 o'clock Willa, Annie and I at Nellie's wedding, married to Willie O'Neill by Rev. J. M. Cameron. About 65 or more present. Came home early. Tom Black came up with me and stayed awhile. Walter Bratley stayed all night. [margin note: Willie O'Neill and Nellie Michie married].

15 – Thanksgiving day. Foggy in the morning and a thunder storm in the evening. Plowing in the forenoon. Walter left for home. In the afternoon went to Thanksgiving service in the church with Jennie and Annie. Rev. Mr. Sparks, Church of England minister of Sunderland, preached to a pretty good congregation.

16 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and taking in potatoes (2 loads) in the afternoon.

17 – Plowing in the forenoon. Topping mangolds awhile in the afternoon until rain came on. Then with the two children went to Greenbank for the mail. More rain in the evening, some thunder.

18 – A pretty cool day with some rain flurries. At SS and church with Willa and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Fred Vesey, who has been in England for 27 years, was there. Did not go to CE.

19 – A fine day. At the mangolds all day and got in 6 loads. Jennie washing. A one legged man here for dinner.

20 – At the mangolds all day and finished, 10 loads today. Went to band practice in the evening but when I got to Greenbank I heard that Joseph Watson died this evening so I went over to the house with Albert Phoenix. Called in at Luke's on the way home.

21 – A fine day. At Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and little Willie. All hands picking apples in the afternoon. At prayer meeting with Willa, large meeting, Mr. Cameron leader. Tax collector called.

22 – A fine day with a high wind in the afternoon. In the forenoon took out to the evaporator at Port Perry 24 bags of apples. In the afternoon went to Jas. Watson's funeral. There was a very large turnout. The service was held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. McFarlane conducted the service. There was also present Revs. Holts, Cowan, Limbert and Cameron.

23 – A pretty cool day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with a load of apples. Alex and Melinda Gordon here for some apples. Mrs. Gordon Sr. came with them and stayed all afternoon and night as Mother has been sinking for the last few days and is now very low. Mrs. Mark came up after dinner and helped us to finish picking the apples. George, Jessie and Nellie also came for some apples. Mr. Cameron called about 4 o'clock.

24 – A pretty cool day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with apples (the rest of them). Mrs. Gordon stayed all day and night and Mrs. Mark came in the evening and stayed all night. We watched at Mother's bed most of the afternoon and she died about 6:45 pm. After supper Willa went down to tell George to go to Greenbank to make some arrangements about the funeral while I went to Port Perry to telephone to Whitby, Raglan and Toronto. Then went to Manchester to get the death registered, got home about 10.

25 – A very fine day. George Michie and Norman Phair called in the forenoon. Took Mrs. Gordon home in the morning and called at W. Luke's and Mr. Nottingham's. Albert Akhurst and Mrs. Akhurst and Maggie and Mamy Dusty called. J.W. Nott and son came at noon with the coffin. Mr. Luke and Mrs. and Mrs. Lamb and son of Manchester called in the afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon Jr., Arthur, Jennie and Bessie Gordon, and Mrs. Dusty, Allie, Jim and Ray Dusty called in the evening. This has been a strange Sunday to me.

26 – A very raw cold day with high wind from the NW. Went up to the graveyard to see Mr. Till about digging Mother's grave. Nellie O'Neill went to Port Perry to meet the 10 train and brought up Margaret Bratley. James Smith's, and Annie Black came at noon. Barbara did not as she is in Toronto taking care of little Kennedy Mason who is very ill. Funeral in the afternoon. Mr. Cameron conducted the service. W.J. Nott undertaker. The bearers were Alex Gordon Sr., John Lee, W. Akhurst, E. Boe, R. Nottingham and Jas. McMillan. Service at the church, Rev. Mr. Lambert assisted. Jas. Smith and Annie Black left for home about 5. Margaret stayed all night.

27 – Quite a snow drizzle a good part of the afternoon. Topped some turnips in the forenoon and threshed at home in the afternoon (Stone's machine). Drove out to Port Perry in the evening through the rain to hear the great Mark Guy Pearce lecture in the Methodist church. Liked it very well but there was some of it I could not catch as he spoke very fast. Jason Stone and _____ Bush stayed all night. Willa drove Margaret to Port Perry on her way home.

28 – A very fine day. Finished threshing in about 2 hours and then they moved to George's. They broke the king bolt of the cleaner trucks and the front wheels came out in our lane east of the barn. Helping George to thresh the remainder of the day. Jennie and little Willie went to Port Perry to see the Dr. Willa went with Norman Phair to Port Perry in the evening to hear Mark Grey Pearce.

29 – A very fine day. Threshing at George's until about 10 when they finished. Topping turnips in the afternoon. Willa and Annie went to Greenbank for the mail. Jennie and Willa making quilts.

30 – A fine day. At the turnips all day alone and got in 6 loads. Joe Burton got away with the ladders to paint his house.

31 – Several little showers during the day. At turnips all day alone, got in 8 loads.

NOV. 1 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Willa walked to CE in the evening. Jennie had bad chills through last night.

2 – A beautiful day. At the turnips all day alone and got in 11 loads.

3 – A very fine day. Topping turnips alone all day and finished. Jennie and little Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon, her principal errand being to see the Dr.

4 – A very fine day. At turnips all day along and got in 8 loads. Jessie Michie came up after to invite Willa to a party at William's on the 7th concession but she did not go. Willa walked to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Jennie took sick in the evening and about 8 o'clock I went to W. Real's and telephoned for the Dr. He came right away. Willa went for Mrs. Mark but there was no immediate need and they all went to bed for awhile.

5 – Rain about 1 am. The Dr. got out of bed about 2 and between that and 3 a stillborn girl was born. We fully expected it to be so. Got very little sleep. At the turnips part of the forenoon and got in 3 loads. After dinner took the baby to the graveyard and came home by the 12th conc. and called at D. Cragg's to see if some help could be got at the turnips. Jennie doing as well as could be expected. Willa acting as nurse, cook and housekeeper.

6 – A pretty hard frost in the morning and cold all day. Finished rowing up the turnips and plowed a bit in the orchard in the forenoon. Dr. D. Archer called at 10 am. At the turnips in the afternoon, Wes Cragg helping, and got in 9 loads. Jessie Michie and Mrs. Gordon here in the afternoon.

7 – A pretty cold day. Threshing at George's all day (clover and buckwheat at the Luke barn, J. Leask's machine). Went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Aunt Janet who was coming to stay a few days but she did not come.

8 – A fine day but cool. At SS and church with Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. Willa drove to CE in the evening.

9 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with the two children in the forenoon for Aunt Janet but it was another fool's errand as she did not come. At the turnips in the afternoon and finished the job, 6 loads into a pit. 51 loads in all.

10 – A fine day. Plowing and harrowing in the orchard. Alex Lee called on his way to Port Perry and brought the [?] which he borrowed in the spring.

11 – A fine day. Plowing sod (last of the orchard) most of the day. Aunt Janet came just before dinner, she walked out from Port Perry. At Greenbank in the evening with Willa to hear Mr. McKay, a Knox College student, give an address on his work as a missionary in the north west. A fair turnout and quite interesting. Very dark rainy night coming home.

12 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Aunt Janet washing. Jennie not so well today.

13 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to see the Dr. about Jennie who has had pains in her breast and shoulder. The Dr. did not come but sent some stuff to rub on. Cleaned out the pig house and in the afternoon plowed sod. Mrs. A. Lee called just before dinner.

14 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Went after the colt which has been pasturing at A. Lee's during the summer. Talked to a scale pedlar and plowed the rest of the day. Willa at Mrs. Gordon's with a bonnet she had been fixing for her. A snow storm in the forenoon.

15 – A fine day but pretty cold. At SS and church with Willa and Annie, Rev. Mr. Fizzell of East Church, Toronto preached a fine sermon. Mr. Cameron was preaching for Mr. Fizzell. At CE with Willa. An extra large meeting, I took the topic.

16 – A little drizzle from the east which froze as it fell and continued most of the day. Got all the cattle tied up. Covered the turnip pit, cleaned out the pig and hen house and several other chores.

17 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Willa. Plowing in the afternoon. Alex Lee called with the mail.

18 – Hard frost, too hard to plough. Did a number of small jobs during the day. John Lee called in the afternoon with the papers. Aunt Janet washing. Quite a snow storm about 4 o'clock.

19 – A fine day. Worked at the root house most of the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 17 bags of oats and rye to get ground. Took the waggon as there was not snow enough for sleighing. Alex Lee threshing clover.

20 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and took Aunt Janet to the station on her way home. Putting straw on the strawberries in the afternoon. Willa down to Mark's in the afternoon.

21 – A fine day. Finished covering the strawberries in the forenoon. Slipped off the load of straw and sprained my thumb, the horses ran away around the barn. At Greenbank in the afternoon to get the old sleigh shod. Babies and Willa somewhat laid up with the cold.

22 – A very fine day, inclined to thaw. At SS and church alone (Willa and the two children being laid up with colds). Mr. Cameron preached. At CE, a good attendance and a good meeting, Lizzie Forfar leader. Willie had croup in the evening.

23 – Had quite a time with Willie with the croup through the night. Willa in bed most of the day. Snowing in the forenoon which turned to a drizzle of rain. Spent the day in a number of small jobs.

24 – Much colder and quite winter-like. Did some odd chores. Jennie and Willa mending the old cutter robe. Jessie Michie called in the forenoon.

25 – A beautiful day. Choring in the forenoon and threshing at A. Lee's (Jim Lee place) in the afternoon. Willa drove to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

26 – Very cold morning, 2 above zero. Threshing at A. Lee's until an hour after dinner, then went to Greenbank with the waggon for the part of the sleigh. Jennie and Willa washing woodwork in the kitchen.

27 – A very fine day. Drawing up wood from the swamp field (with the sleigh) to the woodshed. After dinner started for a stone drawing bee for Isaac O'Neill but met Mrs. Mark who said the bee was put off.

28 – A fine day. Drawing wood into the woodshed all day. W. Petty called in just before dinner. Joe Burton came in the afternoon with the sleigh bringing back the ladders which he had painted his house. Wilbert Lee brought the mail in the evening.

29 – A fine day, some snow in the forenoon. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie, Mr. Cameron preached. At CE alone, a fair meeting, Mrs. W. Wallace leader. Decided to have a social on the 15th Dec.

30 – A very nice day. Cleaned the stove pipes and drew in some wood in the forenoon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon all hands at Port Perry with the sleigh. At Mark's in the evening with Willa having a sing.

DEC. 1 – A fine day. Choring about the barn all day. At band practice in the evening.

2 – A very fine day. Drew in some corn and other chores. Mr. and Mrs. McLaren of Columbus came about 4 pm and Mr. Cameron and son John came just before supper. In the evening went up with Mr. McLaren and Willa to the church where Mr. McLaren gave a lecture. There was a good turnout and the lecture was good, collection \$6.13. Mr. and Mrs. McLaren stayed all night.

3 – A very fine day. Mr. and Mrs. McLaren left for home about 9 am, calling at A. Lee's first. Did some chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went (with the cutter) with Willa to Port Perry.

4 – A fine day, some snow in the evening. Drew in the remainder of the corn with Jennie's help in the forenoon. Cutting wood in the swamp in the afternoon. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. Willa visiting at W. O'Neill's.

5 – Some snow in the forenoon and wintery like. Chored in the forenoon and went to Greenbank for the mail in the afternoon.

6 – A fair day, drifting a little. All hands at SS and church (the first time for several years), Mr. Cameron preached. At CE in the evening alone, rather small meeting, E. Boe leader. Willa and John Michie at Bethesda.

7 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp all day. Jennie washing. Seeder agents and scales pedlar called in the evening. Rode up with Norman Phair.

8 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with the sleigh in the morning and met Barbara, Annie Mason and Kennedy. Cut some wood in the swamp in the afternoon. At Mark's in the evening having a sing. Willa went with a load on Phair's sleigh to Bethesda's hot supper. A very fine evening.

9 – Rather an unpleasant day, snowing a little from the east. Choring all day. Jennie and Barbara went to the W.F.M.S. meeting at Mrs. Walker's. Barbara went home with Mrs. Mark for tea. I took Mrs. Mason and Kennedy down to Mark's on my way to prayer meeting and called for them on my way home. E. Boe leader of the meeting. An after meeting about SS helps, a small attendance.

10 – Somewhat cold and stormy. Took Barbara, Mrs. Mason and Kennedy to Port Perry to the train on their way home. Jennie and little Annie went with us. Willa at Mark's in the evening.

11 – Somewhat wintery. Cutting wood in the swamp most of the day. At Mark's in the evening singing. Joe Coldring called in the forenoon wanting to sell an organ. Mrs. Mark, Mrs. W. O'Neill and Jessie Michie here for tea, it being little Annie's birthday, 4 years old.

12 – Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Snowed some in the forenoon and in the afternoon it settled down to a regular snow storm from the south and about 4 to 6 inches fell. In the evening it turned to rain. We were expecting Mrs. Perrin up from Newcastle but she did not come.

13 – Rain through the night but quite cold in the morning and getting colder all day with high NW wind. All hands at SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. The church pretty cold as only one furnace was going on account of the west one smoking. No one from here at CE.

14 – A cold day, just zero in the morning with a high NW wind, but got some milder during the day. Cutting wood in the swamp and at band practice in the evening.

15 – A pretty cold day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon, choring in the afternoon. G. Rose called and talked life insurance. At Greenbank in the evening with Willa to a CE social in the basement. The young people of the other churches were there and quite a good time.

16 – A pretty cold day, snow in the forenoon. Cutting wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with the sleigh to Port Perry and took out 14 old hens. Took Jennie and the children down to

Mark's on the way and called for them on the way home. Willa went to Port Perry.

17 – A very fine day. Jennie washing. Made some decoration rope in the forenoon and at Greenbank in the afternoon getting horse shod. Called at E. Boe's, J. Lee's and W. Akhurst's. Willa visiting at Mark's.

18 – A very fine day. Did a few chores and bagged up some oats and rye with Jennie's help and took them to the mill at Port Perry in the afternoon. Made decoration rope for SS in the evening. Willa gone with a load to public school concert at Saintfield.

19 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and in the afternoon went with Willa and little Annie to decorate the SS room. George and Jessie Michie, Mary Dusty, Lizzie Forfar, D. Till, J. Lee, W. Akhurst, Maggie Blair, Ethel Miller and Jas. Miller helping. W. Gordon called selling pictures. Snowing in the evening.

20 – Snow through the night and most of the day and evening. Somewhat soft but got colder at night. All hands at SS and church, Mr. Cameron preached. 118 at SS, the largest number that I remember. Prizes given to primary class. Little Annie came in 7th and got a nice book.

21 – Fair weather with a little snow. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon helped to pick 16 chickens for the Christmas market. At church managers meeting and band practice in the evening.

22 – A very rough cold day in the morning but it turned out a fine day. Kept house while Jennie and Willa went to Port Perry fair with chickens and butter. There was a big turnout. They got home after 3. At Mark's in the evening singing.

23 – A fine day. Choring in the forenoon. Jennie washing. At preparatory service in the afternoon with Jennie. Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Sonya preached. W. Taylor moves out of James Lee's house.

24 – A somewhat wet rainy day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon and doing little in the afternoon as it was wet. At Greenbank in the evening to a S. of T. concert, which turned out to be quite a pleasant time. The band took part.

25 – A very fine bright Christmas day. All hands went to Wes Luke's for dinner and got home (after a pleasant afternoon) about 5 pm. Willa went to Christmas tree at Seagrave in the evening with John Michie.

26 – The coldest day of the season so far, 15 below zero in the morning and kept below all day. Bright and clear. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie [?] leaves today for Manitoba to teach school there.

27 – Snowing, blowing from the west and drifting all day. Went with Jennie to communion at Wick, Mr. Cameron preached. There was a poor turnout from Greenbank, likely on account of the weather. Did not go out in the evening. John Michie here in the evening.

28 – 16 below zero in the morning and it did not get above zero all day. Cut wood in the swamp in the afternoon. Jennie washing. At band practice in the evening.

29 – Snowing most of the day especially about noon. Cleaned out the pig house, banked up the root house and several other chores. Silas Butt called in the forenoon with Sandy Gordon and got the loan of the invalids chair. Silas is looking bad and is not long for this world to all appearances.

30 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie. At annual Sunday School meeting with Jennie in the evening, a pretty fair turnout. Was chosen superintendent for the third time.

31 – Snowing again in the forenoon. Cut some wood in the swamp in the afternoon. Snow pretty deep in the swamp.

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JAN. 1 – Somewhat rough in the morning but turned out a fine day but pretty cold. All hands went down to Mark's for dinner. W. Akhurst, Alex Lee and all his family, and James Lee (who came home from [?] last night) were there, and in the evening went to the Methodist supper and concert. The band played some after supper then the cantata 'Under the Palms' was given and went off very well. A good turnout, took in \$141.00.

2 – A very cold day, 8 below in the morning and kept below all day. Chored in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon and sold the pigs for \$5.00 per cwt.

3 – A pretty cold day. At SS and church with Willa and Annie. Election of teachers. Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie and Willa at CE, Willa chosen president for the next half year.

4 – A very cold day, 20 below zero in the morning and never higher than 6 below, but there was almost no wind. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 10 pigs, which weighed 1910 lbs. at \$5.00 per cwt. Election for reeve in the township between Norman Stewart and John Doble. Did not go out to vote. (Stewart elected). Willa at Mark's awhile in the afternoon.

5 – A fine day, 8 below zero in the morning but got warmer during the day. Did little but the chores. Jennie and Willa baking and churning. G.D. McMillan, wife and family here in the afternoon and for tea. John Michie and Norman Phair called in the evening.

6 – A fine mild day. Cutting wood in the swamp. Jennie, Willa and the children visiting at A. Gordon's in the afternoon and upset on the way home. At annual church meeting in the evening, a good turnout. A. Gordon, Jas. Leask, Jas. McMillan, and P. Leask (1st time) were chosen managers. \$24.00 cash on hand.

7 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp. Jennie, Willa and the children visiting at W. H. Leask's.

8 – A good deal milder, snow through the night and off and on through the day. W. Mark came up after dinner to ask Willa to a party at W. McMillans at Saintfield. Jennie, Willa and I went to W. Thomas' for a visit in the afternoon. We went by Greenbank

and just as we got there Edward Phoenix's funeral was going up the hill to the graveyard. We had not heard that he was dead. Got home at 6 pm. Willa went with George Michie in the sleigh to the party.

9 – Rather a rough stormy day. Cut a little wood in the swamp in the forenoon and nothing but chores in the afternoon. Jennie complaining of sore throat.

10 – A fine day but pretty cold. At church and SS with Willa and Annie. Mr. Cameron preached against swearing. At CE with Willa, a good meeting, G.D. McMillan leader.

11 – A fine day. Cut some wood in the swamp in the afternoon. Had a bad cold. At managers meeting in the evening. W.H. Leask elected chairman, J.W. Real sec. N. Mitchell of Seagrave called selling binder twine.

12 – A fine day, but pretty cold. Bagged up 21 bags of mixed grain in the forenoon and took them to the mill at Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie went out with me. Alex Lee called in the morning.

13 – Milder until about the middle of the afternoon when it started to snow hard from the NE. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and in the afternoon drove Jennie to the W.F.M.S. meeting at the church.

14 – A very rough stormy day and drifting from the NW all day. Expect the roads are blocked. Did chores and put up some shelves where the west kitchen door used to be.

15 – A fine clear day, roads pretty badly blocked. Went up as far as A. Lee's to see about the road in the forenoon and broke roads in the afternoon. John Michie here in the evening.

16 – Some snow off and on during the day which turned to a regular hurricane from the NW in the evening. Did very little but the chores. Cleaned out the pig and hen houses. John Michie and his mother called on their way home from Greenbank with the mail. Little Annie sick with the cold. Willie has been bad but is improving.

17 – A very cold day, below zero most of the time with quite a NW wind. It drifted all night and the roads in many places are impassable. I walked to SS alone as the concession is blocked. There was 28 present. A.T. Harris's was the only rig there, all the rest walked. There was no church service as Mr. Cameron did not come. No CE.

18 – The coldest day so far, 18 below zero in the morning and never I think higher than about 10 all day. Clear with a light wind from the NW. Did nothing but the chores. K. Lee came down with the mail.

19 – Pretty cold, about 8 or 10 below zero in the morning but got to about 10 above in the afternoon but pretty rough, the wind being from the south. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

20 – Thawing a very little all day. Did nothing but the chores as I was somewhat out of turn. Little Willie pretty sick in the evening. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

21 – A pretty raw day with an east wind and threatening snow sometimes. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail and called in to see Mr. and Mrs. Akhurst who are both in bed sick. Mrs. Mark is waiting on them. John Michie here in the evening.

22 – Hail through the night and thawing all day, rain towards night. This is the first thaw of any account since winter set in. Did the chores and made new shafts for the horse rake.

23 – The thaw is over, colder today and fine. Alex Lee came down in the afternoon and bossed the killing of a pig. He was saying that Jim Lee had rented his farm to Richard Cragg for 5 years.

24 – A cold day with a high west wind. At SS and church with Willa, Robert Leask preached as Mr. Cameron has been sick the last few days. Willa went to Mark's for tea. At CE, a fair meeting, I was the leader. R. Akhurst was at church. Took up collection in SS for children's hospital, got between \$4.00 and 5.

25 – A very cold day, about zero all day but clear. George Michie called in the forenoon. Did the chores and cut down the pig and cut a keyhole in the north kitchen door.

26 – A rough day and snowing from the east and about zero all day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and up to Burton's in the afternoon, roads heavy.

27 – A fine clear day but sharp frost. Went down to Mark's in the forenoon to practice for the social at W. McMillan's. Alex Lee here when I was away. Went with Willa in John Michie's sleigh to the CE social at W. McMillan's. It was a beautiful clear moonlight night, but the roads were rather heavy. There was a quite a good turnout and a pleasant time. About \$15.00 taken in. Got home at 1 am. Dr. Langester of Port Perry died in Toronto today and word came that Andrew Ross is dead in Manitoba.

28 – A very fine clear but cold day, 10 below zero in the morning. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon and fixed a place in the woodshed for coal in the afternoon. Joe Stone, the drover, called. Jennie baking for party.

29 – A very fine day but cold, below zero most all day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to see the remains of Andrew Ross which is laying in the Presbyterian church. In the afternoon went to Alex Lee's for some dishes. In the evening there was an oyster supper and dance under the management of Jas. Lee. There was just 50 present and all appeared to have a good time. It broke up between 2 and 3 am.

30 – A fine day and a little warmer. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for coal for the cook stove, the first ever got for that purpose on this place. Jennie and Willa cleaning up after the party.

31 – A fair day, some little snow towards night and in the evening. All hands at SS and church, a Mr. McLaren of Toronto preached a good sermon on home missions. Jennie and Willa at CE.

FEB. 1 – A very cold day with a sharp wind from the NW, below zero most of the day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for some medicine for sick cow. Cleaned the stove pipes in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Our coal burning experience so far has not been very satisfactory. 15 below zero when we went to bed.

2 – Did nothing but the chores. Snowing a little all day from the east. John Michie called in the evening.

3 – Snowing and drifting a little most of the day. George Michie and his mother here in the forenoon for bedding for John who is to have an operation next Monday. Alex Lee here in the afternoon bagging up oats. Jennie baking.

4 – Another very cold day, drifting some all day. Did nothing but the chores, nursing toothache. Alex Lee came for his oats.

5 – Cold day. Drove Jennie down to Mark's in the afternoon, then up as far as A. Lee's to break the road. John in bed again with the old trouble.

6 – About 4 inches of fresh snow fell during the night. A good deal warmer and thawing all day. James S. Lee called in the morning with the papers. Drove Jennie down to Mark's after dinner to help them with the work and then went to Greenbank. Roads heavy and snow very deep.

7 – Rain through the night and in forenoon which settled the snow quite a bit but it got colder towards night with a high NW wind, roads bad. At SS with Willa and Annie. There was no church service as the minister did not come. No CE on account of the roads. Down to zero at bedtime.

8 – About 14 below zero in the morning and very cold all day with a bitter NW wind which is getting into the root house worse than anytime so far this winter. Jennie went down to Mark's in the morning to help at John's operation which was performed by Drs. R. and D. Archer, assisted by Dr. Proctor and nurse Miss Jennison between 10 and 12 o'clock. The Drs. said it was one of the worst cases they ever had. Jim Lee was also there. Went up to Greenbank in the afternoon to meet A. Leask and W. Wallace to make out the church report for the printer. Went down to Mark's in the evening to see how John was. He had suffered very much during the afternoon. News today that war has commenced between Russia and Japan.

9 – A very cold day but cannot tell just how cold as George got the thermometer away yesterday. Went down with Jennie to Mark's in the morning to see how John was. He had put in a bad night but the Dr. said he was doing as well as could be expected. Jennie stayed all day and helped them to wash. Robert Akhurst here in the forenoon and for dinner. James Smith came about 5 pm and brought a fine silver tea service and a fur collar for Jennie, a present from George Michie of Griswold, Annie Black, Annie Mason and Barbara Smith. About 8 pm G.D. McMillan and Willie Leask came over to make arrangements about getting a Scotch concert company in connection with the CE. They left for home between 10 and 11.

10 – Another very cold day. Went down to Mark's in the morning with Jas. Smith. John had put in another bad night but the Dr. when he came at noon said he was doing first rate. James Smith left for home after dinner. Drove up and got Mrs. Gordon to come and keep Willa company in the evening while Jennie and I went to the band concert at Port Perry. Liked the concert pretty well. The star was a Mrs. Morrow who sang very nicely. A very cold night. Willa down at Mark's awhile in the afternoon. Henders, the horseman, called.

11 – Clear cold day. Drove Mrs. Gordon to Greenbank in the morning and got the mail. Cleaned out the pig house in the afternoon. Willa down in the forenoon to see how John was. He is still doing all right.

12 – Another pretty cold day, but bright and clear. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Called at Mark's on the way to hear how John was, he is doing all right. Wilbert Lee came down with the mail. The papers say Japan is getting the best of the war so far.

13 – Some milder. Drawing up wood from the swamp, the first of the year. Snow very deep and bad to get through. George called after dinner, he says John is getting along fine. The Dr. was there today and said there was no need for the nurse any longer, so she goes home tonight.

14 – Somewhat milder but it got very rough at night. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Cameron is still unable to come, so Mr. Boe conducted the service. Willa went to Jas. McMillan's for tea. Jennie went to CE, rough night but a fair meeting, Mrs. Jas. Leask leader.

15 – Very cold and drifting badly in the afternoon. Drove Jennie down to Mark's to help with the washing, then drew up wood in the forenoon. George brought Jennie home.

16 – A terrible day of cold with a high NW wind and drifting bad. The worst block up of the season I think. Did nothing but the chores. Saw no one except those at home. A. Gordon was to have called for me to go to a church wood bee at Whetter's swamp but he did not come. Fowlie cow dropped a calf in the morning.

17 – Another very cold day in the morning but got some milder towards night. Alex Lee called in the afternoon. No trains the last two days.

18 – A good deal milder and a fine day. Drew up wood from the swamp. James S. Lee called in the evening with the papers. The snow plough on the railroad went south at 2 pm.

19 – A fine day but cold. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with oats for meal. Jennie went also and took Willie to the Dr. for a sore on his leg. Drawing up wood in the afternoon. Willa visiting at Mark's.

20 – The finest day for some time. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Had quite a time meeting another sleigh in the deep snow a little north of Isaac Well's. Drawing up wood in the afternoon.

21 – Thawing a little, rain in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie. Extra large SS 115. Mr. Cameron preached, the first time for several weeks. Lizzie McArthur here for tea. At CE with Jennie, rather a small meeting., Annie McMillan leader. Used the silver tea service the first time.

22 – Colder again with high NW wind. Drawing up wood from the swamp and got up all that was cut. Jennie at Mark's helping to wash. Willa at Mark's in the afternoon.

23 – Some snow in the forenoon. Cleaned out the pig house and some other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Alex Gordon to church wood bee at Whetter's swamp.

24 – Some snow in the morning and pretty rough. Cold and drifting in the afternoon and evening. Went to L. Burnett's sale. There was a large crowd and pretty good prices. Tom Black came from the sale and remained here all night. He was up at A. Lee's in the evening.

25 – A very cold rough day and drifting pretty bad. Tom Black was down at Mark's most of the forenoon and left for home after dinner. No trains today.

26 – Quite a fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Sharpened the buck saw in the afternoon. Willa and little Annie at Mark's in the afternoon. They went down with a package of papers for John which came from Mrs. Mason.

27 – A fine day. Went up to A. Lee's in the morning to see about taking a load for him to the Burnett place. Took a load of turnips for him in the afternoon. Jas. Moore, assessor, called in the forenoon.

28 – Rain through the night and thunder and thawing a little all day but got cooler towards night. All hands at SS (105 present) and church, Mr. Cameron preached. The organ being out of repair it fell to my lot to start the singing. Jennie and Willa at CE, a good meeting, Jennie was leader.

29 – Talked about getting up some present to Alex Lee before he left for Burnett's place, so after breakfast drove with Jennie to Wes Luke's and got his views which were favourable. We then called at or saw all the Egyptians except Mrs. Phair before dinner. Then we drove to Port Perry, calling first at Mrs. Phair's. Got 2 rocking chairs at W. Nott's, costing \$9.90. The weather on the way to Port Perry got very rough, a terrible snow and drift from the east. A little north of the 7th concession we turned out for a sleigh and had to unhitch the horse. I was intended to have a presentation of the chairs at A. Lee's tonight but the weather was too bad.

MAR. 1 – Snow and hail through the night and thunder. Went up to A. Lee's to see about him moving. Roads pretty badly drifted. G. Michie called for a few minutes in the evening and then James Lee came and stayed until 11 o'clock. No trains today.

2 – A fine day and thawing a little. Cleaned out the pig pen and fixed the pig house floor in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with a load (of calves) for Alex Lee. There were 11 teams and moved him, bag and baggage, to Burnett's farm. Jas. Blair Jr.,

Alex Gordon, A. Akhurst, Jas. Burton, G. Michie, E. Phair, P. Leask, A. McMillan and Oliver Luke were the men. Got over all right, the snow very deep.

3 – Rain and thunder through the night and some rain in the morning which turned to snow and a hurricane from the NW. The roughest day this winter so far. Saw no one. The wind blew down the east chimney of the church which smashed through the roof. Silas Butt died this morning.

4 – A very fine day, 5 below zero in the morning. Went up to A. Lee's late residence to see how the roads were and helped Alex to load up some traps. At Greenbank in the afternoon. G. Michie called after supper.

5 – Somewhat raw day. Cut some wood and other chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Silas Butt's funeral at T. Rundel's, Port Perry. The bearers were all Greenbank Forresters, Jas. Burton, Sam Dusty, J.M. Real, Geo. Lee, T.L. Salter and Albert Phoenix. Sleighing very good.

6 – Mild day and thawing a little. All hands at SS and church, extra large SS, 118. Mr. Cameron preached on the Bible Society, it being 100 years since it was started. At CE with Willa, an extra large meeting, Miss Forfar leader.

7 – Rain off and on all day and the snow going quite a bit. Did little but the chores. In the evening all hands went to Alex Lee's to the surprise and presentation. G. Michie drove the sleigh with 15 big and little [people]. The roads cut up very bad and made it hard on the horses. Upset altogether once. Got there a little after 9, all in bed but Jim and Alex. Expected all the rest of the Egyptians there but they did not come. Had quite a nice time and got home about 2 am.

8 – A fine day. At Port Perry with Willa in the forenoon and buck sawing wood in the afternoon. Jennie down at Mark's helping to paper the house. Willa at Fred O'Neill's birthday (21) party in the evening.

9 – Pretty rough and cold through the night and all day. Did very little but the chores. Willa got home at 2 am from F. O'Neill's party. Think Mr. Lyle moved in today.

10 – A fine day, a little snow in the afternoon. Jennie and little Annie at Mark's all day helping to paper. George brought her home and the bed that John had been using. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with oats to the mill and brought home 1730 lbs of coal @ \$6.75. Tom Black and Ralph came about 6 pm. He has come for the horse power he bought from Alex Lee.

11 – Some rough through the night and forenoon, drifting some from the east. Tom Black and Ralph went down to Mark's in the forenoon and started for home after dinner. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for meal and afterwards Willa went to Greenbank for the mail. James Lee came home with her and stayed for tea. He and Willa went down to Mark's for the evening. He came back and stayed all night.

12 – A fine day. Cut wood and did the chores. James Lee left for Greenbank after breakfast.

13 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. An extra large school (114). Mr. Cameron preached. Willa went to W. McMillan's for tea. Jennie at CE, R.T. Harrington leader. John Michie at church for the first time since his operation.

14 – Fine until towards night when it got rough from the east. Cut a little wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon attended Jas. McKittrick's sale. A good crowd and fair prices. J. Baird and Abbot auctioneers.

15 – A fine day with a little snow in the forenoon. Went down to Mark's to get Jessie to come and stay with Willa while Jennie, the two children and I went to Columbus. Started at 2, called at T. Black's and then on to Jas. Smith's where we stayed all night. Had music from the gramophone. Jessie Michie stayed with Willa.

16 – A fine day. Started from Smith's at 11 and got dinner at Black's and got home at 5 pm. Called at Port Perry on the way. Sleighing pretty good, snow above the fences some places. Went in the evening with Willa and Jessie to a SS meeting to decide about an anniversary. A fair turnout and a start made.

17 – A very fine day. Zero in the morning. Cut wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Wes Luke came after dinner and we talked all afternoon. He wanted to buy the Fan colt. G.D. and Nellie McMillan, and Willie and Silva Leask came for tea and spent the evening, leaving for home at 11 pm.

18 – About 2 inches of snow fell through the night. A very fine day and thawing some. Cutting wood all day in the swamp. Jessie Michie came up after dinner and Willa went to Greenbank. Party at G. Dowson's tonight.

19 – Cutting wood in the forenoon in the swamp. Snowing from the south in the afternoon. At Mark's in the evening practising singing for McMillan's social next Monday.

20 – A fine day but pretty cool for the time of year. At SS with Willa, 116 present. Mr Cameron being ill he was not able to come, so Mr. Boe conducted the service. Annie McMillan came for tea and Jennie and Willa went to CE, Mr. Boe leader.

21 – A raw east wind which turned warmer towards night. Went with Jennie to Wick to see Mr. Cameron who is very ill. We were not allowed to see him. Cut wood in the afternoon and in the evening went with Willa to the parlor social at Jas. McMillan's. A good turnout, made \$14.00. Good sleighing.

22 – Rain through the night and thunder about 7 in the morning and thawing all day. Drew out of the swamp the bit of wood that was cut in the forenoon and buck sawed wood in the afternoon. Willa went with John and Jessie Michie about 3 pm to Alex Lee's party.

23 – A fine day and thawing fast. Cutting wood all day on the wood lot in Luke's swamp.

24 – Thawing all day. Uncovered the turnip pit and cut wood in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. Lyles got stuck with the sleigh in our field and had to get our sleigh to take off the load. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

25 – Rain in the forenoon and again in the evening. Cleaned out the pig house, drew out the last of the wood that is cut from the swamp and drew in one load of turnips from the pit. The second load had to leave in the field as the horses got down in the snow. Jennie and Willa finished the patchwork for Mrs. Mason's quilt. Thawing rapidly and roads in a bad state.

26 – Colder all day. Sawed wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove to Greenbank for the mail but there has been no mail today or yesterday on account of the roads which are very bad, on the centre road especially. Word that Mr. Cameron is still no better.

27 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie. As Mr. Cameron is still very ill there was no minister. Mr. Boe led the service. The greater part of the congregation went to the other churches. There was no minister at the Baptist church also. No one from here at CE on account of bad roads. Saw the first robins of the season.

28 – Some snow in the afternoon. Cut wood with buck saw most of the day. Mr. Lyle tried to go to Port Perry by the 10th concession but could not go. John Michie here in the evening, the first time since his operation.

29 – A fine day and thawing a little. Buck sawing wood in the forenoon and drew in the remainder of the turnips in the pit in the afternoon.

30 – A fine day and thawing. At Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon. Went with cutter via G. Michie's. Water over the road but sleighing fair. At Greenbank in the afternoon for mail. Mr. Cameron reported a little better.

31 – Thawing all day, some rain in the forenoon. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie preparing to go to Toronto tomorrow.

APR. 1 – Good Friday. Rain through the night. Got up early and took Jennie and the two children to the morning train at Port Perry on their way to visit Mrs. J. C. Mason at Toronto. We took the cutter and most of the way there was fair sleighing. It rained all the way to Port Perry and back and the snow going fast. Jessie Michie and Mary Dusty also went to Toronto. Went up to A. Akhurst's in the afternoon to ask for their baby which has been sick and to get some salts for a sick heifer and then cut some wood. Willa is to be housekeeper while Jennie is away.

2 – Thawing some but got cold towards night. Piled up wood in the yard in the forenoon and went to Greenbank for the mail in the afternoon. Drove the cutter and not so bad sleighing.

3 – Pretty cold day. At SS (101) and church with Willa. A student, think his name is Wakeup, preached and did very well. Mr. Cameron is some better. John Michie called for Willa and they walked to CE but there was no meeting so they went to the Methodist church. John called in on his way home.

4 – A fine day and thawing some. Drew out some manure in the forenoon. R. Cragg got some oats changed. Split wood in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening. Had the cutter.

5 – A very mild spring-like day. Splitting and piling wood all day. Willa washing and churning.

6 – Another fine spring day. Went up to Lyle's and Akhurst's in the morning to arrange for digging out the road in the afternoon which was done. Ed Lyle with team and A. Akhurst with shovels. Finished splitting and piling the wood in the yard.

7 – A fine warm day and the snow going fast. Buck sawed wood in the swamp field in the forenoon and in the afternoon walked to Greenbank for the mail. Got a ride home with Joe Burton in his cart, the first ride on wheels this spring. John Michie called in the evening and he and Willa went up to A. Akhurst's.

8 – Fine until about 4 pm when it started to rain from the SE. Buck sawing wood in the forenoon. G. Michie called to see about berry bushes. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon with the buggy, the first time out for the season.

9 – A foggy morning and quite warm day, some thunder but very little rain. Hitched up the waggon (the first time for the season) and took 9 bags of oats to Port Perry mill, went by the 10th concession. The first one through since the break up, roads pretty bad. Brought Jennie and the children home from their trip to Toronto and Newcastle. Worked some in the berry bushes in the afternoon.

10 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. I walked up, the rest came in the buggy. 112 at SS. A student, Mr. Eadie, preached a good sermon. Willa went to Mark's for tea and from there to CE, John Love leader. Did not go on account of bad roads.

11 – A fine day. At berry bushes in the forenoon and at bee at church cutting wood. Between 25 and 30 at it and cut all the wood. Rode up and home with John Michie.

12 – Snowing a little from the NW most of the day. Got much colder towards night. Working at berry bushes all day. Jennie washing.

13 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and pretty cold towards night. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. At the berry bushes in the afternoon. Willa drove to Greenbank for the mail.

14 – A pretty hard frost which did not entirely thaw out all day. Buck sawing wood all day and finished the job. Mrs. Gordon here for dinner, she was getting a dress made. G. Michie came up after dinner to see about berry bushes. John Michie here in the evening. Mr. Edward Bewell buried today.

15 – Went up with John to Mr. Lyle's to shingle the north side of his house and worked until between 4 and 5 when it started to snow and got so cold that we had to quit. The ground covered with snow in the evening.

16 – Quite cold all day, not warm enough to melt all the snow that fell last night. Splitting and piling wood in the swamp field and finished. Jennie and Annie at Greenbank and A. Gordon's in the afternoon.

17 – A fine day and some warmer. All hands at SS and church. Willa walked. 116 at SS, Mr. Eadie preached. Willa went to Jas. Leask's for tea. Jennie at CE, reports a good meeting.

18 – A fair day. Pruning orchard and berry bushes in the forenoon and with John, finished Mr. Lyle's house shingling in the afternoon. Jennie, Willa and the two children visiting at Mrs. W. O'Neill's.

19 – About 2 inches of snow in the morning and continued off and on during the day with high NW wind. A regular winter day. Taking out the rotten turnips out of the root house (and a large lot there was) in the forenoon. Doing a few chores in the afternoon.

20 – A very rough night and snow drifts 3 feet deep some places and very rough in the forenoon, but it got warmer towards night. Norman Phair came over in the forenoon to fan up some oats to exchange. Drove over to W. Luke's after dinner for eggs, clover and timothy seed, and then planted some potatoes (the first) in the orchard. In the evening drove with Jennie to prayer meeting. Anniversary meeting after and then choir practice. Big fire in Toronto last night.²⁰

21 – A very fine day and much warmer. Went to Port Perry with 15 bags and got them ground at Vickery's. Willa went with me. While away W. Luke and A. Butt called. Plowed sod east of the orchard in the afternoon, the first of the season. Willa went with John Michie to bell ringers at Greenbank, they report a splendid time.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Intended to sew some but Albert came for the drill, Ernest Phair came with some oats to change, G. Michie for berry bushes, and Mr. J. O'Neill to get turnips. Minnie Martin, who has been sick for a long time at Jas. Miller's, was taken home today.

23 – A very fine warm spring day. Plowed in furrows in the forenoon and harrowed in the afternoon. A. Bongard called. Sold him old Nancy cow for 3 cts lb, and Dusty cow for 3 ½. Willa went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

24 – A warm day with quite a rain about 1 pm. All hands at SS and church. Willa walked. 122 at SS, the largest number on record as far as I remember. Mr. Eadie preached. John Michie here for tea. At CE with Willa and John, a pretty good turnout, G.A. McMillan leader. Special collection to make up the balance of the \$50.00 to Knox College Missionary Society. Got enough to make the \$50.00.

25 – A fine day. Went up to Akhurst's in the morning for the drill and sowed oats (the first) east of the orchard and cultivated last year's turnip ground in the afternoon. Mrs. G. Watson died today.

26 – A fine day. Plowed the garden then harrowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon plowed sod south of the house. Mrs. Gordon here for dinner and tea. She was getting a waist made. After supper John Michie came up and we hitched up Fly to the buggy. She went fairly well.

27 – A fine day. Plowing sod in the forenoon. After dinner Mr. Rail of Mara came and I went with him to Port Perry to see the lawyers about the Mara place. At prayer meeting in the evening with Jennie, quite a good turnout, Mr. Eadie leader. Choir practice after. Hugh Jack and D. Boe called in the forenoon wanting to buy the 2 steers but did not do so. Then I saw High however at Port Perry and sold them to him, one at 4 ½ and the other at 4 ¼.

28 – A little rain in the morning and threatening most of the day. Fanned up some seed, took the straw off the strawberries, and then sowed the field north of the barn with mixed grain.

29 – Rain through the night. Plowing sod in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon called for 3 bags of apples, also a man selling cloth. In the afternoon Jennie, Willa and the children went to Port Perry while I planted some potatoes, black currant bushes and some other chores.

30 – Some rain through the night. Harrowed the field north of the barn but it was too wet. Got George's drill and started after dinner to sow but rain came on and it would not work. Jessie Michie called and took Jennie and Annie to children's practice at the church.

MAY 1 – A very fine warm day. All hands at SS and church (Willa walked). 117 at SS, Mr. Eadie preached. Did not go to CE. Willa stayed somewhere for tea.

2 – A very fine warm day. Finished sowing the field NW of barn with George's drill and then harrowed the greater part of it. Hitched up Fly again in the evening. Jennie washing.

3 – A decidedly warm day. Harrowed a while and then plowed sod the rest of the day. Jennie and Willa papered the south bedroom down stairs. G. Michie came after a few bricks.

4 – A fine warm day. Finished plowing sod and then harrowed some. Walked with Jennie to prayer meeting. Mr. Eadie leader, a pretty good attendance.

5 – A fine warm day. Went up after the drill and then sowed the hill which finishes sowing for the year. James Lee here in the evening for berry bushes. G. Michie here after dinner.

6 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 14 bags to make meal. Broke a wheel off the waggon just as I turned on the side road and had to borrow Isaac O'Neill's waggon. Willa went to Whitby on her way to Newcastle. Mrs. Gordon here for dinner and tea. Took the broken waggon wheel to Greenbank and then took O'Neill's home.

7 – A fine day and everything growing fast. Harrowed most of the day and finished the seeding except rolling, and then after supper

²⁰ The fire originated in the Currie building on the north side of Wellington St. and spread to Bay Street and Yonge St. and as far south as The Esplanade, destroying over 100 buildings, putting over 5000 people out of work and causing over \$10,000 in damages.

drove Fly in the buggy (the first to Port Perry in buggy) for the SS anniversary bills. Annie went with Jessie Michie to practice at the church in the afternoon.

8 – A very fine warm day. All at SS and church. Drove Fly the first time to church. 120 at SS. Mr. Eadie addressed the school and preached. Special foreign mission collection \$27.20. McDonald's broke their buggy going out at the church gate. None from here at CE.

9 – Some rain in the forenoon. Cultivated, rolled and marked out the strawberry patch for this year east of the orchard. It will take over 5600 plants. Jennie papering and house cleaning.

10 – A fine day. All hands planting strawberries. Got in 15 rows in patch east of the orchard. Pretty cool towards night.

11 – Quite a bit colder all day. All hands at strawberry planting until we got 30 drills in all when we thought it enough. At prayer meeting in the evening, E. Boe leader. Anniversary meeting after, then choir practice.

12 – A fine day. Drilled up and sowed with mangolds the part of the strawberry lot that we did not plant and in the afternoon got Mr. Lyle's waggon and went to Greenbank for the waggon wheel which was being repaired. Jennie whitewashing and cleaning the kitchen.

13 – A fine warm day. Took the two steers and the Dusty cow and old Nancy cow to Port Perry, George Michie helping. Rode home with Mr. Petty. In the afternoon took off the storm windows and doors, planted some corn in the orchard and some other chores. Jennie house cleaning the kitchen and pantry.

14 – Rain off and on all day which is doing a lot of good. Cleaned out the calf and pig pens and some other chores in the forenoon. R. Cragg called for berry bushes. In the afternoon went with little Annie to W. Luke's for eggs for hatching. Rain in the afternoon.

15 – At SS with Jennie and the two children, 118 at SS, Mr. Eadie preached. Did not go to CE as it was a wet night.

16 – A little raw in the forenoon. Went with Jennie and the two children to Port Perry in the forenoon and drew out manure in the afternoon. Little Annie went down to practice singing with Jessie.

17 – A fine day, a little frost in the morning. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie went with Jessie to practice.

18 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for 6 bags of potatoes which came from F. Perrin's at Newcastle. Plowing some in the afternoon but it was very wet and disagreeable. Mr. Eadie came for tea. He went to prayer meeting but it was very wet and I did not go.

19 – Rain through the night and everything pretty well soaked. Did some chores in the forenoon and put in posts for fence at the bottom of the garden in the afternoon. Jennie took Annie to Greenbank for practice. Willie went with them. Jessie sick in bed. Turned the young cattle out to pasture.

20 – Cool day with some rain in the afternoon. Finished plowing mangold [land] which is very wet and plowed the little patch near the barn pump and some other small chores. Jennie went down in the evening to see how Jessie was, she is some better. 13 little pigs came, 1 dead.

21 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and then put up the picket fence south of the garden. At choir practice (for tomorrow) in the evening.

22 – Some rain in the afternoon and evening. All at SS and church, 132 at SS. Rev. Mr. McKerroll of Sutton West conducted SS anniversary services afternoon and evening to full houses. Not quite so many at night on account of the rain. Mr. McK. did us a good service. Collection of \$17.00.

23 – Thunder and rain through the night and some droppy most of the forenoon. Making a lane to the pasture field in the forenoon and rolling in the afternoon. Jennie baking for the SS anniversary.

24 – A beautiful morning and a nice warm day. Hitched up colt and rolled with her and Fly, the first work she ever did, and then scuffled the strawberries. Tom Black and Annie came at 1 pm. All hands at the SS anniversary. A big crowd in the afternoon. The children were led by Miss Ettie Salter. The band was there and in the evening Rev. Mr. [?] lectured and Annie Rennie sang. Proceeds \$132.00.

25 – A very warm day. A sharp thunder storm at 5 am, and thunder several times through the day. Harrowed, drilled and sowed the mangolds. Mr. Pearce called about renewing insurance. All at social in the evening, a very small attendance. \$4.00. Some sharp lightning on the way home.

26 – All hands went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 11 bags of rye and oats. Drew out manure in the afternoon. Rain came on about 6 and continued until 8.

27 – Quite a cool day. Drawing out manure all day. All hands drove to Seagrave in the evening to see about berry boxes. Got home at 9:15.

28 – A beautiful day. Planted corn in the little plot near the barn pump and drew out manure the rest of the day.

29 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church, 110 at SS. G. Miller addressed the school. A stranger, an old man, preached. When we got home the Jess mare was sick. Went first for A. Gordon, then went to W. Real's and telephoned for Cotes the vet. He came but could not get the colt away so he drove to Port Perry for Elliot and together they got it away but it was dead. Drove Mr. Gordon home and it was after midnight when I got back.

30 – A very fine day. Went up to W. Real's in the morning to telephone to vet Cotes then went on to Greenbank. Cotes came about 10 am. Spread manure and then rolled a bit with Fan colt and Fly. Jennie house cleaning upstairs. Wes Luke and G. Michie called in the forenoon.

31 – A fine cool day. A little rain in the evening. Got George's Dick horse and plowed all day at corn and potato land. Jennie housecleaning upstairs.

JUNE 1 – A great downpour of rain from the east through the night and everything soaked. Went down to George's and brought home 4 bags of potatoes that he brought from Jas. Smith's and then finished plowing the corn land which is very wet. Cut potatoes in the woodshed in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Albert Akhurst brought the beef (the first of the season). He was telling us that Mrs. Jas. Blair was seriously ill. All hands went to Greenbank but there was no prayer meeting as it rained very hard. Miss Edith Phair has a birthday party tonight, a very poor night for such a thing.

2 – Rain all forenoon. Cleaned out the calf and pig pen and cut some wood in the shed. Hoed strawberries and scuffled some in the afternoon. At W. Luke's in the evening. Jennie making pil-lowcases.

3 – A fine day but somewhat dull. Appeared to be making up for some rain. Scuffled the strawberries, raspberries and potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon, and harrowed the corn and potato land in the afternoon. The ground very wet, water running across it. Jennie washing.

4 – All hands at Port Perry in the forenoon. Sold the 7 pigs for \$5.00 and the rise if any. A heavy rain at noon. Hoed at berry bushes and poisoned woodchucks in the afternoon. In the evening Jennie drove Fly (for the first time) to Greenbank to the first meeting of the singing class in our church by Mr. Selby of Toronto. 42 names were given as members, a good teacher.

5 – A fine warm growing day, threatening rain a little but did not come to much. All hands at SS and church, 114 at SS. An old man, a stranger, preached. Mr. Selby sang in the choir. At CE, a fair meeting, Miss Forfar leader. Gave Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. a ride up and back.

6 – A fine day, threatening rain about 5 pm. Drilled up for potatoes in the forenoon and planted them in the afternoon, Jennie helping. At Mark's in the evening having a sing.

7 – A dull day but no rain. Drilled and planted horse corn (ground in places very wet), then drew out some manure. Jennie housecleaning the cellar which finishes the housecleaning for the season.

8 – It started to rain about 5 am and never let up until about 7 pm. Everything terribly wet and a good deal of damage being done I think. Spent most of the day crating Mrs. Bell's things which are to be sent to Winnipeg. Jennie packing. At Greenbank in the evening but there was no meeting. K. Whetter and Nellie Steel married.

9 – Several little showers through the day. Finished packing up Mrs. Bell's things in the forenoon and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. George and John Michie helped to load them up and took some on their waggon. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

10 – A fine cool day, no rain. Went to Saintfield in the morning to see Jack Park's horse and by the way Jack was not there as he is on the sick list and another man is handling the horses. In the afternoon put up a piece of fence south of the orchard, G. Michie managing the job.

11 – A very fine warm day. George came up in the morning and we finished the fence south of the orchard, then put up a piece of the line fence at the swamp, but we could not put up what we wanted as there was so much water on the ground. Finished about 3 pm, after which I scuffled in the orchard. Jennie at singing class in the evening.

12 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church, 109 at SS. A stranger preached a good discourse. At CE, rather a small meeting, Mr. Miller leader.

13 – A very fine day. Got George's waggon and with his help drew out manure. George left at 4 pm to go with the band to Bethesda SS anniversary. Alex Gordon and Jim Ewin called at 6. They wanted to buy the Fan colt and offered \$125.00. Agent Rundle called near dusk and talked binder.

14 – Got up early and took the 7 pigs to Port Perry. Got \$5.00 per hundred. They weighed 1520, the heaviest hogs that I ever sold I think. Got home a little after 9 and then drew out manure, G. Michie helping until noon. Drew alone in the afternoon and finished, then took George's Dick horse and waggon home. Spread 18 loads of manure after supper. Jennie making shirts. A thunder storm in the afternoon but it was only a slight drizzle here.

15 – A very fine day. Got up early and went for the fill the first thing and got back at 7, then plowed all day at the turnip ground and very wet and weedy it was. All at prayer meeting in the evening, a SS meeting after.

16 – A very fine day. Plowing all day at turnip ground and finished. Jennie washing.

17 – Very fine day. Worked all day at turnip ground, harrowed and rolled it. Sonya Sons of Scotland ran an excursion to Niagara Falls today. Got the first ripe strawberry.

18 – A very fine day. Drilled up and sowed 32 drills of turnips. Jennie at singing class in the evening. She washed the buggy.

19 – A very fine warm day. All hands at SS and church, a stranger from Fergus preached. 109 at SS. As this is Rev. Mr. Limbert's farewell it was decided not to have CE so we all went to Port Perry expecting to hear Mr. Cooper but Mr. McFarlane preached. Mrs. Nottingham died.

20 – A warm day, some thunder after dinner but only a few drops of rain here. Drilled up for turnips in the forenoon and sowed them after dinner. Then we all went to Port Perry, the principal errand being Jennie to see the Dr. about her throat (2nd time). Took out 2 boxes of strawberries, the first of the season. John Lee here for dinner. Road workmen plowing up road at gate.

21 – A very warm day. Harrowed the corn and potatoes and plowed turnip land in the forenoon and after dinner went to Mrs. R. Nottingham's funeral service at the house by Rev. W. Limbert. They took her to Prince Albert. Went to Greenbank for the mail and then scuffled strawberries and mangolds. At 6 o'clock a terrific thunderstorm came on, then a short lull and then another very heavy rain. Water standing in every hollow.

22 – Quite a cool day. Went to Seagrave in the forenoon and got from R. Thompson 750 berry boxes at 47 cts per 100. Did a few chores in the afternoon. Jennie and little Willie went to Port Perry with strawberries. Road machines working on our road.

23 – A very fine cloudless day. Hoeing mangolds and corn all day. Jennie at Greenbank to a W.F.M. meeting. Mrs. Stewart of Lindsay was the speaker and she was good but only 14 present.

24 – A fine warm day. Went to Saintfield to see John Park (but he is still on the sick list), then on to G. Tocher's, neither he nor Mary were at home. Came home the side road. After dinner Jennie and the 2 children went to Port Perry with berries. They got home a little before 4, then we all drove over to Alex Lee's Hillside for a visit. Things are looking well. Got home after 9 and found Willa, Aunt Mary (Mrs. Slemon) and Arthur Slemon of Port Hope. They drove from Newcastle today.

25 – A very close warm day although there was quite a breeze. Finished plowing the turnip ground, harrowed drilled and sowed them after supper. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening. Jim and Ray Dusty and Arthur Gordon came for strawberries.

26 – A very fine cool day. Slemon's horse, which was turned into the pasture, was found to be missing and Jennie and Aunt Mary with little Willie went in search. They went to Beare's Mill, then to Port Perry but found no trace of him. At SS with Annie, 106 present. Went from there to the Methodist SS anniversary services. Rev. Mr. Crossley of Bowmanville was the principal speaker. James Lee came home for tea and with Willa went again to the Methodist service. Mr. Crossley was the preacher, a good turnout on both occasions.

27 – A very fine cool day. Scuffling mangolds in the forenoon and hoeing in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark, Jessie, Aunt Mary and Jennie picking strawberries. After dinner Jennie and Arthur Slemon went to Port Perry with berries. They took the two rigs as there was not room in one. After supper Jennie and the two children went to Greenbank to telephone to Port Hope to hear if there was any word about the missing horse but they could not get the one they wanted to speak to. Willa in bed most of the day.

28 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing mangolds all day. Jennie washing. Jennie and the children went to Greenbank after dinner and telephoned again to Port Hope. Edith Phair came for some strawberries. Willa in bed most of the day. Albert Akhurst stacking hay. S. Ontario Farmers Institute excursion to Guelph today.

29 – A fine day. Hoeing mangolds in the forenoon and finished. Jennie, Mrs. Mark and Aunt Mary picking strawberries. After dinner I went to Greenbank and spoke over the telephone to W. Slemon of Port Hope. No word of the lost horse. After that Jennie

and Arthur went to Port Perry with berries. Mrs. A. Lee called for berries on her way home from Port Perry. Scuffled in the orchard and the new strawberries.

30 – Quite a rain through the night. Hitched up in the morning and went to hunt for the lost horse. Stopped at Port Perry and got Fly shod for the first time, then went across to near Blackstock but could hear no word of it. Went with Jennie and little Willie to preparatory service. Mr. Cameron preached for the first time since his illness, not many out. Hoed strawberries after supper. Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Gordon and Arthur here in the evening to see about strawberries also Wes Luke on his way to Port Perry for the same reason. Britton Love drove down with a message saying that the horse had got home to Port Hope.

JULY 1 – Went to Saintfield the first thing to see J. Park, but he was not there. Hoed some after I got home. Mrs. Mark, Jessie Michie, Nellie O'Neill, Aunt Mary and Jennie picking strawberries, got about 160 boxes. After dinner there was quite a heavy shower and then several more small showers all the afternoon. Went with Jennie and the two children to the Methodist SS anniversary. Went first to Blair's with strawberries, then to the church and heard part of the program. Although the weather was so bad there was quite a crowd. It was intended to have the tea in Beare's woods but the rain prevented it. Did not stay to the evening meeting. James Ewin and Sandy Gordon called for berries.

2 – A fine cool day. Finished hoeing the strawberries in the forenoon and scuffled in the afternoon. E. Love came for berries. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening. Willa and Arthur Slemon at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willa went to see the Dr.

3 – A pretty cool day and very fine. At communion at Wick with Jennie, Mr. Cameron conducted the services. At church service at Greenbank with Willa in the evening. Mr. Arnold, a city missionary of Toronto, preached. Mr. Petty was having a swarm of bees near his house.

4 – Warm day with a high wind, a heavy thunder shower at 7 pm. Scuffled the mangolds in the forenoon. Jennie and the 2 children at Port Perry with berries to Mrs. Patton of Port Hope. Mrs. Mark, Jessie Michie, Aunt Mary, Willa, Mrs. Alex Gordon, and Jennie picking berries, 211 boxes. Allan, Emma and Alf. Black came before dinner and left for home after tea. Mrs. R. Cragg and Mrs. W. Real called for berries and Donald and Lizzie McArthur in the evening. At managers meeting.

5 – A very fine day. Wes Luke called in the morning for berries and had a long talk about SS's church union and other things. I then scuffled corn and potatoes. After dinner went to Mark's for cabbage plants and hoed corn. Willa and Arthur Slemon went to Greenbank for bread. After supper sowed some turnips in a part of the potato ground that did not come up on account of the wet. Mrs. W.H. Leask came for strawberries. Mundo Perrin, Norman and George Slemon arrived with the horse that went home to Port Hope. They all stayed all night. Then G.A. McMillan and Mrs. called about berries. Then James Blair, Maggie Blair and Rosie Hall called and stayed awhile.

6 – Rain all forenoon and until about 1 pm when it cleared up and was fine. Went with Jennie and the two children to the Saintfield Wick SS picnic at Ed Ferguson's on the town line, which turned out to be quite a good time. Went for the beef in the morning. Mundo Perrin, Norman and George Sleman left for home after dinner.

7 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn and potatoes all day. Mrs. Mark, Mrs. W. O'Neill, Aunt Mary, Willa and Jennie picking strawberries, 130 boxes. Mrs. Smith and G.A. McMillan's two boys called for berries. Archie McArthur called in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Went to Saintfield early in the morning, then made a trip to W. Luke's. Scuffled mangolds, corn and strawberries in the afternoon. Aunt Mary and Arthur left for home in the morning. George, Jessie and John Michie, Jim Lee, Ida Phair and Mamey Dusty here in the evening getting a feed of berries.

9 – A warm sticky forenoon, thunder shower at 1 pm and some rain most of the afternoon and quite heavy in the evening. Helping G. Michie to draw in hay in the forenoon and picking over strawberries in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark, Jessie Michie, Willa and Jennie picking strawberries, 66 boxes. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening. Theodore Salter had all 4 of his horses killed by lightning.

10 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church, 101 at SS. Mr. Cameron preached. Willa stayed at Dusty's for tea. All at CE, a good turnout, Willa leader. Nellie McMillan elected president for the next six months. Miss E. Baird, vice president; Lizzie McArthur, sec.; and A. Akhurst, treas.

11 – Rain after dinner, pretty warm. Scuffling turnips until 5 when we got supper and all went to Elijah Beare's barn raising near Port Perry. A big crowd but it was not all put up although we worked until dark. Got home at 10 pm. Willa stayed and came home with someone.

12 – A very heavy thunder storm towards morning and after daylight and it continued to rain some nearly all forenoon. Cleared up and a fine afternoon and pretty cool. Cut some wood in the shed in the forenoon. Mrs. Mark and Jessie came up and they and Willa picked berries. I went to Greenbank after dinner for sugar and tea. In the afternoon the W.F.M.S. met here and the 3 youngest SS classes to get a feast of strawberries. About 50 old and young were here and seemed to enjoy themselves well.

13 – A very fine day. No rain. Hoed mangolds, 2nd time, most of the day. Mrs. Mark and Willa picked the strawberries, probably for the last time this season. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon and then to Greenbank after supper. Rode up with her to W. Luke's. Saw Jim Bush and had a talk with him.

14 – A fine day, some like rain but did not come. All day helping W. Luke to stack hay. Put up a big stack south of the barn. Oliver got hurt by falling from the load. Willa at Phair's in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Went to Saintfield in the morning and hoed mangolds and turnips (the first) the rest of the day. Jennie helping awhile in the afternoon. Norman Phair called in the evening to see about help for the band party.

16 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening. Had the worse time shaving with a dull razor that I ever had in my life.

17 – A very warm day. All hands at SS and church (96 at SS). Willa went to McArthur's for tea. All at CE, a fair meeting, Jas. Miller leader.

18 – Fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Willa picking berries and Jennie went to Port Perry with them in the afternoon.

19 – A very warm day in the forenoon, but a heavy thunder shower came at 2 pm and after that it was much cooler. Hoeing turnips. Jennie Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon. Barbara Smith, Mrs. Mason and Kennedy came at 12. Barbara, Annie M. and Jennie at Mark's in the evening. Arch McArthur called in the evening.

20 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping G. Michie to stack hay in the afternoon. Barbara, Mrs. Mason and Kennedy M. left for home about 7 pm. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill cut herself badly with a scythe.

21 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips until 5 pm when after supper we all went to the brass band lawn party at W. Real's, which went off very well, a large crowd. Mr. Bert Harvey of Toronto was the star and very good he was. Got home near midnight. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

22 – A fine day, some thunder in the evening but no rain. Scuffling in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Willa and Annie at Mark's in the evening.

23 – Helping G. Michie to stack hay until about 9:30 when it came on a drizzly rain which continued until noon. Hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa at singing class. Rain again in the evening.

24 – A very fine day. All at SS and church, 108 at SS, Mr. Arnold preached. All at CE, a good turnout, Jennie was leader.

25 – A fine day. Helping George with the hay in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa picking berries and Willa went to Port Perry with them. Jennie, Willa and the children at I. O'Neill's in the evening.

26 – A fine day, some thunder after dinner but no rain here. Got 2 bags of buckwheat from George and hoed turnips. During the day Willa at Isaac O'Neill's picking berries as Mrs. O'Neill is laid up with a cut.

27 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went for the beef in the morning and then got Albert Akhurst's mower and cut the hay in the field west of the house. Got done at 5 pm and then went to a little bee at I. O'Neill's. George, John, Fred O'Neill and I were the crowd. Drew in 4 loads of hay for him. Thunder and threatening rain but only a few drops. A. Akhurst cut fall wheat, the first of the season.

28 – Rain through the night which soaked the hay and continued some through the forenoon. Took the mower home and then scuffled until the rain came on and stopped me. At Albert Phoenix's barn raising in the afternoon. Went up all right and got done at sundown. Isaac Clemens got hurt by a spur brace falling on him.

29 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing turnips except a few where the potatoes was killed, then raked up hay. Jennie and the children at Port Perry. Willa picking berries at home in the forenoon and with Jessie Michie in Lyle's bush in the afternoon. A. McArthur here in the evening. G. Michie starts his new binder today.

30 – A fine day but dull and like rain. At the hay and got in 11 loads, John Michie helping all day and George in the afternoon. Jennie helping all forenoon and part of the afternoon. Alex and Jim Lee here for tea. Jim is pretty badly crippled with a sore foot which got stabbed with a fork. He has to go on crutches. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening.

31 – Rain through the night and some threatening during the day but did not come. All hands at SS and church (106 at SS). Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Willa, an extra large turnout as there was no service at the Methodist church. Willa was leader. Choir practice after.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day. George and John Michie came up in the morning and we finished drawing in the hay at 10 o'clock. I then raked the ground and with Jennie's help drew them in. Jennie and the two children went to Port Perry after dinner with berries to send to Mary Patton, Port Hope. Willa picking berries most of the day. After supper I hoed the turnips where the potatoes were killed out and so finished hoeing turnips for the first time.

2 – A beautiful day. Got up early as we had some notion of going to the Port Perry firemen's excursion to Niagara Falls but we did not go. Scuffling all day, turnips, mangolds, corn, strawberries and raspberries. Jennie and the two children at Greenbank after supper. George cut his barley.

3 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips (2nd time) all day. Jennie cleaned out the hen house. Willa washed the buggy and went to Greenbank after supper for the mail. Joe Burton threshing clover. I. O'Neill came for the horse rake.

4 – A very fine warm day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Willa picking berries. Willa and little Annie went to Port Perry with them in the afternoon.

5 – A very fine day. Hoeing and greening the potatoes all day. Mrs. Phair threshing clover. Arch McArthur here in the evening.

6 – A very fine day, quite a high wind in the afternoon. Went through the mangolds for the 3rd and last time in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with little Annie to Thompson's at Seagrave for binder twine (14 cts per lb). Willa picking berries all day. Jennie preserving. Jennie and Willa at singing class in the evening.

7 – All hands at SS and church (120 at SS), Mr. Cameron preached. A heavy thunder shower on the way home, ducked us all pretty well. Rain continued until about 7. Willa at Mark's for tea.

8 – A very fine day. Took out to Port Perry mill 6 bags of rye for meal in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew some dirt to fill up the horse mangers and the box stall. At Greenbank in the evening to see John Lee about [carsom....?] the SS room. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Jessie Michie here picking berries. Jennie washing and ironing.

9 – A very fine day, quite cool in the morning. Drove Jennie and little Annie to the early train at Port Perry on their way to Toronto. Put ledger plates in the binder guards in the forenoon and hoed the strawberries and some other chores in the afternoon. G. and J. Michie are shingling the south part of their barn today and yesterday.

10 – A thunder shower between 12 and 1. Fixing the roof of the kitchen to keep the rain from coming into the pantry. Jessie here picking berries and stayed to dinner. After dinner went to Greenbank for the mail and measured the church basement for the painters. In the evening went to Port Perry for Jennie and Annie. Jessie Bell came with them.

11 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for Jessie's trunk. Willa also going. Wes, Oliver and Ned Luke called after dinner wishing to buy the Fanny colt but she was already sold to F. Perrin. Spent most of the afternoon in scuffling the old strawberry patch. Willa at Gordon's in the evening with a hat. Arch McArthur called in the evening.

12 – A fine day. Went to W. Luke's morning and evening. Put up bars in the north field and some other little jobs. George cutting oats, the first in Egypt.

13 – Got up early and with Jennie started with the Fanny colt for Enniskillen to meet Mundo Perrin to whom she is sold for \$145.00. Got there about noon. Got dinner at Mrs. Joe Bell's and got home again at 7 pm. Went by way of Blackstock and came home over the hills by Raglan. Thunder and rain most of the way as far as Blackstock and thunder and a few drops of rain half the way home. Jennie and Willa at singing class. G. Michie here for the scales.

14 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Willa and the two children (111 at SS), Mr. Cameron preached. Mr. Selby sang a piece in SS. Jennie, Willa and Jessie at CE, Mrs. J.M. Real leader.

15 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went down to George's in the morning to see about getting help to cut oats, but could not get any today. Cut out the corners of the fields, cut thistles on the roadside, ground the binder knives and other things. Willa picking berries, Jennie washing. Jennie, Jessie and the two children went to Port Perry after 4 o'clock.

16 – Rain through the night and morning, then about 3 a thunder storm came up. It got very dark but there was not so much rain but it drizzled on quite a while. Cut some old rails in the woodshed in the forenoon. After dinner went with Willa to Greenbank for the mail. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and tea. Jessie dress-making, Jennie ironing. Willa hat making.

17 – A fine cool day. Went for the beef in the morning then scuffled and hoed some strawberries in the forenoon and in the after-

noon started to cut oats in the field north of the barn. Worked with two horses until 6:30 when George came with a horse. Willa walked to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

18 - A very fine day and pretty cool. Cutting oats all day, George and horse helping. Jennie drove the binder most of the afternoon. Willa at W. O'Neill's in the evening.

19 - A fine day but a little rain in the evening. Cutting oats in the forenoon, George helping, and in the afternoon cut some clover. Jessie and Jennie dressmaking.

20 - A terrible rain from the south through the night and morning and everything very much soaked. Drove Willa out to Port Perry to the 11 train on her way to Whitby to see her aunt Janet. Went after her again at 5:30. That was about all I did. Jessie dressmaking, Jennie scrubbing. Jessie and Willa at singing class in the evening. Lizzie McArthur came home with them. Lige Beare called looking for a beef syndicate.

21 - A very fine day, somewhat warm. At SS and church with Jennie and the two children. Willa and Lizzie McArthur walked. Jessie walked to church. 116 at SS. Mr. Selby sang a piece. Mr. Cameron preached and announced his resignation as pastor of the congregation. Willa and Jessie went to the Baptist church and Willa went to McArthur's for tea. At CE with Jessie, a good turnout, Maggie Blair leader. A. McArthur drove Willa home and stayed awhile.

22 - A heavy thunder shower between 3 and 4 in the morning and another about the middle of the afternoon which soaked everything badly. Spent the day in doing a few odd jobs. Jessie making dress for Margaret.

23 - A fine cool day. Moved the fence south of the calf pasture and took it to fence the strawberry patch east of the orchard. Hoed the strawberries again. Willa went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie washing, Jessie dressmaking. Arch McArthur here in the evening.

24 - A fine day. John and horse came up in the morning and we cut the hill south of the house (which was very hard to do) and then the patch of wheat in the field W of the barn (badly rusted) which finishes the cutting for the year. Jennie and Jessie packing up Willa's things as she starts for Winnipeg tomorrow.

25 - Got up at 4:30 am and took Willa to Port Perry on her way to Winnipeg. Mr. Gerrow of Scugog here for dinner, he was selling strawberry plants. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. That is about all I did as there was a heavy thunder shower at 1 pm and another between 5 and 6 pm. Some of the neighbours drawing in a little before the rain.

26 - A high wind through the night and a fine cool drying day. Made and hung a door for the box stall and after supper, with Jennie's help, drew in the wheat and a load of oats. Little Annie and Willie went down to Mark's after dinner.

27 - A very fine day. Threw out some shocks in the morning and drew in the rest of the day with Jennie's help. Sheaves not in very good order. Jennie at singing class in the evening. Jessie house-keeping.

28 - A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie and the two children (105 at SS), Mr. Cameron preached. (G. Wallace sat with his wife). At CE with Jennie, a very small meeting, only 9 all told, I was leader. The subject John Calvin and his lectures. Special service at Methodist [church]²¹.

29 - A very fine cool day. Drawing in oats all day, Jennie helping. Jessie housekeeping. Painter Tremere of Port Perry called in the afternoon to see about [calsoming?] the basement of the church. Let the job for \$20.00.

30 - A very fine day. Drawing in oats all day with Jennie's help and finished harvest except the rakings.

31 - A fine cool day. Went to Greenbank in the morning to see the men who are [calsoming?] the SS room, then raked the stubble the rest of the day. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with the two children, then came home by Greenbank for the mail.

SEPT. 1 - Rain in the morning and pretty dull all day, close and warm. Did a number of small jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in two loads of rakings which finishes harvest.

2 - Rain through [the night] and a little off and on during the forenoon, thunder during the afternoon but no rain here. Cut some old rails in the woodshed in the forenoon and plowed south of the hill in the afternoon. At Greenbank in the evening. Pretty dark and lots of lightning. Gave Jim Dusty a ride home. Called at A. Akhurst's. Jennie making shorts. Jessie making a blue suit for Willie.

3 - A fine day, pretty warm. Plowing all day.

4 - A fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie and the children (103 at SS), Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie, a fair turnout, Arch McArthur leader. Called at John Lee's and W. Akhurst's to see Mrs. A. before meeting.

5 - A very fine day. Jennie with little Willie drove me to Port Perry on the way to Toronto Fair. Got dinner at Jas. Mason's and at the fair in the afternoon. An immense crowd said to be 130,000. The chief attraction was the Black Watch Band of Scotland. Stayed for the fireworks which was good. Got back to Mason's at 11 pm.

6 - Another very fine day. Went to the fair with Jas. Mason and heard the Black Watch Band which was very fine. Jessie Bell drove to Port Perry in the morning and left the horse and went to the fair also. We got home about 9 p.m.

²¹ John Calvin, 1509-1564, was a French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation and influenced the founding of Calvinism.

7 – A fine day but somewhat dull and threatening rain in the evening. Plowing all day.

8 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Scale pedlar called after dinner. Jennie, Jessie and the two children visiting at A. Gordon's. Jennie walked first to Greenbank for the mail and stayed for the W.F.M.S.

9 – A very fine day. Helping Mr. Lyle to thresh all day, John Leask's machine, with blower and self feeder, the first self feeder I ever saw and the first one that was ever in these parts. Jennie and the two children at Port Perry in the forenoon. Jessie bad with hay fever.

10 – A very fine day. Threshing at Lyle's in the morning and finished in about 1 ½ hours, then they went to A. Akhurst's and finished him about 7 pm. They then moved to our barn. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon.

11 – A fine day. At SS with Jennie, Jessie and the children. I walked up while they drove (108 at SS). Mr. Cameron preached. No one from here at CE.

12 – A fine day. Threshing at home and finished at 3:30, then they went to George's (home barn) and worked til dark. Rather more grain, at least in bulk, than last year.

13 – A very fine day. Threshing at George's and finished at noon, then went to D. Cragg's and helped to raise a new driving shed and grainery.

14 – Went for the beef in the morning, then scuffled the strawber-ries, but before I got done it started to rain and rained off and on most of the remainder of the day. Cleaned out the calf pen, the root house, the barn floor and some other small jobs. Jennie churning.

15 – Plowing all day. Some rain in the forenoon. Jessie Michie called in the forenoon. Jennie at singing class (1st night of 2nd class) in the evening.

16 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie, Jessie and the two children at quilting bee at Mrs. Mark's in the afternoon.

17 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jessie making coats for Annie and Willie.

18 – Threatening rain a little about noon. At SS and church with Jennie and the children (106 at SS), Mr. Cameron preached. Jennie and Jessie at CE, Mr. Boe leader.

19 – A fine day. Plowed until about 10 am, then went to Port Perry with Jennie, Jessie and the two children in the waggon and took Jessie's trunk and she started on her way back to Rochester. A steam dredge working at the foot of Queen Street.

20 – Quite cool with a little rain in the forenoon, some thunder at noon. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. I. O'Neill threshing.

21 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and pretty cold all day. Plowing in the forenoon and keeping house in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry to see the Dr. about a lump on her knee and got it lanced. Went down to George's after she came home.

22 – A fine day. Plowed until 9 when I went to Phair's to thresh. Jennie and the children at preparatory services in the church. Rev. Peckover of Sunderland preached. Edgar Leask was admitted to the church.

23 – A fine day. Threshing at Mrs. Phair's until 9:30 when Tom Lambe came to put up the new feeder, so a stop was made until after 1 pm. Finished there and moved down to R. Cragg's (in Jim Lee's place) and threshed about 2 hours. New feeder works pretty well.

24 – Threshing at R. Cragg's. Rain came on before we got started in the morning and several times through the day. The new feeder did not work very well so slow progress was made. Finished about 5 pm. Some thunder in the morning and evening.

25 – A fine day. At church with Jennie and the two children. Communion at Greenbank, about the usual attendance. Mr. Cameron preached. At CE with Jennie and the two children, a pretty good turnout, Miss Baird leader.

26 – Rain in the morning and a little a few times in the forenoon. Plowing all day. At congregational meeting in the evening to consider about the singing class, a small meeting and nothing done.

27 – A fine day. Cutting corn in the forenoon while Jennie and little Willie went to Port Perry. Annie stayed with me. In the afternoon we all went on a visit to Rev. J. M. Cameron at Wick. Mr. Cameron is leaving next week to reside near Hamilton after being our pastor for nearly 10 years.

28 – A fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and cut corn the rest of the day. Sunderland fair.

29 – Rain off and on during the forenoon. Plowed a little. Finished cutting corn in the afternoon. Jennie and the children went for the mail.

30 – Drawing in corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon drawing out manure for the next years strawberry patch. A very high wind from the NW all day. A lot of apples blown down. R. Wallace's barn burned this morning.

OCT. 1 – A pretty cool day with a high NW wind. Plowing all day. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. came down in the afternoon and picked up a bag of crab apples and Alex came after them in the evening. Jennie making a dress for little Annie.

2 – A pretty cool day with high NW wind and some cold rain flur-ries. At SS and church with Jennie and the two children (108 at SS). It was children's day and there was a large turnout as this was Mr. Cameron's last Sunday as pastor of the church. He moves this week to near Hamilton. Did not go to CE.

3 – A fine day and some cool. Harrowing all day. Jennie washing and mending grain bags. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee here in the after-noon for 8 bags of oats.

4 – A fine day with a little rain at noon. Went to Port Perry with 21 bags to grind. Harrowing in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening, rather dark night.

5 – Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal and took out 21 hens. Started to rain before I got home and rained off and on most of the afternoon. Made an apple drying rack in the afternoon and in the evening pared apples, the first for years.

6 – Rather cold day with NW wind. All hands picking up the fallen apples in the forenoon and a lot of them there is, and all picking potatoes in the afternoon. A pretty good crop and not so badly rotten as might be expected from reports. Went to Greenbank in the evening for mail.

7 – A very hard frost in the morning, too hard to dig potatoes until it thawed out some. After that all hands were at the potatoes. G. Michie came up after dinner for the scales. John away at Markham fair.

8 – Rain off and on several times through the day. Finished digging potatoes in the forenoon. Moved the bed down from upstairs and put up the room stove and some other chores in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

9 – Some rain in the morning and evening. All hands at SS and church (100 at SS). Rev. Mr. Duncan preached a good sermon and officially declared the congregation vacant. No CE on account of the S. of T. annual sermon at the Methodist church. A very dark night.

10 – Rain and wind through the night and some in the forenoon and again in the evening with thunder. Plowed sod in the forenoon and topped mangolds in the afternoon. Jennie churning.

11 – A fine day. Harrowed up the mangolds and then all hands drawing them in. Got in 8 loads. Not near so good a crop as last year. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. and Miss Mary Dusty here picking apples in the afternoon and Alex came for them towards night. Mrs. Mark brought the mail.

12 – A cold rain from the east (but never very hard) most of the day. Finished drawing in the mangolds and plowed the rest of the day. Jennie washing. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon came for 2 barrels of sweet apples.

13 – A fine day, pretty cool in the morning. All hands went to Port Perry with the waggon in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie picking apples to send to Winnipeg and went to Greenbank for the mail in the evening.

14 – A fine day, cool. Plowing sod all day.

15 – A beautiful day. Plowing sod all day. The children out in the field most of the time. David Cragg called in the forenoon to see about apples. His two girls and a grandson came in the afternoon and picked several bags and Wes Cragg came for them with the waggon.

16 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church, an extra large school (127). E. Bewell and G. Miller gave a few words. Rev. Mr. Duncan preached another good sermon. All at CE, rather a small turnout, perhaps on account of the Baptist anniversary services. G. Miller leader, and he did well.

17 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with about 20 chickens and four barrels of apples for Mrs. Bell, Winnipeg. On the way home a little south of the 8th concession I witnessed a bad runaway and smash. There were 4 in the rig, Mrs. Walter Mark, her two girls and her boy. The horse ran them against a telegraph pole and smashed the rig badly and threw them all out against the fence. Mr. Cawker, who was on the road, drove with all speed for a Dr. while I carried the boy who is badly hurt to Mr. Fidgets. One of the girls was also hurt but with Mr. Fidget's help she was able to walk to his house. I then turned back to Port Perry and telephoned to Mr. Mark at Seagrave. Albert Akhurst also came along just after it happened. All hands at taking in potatoes in the afternoon and did the job. Pared apples in the evening. [margin note – Roy Mark died from injuries received at runaway. A son born to Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Neill.]

18 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. After dinner went down to George's to see about going to Laurier meeting at Uxbridge tonight, then drew some brush into wash outs in the SW field. Went with George to the meeting at Uxbridge. A very large crowd and an orderly meeting. The speakers were J. Gould, Mr. Grant, and Laurier²². A splendid meeting. Got home a little after 12.

19 – A very fine and warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Roy Mark's funeral. There was a large turnout. Rev. Mr. Tricker conducted the service. Jennie and the two children went with me as far as M. O'Neill's to see Nellie and her new baby boy. I called for them on my way home and first went to Greenbank for the mail. Pared apples in the evening. Plowing match on E. Beare's place.

20 – A very fine warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and all hands picking apples in the afternoon. Jennie and the children helping Mrs. Mark in the forenoon.

21 – Rain through the night. Plowing in the forenoon. All hands picking apples in the afternoon until about 4 pm when there came up a thunder shower. Several showers during the evening. Went down to I. O'Neill's to tell them to come for some apples. Pared apples in the evening.

22 – Rain through the night and until about 8 in the morning. Plowing sod most of the day. Mrs. I. O'Neill came up in the forenoon to see about apples. She came again in the afternoon with Isaac. Mrs. Carneggie and the two children picked up and took away several bags. Mr. Lyle came for auger. Cleaned stove pipes after dinner.

23 – A fine day but somewhat cold. All at SS and church (105 at SS). A student, Mr. Robertson, preached. No CE as this is the Baptist anniversary services. After supper I drove down to P. Fidgets to see how the Mark's girl was who was hurt in the runaway. She was thought to be a little better but still in a very critical state.

24 – A fine day. Finished throwing back the mangolds in the morning, then topped some turnips. Jennie washing. In the after-

²² Wilfred Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, 1896-1911.

noon went to A. T. Horne's sale, rather a small crowd, things went fair. Jennie and the children went as far as Greenbank and visited at Mrs. Walker's, Mr. Akhurst's and John Lee's, then we all got tea at the Baptist social but did not stop [for] the concert.

25 – A fine day. All hands all day picking apples. W. Love came for some sweet apples. Pared apples in the evening.

26 – Rain through the night and morning. Plowing in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon. Quite a snow storm in the afternoon, the first snow for the season, which made the turnips very wet.

27 – Ground white with snow in the morning which did not go entirely away in shady places during the day. Jennie went to Greenbank in the morning and all I did in the forenoon was to clean out the pig house. Harrowing up turnips in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening. W. Ross held a political meeting at Greenbank tonight. Nomination day.

28 – A fine day. At the turnips all day. Jennie helping part of the time, got in 10 loads.

29 – A very fine day. At turnips all day. Jennie helping most of the time, got in 11 loads.

30 – Quite a hard frost and pretty cool all day but fine. All at SS and church (115 at SS). A student preached. Mr. Robinson of Detroit who is on his wedding trip, sang in the SS and also the church. At CE, a fair meeting. I was the leader, baptism the topic.

31 – Quite a hard frost. Topping turnips and finished about 4 pm, then harrowed up some but did not finish. Jennie washing. Pared apples in the evening.

NOV. 1 – A very fine day. Finished harrowing up the turnips and then drew in 10 loads, Jennie helping. Down to George's in the evening practising singing for W.F.M.S. tomorrow night.

2 – A very fine day. At turnips and got in 7 loads which finishes, 38 loads in all. Jennie helping in the forenoon. All hands at the W.F.M.S. meeting in the evening, a pretty good turnout. Mr. Jamison of Knox College was the speaker and good he was. Collection \$22.00.

3 – A fine day and pretty dark night. Jennie and the children went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I did little but throw back some turnips in the root house. Not feeling well all day. After dinner went to Greenbank to vote as this is the general election day for the Dominion house. W. Ross and Peter Christie are the candidates in this riding. I think it has been about [the] quietest election that I remember of. M. Stonehouse called in the afternoon wanting to buy chickens. Christie elected by 96 it is said. [margin note - Laurier government sustained by over 70].

4 – Plowing sod in the forenoon and finished. Plowing turnip ground in the afternoon. Jennie making clothes for Willie. Pared apples in the evening. A drizzling rain at night and very dark.

5 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Went up to W. Luke's after supper to get the election news which was very satisfactory with the exception of South Ontario.

6 – A pretty hard frost in the morning which did not slacken all day. All at SS and church (115 at SS). A Mr. Tough preached. No one from here at CE.

7 – Another hard frost and cold all day. Drew in the corn in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Apple packers, Cephas Sleep and two boys, packed 12 barrels. Drew straw to cover strawberry plants in the afternoon. Pared apples in the evening.

8 – A hard frost and a fine day. Finished covering strawberries and threw back turnips in the forenoon. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner, she was getting some sewing done. Jennie and the children went up to visit Mrs. Lyle but she was not at home. Took the 12 barrels of apples to Port Perry in the afternoon. [margin note – U.S. Presidential election, Roosevelt and Parker, Roosevelt elected.]

9 – A hard frost, too hard to plough. Spent most of the day pruning apple trees. Jennie washing. Afterward with the children she went to Greenbank for mail.

10 – Too hard frost to plough. A fine day. Pruning orchard. Jennie went to W.F.M.S. at Jas. Miller's. Pared apples in the evening.

11 – Frost too hard to plough. Did a few chores in the forenoon and drew away the brush in the orchard in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark called after dinner. Jennie making coat for Willie.

12 – A fine day with a high wind in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and put in glass in stable windows in the afternoon.

13 – A fine day but pretty cool with high wind. All at SS and church (103 at SS). Rev. Mr. Campbell of Penetang preached. No one from here at CE. John Michie ran into W. Luke's buggy and upset them at Luke's gate.

14 – Cold with high wind. Drawing apple limbs and old rails to woodshed in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew a load of gravel from McMillan's pit to level up the church sheds. Put up a box on the 11th conc. at the head of our sideroad to put the mail into. Mr. A. Gordon's children are to bring it down from Greenbank. Pared apples in the evening.

15 – A fine day and some warmer. Drew up some old rails for wood in the forenoon and made a coal bin in the afternoon.

16 – A very fine day but did not thaw out enough to plough. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 22 bags to grind for meal and brought home 1600 of coal. Moving gate NW of barn in the afternoon. At Greenbank in the evening to a SS meeting to see about lesson helpers for next year. Decided to have a Christmas tree. Just 12 out all told.

17 – Still cold. Thanksgiving day but as there was no church service, we did not leave home. Finished fixing gate and threw out old fence SW of house. Pared apples in the evening.

18 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and drew old rails in the afternoon. Jennie has a sore leg.

19 – A fine day and some warmer, fog in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning to see the Dr. about her sore leg while I cut wood in the woodshed. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Called at T.E. Cragg's to see about the Liberal convention at Toronto next week and came home by the mill. Pared apples in the evening. Thunder in the evening and rain after we had gone to bed.

20 – Warmer. All hands at SS and church (100 at SS), Mr. Hunter preached. Alex Gordon's buggy tongue broke in the shed. At CE, not very large meeting, Silva Leask leader. Raining a little on the way home.

21 – A fine day. Plowing all day at turnip land. Jennie covering the lounge. Pared apples in the evening.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing all day, finished turnip ground and plowed a little in orchard. At George's in the evening singing.

23 – Got up early and Jennie and the children drove me to Port Perry on my way to the great Liberal convention at Toronto. Got there between 9 and 10. There was morning, afternoon and evening meetings in Massey Hall. An immense crowd. Hon. G.W. Ross²³ was the principal speaker in the evening. Got meals and stayed all night at Mrs. J.C. Mason's.

24 – Cooler and some snow. Attended the morning meeting of convention and left for home at 2 pm. Got to Port Perry at 6 when Jennie and the children met me. Band concert at Greenbank but did not go to it as it was rather late.

25 – Plowing the orchard and finished I suppose for the season. George Michie took away the cutting box. Jennie complaining badly of sore leg. Pared apples in the evening. Bible society meeting at Greenbank.

26 – A fine day with a little snow about 4 pm. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning to see the Dr. about her leg which is worse. Did a few chores. Put on the storm windows. Not feeling very well.

27 – A fine day but pretty cold. At SS and church with Annie. Jennie did not go as she was not feeling well. (105 at SS), Mr. Hunter preached. At CE, a fair meeting, Mrs. J.M. Real leader.

28 – A fine day but cold, nearly down to zero in the morning. Went with Albert Akhurst and W. Mark to the church wood lot at Whetter's swamp. Came home by Greenbank. Pared apples in the evening.

29 – A high wind through the night and thawing most of the day. Helping George to thresh from about 11 am to 5 pm at the Luke barn, Samson Martin's machine. Jennie's leg rather worse.

30 – A fine day with a little snow in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry to see the Dr. about Jennie's leg. Brought Joe Burton and

Jas. Lee on their way home from the world's fair at St. Louis. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon. A traveller got supper and stayed all night.

DEC. 1 – A fine day with a high wind and a little snow towards night and in the evening. Jennie's leg pretty bad so I did little but the chores. Went to Port Perry to the 5:30 train in the hopes that Aunt Janet was coming for a time but she did not come. Mrs. Albert Akhurst called in the forenoon. Our traveller that stayed all night left after breakfast.

2 – A fine cold day. Sandy Gordon and Mrs. came down in the morning and Mrs. Gordon stayed all day and night. Jennie's leg some better. Cut wood in the shed in the forenoon. In the afternoon got out the sleigh and drew some wood into the woodshed and then drove up to Gordon's with the sleigh.

3 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning principally to see the Dr. about Jennie. Finished drawing the wood into the shed. Mrs. Gordon stayed all day and I drove her home after supper.

4 – A very fine day but pretty cold. At SS with Annie (102 present). Came home and did not stay for church as Jennie was bad with her leg. Did not go to CE as I had all the chores to do outside and in.

5 – A pretty cold day. Went after Mrs. Gordon in the morning who stayed all day and night. I then went to Port Perry to see the Dr. about Jennie. Did a few chores in the afternoon. A little snow.

6 – A fine day. Swept the cobwebs from the stable and a few other chores. Went to Port Perry to the 5:30 train and met Aunt Janet who is to stay here a while. Fine roads.

7 – Rather a rough day with several snow flurries. Took Mrs. Gordon home the first thing and then went to Port Perry for Aunt Janet's trunks. In the afternoon went to R. Nottingham's sale, which passed off fairly well. C. Calder nominated by the Tory convention yesterday.

8 – A very rough wintery day. Drifting from the NW. Did little but the chores. Lyle's had a wood bee today.

9 – Zero at sunrise and very sharp all day but clear. Wes Luke came and killed the pig and stayed for dinner. Cut up pig in the afternoon. Aunt Janet washing.

10 – 4 below zero in the morning and never got much above it all day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and did the chores and in the afternoon started coal in the kitchen stove.

11 – Pretty cold with some snow. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Annie (99 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keath preached a good sermon. No one from here at CE. Annie's birthday, 5 years old.

12 – A pretty cold day with some snow in the evening. Ethel Miller and Miss Gibson called collecting for the Bible Society. In the afternoon cut down the old apple tree (Johnnie's tree). At church managers meeting in the evening with the buggy.

²³ Hon. George W. Ross was Minister of Education.

13 – Cold day. In the forenoon cut down the burnt apple tree and the basswood tree nearby. In the afternoon banked up the root house and drew away some brush. Aunt Janet washing. Alex Lee and wife here for tea. At Mark's in the evening singing.

14 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie. Rev. Mr. Keath and Mr. E. Boe here for tea.

15 – A very fine day, zero in the morning. Drew away apple brush in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon called in the evening. Annie has a bad cold.

16 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Aunt Janet. George, John and Jessie Michie and James Lee here in the evening making rope for decorating the SS room.

17 – A fine day. Did very little but the chores.

18 – A fine cold day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Annie (108 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keath preached. No one from here at CE.

19 – Some snow in the afternoon. Cutting wood all day, John Michie helping. Aunt Janet washing. Russian pedlar stopped for dinner.

20 – Snowing all day. Cutting wood in the swamp, John Michie helping in the forenoon but not in the afternoon as it was too rough and snowy. Uxbridge Christmas Fair and Liberal convention at Whitby.

21 – A very fine day. At Port Perry in the afternoon to the Christmas Fair which was quite a success. Took the cutter the first time this season. Alex Gordon Sr. fell at Port Perry and cut his head.

22 – A very fine day, some snow in the forenoon. At Greenbank in the afternoon with the sleigh decorating the Sunday School room for the Christmas Tree on Saturday eve next.

23 – A dull day and thawing enough to spoil the sleighing. Sandy and Arthur Gordon brought yesterday's mail. Cleaned out the hen house. At preparatory service in the church in the afternoon, Rev. P. Sinclair of Sonya preached. The attendance was rather better than usual. Rev. Mr. Keath was also present.

24 – A very cold day with east wind. Went to Port Perry with the buggy in the morning for Walter and Ethel Bratley who came up on the train and in the evening all hands went with the sleigh (very poor sleighing) to the Christmas Tree in connection with the Sunday School which was quite a success. A full house and a very large number of presents given, among which was a purse to Maggie Blair (who was not present), a chair to Jas Miller and a cutter robe to me. The proceeds came to about \$14.00.

25 – Another cold day, below zero in the morning with east wind. Went alone to communion at Wick, roads pretty slippery. The attendance was the smallest I ever saw there especially of those from Greenbank. Rev. Mr. Keath conducted the service in a very nice way. Service at Greenbank in the evening but did not go.

26 – A fine day but pretty cold. Dinner party at Mark's to which we were all invited but by mistake we thought it was to be on New

Year's day so did not go. Alex Lee called after dinner. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Walter and Ethel Bratley came up from Mark's in the evening and stayed all night

27 – Rain through the night which froze as it fell making the roads very slippery. Took Walter and Ethel Bratley to Port Perry on their way home. Had to get horse shod on account of the ice. Went to congressional meeting in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Sonya in the chair, not a very large meeting. Decided to give a call to Rev. Mr. Keath of Leamington. Rain most of the day.

28 – A very rough cold day and drifting, wind in the SW and towards night turned to NW. Drove with the buggy in the afternoon to Wick (Mr. E. Boe going with me) to the meeting to call a minister. Jas. Miller, Jas. Leask and J.M. Real were also there from Greenbank. Decided to call Mr. Keath and give him \$900.00. Wick to pay \$500.00 and Greenbank \$400.00. This was to have been the annual SS meeting but we decided to call it off on account of the weather. Public school meeting chose W. Real as trustee.

29 – Snowing and drifting from the NW off and on all day. Did very little but the chores. Aunt Jennie washing.

30 – A fine day and quite mild. Went to Greenbank with the cutter in the afternoon for the mail. Several municipal candidates on the war path.

31 – A mild day and thawing a little. Repaired horse stable and bagged up some oats.

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JAN. 1 – Quite mild day and thawing which nearly spoiled the sleighing. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Annie (104 I think at SS). Time all spent in choosing teachers. Rev. Jas. A. Miller preached and did very well. This is the first time he ever preached in our church. The call to Rev. Mr. Keath was being signed. No one from here out a night.

2 – A mild day and thawing, a little snow from the NE, colder towards night. Cut ventilator in the pig and hen house and put some glass on bedroom window in the forenoon, and in the afternoon went to vote at Greenbank. Voted for R. Holtby and Jas. Carneggie for county council; Norman Stewart for reeve and A. Leask, Jas. Graham and McIntyre for council. The Methodists have a tea and concert tonight but did not go. Carneggie and Holtby elected. Also Doble, Leask, McIntyre, Graham and Crozier. Port Arthur surrendered to the Japs²⁴.

3 – Very cold all day, 4 below zero in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with oats to get ground and brought home 1200 lbs. of coal. Sleighing not so bad except a few places but it is very thin.

4 – Very cold, about 10 below in the morning. Went to Manchester in the afternoon to a Liberal organization meeting. T.E. Cragg

²⁴ Port Arthur was a Russian naval base at the tip of the Liaotung Peninsula in Manchuria.

in the chair and W. Phoenix sec. In the evening went to the annual church meeting. A. Akhurst; A. Leask; G.A. McMillan and W. Wallace chosen managers. A fair turnout, nearly \$60.00 in debt.

5 – Very cold, below zero most of the day. Went to Port Perry with the sleigh in the afternoon for the meal.

6 – Very cold and snowing a little with rough east wind. Did very little but the chores. Alex Gordon called for a barrel of apples. In the evening went to the postponed SS meeting. As it was a bad night there were only about 25 present. I was again chosen super (for the fourth time); Jas. Miller, asst. super.; Russell Wallace, sec.; Dave McMillan, asst. sec.; Jas. Leask, treas.; R.T. Harrington, lib.; Silva Leask, organist; Jessie Michie, asst. organist.

7 – A lot of snow fell through the night and a little during the day with NW wind drifting it pretty bad. Did nothing but the chores. Pared apples in the forenoon.

8 – A pretty cold and rough afternoon. Went up as far as Mr. Lyle's in the morning to see about the road out which goes through the fields from there to the concession. At SS and church with Jennie and little Annie, a Mr. Shaw preached. He was late in getting there and made it late getting home. Annie Rennie took charge of the choir. 106 at SS. A. Gordon takes a new class and two classes have not yet got a teacher. Called at Gordon's on the way home for the mail. No CE.

9 – Snowy afternoon and very rough evening. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie and little Willie and got his photo taken. At church managers meeting in the evening.

10 – A rough day, snowing a little and drifting some all day. Did chores and cleaned out pig house. Aunt Janet washing. Pared apples in the evening. Saw no one.

11 – Snowing a little and drifting some from the east and nearly down to zero all day. Did nothing but the chores. Pared apples in the evening.

12 – Hail and rain through the night which made a crust on the snow. Took Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle and Port Hope. Drove up to the mail box in the afternoon which turned colder and pretty rough. Isaac Wells buried today. 2nd day of Port Perry races.

13 – Cold but clear day. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Called at the school house to see Miss Baird about taking a SS class but failed to get her assent. Brought Mrs. Gordon home from S. Dusty's.

14 – Very cold, 10 below zero in the morning and below nearly all day, clear and sharp. Cleaned out pig house. Bee drawing wood for church but did not go as it was so cold. At choir practice in the evening, Miss Annie Rennie leader, her second night, all the choir out.

15 – Very rough and drifting from the SW and cold. AT SS and church with little Annie. Notwithstanding the weather there was

96 at SS. A student (I think he was) preached. He announced that Rev. Mr. Keath would be inducted on the 24th. A special appeal to wipe off the deficit in the church account next Sunday. No CE.

16 – Somewhat cold and rough. In the afternoon went to Whetter's swamp and took a load of wood up to the church.

17 – A very fine day and warmer. Drew up some wood from Luke's swamp in the afternoon.

18 – Drawing up wood from Luke's swamp. Started to snow about 4 pm and continued through the evening. Nominations for Ontario General elections.

19 – Thawing in the morning but got colder towards night. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Got proof of Willie's photos. Called on Rev. Mr. Cooper.

20 – A very fine bright day. In the afternoon went with Jennie and the two children to visit Mr. A.T. Home at Saintfield who has been ill since the beginning of the winter. We did not find him much better.

21 – A fine mild day. Did nothing but the chores. Not feeling very well. 13 little pigs came but 9 of them are dead. Did not go to choir practice.

22 – A very fine day, some snow about 4 pm. At SS and church with Annie (94 at SS). A student preached. A special appeal to wipe out arrears in church account brought \$34.00. Did not go to CE as I was not feeling well.

23- A very fine day. Split some wood in door yard. Jennie washing.

24 – Snowing a little and blowing from the east all day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the sleigh and 14 bags of oats to grind. Met the train and brought home Mrs. F. Perrin and Jennie Perrin of Newcastle. Rev. Mr. Keath inducted into the Wick and Greenbank congregations today but did not go as I was not feeling well and the weather rough. News of terrible times in St. Petersburg, Russia.²⁵

25 – A very rough cold day, down to about zero all day with a high NE wind and drifting. This is the Ontario General election day. Dryden and Calder are running here. Went up after dinner and voted. At the time of writing we have no news but I feel that the government is going under today. [margin note – Calder elected and government snowed under.]

26 – A very cold day, 13 below zero in the morning and never hardly above all day. George Michie came up after dinner and gave us the election news as far as he knew. Wes Luke called on his way to Port Perry and left Mrs. Luke and Ned here and then he stopped on his way home for supper.

²⁵ Jan. 22, 1905, known as Bloody Sunday, unarmed demonstrators intending to present a petition to Tsar Nicholas II were gunned down by the Imperial Guard.

27 – A good deal milder but drifting and snowing some from the SW. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie for the meal and to see the Dr. for myself.

28 – Pretty cold in the morning. Drove Mrs. Perrin and Jennie Perrin to Port Perry on their way home to Newcastle.

29 – Pretty cold in the morning but a fine day. At SS and church with Annie (113 at SS), Rev. Mr. Keath preached his first sermon as pastor to a good audience and did very well. Mrs. Keath was with him. Did not go to CE. 9 years tonight since we were married.

30 – A very fine day. Cut and split some wood in the door yard. S. Sleep of Seagrave called after dinner and bought our 8 pigs.

31 – A very fine day, a little snow in the afternoon. Split some wood in door yard. Greenbank Band goes to Wilfred tonight.

FEB. 1 – A fine day, a little snow in the afternoon. Split wood in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for coal. At prayer meeting in the evening, Rev. Mr. Keath, leader.

2 – Cold day. Tom Black, Alma and Ralph came from Mark's where they had been all night and got dinner. After dinner Tom and I drove over to Alex Lee's and got back about 7 pm. A very rough cold afternoon. Tom then went down to Mark's for the night. Alma and Ralph went after dinner.

3 – 12 below zero in the morning and never above all day with a cutting NW wind. Turnips freezing in root house. Did nothing but the chores. Saw no one.

4 – 12 below zero in the morning but a fine clear day. Did nothing but the chores. Suffering with a sore hip.

5 – A pretty cold day with bleak east wind. At SS and church with Annie (109 at SS), Rev. Mr. Keath preached. At CE, rather a small turnout, Silva Leask and I, leaders.

6 – Cold and snowing a little. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 18 bags of oats to the mill. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon Jr. here in the evening preparing the church report for the printer.

7 – A very cold day, below zero most of the time. Did the chores and a little at a new water closet²⁶.

8 – 14 below zero in the morning, clear and still. Got warmer towards night with some snow in the evening. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. At prayer meeting in the evening, Rev. Mr. Keath leader.

9 – Quite a lot of snow through the night and thawing a little all day. Working in the shop making a new little house.

10 – A rough day, snowing and drifting all day. Working in shop most of the day. Mrs. Gordon came about 10 and I drove her home about 5 pm.

11 – Cold in the morning but calm and clear. Cleaned out the pig house. John Michie, his mother and Nellie O'Neill came for awhile in the afternoon. He drove with the sleigh around by the 11th concession as there has been no road through the fields this winter so far.

12 – Snow in the afternoon from the SE. At SS and church with Annie (108 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keath preached on blind Bartemus. No CE.

13 – A very cold day, about zero all day with a stiff wind from NW and drifting snow. Did the chores. Jennie washing. Saw no one.

14 – 10 below zero in the morning and never much above all day with a high SW wind and drifting. Did chores and saw no one but our own folks.

15 – Very cold, never above zero all day with a cutting NW wind. Went up as far as the 11th concession in the morning. Mr. Sleep came to tell me to take the pigs to Seagrave tomorrow. Went down to George's to get help with the pigs tomorrow.

16 – Below zero in the morning with high SW wind and drifting badly. Took 7 pigs to Seagrave, sold to Sleep Bros. John Michie went with me and we had a hard time getting there as the roads were very bad. The 7 weighed 1660 lbs at \$5.25 per hundred.

17 – Snowing and drifting most of the day from the SW which turned to a NW blizzard at night. Broke roads and went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Roads very heavy.

18 – Very cold with high NW wind and drifting badly. Calmed down towards night. No RR trains today.

19 – Cold in the morning, 6 below, but calm and clear. Went up as far as Akhurst's to see if the road was open. At SS and church with Annie, the roads pretty bad, indeed they are blocked some places, but there was 103 at SS. Rev. Mr. Keath preached. He was somewhat behind as he had trouble getting down the centre road. Did not go to CE.

20 – Much warmer, almost thawing. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the sleigh hoping to meet Aunt Janet at the train but she did not come. Roads not very good. Brought home some lumber for little house and worked at it in the afternoon. Tory demonstration at Port Perry tonight.

21 – A fine day and almost thawing. Working most of the day in the shop. George Michie came up after dinner to ask me to a party there tonight. We tried to take a heifer away but failed. At George's party for a short time in the evening. A good crowd and a lively time.

22 – Snow through the night and off and on during the day from the SE. Working in the shop.

23 – A fine mild day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to meet Aunt Janet who came from Newcastle this morning. Working in the shop awhile. Jennie and Aunt Janet making quilt.

24 – A beautiful mild day. All hands drove to Alex Gordon's for the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon; Mrs. Bryant and L. Bryant

²⁶ "Water closet" – outhouse.

were also there. Had an upset coming home on the 11th concession turning into Akhurst's field. While we were away Mrs. W.H. Leask and Laura [Golden, Golder?] called.

25 – A beautiful clear mild day. Had a bad cold and did not get out of bed until noon and hardly out of the house the remainder of the day. Jennie and Aunt Janet did the chores.

26 – Quite cold and rough all day. At SS and church with Annie (103 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE as I was not feeling well. [Note: Prior to this point in the diary Mr. Keith was spelled as 'Keath'].

27 – A fine day. Not feeling well and did nothing but go up to the mail box. Jennie and Aunt Janet quilting. Aunt Janet and little Annie taking the cold. Farmer's Institute meeting at Greenbank.

28 – Clear but pretty cold and drifting some. George Michie called in the forenoon. Sat in the house all day except helping to bag up some oats. CE social at Jas. Leask's tonight but did not go, was not well enough. Took in \$22.00.

MAR. 1 – A clear day but pretty cold, 4 below zero in the morning. John Michie took load of oats to mill in the forenoon and got the meal home with him. Jennie added to list of sick with cold.

2 – A beautiful day but pretty cold. All more or less sick with cold or gripe. Nothing doing. Jennie the worst today.

3 – A very fine day. All more or less sick with gripe. Jennie is the worst. G. Michie called in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to preparatory service in the church, Rev. Mr. Keith preached to a fairly good congregation.

4 – A fine clear day but pretty cold and drifting some. Did little but the chores. Made a doubletree. All a little better today.

5 – Snowing a little from the SW and rather disagreeable. At communion at Greenbank, a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. Keith conducted the service. Did not go to CE. All at home a little on the mend.

6 – A very fine clear day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for coal. Made a doubletree in the afternoon. Bee at church cutting wood, did not go.

7 – A beautiful day and thawing a little. Made whiffletrees and cleaned out pig and calf pens.

8 – A very fine clear day. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Thompson's store at Seagrave. Jas. Michie married.

9 – Not quite as fine a day, not thawing any. Rev. N.D. Keith and Mr. E. Boe called about 11 am. We all got an invitation to tea at Jas. Burton's tonight, but did not go.

10 – Nearly down to zero and very cold all day. Did nothing but the chores.

11 – A very fine day but pretty cold. Went up to Luke's in the morning. Went to Port Perry with the cutter in the afternoon. Oliver Luke called.

12 – Clear but pretty cold. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Annie (118 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE. Mrs. Jas. H. Leask, Barbara and Annie Mason and Kennedy were there.

13 – Cold, 4 below zero in the morning but got warmer. George Michie brought up Barbara, Annie Mason, Kennedy Mason and his mother about 10:30. Went to session meeting in the church in the afternoon to revise the church roll.

14 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Went up for Mrs. Gordon Sr. in the morning. After dinner took Barbara and Annie Mason and Kennedy to Port Perry on their way home and stopped awhile at the stock sale in the curling rink which went off rather dull.

15 – A very fine clear day, 4 below zero in the morning. Fanned up a load of oats with Aunt Janet's help in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Frank Dobson's sale, a large turnout and pretty good prices. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Keith leader. He took up the first question in the shorter catechism and the first deadly sin "Pride". A SS meeting after when it was decided to hold an anniversary on May 24.

16 – A little snow from the east. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 60 bus. oats and sold them for 40 cts. per bus. In the afternoon fanned up another load, Jennie helping.

17 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 63 bus. oats and got 41 ½ cts. per bus. In the afternoon went to the manse in Wick on the invitation of Mr. Keith, together with the rest of the session, and got tea and spent the evening. We had a very good time. A beautiful night.

18 – Some rain through the night and off and on through the day, quite heavy in the evening. Snow going fast and roads getting bad. This is the first thaw of any account since before Christmas. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 16 bags of oats and got them ground and home again. Up to Joe Burton's in the afternoon. Jennie on the sick list.

19 – A fine day and freezing a little. Started for SS with the horse and cutter but the roads were dreadful and we only got as far as W. Luke's where I left Annie and the horse and walked the rest of the way. There was 82 there but not a single rig. Mr. Keith walked down from Wick. I did not stop for the church service but came home. Got the horse down in Lyle's field. After supper walked to W. Real's and telephoned for the Dr. for Jennie. Dr. D. Archer came about 7:30. He drove up as far as O'Neill's and walked across the fields. He reports Jennie not so bad as we feared.

20 – A very fine day, snow hard in the morning but thawing some in the afternoon. Did very little but the chores. Aunt Janet washing. Jennie in bed all day but she thinks herself some better.

21 – A fine day, hard in the morning but thawing in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. called in the forenoon, also W. Slovin, the assessor. Jennie sat up a while in the afternoon.

22 – A fine day and thawing some all day. Drawing wood from the swamp field to the woodshed. Saw the first robin. Jennie some better, up all afternoon.

23 – Thawing fast all day. Walked to Greenbank in the forenoon and bad walking it was. Jennie up most of the day.

24 – A fine day and thawing, a little rain about noon, foggy in the evening. Drew out some cedar posts from the swamp lot with one horse, the water rising fast. Went down to George's after dinner for some black currants for Jennie who has been up most of the day and is a little better. Mr. D. Lyle called in the morning.

25 – A fine warm day and the snow going fast. Went to W. Luke's in the forenoon, roads very bad. Tapped 6 maple trees along the lane. Broke the road on horseback from our gate south. Jennie quite a bit better all day. Her and Aunt Janet sewing carpet rags.

26 – A warm day, thawing with a little rain in the afternoon. Walked to SS and church. In SS only 76 present as the roads were so bad. Rev. Mr. Keith walked down again but did not go home tonight. He preached an extra good sermon. Did not go to CE. A pretty dark night.

27 – A fine day and thawing. Wes Luke came after dinner and helped to kill pig. Jennie and Aunt Janet washing and at carpet rags.

28 – A thunder shower, the first of the season, in the forenoon. Warm and the snow settling fast. Helped Jennie to cut up the pig. Made some shingles for the little house.

29 – A very fine warm spring-like day. Made some shingles in the forenoon. Isaac O'Neill called wanting some straw. Walked to Greenbank in the afternoon. Called at W. Akhurst's, J. Lee's and J.M. Real's and in the evening went down to see George about music for the anniversary on the 24 May.

30 – Thunder in the morning, not so warm today. Plowed a little in the orchard, the first of the season either here or any place near that I know of.

31 – Cooler, some frost in the morning. Did some jobs with the sleigh in the forenoon. Sleep Bros. called and bought fat cattle at 4, 4 ¼ and 4 ½. In the afternoon went with the waggon with Aunt Janet and little Willie to Greenbank. Isaac O'Neill came for a small load of straw. A little rain in the afternoon.

APR. 1 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Drew out some manure in the forenoon and planted some potatoes in the orchard, the first planting of the season. Isaac O'Neill and W. Mark came for a small load of straw.

2 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Annie (108 at SS). Rev. Mr. Nevell, Methodist minister, preached. Did not go to CE.

3 – Took the fat cattle to Seagrave with John Michie's help. Started away with 3 but one heifer ran back after we had got as far as Alex Gordon's and came home. No doing anything with her. Jennie drove and brought us home. Set up the new closet in the afternoon. At church manager's meeting in the evening.

4 – A fine warm day with high SW wind in the afternoon. Tore down the old closet and some other chores. Willie Carnegie called asking to his moving tomorrow.

5 – A fine day. Worked in the garden and at the berry bushes in the forenoon. Alex Lee came with the oats that he borrowed last fall. In the afternoon helped to move Mrs. Carnegie from the house on the 11th concession near the RR track to the house on the sideroad on 9th conc. near the RR track. At prayer meeting, Mr. Keith leader, a pretty good turnout. Old Mrs. Samuel Byers was buried at Greenbank today.

6 – A fine day but quite cool. Went to Port Perry with the waggon in the morning with Aunt Janet to the market. A big turnout. Got home at 1:30. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called buying cattle.

7 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and cool all day. At berry bushes all day.

8 – A hard frost and so cold that it did not fully thaw out all day. A few flakes of snow in the forenoon. Helping John and George to fan up seed oats in our barn. Bagged up 98 bushels. In the afternoon drove Annie and Willie to anniversary practice for the little folks at the church, Miss Annie Rennie leader. A. Butt called, sold him the wild heifer at 6 ¼ cts per pound dressed.

9 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (114 at SS). Rev. Mr. Wright, late missionary in the Yukon preached. His mission now is the collection for Queen's College endowment fund. At CE with Jennie, a fair turnout, Nellie McMillan and Miss Forfar leaders.

10 – Rain off and on the fore part of the day. G. and J. Michie came after oats. Alfred Butt and J. Vernon came for dinner and killed the wild heifer. Plowed over the strawberry ground.

11 – A fine day. Went in the morning with Annie and Willie to hunt for eggs for hatching. First went to W. Luke's, then to G. Real's, and finally got them at J.M. Real's. Gang plowing the rest of the day. A. Butt and J. Vernon came for the beef.

12 – A hard frost in the morning but a very fine day. Sowed east of the orchard, the first of the season, and harrowed in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. A. Akhurst called in the afternoon. At prayer meeting, Rev. Mr. Keith leader, a good meeting. SS anniversary meeting after. Rev. Mr. Wright was present.

13 – Frost in the morning and a cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and little Willie to market. Harrowing in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill and Mrs. came for a load of turnips.

14 – A fine day, cool. Took straw off strawberries and some other jobs in the forenoon. Sowed oats in the north field in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark called after dinner.

15 – A hard frost in the morning. Finished sowing the north field in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Whetter Bros. barn raising. Pretty cold and snowing a good deal of the time, which made

it some disagreeable. Did not get any of the rafters or the collar beams up. Aunt Janet drove Annie and Willie to practice in the church.

16 – A hard frost which did not thaw out all day. High NW wind and pretty wintry. At SS and church (107 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Decided in SS to get the Sherlock quartet for anniversary. At CE, a fair meeting, Silva Leask and I, leaders.

17 – Cold with high NW wind, frost did not go out enough to make the land workable. Some snow and quite wintry. Finished tying up the berry bushes and several small jobs. Aunt Janet washing, Jennie sewing.

18 – Another cold day, frost did not get out of ground. Picked over the turnips in root house and wheeled out the rotten ones. Did some odd jobs in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill and Mrs. called in the forenoon and Mrs. O'Neill came again in the evening for 2 hens and a rooster.

19 – Making bars and some other jobs in the forenoon. D. Lyle called to get holes made in waggon [?]. Harrowing in the afternoon what was sown on Saturday and it did not work very well on account of frost. A very high wind and lots of dust. At prayer meeting, a good turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

20 – Warmer with a few drops of rain in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and little Annie. Sowing oats in SW field in the afternoon.

21 – Good Friday. Snow through the night from the east and continued through the forenoon until there was about 3 inches. It did not thaw very much during the day. Did very little but a few odd jobs.

22 – Warmer, the snow nearly all gone by night. Drew out some manure and took Annie and Willie down to George's to practice with A. Gordon's children for SS anniversary. In the afternoon finished sewing the SW field. Isaac O'Neill came for a load of straw.

23 – Easter Sunday. A very fine clear day but cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Willie and Annie (107 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. At Port Perry Presbyterian church in the evening. A Miss Macintosh of the Toronto City Mission gave a very interesting address. Snow not quite all gone yet.

24 – Warmer. Gang plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie and Aunt Janet housecleaning upstairs.

25 – A fine warm spring day. Harrowing and gang plowing. Jennie and Aunt Janet housecleaning.

26 – A warm day. Gang plowing all day. Jennie and Aunt Janet churning and housecleaning. At prayer meeting, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

27 – A fine warm day. Harrowing in the forenoon and sowing in the afternoon which finishes the sowing except the orchard. Jennie and Aunt Janet cleaning the cellar.

28 – A very fine warm day. Harrowing in the forenoon and plowing in the orchard in the afternoon. Separator agent called and talked a long time. D. Lyle cutting wood with Stone's machine.

29 – A fine day with high wind in the afternoon and lots of dust, some thunder and a little rain through the night. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon. Did a number of small jobs in the afternoon while Jessie Michie drove old Jess in the buggy and took Annie to anniversary practice. Aunt Janet took Annie and Willie down to George's to practice in the forenoon.

30 – A fine day but cool. Went over to Lyle's bush in the forenoon with Jennie, Annie and Willie and got some May flowers. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (122 at SS). Mr. Keith preached on the Sabbath. Did not go out in the evening.

MAY 1 – Pretty cold and raw. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Aunt Janet. Harrowed in the orchard in the afternoon.

2 – Snow from the south most of the forenoon and rain off and on during the afternoon. Picked stones off the fields in the forenoon. Aunt Janet washing. Jennie making Annie a white dress.

3 – Rain a little off and on all day, a big thunder shower at 4, another at 7 and all the evening. Whitewashed the kitchen. Jennie and Aunt Janet housecleaning. At prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. Keith did not get there and a very few out but we had a little anniversary meeting. Very dark night. George Wallace Sr. buried today.

4 – Rain, heavy through the night and morning. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to market and order the SS anniversary bills. Plowing in the afternoon. Put up a bigger mail box at the head of the road. Jennie and Aunt Janet cleaning the pantry.

5 – Another big rain through the night which makes it pretty wet in low places. Fixed floor over the cistern, planted potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon and drew out manure in the afternoon. Jennie and Aunt Janet housecleaning.

6 – Drew out manure in the forenoon. Annie went down to George's to practice. Started to rain after dinner and rained all afternoon. Jessie Michie drove Old Jess and took Annie to practice at the church, but Annie Rennie did not come.

7 – A fine day and some cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (103 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. John Somerville's boy and O'Neill's boy and girl were baptized. Several immigrants, Scotch I think, were present. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Horne were there.

8 – Drawing out manure until about 3 pm when it started to rain. Jennie and Aunt Janet housecleaning and finished the job.

9 – A fine day and pretty cool. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 14 bags of oats to the mill. Got the meal home, also brought the new room carpet home. Drawing out and spreading manure in the afternoon. Jennie and Aunt Janet putting down new carpet.

10 – A fine day. Plowing and spreading manure all day. Jennie and Aunt Janet laying carpet. At prayer meeting, Mr. Boe leader. Anniversary meeting after. Barbara and Willie Smith came in the evening.

11 – A fine warm growing day, threatening rain in the afternoon. Dug up strawberry plants for Willie Smith and spread manure in the forenoon. Man hunting work got his dinner here. Barbara and Willie Smith left for home at 2 pm. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market.

12 – A fine warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. James Stonehouse came just before dinner with a cream separator and left one for a few days on trial.

13 – A very fine day. Planting strawberries. Aunt Janet digging up the plants. Got 12 rows in. Annie and Willie went down to George's in the forenoon to sing and in the afternoon Jessie Michie drove up with Annie to practice at the church. Jessie brought up some suckers.

14 – A little rain about noon. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (105 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. At CE, a fair meeting, Mrs. Jas. Leask and I, leaders.

15 – A fine day. Planting strawberries all day, Aunt Janet digging the plants. Put in 14 rows. Two men called and delivered the strawberry and raspberry plants ordered last fall.

16 – A fine day. Aunt Janet and little Annie went to Port Perry in the morning while I was planting strawberries. Finished planting in the afternoon and then harrowed a little. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. called in the morning for some strawberries for Mrs. Beacroft.

17 – Harrowing corn and potato ground in the forenoon and in the afternoon putting up fence, George Michie helping. At prayer meeting. Mr. Keith spoke on John Knox,²⁷ this being 400 years since his birth. Mrs. Mark, Mrs. W. O'Neill, baby O'Neill, and Jessie Michie called in the evening.

18 – A fine cool day. Rolled, drilled up and sowed the mangolds, 34 drills. Jessie Michie drove up Annie to practice at Greenbank. John came after the turnip drill to sow mangolds. Isaac, Mary and the 2 children came for 3 bags of oats, 7 ½ bus. at 40cts.

19 – A fine day and cool. Went to Port Perry with Willie in the forenoon for the matting for the spare bedroom. Scuffled the berry bushes, strawberries (1st time) and hoed in the afternoon. Jennie and Aunt Janet laying carpet.

20 – A fine day but pretty cool. At fence building in the forenoon, John Michie helping. Cut some potatoes in the afternoon, Jennie and Aunt Janet helping. James Stonehouse called to see about separator, we have bought it. Jessie Michie and Annie went to practice at Greenbank. Washed the buggy.



Cream separator would have looked similar to this one manufactured in the early 1900's.

21 – A beautiful day, a little cool. At SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (115 at SS). After SS was our Anniversary Sunday and R.J. Wallace preached to a very full house. At evening service with Aunt Janet, another even bigger crowd. W. Wallace preached on John Knox. Collections \$18.50. Mrs. Mark rode home with us and called in on her way home.

22 – A very fine day but cool. Drilling up potato drills in the forenoon. Put the young cattle down to swamp field, the grass not at all good. At Phair's in the afternoon helping to lay foundation of the new part of barn. Jennie and Aunt Janet washed, churned twice, and cut seed potatoes. Mr. Ballard of Port Perry called in the afternoon and Mrs. Mark in the evening.

23 – A beautiful clear cool day. Planted the field potatoes in the forenoon and covered them up and drilled up some for corn in the afternoon. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry in the forenoon and did not get back until after 1 pm. Jennie baking some for anniversary.

24 – A fine day and some warmer than usual. Drilled up for corn in the forenoon. Allan Black came at dinner. All hands except Jennie at the Sunday School anniversary. There was a programme by the young people and an address by Rev. Mr. Hagen and music by the band. A large turnout. The concert was in the Methodist church which was crowded. The Sherlock Quartet gave the music and it was fine. The proceeds were \$210.00.

25 – A fine warm day with high SW wind in the afternoon. Allan Black left for home in the morning. Rolled until about 10 when Aunt Janet went to Port Perry Market. Went in the afternoon to Phair's barn raising, which went up without any accident.

26 – Rain through the night and a cool day. Rolling all day and with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie, went to the after social at the church. Not a very large turnout. Made about \$7.00.

27 – A very fine day. Rolling most of the day and finished, then harrowed the orchard. Poisoned woodchucks in the evening. Saw a porcupine near the swamp.

28 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie (113 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Went to Port Perry in the evening principally to see the Dr. about Jennie. Went first to the Methodist church (there being no Presbyterian). The Sons of England were out.

29 – Planted horse corn in the forenoon. Started to rain at noon and rained all afternoon. Fixing a place in the stable for the separator. Aunt Janet washing. Jennie fixing the lounge. Marsh Hill SS anniversary.

²⁷ John Knox, Scottish clergyman and leader of Protestant reformation.

30 – A very fine day. In the morning Aunt Janet drove me to Greenbank where I rode to Blackwater with Mr. Dusty and then to Presbytery meetings at Lindsay, the first for me. Aunt Janet drove again and met me in the evening south of Saintfield. News of the great navel battle between Russia and Japan in which Japan was victorious.²⁸

31 – A very fine day. Put the separator in the stable and drew out manure. Albert Akhurst brought the beef, the first this season. Road machine working down our line a while in the afternoon.

JUNE 1 – A very fine day, a little shower at 6 pm. Drew out 2 loads of manure in the morning and not feeling at all well. I went to Port Perry with Aunt Janet and little Annie, they to market and I to see the Dr. Hung stable door and spread some manure in the afternoon. Mrs. O'Neill came for a bag of oats.

2 – A fine cool day with somewhat high wind from the NW. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Aunt Janet and little Willie went to preparatory service at the church, Rev. Mr. Young of Eldon preached. Miss Cora Blair received as a member.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing turnip land all day. Aunt Janet scrubbing.

4 – Rain in the morning from the SW. Went alone to communion at Wick, some rain on the way. Not so many as usual from Greenbank. Rev. Mr. Keith preached. At evening service at Greenbank with Aunt Janet and little Annie, Mr. Keith preached. An unusual large turnout as there was no service in the Methodist church on account of Mr. Neville being away at conference.

5 – Drew out manure until about 4 pm when a thunder shower came up which turned into a down Easter. Aunt Janet churning and spilled the butter out of the churn onto the grass.

6 – Went to Greenbank in the morning to see Jack Park and spread some manure in the forenoon. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Threatening rain off and on all day but did not amount to much. Mr. Williams called wanting to buy young cattle. George sowed turnips, the first.

7 – In the morning went for the beef with little Willie, rain all the way and until about the middle of the afternoon. Fixing separator room and spread manure. Jennie baking fruit cake. Isaac Beare had a runaway and broke his buggy pretty bad.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing all day.

9 – A fine warm day, the most summery day this season. Plowing, harrowing and rolling turnip land. Got an invitation to John Leask's raising tomorrow. Sonya SOS excursion to Niagara Falls today.

10 – Drilled and sowed 60 rows of turnips. A little rain at noon and in the evening.

11 – Rain through the night and dull all day. At SS and church with little Annie (107 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE.

12 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to see the Dr. for Jennie and myself. Called in and saw through E. Beare's new house and stables. Scuffling and hoeing strawberries, raspberries and potatoes. J.M. Real, wife and little girl called in the afternoon for some strawberry plants to take to Jas. Burns, Albert. Mrs. Real leaves for there tomorrow. Her mother and Mrs. John Stone are also going.

13 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning to see Jack Park. Drew out manure and finished the job. Plowing in the afternoon.

14 – A very fine day, the warmest of the season. Took off under-shirt. Plowing and harrowing most of the day. At prayer meeting in the evening, a good turnout, Mr. Keith leader. A meeting after about spending SS money but little done.

15 – A fine day and pretty warm. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market while I hoed strawberries. Rolling turnip land and drew old rails to house for firewood. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for tea. Drove her home in the evening.

16 – A heavy rain in the night and drizzling nearly all day. Drilled up for turnips, but it was too wet to sow them. Had to quit about 5 pm on account of the rain. The band was to go to Oakwood tonight but I think they did not go.

17 – Went to Greenbank in the morning calling at S. Dusty's and J.M. Real's. Sowed turnips after dinner, then scuffled mangolds and strawberries. As we were at supper Mary Patton and two children came. We did not get word to meet them at Port Perry so a liveryman drove them out. Pretty warm.

18 – A pretty warm day, thunder and rain about 1 and off and on during the afternoon. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (103 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE, a foggy evening.

19 – Very warm, thundering most of the afternoon but only a few drops of rain. Finished drilling for turnips and sowed them after dinner, then plowed in the orchard. Aunt Janet churning.

20 – A fine day and not so warm. Went to Greenbank in the morning to see J. Park. On the way hired Jim Dusty for a month at \$8.00. Had to go back again at 11 and called in and got J.M. Real's democrat to draw out berries and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with Aunt Janet and little Willie and got some berry cases and boxes. Scuffled some in the evening. Aunt Janet and Mary Patton washing. Fred Love cutting hay, the first of the season.

21 – A fine day and pretty warm. Finished plowing the orchard and harrowed it. Scuffling corn and potatoes in the afternoon. Wick SS picnic this afternoon.

22 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing mangolds all day. G. Rose called in the evening for 2 bags of oats.

²⁸ Battle of Tsushima

23 – A fine day. Hoeing all day. At prayer meeting, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader. A SS meeting after. S.O. Farmer's Institute excursion to Guelph today.

24 – A very fine day. In the morning went with Annie and Willie to Seagrave and got 750 berry boxes. Hoed strawberries the rest of the day. Picked 4 boxes of strawberries, the first of the season. Little Jennie Gordon came and got 2 boxes. Washed the buggy.

25 – A very warm day. At SS and Methodist SS anniversary with Aunt Janet and Annie (100 at SS). A full house at Methodist Church. Rev. M. Keith and W. Ross, ex MP, were the speakers and they both did very well. Did not go out at night. A terrific thunder storm between 7 and 8.

26 – A fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and got a new waggon rack from A. Campbell and gave \$10.00 for it. Mary Patton picked 16 boxes of strawberries and Aunt Janet took them to Port Perry, the first sold, got 15 cts. per box.

27 – Quite a cool day. Went to Greenbank in the morning to see Jack Park. Put a new rack into the waggon and fixed the new rack and hoed mangolds. Tom Black and Alf came before dinner. They were on their way to John Black's back in Carden. Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon. Mrs. Slemyn and Mrs. Patton picked 20 boxes of strawberries.

28 – A fine cool day. Went after the beef and to Port Perry with berries (Annie with me) in the forenoon. Scuffled in the afternoon. The two Mary's picked 40 boxes of strawberries. At prayer meeting, Mr. Keith leader. An after meeting about SS library.

29 – A very fine day. Scuffling in the forenoon while Aunt Janet and Arthur went to Port Perry with berries and to the market. The two Mary's picked 36 boxes of berries in the afternoon while I hoed corn. Took Jennie out for a drive in the evening. McArthur's barn raising today.

30 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with berries. Hoed corn and potatoes and painted part of the rack. Arthur and Mary Patton went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

JULY 1 – A very dull day with a little rain about 3 pm. The two Mary's and I picking berries in the forenoon. At Methodist SS anniversary in the afternoon. Mary Patton and Arthur Slemyn also went together. I came home after tea and went back again. There was a good turnout but I did not think a great deal of the concert. Mr. Benrose, the male singer was NG. Miss Alexander was fairly good. Proceeds \$231.00.

2 – A pretty warm day, some rain through the night. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and Elsie (105 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Jennie very bad with ear ache. Went to Port Perry after supper and got some stuff from Dr. which eased it some. Arthur and Mary Patton and children went for a drive in the evening.

3 – A pretty warm day. Got up at 4 am and went to W. Real's and telephoned for the Dr. for Jennie. At about 8:30 am a son was born. A big day at the strawberries. Mrs. Mark, Jessie Michie, Mrs. A. Gordon, Mary Dusty, Vida Cragg, Miss Lyle, D. Cragg's

two girls, Mary Patton, Eva Luke and Jim Dusty picking and altogether picked over 500 boxes. I went with Arthur Slemyn to Port Perry after dinner with a load of berries and Jim Dusty, who starts his month, went to Greenbank with some. At Managers meeting in the evening. Jim Lee, Mona Leask and Alma Harmon called. [margin note: James Gordon Michie born]

4 – Rain through the night and some thunder and rain after 6 pm. Scuffled turnips in the forenoon while Jim Dusty went to Seagrave for more berry boxes. Hoed turnips in the afternoon while Jim scuffled. About the middle of the afternoon Dr. Archer came and with him Jessie Bell who came to see Jennie thinking her to be seriously ill. Cecil Phair called in the evening for berries but did not get any.

5 – A very fine day. Took Jessie Bell to the 7 am train at Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. When I got home I turned and went back for the Dr. as Jennie had taken a bad cramp in her leg. Neither of the Archers were at home so I got Dr. Proctor to come but she was very much better before he got here. Another big day at the strawberries. The same pickers as Monday but Mrs. G. Lyle came in place of Miss J. Lyle and also Mrs. Beacroft. Picked 500 boxes again. Jim Dusty took 5 cases to Port Perry and some up the way of Greenbank. Mrs. A. Lee, Ed Lyle and Jas. McMillan came for berries. At prayer meeting, a fair turnout, Rev. Mr. Keith leader.

6 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Jim scuffling and hoed strawberries. He went up to Greenbank after supper. Rev. Mr. Neville called and had a long talk. He was after berries for Saintfield berry social. Arthur Slemyn and Mary Patton went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

7 – Very warm, a thunder shower at about 9:30 am. Annie Black and Ralph and George came in the forenoon. Picking strawberries, a whole gang, but the rain kept things back somewhat. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 3 cases of berries. Rev. Mr. Neville called for berries for festival at Saintfield tonight. J. Stone, John Beare and Mr. Baird of Manchester called for berries. Picked 425 boxes.

8 – A warm day. Thunder most of the afternoon but no rain. Hoed turnips most of the day. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry in the morning with berries and scuffled most of the remainder of the day. Arthur Slemyn and Mary Patton and two children left for home in the forenoon. E. Boe, R. Barrett and --- Holdershaw called for berries but did not get any.

9 – A very fine day. At SS and church with little Annie and Elsie Slemyn (111 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. An [excursion?] in the Baptist church took quite a number away.

10 – Rain until about 9. Dull and warm the rest of the day. Painted rack, hoed turnips and poisoned bugs. A good gang of berry pickers but only in the afternoon. Annie Park of Manchester, her sister and little brother came at dinner. Willie Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Holdershaw and G. Barrett (and with him R. McDonald and Fred O'Neill) came for berries. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry with three cases, two to be sent to Port Hope and one left with Mr. Brock. Picked about 370 boxes. 9 little pigs living and 4 dead.

11 – A very warm day. Went to Greenbank in the morning and hoeing turnips the rest of the day. Mrs. Beacroft, Mary Dusty, Jennie Garston and Mrs. Mark came in the morning and finished picking over the strawberry patch. Mrs. G. Lyle and a Miss Mark also came and picked some. They also picked the old patch in the orchard. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry in the morning with berries. Mrs. [Spafford or Stafford?] and Mrs. Blake Cragg came after berries and Mrs. John McCulley of Wick and with her Miss Ackney. They wanted berries but had to pick them themselves and then they did not get as many as they wanted. They stayed for tea.

12 – Hoed turnips a while in the morning but rain came on and we had to quit. Quite a heavy rain from 10 to 1. Cut weeds in the fence corners in the afternoon while Jim Dusty went to Greenbank and got Jess shod. Mrs. Mark came up in the morning to pick berries but it was too wet. At prayer meeting, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader. Faith was the subject. A very warm night. Orange walk at Uxbridge.

13 – A warm day. Hoeing turnips most of the day. The berry picking gang went over the patch for the last time and got 175 boxes. A thunder storm came up about 3 pm. Jim Dusty took some berries to Greenbank and other places between here and there.

14 – Jim Dusty went to Port Perry in the morning with the last of the strawberries. Hoeing all day. Jim scuffling. A thunder shower between 1 and 2 pm. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner and tea.

15 – A fine day and no rain. Drove Aunt Mary and Elsie to Port Perry to the morning train on their way home to Port Hope. Hoed turnips the rest of the day. Jim Dusty took J.M. Real's democrat home after dinner. Mrs. Mark and Jessie, Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie picked over the strawberry patch and got all they picked. They got about 90 boxes.

16 – A fine day. Rain in the morning. Little Annie got one of her feet scalded in the morning so she was not able to go out. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Willie (58 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Jas. Allan and wife were out for the first time since they came from the NW. No CE. Went to Port Perry in the evening to the reopening service in the Methodist church, Rev. E.R. Young preached an excellent sermon.

17 – A fine day and pretty warm. Scuffled and hoed the strawberry patch and harrowed the orchard. Jim Dusty picked the cherries. Aunt Janet washing. Jennie preserving. Little Annie in the house all day with her sore foot.

18 – A very warm day, about 85 in the shade. Went to Greenbank in the morning. Poisoned bugs and hoed turnips the rest of the day. Jim Dusty hoeing mangolds. Mrs. Mark, Jessie, Mrs. Gordon and Jennie picked over the strawberry patch for the last time. They got about 40 boxes. Aunt Janet picked the currants. Almost everybody at the hay. John Lee and R.T. Harrington are painting the basement of the church.

19 – A fine day and not so warm. Finished hoeing turnips first time and hoed potatoes 2nd time. Jim Dusty hoeing mangolds and scuffling. Mr. and Mrs. Keith called in the afternoon. At prayer meeting, a fair turnout. Mr. Keith leader, subject Hope.

20 – A fine day and cooler. Went to Port Perry in the morning while Jim Dusty hoed. In the afternoon plowed up the old strawberry patch. Jim went to Greenbank in the evening. Aunt Janet and Jennie making jelly.

21 – A very fine day. Plowed a bit in the orchard and Jim harrowed the old berry patch. Cleaned out the barn floor and other jobs. Took Jennie and Willie out for a drive to Greenbank in the evening.

22 – A fine day and cool. Got A. Akhurst's mower and Jim Dusty cut all the hay while I cut the fence corners and hoed corn.

23 – A dull morning and quite a dash of rain about 10 am. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Willie (110 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. SS held in the church as the new paint in the basement was not dry enough. At CE, a fair turnout. I was the leader. Annie Rennie sang a solo.

24 – Rain through the night and little showers off and on through the day, the hay lying untouched and spoiling. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie to the Dr. Jim Dusty scuffling turnips. Both hoeing turnips, 2nd time, in the afternoon.

25 – A fine day with high NW wind which soon dried out the hay. George and John Michie came up at 10 and we raked the hay and then in the afternoon got in – loads. Quit at 6 pm to let them go to play with the Greenbank band at James Love's golden wedding. Drove up to Greenbank in the evening with Jennie, Annie and Willie

26 – A very fine day and cool. John and George at the hay in the forenoon. George left at noon to go to A. Gordon's to help him with his hay. Finished drawing, 17 loads in all, about 3 pm. Then Jim Dusty raked the field and after supper drew in one load. An apple buyer called (Mr. Conlon) and sold him all the apples for \$20.00. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. Keith leader, subject Love. An extra good address.

27 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with Aunt Janet in the waggon. Jim Dusty hoeing. Fixed fences and some other chores in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. and Jennie called.

28 – A fine day and pretty warm. George Michie came up in the morning to help in with the pump but we broke the sucker before we got it in so we went no further. Hoed turnips in the forenoon while Mrs. Mark, Jessie, Aunt Janet and Jim Dusty picked raspberries. I went to Port Perry in the afternoon with a case of berries and ordered a new pump for the house well. Mrs. Allan Wallace buried today.

29 – A rather dull day and sometimes threatening rain from the east but it did not come. Finished hoeing the turnips, 2nd time, and then at the strawberries.

30 – Rain through the night and in the day a wet mist, almost rain, from the N. At SS and church (106 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Aunt Janet, Annie and Willa were also out.

31 – A nice day. Some thunder and little rain in the afternoon. At berry picking until about 3 when rain came on. Mrs. Mark, Jessie

Michie, Mrs. A. Gordon Jr., and Jennie and Jim Dusty at it also. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries. He then drove Mrs. Gordon home. Aunt Janet churning.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day and pretty cool. Picked berries, fixed the watering place at the spring and several other jobs. Aunt Janet washing. Went with Jennie, Willie and Annie to Greenbank in the evening for the mail.

2 – A very fine day, cool. Picking berries most of the day. Mrs. Mark, Jessie, Jim Dusty and Aunt Janet picking but did not get over the patch. Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning. Jim Dusty went with some berries to Mary Patton. John Irving and G. Welch came in the afternoon and put in a new pump at the house. At prayer meeting, a good turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

3 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Went over to R. Cragg's in the forenoon to help him put some posts under the barn. Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry market. Got out the binder and some other chores in the afternoon.

4 – Raised up the binder in the forenoon with Jim Dusty's help and in the afternoon cut the oats east of the orchard, the first cutting we have done this season (but there is a good deal cut around the settlement). I. O'Neill was threshing barley and fall wheat today which turned out very well). Got the piece cut about 3:30 when a drizzle of rain came on. Jim D. drove the binder, the first time for him. George Michie helped about 2 hours, also his horse. Isaac O'Neill came up in the forenoon for the lend of horse rake. Aunt Janet and Jennie preserving berries. Mrs. Mark, Jessie and Mrs. Gordon here picking berries. Ed Lyle came down and wanted me to help them thresh clover. The machine (J. Leask's) came about 4 pm but as they intended threshing in the field, the rain stopped them. Jim Dusty left, having put in his month.

5 – A warm day with a high SW wind, some thunder and a little splash of rain about 3:30. Went to Greenbank in the morning with Annie and Willie for binder cord. Plowing the orchard the rest of the day. E. Luke got a piece of the binder.

6 – A fine day. Some showers went around in the afternoon but none here. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Annie and Willie (124 at SS, the largest attendance of the year, so far). Mr. Keith preached. Maggie McMillan sang a solo. Mrs. J.M. Real got home last night. Went up to the post office in the evening with Jennie, Annie and Willie.

7 – Cut corners of field and some downed oats in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to help D. Lyle to thresh clover in the field opposite our north field (J. Leask's machine) but about 3:30 a smart shower came up and stopped us. There was also another heavier shower about an hour after. Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie Gordon, Mrs. Mark, Jessie and Nellie O'Neill here picking berries all day until the rain came on and Mrs. M. O'Neill and baby Willie O'Neill here in the afternoon. Aunt Janet churning, Jennie preserving.

8 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie and Willie. In the afternoon cut 5 rounds in the north field with the two horses and then shocked up some. In the evening went with

Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie to the band concert at R. [Flewell's?]. There was a large turnout and Harvey [?], a boy Rich, and a girl, all from Toronto, gave the program which was oddly muddling to my notion. There was \$123.00 took in. John Lee and I sold the tickets.

9 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went for the beef in the morning, then got a horse from George and cut the rest of the north field. Got done at 4 pm, then shocked up til dark. Mr. Mark, Jessie Michie, Mrs. A. Gordon, Jennie and Bessie Gordon here picking berries.

10 – A very warm day, about 80 in the shade. There was some thunder through the night and again about 5 pm but no rain here. Shocked up the rest of the N field in the forenoon. After dinner went down to George's for a horse but did not get one, so had to do the best I could in the SW field with two horses. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market in the forenoon. Jennie making pickles.

11 – A fine day and pretty warm. Got a horse from George and finished cutting the SW field. Jennie making raspberry vinegar.

12 – Very warm and close. Shocking up in the SW field until about 2:30 when a terrific thunderstorm came up, the most severe of the season. A very high wind broke down some limbs of trees and blew down the chimney on the kitchen. We had just got supper when Jack Lee, his wife and little girl (1 ½ years old) came and got their tea. Mrs. Mark, Jessie and Mrs. Gordon picking berries, the last of the season. Everything pretty well soaked.

13 – A fine cool day. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (112 at SS), Rev. R. Leask preached. Tom Black, Annie and little Jessie came just before dinner. They went to church and then to Mark's for tea. At CE with Jennie and Willie, a good meeting, Maggie McMillan leader.

14 – A fine day. Shocked up oats in the forenoon while Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry. Got a horse from George and cut the hill but did not quite finish. Mrs. Mark here for green beans.

15 – Started to rain from the east sometime through the night and never let up until about 5 pm, sometimes it fairly poured. The biggest rain for many a day, everything well soaked. Nothing doing outside. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

16 – A fine clear cool day. Shocking oats in the forenoon, they were very wet. Finished cutting just after dinner then went to Mr. Lyle's to help him thresh. Aunt Janet washing.

17 – A very fine day. Threshing clover all day, worked until 8:15 pm. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market in the forenoon.

18 – A very fine day. Cut the little bit of oats near the barn pump and so finished cutting for 1905. Harrowed the orchard and scuffled the strawberry patch in the afternoon. Went up in the evening to get Jim Dusty to help draw in but he is engaged. Everyone drawing in about here.

19 – Put away the binder and then drew in some oats alone. I think it is the first time I ever did so, until about 4 pm when I went with

the waggon to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell. Got there in time for the 5:30 train but she did not come on it. I waited for the next train and she got there all right. Rained nearly all the way home. Heard that George Stone was killed last night by being crushed between the machine and engine.

20 – A very fine day. Went with Aunt Janet to George Stone's funeral, which was very largely attended. The Methodist church could not hold all. We had no SS. Rev. R. Leask preached to about 8 or 10 (so it was said) in our church. Mr. Neville and Mr. Young, the minister at Seagrave, conducted the funeral. In the evening went with Jennie to church at Port Perry. Rev. Mr. Cooper preached a good sermon.

21 – All hands went and pumped and cleaned out the well in the morning, then I hoed at the strawberry patch most of the remainder of the day. Jennie went up to Gordon's in the afternoon and got the lend of their sewing machine. After supper went to Port Perry for Jessie Bell's trunk. Vivid lightning on the way home and just as I got home there was quite a splash of rain.

22 – A very fine clear day. Finished hoeing strawberries in the forenoon and some other chores, and in the afternoon drew manure on the next years berry patch. Went up to Dusty's in the evening to get Jim to help tomorrow. Aunt Janet washing. Aunt Jessie made a hummock. Little Willie has quite a high fever.

23 – A fine day. Turning out oat shocks in the forenoon and with W. Mark's help drew in the north field in the afternoon. Aunt Janet churning, Jessie making dolls for the children.

24 – A fine cool day. Went on a hunt for a man to help draw in. Tried Lyle's, then Akhurst's and then got Alex Gordon. Then threw out the shocks in the SW field. Jennie with Willie and Annie to Seagrave to see about selling chickens. Drew in in the afternoon with Alex Gordon's help and got the most of the field in. Lyle's finished today.

25 – A very fine clear day. Threw out the remainder of the oat shocks in the morning, then went to Greenbank to telephone to the Dr. for Annie who has been in a fever all night. The Dr. (D. Archer) came just before dinner. He says the trouble is tonsillitis. In the afternoon, with G. Michie's help, drew in the rest of the oats and so finished the harvest of 1905 except the rakings. A. Akhurst called wanting help at threshing tomorrow. Jennie and Aunt Jess went to Greenbank in the evening.

26 – Horse raked some in the forenoon. Alex Gordon called wanting help with his harvest. Went in the afternoon and built a stack of oats, 10 loads. Several local thunder showers went round but only a few drops here. Annie is better, she was up for dinner.

27 – A fine cool day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and little Willie (98 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. In the evening went down to see Mr. Isaac O'Neill who was hurt last evening by falling from a load of grain, the horses having run away. He got one of his fingers broke and also put out of joint and his neck hurt but he is doing pretty well as far as I could see. Jennie and Aunt Jessie went to church at Port Perry in the evening.

28 – Helping Alex Gordon to stack oats in the forenoon and helping A. Akhurst to thresh in the afternoon. A shower came up when about to quit. Jennie went to Seagrave in the morning with chickens. Arthur Gordon sick with appendicitis.

29 – A very fine day. Threshing at Akhurst's and finished a little after 12. They then moved to George Michie's and threshed until nearly 8 and then moved out and left the straw stack open. Jennie and Willie took Aunt Janet and little Annie to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle for a two week visit. Jennie then drove up to see Arthur Gordon who is no better.

30 – A great deal of thunder and lightning through the night and some rain. Had the stomach ache during the night and most of the day and did nothing. Jennie and little Willie went for the beef. She called in to inquire for Arthur Gordon and found him about the same.

31 – A very fine cool day. Went up to Gordon's in the morning to ask for Arthur. No change. Then horse raked and in the afternoon drew in rakings alone. Jessie went up to Gordon's in the evening. They think Arthur a very little better.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day. Oliver Luke came down in the morning wanting me to help them to stack oats but I did not go as I was not feeling very well. After that went to Seagrave with Jennie and little Willie, called at Gordon's to ask for Arthur and found him about the same. Dug the potatoes in the orchard in the afternoon.

2 – Plowing all day until 5 when I went to Greenbank. Called at Gordon's and they thought Arthur was worse. They have about given up hope. Threatening rain all afternoon but it did not amount to much.

3 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie and little Willie, the first time for Jennie for a long time. (121 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Called at Gordon's on the way there and found Arthur a little better. Dr. Bascomb of Uxbridge was there today. Went down in the evening to see Lu O'Neill who is also sick. He is doing fairly well. Called at Isaac's and he is getting along pretty well.

4 – This is labor day and I kept it by plowing all day. Some rain in the forenoon.

5 – Plowing in the forenoon until about 10:30 when I broke the plough point. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Alex Gordon's children stayed here today. Jennie Gordon was quite sick. Alex Gordon Sr. came after them in the evening. Showery in the afternoon.

6 – Rain in the early morning but turned out a fine cool day. Plowing all day. Went up to Gordon's in the evening. Arthur is about the same. Jennie no better.

7 – Scuffling and hoeing strawberries in the forenoon while Jennie and little Willie went to Port Perry market. Plowing in the afternoon. A fine day.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Went to Greenbank after dinner with Willie for the mail. Called at Gordon's. Arthur a little better. Jennie and Bessie in bed.

9 – A very fine warm day. Plowed until about 4 pm when I went to Port Perry to meet Aunt Janet and little Annie on the 5:30 train. Later Mundo Perrin, Mrs. Perrin, Alma and Jennie Perrin, Bella Slemyn and Anna Tait came by buggy. Jessie Harmon died last night.

10 – A very fine warm day. Hitched up the team to Mundo Perrin's rig and Mundo, Anna Tait, Alma and Jennie Perrin, Bella Slemyn, Jennie and Annie, Willie and I went to SS and church. Owing to it being Jess Harmon's funeral there was a small attendance (85), Mr. Keith preached. Perrin's left for home about 5:30. At CE in the evening with Anna Tait, a fair meeting, Silva Leask leader.

11 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for Anna Tait's trunk and then hoed strawberries until noon. Plowing in the afternoon. Jessie and Anna sewing.

12 – Plowing all day. Warm, quite a lot of thunder in the afternoon and evening but little rain here.

13 – A very fine cool day with pretty high wind. Plowed a while in the morning when W.H. Leask came and cut the corn with his new corn harvester. In the afternoon Jennie, Jessie and little Willie went to Port Perry. After that Jessie, Anna and little Annie went to Greenbank for the mail. Hoed strawberries and some other little jobs in the afternoon.

14 – A hard frost, the first of the season, in the morning and a very fine day. Anna went to Greenbank to post a letter by the morning mail. Plowed in the forenoon and drew off corn in the afternoon. Mrs. [Hately?] and son, of Layton, came for some plums.

15 – A fine day. Finished drawing the corn in the forenoon. At preparatory service in the afternoon, a fair meeting. Rev. Mr. McEchern of Leaskdale preached. Archie McMillan, David McMillan, Russell Wallace, Joseph Wallace, Cecil Leask, Mona Leask, Mary Dusty and Allie Dusty came in on profession of faith; Janet Tait by certificate, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allan were reinstated, not having used their certificate from this congregation. Jessie Bell and Anna Tait making new yellow dress.

16 – A foggy morning and a very nice day. Plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to the Dr. at Port Perry, she having a sore toe. Anna, Annie and Willie at Mark's in the forenoon.

17 – At communion at Greenbank with Aunt Janet and Anna Tait. There was a pretty good turnout, Rev. Mr. Keith conducted the service. It was raining when church came out and continued all afternoon and evening. John Michie and James S. Lee called and stayed for tea.

18 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day. Anna went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Jessie making a coat for Aunt Janet.

19 – Went to presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Anna with little Annie and Willie drove me to Greenbank, from there to Blackwater with Mr. Dusty. Coming home I walked from Wick. Alex Gordon was to have given me a ride but we did not connect. Lightning most of the time on the way which turned out to be quite a rain a few minutes after I got home.

20 – A fine day. Went for the beef in the morning with Annie and Willie. Plowing the rest of the day. Jessie and Anna visiting at Gordon's in the afternoon. Annie and Willie were with them.

21 – A fine day. Plowing all day except the time Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon for plums.

22 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jessie packing trunk to start for Rochester tomorrow.

23 – A fine day and cool. Took Jessie Bell to the morning train at Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. Plowing the rest of the day. Went down to George's after dinner and got 4 bags of oats. John Mark called wanting to buy pigs but I had none to sell.

24 – A fine cool day. At SS and church. Walked while Jennie, Anna, Annie and Willie drove. Rally day at SS but there was only the usual number (112). It was children's day service and it went off very well. Aunt Janet and Anna went to the Methodist church in the evening, George Miller preached.

25 – Pretty cool in the morning and a fine day. Harrowing all day.

26 – A fine day. Digging potatoes most of the day. Jennie, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry in the morning for express parcel. Jennie and Anna dressmaking in the afternoon.

27 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day and with Jennie went to prayer meeting. A fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader. When we came home we were surprised to find the threshing machine (J. Leask's) in the barn. We were not looking for them. J. Leask and Alex McArthur stayed all night.

28 – A beautiful day. Threshing finished a little after 1 pm. R. Cragg, Norman and Ernest Phair, E. Lyle, A. Akhurst, and Wes Cragg (for G. Michie). The machine then went to G. Michie's (Luke's place) and I went with them. The crops are not as good as last year.

29 – A very fine day and quite warm. Threshing at George's until about 10 am, when they finished. They then moved to Lyle's. Digging potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie, Anna and little Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon. SS convention at Port Perry today.

30 – A decidedly warm day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon and threshing at Phair's in the afternoon (Jason Stone's machine). Jennie and Anna dressmaking.

OCT. 1 – A fine day and very warm. Walked to SS. Aunt Janet, Anna, Annie and Willie drove in buggy. 117 at SS, Mr. Keith preached. Anna went to G. Michie's to tea. At CE with Jennie, a pretty good turnout, G.A. McMillan leader.

2 – A dull foggy morning. Threshing at Phair's. A little rain came on about 8:30 and nothing more done until after dinner. At church managers meeting in the evening. Jas. Burton rented his farm today.

3 – A fine day. Threshing at Phair's and finished about 10 am, then to Richard Cragg's and worked until night but did not finish. Jennie, Anne and Annie visiting at Greenbank in the afternoon. Anna went down to visit O'Neill's in the evening. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner.

4 – A fine day. Digging potatoes most of the day. Went to Port Perry after dinner with Annie and Willie to get Anna's ticket to Winnipeg. At prayer meeting, a good turnout, Mr. Keith leader. His subject was on Lancelot Andrewes's²⁹ private devotions and the first lesson on the SS teacher's training course. There was also an after meeting to consider about a tea party. It was decided not to have any but to raise the money required for church purposes by subscriptions. Anna packing up to start for Winnipeg tomorrow.

5 – A very fine day. Took Anna down to Port Perry to the morning train on her way to Winnipeg. Took out 12 bags of oats and got them ground. When I got home Aunt Janet and little Annie went to Port Perry market. Finished digging potatoes. Drawing out manure in the afternoon.

6 – A very fine day. Plowing strawberry patch in the forenoon. In the afternoon went down to James Smith's with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (the first time James was on the road). Got there between 5 and 6. Barbara was away at Whitby and did not get back until after 8 pm, then had a long talk about her trip to Manitoba. She is highly pleased with the country.

7 – Came to Tom Black's for dinner and started for home at 3:30 and got home about 6. Aunt Janet kept house while we were away.

8 – A very fine summer-like day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (118 at SS), Rev. Mr. Crozier of Ashburn preached. At CE with Jennie, a fairly good turnout, Jennie was leader.

9 – A fine summer day. Plowing all day. Jennie making pickles. At George's in the evening having a sing.

10 – A very fine day and quite warm and summer-like. Harrowing all day except after dinner when I went to Port Perry for bread and flour. 6 apple pickers came about 10 am, 3 men and 3 boys, all from Oshawa. They picked all afternoon and then all went to Port Perry. They got back about 11.

11 – Rain through the night and all forenoon and some in the afternoon. Very little doing. The apple pickers hung around all forenoon and left after dinner. At prayer meeting with Jennie, Mr. Keith leader. Beef meeting tonight also. Roads pretty muddy.

12 – Somewhat raw in the morning but turned out warmer with some little rain flurries in the afternoon. Harrowing in the forenoon and topping mangolds in the afternoon. Sunderland fair day.

13 – A fine day. Plowing sod in the forenoon and in the afternoon harrowed up the mangolds and drew in 5 loads. At W.F.M.S. thank offering meeting, a fair turnout. The principal number on the program was an address by Mr. Black of Toronto which was very good. Collection about \$15.00. A beautiful clear night.

14 – A beautiful day. Drawing in mangolds, 8 loads. 13 in all and finished.

15 – A fine day until about 6 pm when it rained a little. At SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (115 at SS). I then went over on invitation to the Methodist SS, it being their rally day (144 at it). Did not go out at night.

16 – A fine day but cooler. With Jennie's help took in the potatoes (quite a few rotten), then went to Port Perry with Jennie and baby James to see the Dr. as James has had a sore throat for some days. The Dr. says it is nothing dangerous. Apple packers came (5) about 9 am and worked the rest of the day but did not finish. Three of them went to Port Perry in the evening. Bible society meeting tonight in our church but did not go.

17 – A fine day. The apple packers finished their job before dinner and left. They put up 50 barrels. Went two trips to Port Perry with apples, 19 barrels the first time and 18 the next. Jennie, Aunt Janet and the three children on a quilting bee and birthday party for little Willie O'Neill at Mrs. Mark's.

18 – Took out to Port Perry the remainder of the apples, 13 barrels. When about half way there it started to rain and continued the most of the day and evening. Did a few indoor chores.

19 – Plowed a while in the morning then Jennie went to Port Perry market while I picked apples for the evaporator. In the afternoon at apples, Jennie helping. Worked until dark. A little rain in the evening.

20 – Rain through the night and some little drizzles in the afternoon with high wind and getting colder. Plowing all day. Jennie and Aunt Janet washing.

21 – The ground white with snow this morning (the first of the season) and a little more during the forenoon but it was nearly all gone by noon. Tax collector Dobson called. In the afternoon took out to the evaporator at Port Perry 30 bags of apples and got 25 cts per 100 lbs. The load came to \$6.10. Brought home 1500 lbs. of coal.

22 – At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (126 at SS, the most for this year so far). Mr. Keith preached. Anniversary at the Baptist church took away some. A very dull afternoon and rain. No CE.

23 – Plowed until about 4 pm when Aunt Janet and little Willie drove me to Port Perry where I took the 6 train on my way to the Provincial S. School convention at London. Went via Manilla as

²⁹ Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626) was a prominent English bishop in the Church of England during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I. His best known work is the 'Manual of Private Devotions'.

far as Toronto and stayed with Annie Mason. Saw Annie E. Michie, the first time since she came to those parts. A Scotch concert in St. Enoch's church. Mrs. Gordon here getting coat made.

24 – At meetings of convention, morning, afternoon and evening. Mrs. Lawrence was the star. Fine meetings. James Dusty and Jennie topping turnips in the afternoon



25 – Thanksgiving day. At convention meetings, three sessions, which closed the convention, which I enjoyed very much all through. Did not get back to Mr. Armstrong's but went to the RR station on my way home.

26 – Started from London at about 1:30 am and got into Hamilton about 3:30. Waited at the train station until daylight and then took electric car and called on Rev. J.M. Cameron whom I found all well. Got back to Port Perry again on the 8 o'clock train. Jennie and little Annie met me at station. A pretty dark night. Some rain during the day.

27 – Harrowed up turnips in the forenoon and threw in 7 loads in the afternoon. Some snow in the afternoon.

28 – Snow a little through the night which did not altogether go away in shady places. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Willie and Annie (116 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. At CE with Jennie, a fairly good meeting. I was leader.

29 – A fine day. Drew in turnips in the forenoon, 5 loads, Jennie helping in the root house. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with 15 bags of apples to the evaporator. Jennie topping turnips.

30 – A little snow in the morning. At turnips all day and got in 9 loads. Jennie helping in the afternoon.

NOV. 1 – Rather cold and rough with several snow blizzards. In the morning took Fowlie cow to Port Perry, sold to I. Wheeler. Jennie came in the buggy. Plowing in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, not a very large turnout. Mr. Keith was there but I took up most of the time giving a report of the SS convention at London.

2 – There was about 2 in. of snow in the morning which did not go away more than about half all day. Plowing sod all day.

3 – Topped a few turnips in the morning but rain soon came on and nothing more was done during the forenoon. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning the cupboard.

4 – At turnips all day, Jennie helping, got in 10 loads. Fair weather.

5 – At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (124 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. It was a special service for the CE. John Michie, Miss Forfar and Mary Dusty here for tea. No CE as there is a revivalist in the Methodist church.

6 – Rain and snow through the night and all the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. James Smith and Mrs. Joyce of Sutton came just at dark.

7 – A dull day with a little drizzle in the afternoon. At the turnips and got in 6 loads, Jennie helping. James Smith left for home in the forenoon. Mrs. Joyce visiting at Gordon's but came back at night. Isaac O'Neill here for a load of turnips for Mrs. Carnegie.

8 – Snow again through the night which went off about noon. Plowed in the forenoon and finished topping turnips in the afternoon. Took Jennie and Mrs. Joyce to S. Dusty's after dinner and called for them at W. Luke's on the way home from prayer meeting. A fair turnout at PM, Mr. Keith leader. An after meeting decided to have a Christmas tree on Friday before Christmas.

9 – Several little snow showers during the day. At turnips alone and got in 6 loads. Jennie and Mrs. Joyce at Port Perry market in the forenoon. Drove Mrs. Joyce to Greenbank in the evening on her way home.

10 – Snowing a little several times through the day. At turnips all day and finished, Jennie helping, 10 loads. 53 loads in all. Isaac O'Neill came for a load but his horses got stuck and he had to throw off part of his load.

11 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Finished the sod field and plowed a little in the orchard. Jennie putting up the room stove.

12 – Fine day. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (123 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Missionary subject. No CE.

13 – Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning then with Jennie went on a cow hunt. Drove over to Mr. [?] but they had none to sell, then to Hoey's at Port Perry but he had not the kind we wanted, then home. Snowing and rough all the time. Plowing in the orchard in the afternoon. Got all the cattle in for the first of the season. Quite cold and winter-like.

14 – Did some chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 19 bags of oats to Port Perry mill and then went on to Jas. Smith's for cow. Got there a little after dark and stayed all night. Mrs. W.H. Leask and little Roy here in the afternoon and Will called for them on his way home from Port Perry and stayed for tea.

15 – Started from Jas. Smith's with cow and calf in waggon and got home between 1 and 2 pm. Snowing from the SW all the way home. Went up to Joe Burton's and had a talk with Harry Muckelstine who has just came with his wife from England. 10 years since he left those parts.

16 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for meal. At G. Lee's in the afternoon. Aunt Janet at Greenbank. Thawing a little.

17 – Snowing from the SW nearly all day and rather disagreeable outside. Put straw on the strawberry patch.

18 – Cleaned out pig and calf pens and several other chores. Put on storm windows. Thawing a little.

19 – A fine clear day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (125 at SS). Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Sonya preached on SS work. Mr. [?] is leaving for Winnipeg shortly. No CE.

20 – A fine clear day. Jim Lee called in the morning. Pruning apple trees. Jennie washing.

21 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Drew the brush out of the orchard and some wood into the shed.

22 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure most of the day. At prayer meeting in the evening, Rev. Mr. Keith leader, a fair attendance.

23 – A fine day and thawing some. Went over to R. Cragg's in the morning with the sleigh for some mortar and spent the rest of the day rebuilding chimley on kitchen which was blown down last summer. Mrs. Mark and her sister Mrs. Hughes called in the afternoon.

24 – Got up early and drove Jennie and little Willie to the morning train on their way to Toronto. Finished the chimley and cleaned the pig and hen house and spread manure. Went down again to meet the 8 pm train. A terrible dark night and muddy. Some rain in the forenoon.

25 – A fine mild day. Plowing in the orchard and harrowing after several days of freeze up.

26 – A fine day but some colder towards night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (127 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE.

27 – A fine day, a very little snow on the ground in the morning. Drew out some manure in the forenoon with the sleigh. Plowed in the afternoon. Went down to George's in the evening for a sing.

28 – Started to snow from the SE about 8 am and continued very rough all forenoon which turned to rain about noon. Drew in some corn stalks and did some other chores.

29 – Warmer through the night and frost nearly all out. Plowing all day. At prayer meeting in the evening, a pretty good turnout considering the night which was rough and cold. Mr. Keith leader. A SS meeting to see about papers and lesson helps.

30 – Very cold (6 above zero) and rough in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry market. Mrs. [Tukesbury?] of Prince Albert called in the afternoon taking orders for books. Did a few chores.

DEC. 1 – A pretty cold day but clear. Drew in some corn stalks in the forenoon. In the afternoon attended preparatory service at the church. An extra large attendance, Rev. Mr. Canaman of Woodville preached. The following new members were received: Marion Moore (Allan) by certificate, and by profession of faith Donald McArthur; John McArthur; John McMillan; Stanley McMillan; Everett Love; Jewell Love; Stanley Real; Harvey Real; George Real; Oscar Real; James Dusty; Mabel Gordon; George Leask; Eva Leask; Willie Golden; Maude Berchard; Sarah Smith; Ray Stone; Gordon Wallace; John McDonald; and Ethel McDonald. 22 in all, the largest number at any one time in my recollection.

2 – Snow in the morning which turned to rain about 11 am and sloppy and dull during the rest of the day. Went down to George's with little Annie for a practice for the Christmas tree.

3 – A nice day. At communion service at Wick with Aunt Janet. There was a good turnout, Rev. Mr. Keith conducted the service. At evening meeting at Greenbank with Jennie. There was an extra large turnout. Rev. Mr. Wishart of Beaverton preached an excellent sermon.

4 – A pretty rough cold day. Took in the last of the corn stalks and some other little chores. Aunt Janet and little Annie at Mrs. Mark's in the afternoon.

5 – A fine day. At Port Perry in the forenoon and in the afternoon pulled down the fence on the west side of the lane to the barn. At George's in the evening singing. Sephas Sleep called and bought two pigs at \$6.00 per 100.

6 – A very fine day. Drew away the rest of the lane fence and then drew out some manure. At prayer meeting with Aunt Janet, a pretty good turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

7 – A very fine mild day and thawing a little. Putting in some glass in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie, went with the buggy and called first at D. Cragg's, where their youngest girl is down with typhoid fever. She is very little better. Then we

called at W.H. Leask's where Mrs. Jas. Horn is laid up with bad feet, she is about the same. Then to G. McMillan's where little Harry and the little girl are in the typhoid fever also. They are both some better. Then we went to Greenbank.

8 – A fine day and thawing a little. Putting in some glass and other little chores. Jim Lee called in the morning.

9 – A fine day and thawing a little. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the waggon and 20 bags of oats to the mill and brought home 1580 lbs coal at 6.75 per 100. Aunt Janet and the children at George's in the afternoon at singing practice for Christmas tree.

10 – Very much colder with high NW wind. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (114 at SS). Rev. J.M. Cameron, our late pastor, preached a good sermon. This is Wick anniversary service. No CE announced.

11 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the waggon for the meal and did some odd jobs in the afternoon. George Michie called wanting help to thresh tomorrow. New government formed in London, Bannerman leader.

12 – A pretty cold morning with a little snow from the east but got some warmer. Threshing clover at George's (John Leask's machine) in the forenoon and in the afternoon attended Jas. Burton's sale. There was a large turnout and things went pretty well. Tom Black, Annie and little Jessie came about 2 pm. Tom bought the cream separator at the sale for \$41.00. They left for home about 7.

13 – Threshing all day. At George's clover in the forenoon and oats in the afternoon. 19 bags of clover and it is \$7.25 per bus. A little snow but not enough for sleighing yet. At prayer meeting, a fair meeting, Rev. Mr. Keith leader. His subject was the Book of Psalms.

14 – The coldest day of the season, about zero in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Aunt Janet and little Annie to the market and got some Christmas things. Tom Black and Alf came about 2:30 pm. They came for their separator at Joe Burton's. Nellie McMillan and Silva Leask called collecting for the Bible Society.

15 – The coldest day so far of the season, 6 below zero. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie to the Dr. with her toe. Went down to Phair's swamp in the afternoon and cut brush for Christmas decorations. At George's in the evening singing.

16 – A very fine bright day. Cleaned out pig house in the forenoon. Went down to George's after dinner with Annie and Willie to practice singing.

17 – A beautiful day, trees covered with hoar frost. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (122 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. No CE.

18 – A fine day and thawing a little. Got up early and took 2 pigs to Seagrave with the waggon (a little snow but not enough for sleighing). Took a calf for Albert Akhurst to Seagrave. The pigs weighed 510 lbs @ \$6.25. In the afternoon went to Mrs. Josh

Horn's funeral, Rev. Mr. Argue preached in the church, Mr. Keith also took part. At church manager's meeting in the evening and got home at 11:30.

19 – A fine day, somewhat foggy. Went to Phair's swamp and got a Christmas tree and brush and drew out manure the rest of the day. John, George and Jessie Michie; Jas. Lee; Miss May Blair; Miss E. Forfar; Mary and Allie Dusty here in the evening making decorations.

20 – A fine day and thawing a little. Did a few chores in the morning. Mrs. A. Gordon here for dinner. In the afternoon went to Greenbank with the waggon and helped to decorate the basement for the Christmas tree. Those there were E. Boe; J. Lee; Jas. Miller; Joe and Russell Wallace; John Michie; Jessie Michie. Mrs. John Slovin of Bethesda was buried at Greenbank today.

21 – Snow through the night and awhile in the morning, which turned to rain in the afternoon. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning and got two geese for Christmas dinner. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry, this being their Christmas fair and a bad day they have. Went with the cutter, the first time we have had it out this season. Some had wheels.

22 – Thawing all day and the sleighing pretty well gone. Did little but the chores. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie and Willie went to the Christmas tree in connection with our SS, which was quite a success in every way, a full house. Jessie Michie was given a purse of between \$9 and \$10. Little Annie and Willie both sang pieces alone for the first time. Annie Rennie sang. She is leaving us to go to Smith's Falls. A balloon was sent up at the close. Proceeds \$13.00.

23 – Got a little colder towards night, a very little snow. Not feeling very well and did nothing but the chores. Jennie and Aunt Janet baking and getting ready for Christmas.

24 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (121 at SS). George Miller addressed the school, Rev. Mr. Keith preached. A song service was held in the evening, J.A. Miller in the pulpit, and the singing led by Miss Annie Rennie, this being her last Sunday here. A very nice service but not many out. Jennie and Aunt Janet were at it.

25 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Annie Elsie Michie, who is now attending a Ladies College at Toronto, but she did not come by train. She, however, came with Willie and Jessie Smith. Alma and Allan Black; Mrs. Mark; George, John and Jessie Michie; Willie O'Neill; Nellie and little Willie O'Neill, here were for dinner and all for supper including James Lee.

26 – A fine day and thawing a little in the afternoon. Willie Smith and Jessie, Alan Black and Annie E. Michie went down to George's in the forenoon and all except Annie E. left for home after dinner. Drove to Greenbank for the mail with Annie E, little Annie and Willie.

27 – A fine day and thawing a little. Went to public school meeting in the forenoon, about 25 present. No burning question on

hand. Isaac Beare elected trustee. Jas. A. and George Miller here for tea. At prayer meeting with Annie E., small turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

28 – A fine day and thawing. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and Annie E. Annie E. went in the afternoon to visit Mrs. W. O'Neill and did not come back.

29 – Foggy and dull with some rain in the forenoon. Did little but the chores. G. Michie called after dinner.

30 – Colder, with a high west wind. Did the chores. Annie E. Michie came up from George's for dinner and went back for supper and here again for the night.

31 – A very fine day. Walked to SS while Jennie, Anne E. and little Annie and Willie went in the buggy (125 at SS). Miss Maggie McMillan sang a solo. Rev. Mr. Keith preached a sermon on old age. George Michie here for tea. He then drove Annie E. up to the Methodist church in the evening. Word came that Mrs. Reynolds died. Miss Emily Baird is dead in Calgary.

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JAN. 1 – Rather a rough cold day with NW wind, some snow most of the afternoon. John Michie came in the morning and Annie E. Michie and he went to T. Black's at Raglan for dinner. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon to vote for councilmen. Voted for Norman Steward for reeve and A. Leask, Jas. Graham and – Walker for councilmen. The usual Methodist church party tonight but did not go.

2 – A very fine mild day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie, principally to get groceries for the party. I went to see Dr. Archer and he pronounced my trouble lumbago. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon to attend Mrs. Reynold's funeral but it is not to be until tomorrow. Alex Lee and John Michie here when I came home. Annie E. came in the evening. George came with her. A very fine night.

3 – Hail from the SE most of the day and evening which turned almost to rain. Wes Luke here for a pig in the forenoon. At Greenbank in the evening with Jennie to the annual SS meeting. A fair turnout considering the weather. Mr. Keith in the chair. I was again chosen superintendant, for the 5th year. G.A. McMillan, asst. super.; R. Wallace, sec.; Jas. Leask, treas.

4 – Rather stormy all day with many snow flurries but not very cold. Did little but the chores. Went down to George Michie's for some coal oil. Jess here awhile helping to make sandwiches for the party tonight which was quite a success and everything went off nicely. As near as I can remember the following were present: Jas. S. Lee; Donald and Archie McArthur; Milton Harrington; Mary, Allie and Maggie Dusty; Roy and Ethel McDonald; John, David and Annie McMillan; Charles Love (musician); John, George and Jessie Michie; Willie O'Neill and Nellie, and L. O'Neill; Willie and Annie Rennie; Mr. and Mrs. John Leask Jr. and their Willie; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leask; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boe; Willie, Edgar and Silva Leask; Mono Leask; Archie and Nellie McMillan; James Blair Jr.; Russell and Joe Wallace; and Annie Elsie Michie. Broke up about 2 am.

5 – Took Annie E. Michie to the train at Port Perry on her way back to Toronto. She goes to Brooklin today. Took some dishes back to Mrs. Mark in the afternoon.

6 – Rather rough with snow flurries and high NW wind. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

7 – Rough and snowing and drifting until about noon when it got some better. At church and SS (with the buggy) with Jennie, Annie and Willie, (113 at SS). Election of teachers, did not get all the classes supplied. Rev. Mr. McEachrin of Leaskdale preached. Mr. Keith is at Leaskdale preaching anniversary sermons.

8 – Cold and clear, 6 below zero. Jennie washing. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 20 bags of oats to be ground. Took the sleigh but the sleighing was rather thin some places. A beautiful night.

9 – A very cold stormy day in the forenoon but got some better in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the old sow (she weighed 450 lbs @ \$4.25). First day of Port Perry races.

10 – A very fine day. Drove up to Greenbank in the afternoon with Jennie who went to the W.F.M.S. while I got harness fixed. At annual church meeting in the evening, a fair turnout. Jas. Blair; J.M. Real; John Lee and I were chosen managers. It was decided to cooperate with Wick in building a new manse.

11 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the sleigh and got 1100 of coal. Not very good sleighing. In the afternoon went with Jennie and little Willie to R. Thompson's store at Seagrave.

12 – A very fine mild day. Wes Luke here in the afternoon helping to kill a pig. Mrs. Luke and Ed came with them and they stayed for tea and until about 9. A very fine evening.

13 – A fine day but some raw. Cut up the pig in the forenoon and went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Word that Art Ward is dead.

14 – Raining a little off and on. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (114 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Finished electing teachers for SS. Art Ward buried today.

15 – A mild day. Did very little but the chores. A church managers meeting in the evening. Chosen chairman of board. A very rainy night.

16 – Snowing a little most of the day with high wind from the SW. Did a few odd jobs. Aunt Janet making head cheese. Invited to a party at W. McMillan's tonight but did not go as the weather was unpleasant.

17 – Rather rough and snowing some most of the day. Cut some wood in the afternoon. At adjourned congregational meeting, a fair turnout. The manse question was laid over until it was found how the congregation responded as to money.

18 – Mild day. At Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and Annie. Went with the cutter, good sleighing. Jennie, Aunt Janet and the three children visiting at Gordon's in the afternoon.

19 – A fine mild day. Went to James Leask's for a visit in the afternoon with Jennie and wee James. Got home about 9. Had a very pleasant time. Albert Akhurst here in the afternoon to get me to make a box for their wee baby girl that was born yesterday and died today.

20 – A soft day and the snow going fast which is spoiling the sleighing. Made a little box for Albert Akhurst's baby and with Jennie took it up and Jennie dressed it and put it in the box. A nice little baby it was. Sawed some wood in the afternoon. John Michie, James Lee, Jessie Michie, Laura Colder and Tom Michie, who came home from Manitoba yesterday [?].

21 – As warm as a spring day. All the snow gone except where there were drifts, and the mud very bad. The frost appears to be all out some places. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie (135 at SS, the largest number perhaps in the history of the school). Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace of Dakota and Laura Colder were among the visitors. Rev. Mr. Keith preached one of his best sermons. CE announced for tonight after being dormant for some weeks. Did not go as I was not feeling very well and the roads were so bad.

22 – Another warm spring-like day with any quantity of mud. Spread manure part of the day. Raw in the evening.

23 – Warm and rainy in the forenoon but got colder and began to freeze towards night with high NW wind. At W. Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie sewing.

24 – Colder, with NW wind. Cleaned out pig house. Shifted turnips that were rotting in root house and cut some wood. Jennie making Annie a new dress. At S. Dusty's in the evening with letters to post. [C. Jennison or Jemison?] and Ettie Salter married today.

25 – A bright and clear day and pretty cold. Cut wood part of the day. Jennie sewing preparing to visit Toronto tomorrow.

26 – A beautiful clear day. Got up early and drove Jennie, Annie and wee James to the evening train at Port Perry. They are off to Toronto for a weeks visit. Sawing wood part of the day.

27 – A beautiful clear mild day. Cutting old rails for wood and finished the job. Aunt Janet scrubbing. Willie playing outside all day. No snow on the ground.

28 – A pretty fine day but a little colder. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Willie (130 at SS). Among the visitors were G.D. McMillan who said a few words. Mr. Keith preached. At CE, a fair turnout. I was leader if there was such a thing as leader.

29 – A good deal colder with high SE wind. Did very little but the chores. Aunt Janet washing. The 10th anniversary of our wedding day.

30 – A fine day. At Farmer's Institute meeting at Greenbank in the afternoon, a fair turnout. Mr. Annis of Scarborough and Mr. Sloan I think it was, spoke and they were very good. The women's institute met in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Met with Tommy Foster of Manitoba.

31 – A fine day but a little colder. Went down to John Michie's in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp, John helping, in the afternoon. Tom Black and Tom Michie called in the afternoon. At adjourned congregational meeting in the evening principally to consider the manse question. The motion to build was voted down 13 to 8, I think were the figures.

FEB. 1 – A little snow through the night and snowing a little in the forenoon. The afternoon was quite rough with high NW wind and colder. The most wintry day for a long time. John helping for about two hours to cut wood in Luke's swamp and finished the job.

2 – 20 below zero at sunrise and never above 6 below all day with a cutting north wind. Went down to Port Perry to the 10 train for Jennie, Annie and James who came home from Toronto and we were pretty cold before we got home. Edward and Mary Joyce of Sutton came about 5 pm from Mrs. Mark's where they had been for two days and stayed all night.

3 – Snowing and pretty rough with high S wind. Jennie and Mary Joyce went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

4 – Rough through the night but warmer, snowing a little from the SW most of the day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, Mary Joyce and Ed Joyce. Ed and I walked. 119 at SS. Rev. Mr. Peckover of Sunderland preached a rousing sermon. Mary went home with John Michie for tea. At CE with Edward, an extra good turnout as there was no Methodist church.

5 – Below zero all day, 13 about 9 am, with a pretty good north wind. Did very little but the chores.

6 – Below zero all day, 19 in the morning, but still and clear. Took Mary and Ed Joyce to Greenbank on their way home. Called on John Lee.

7 – Pretty cold and clear. Frank and Russell Watson's sale. Did not go. At prayer meeting with Jennie. Rather small turnout. Mr. Keith leader.

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8 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 20 bags of oats to be ground and brought home some coal. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon here in the evening making up church report.

9 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. About 3 pm Herb Bratley came and stayed about an hour when he went down to John Michie's. At 6 Tom Black came, bringing with him Thomas Foster of Manitoba. They stayed all night.

10 – Some rough with several snow flurries and getting colder. Tom Black and Tom Foster left about 10 am for Greenbank. Tom B. came back for dinner and left for home about 2. Jennie drove up to Greenbank while I went to W. Luke's.

11 – A very fine day but cold. At SS and church (with buggy) with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (124 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. At CE with Jennie, a good turnout. G.A. McMillan and Ethel Miller leaders.

12 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Drawing out manure most of the day. At joint congregational meeting of Wick and Greenbank to consider the manse question. Question not settled but put off until next Monday evening. Jennie was also there. Got home near 12 o'clock.

13 – A very fine, almost spring-like day. Drawing out manure. Jennie, Annie, Willie and James visiting at Mrs. Mark's in the afternoon.

14 – A little snow most of the day but not enough for sleighing. Pretty cold. Did very little but the chores. W. Oliver's sale, did not go.

15 – 10 below zero in the morning, clear with wind N. Jenny went to W.F.M.S. meeting at W.H. Leask's. At John Michie's in the evening singing.

16 – A very fine clear day and not very cold. Drew out manure in the forenoon. At W. Luke's in the afternoon. Herb Bratley here for tea.

17 – A beautiful day and mild. Drawing out manure most of the day and in the evening went to the Sons of Temperance Division, the first time for a long while. About 20 present.

18 – A very fine day, a little snow in the evening. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (133 at SS). Mr. Keith preached on parents duty to their children.

19 – A beautiful clear day and thawing a little. Drew up the last of the wood from lot in Luke's swamp. At congregational meeting about the manse, not many out. Made Wick an offer as to building new manse. Afterwards went to oyster supper at Joseph Burton's. Jennie there also.

20 – A fine day and thawing a little, rain towards night, and mud getting deep. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie and Willie. In the evening went with Jennie to oyster supper at W. Wallace's at Greenbank. Church managers and wives were the principal guests.

21 – A mild day and a little rain. After dinner started for Alex Lee's with Jennie, Annie and James but the roads were so bad with mud that we did not go further than Greenbank and visited at Mrs. Walker's and John Lee's. Oyster supper at A. Akhurst's tonight but did not get a bid.

22 – Froze a little in the morning but as muddy again towards night. Jennie and little Willie drove me down to Port Perry in the morning and I went by train to Whitby to see Margaret about signing deed of Mara place. Got there at 1:30 and came home by the 5:30 train. Aunt Janet met me at Port Perry.

23 – A little frost in the morning but very mild all day. Sawing and splitting wood most of the day.

24 – A very warm spring-like day. Splitting wood most of the day. In the evening went to S. of T., there were 10 new members inducted: Alex Gordon; Vida Cragg; Maggie, Mary and Allie Dusty; Willie and May Petty; Eva Luke; Ed Lyle and Miss [Parish?]. The Rev. Mr. Brace³⁰ was present. A very dark night and muddy.

25 – A dull day with some rain about noon. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (105 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keith preached an extra good sermon. No CE as the roads are very bad and Rev. Mr. Brace preaches to the S. of T. in the Methodist church tonight.

26 – Snow through the night but hardly enough to cover the ground. Colder with high NW wind. Went up to see Ray Dusty who has been laid up with sore leg. Found him a little better. Mr. Town is moving into the Burton place today. Temperance lecture tonight, did not go.

27 – About zero in the morning, clear day, with sharp N wind. Started at 10:30 am with Jennie, Annie and Willie for Alex Lee's. Roads rough (had the buggy). Got dinner and got home again about 5:30 pm.

28 – Below zero in the morning and quite a wind. Did little but the chores. Went up to A. Gordon's awhile in the afternoon. Only Mrs. Gordon and the two youngest girls were in.

MAR. 1 – A fine bright day. At Port Perry market in the forenoon with Jennie. Had the buggy, roads pretty rough. In the afternoon went over to Jim Lee's swamp to see about some wood. Jennie, Annie and Willie visiting at Marshal O'Neill's and Isaac O'Neill's.

2 – A fine day but somewhat raw. At preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Pickover of Sunderland preached. John Carnegie received into membership. Aunt Janet was there also. At John's in the evening for a sing.

3 – Rain through the night. Cleaned out calf and pig pens in the forenoon. Intention in the afternoon to go out to see what money could be raised for the support of the Sunday School instead of an anniversary but it started to rain from the SE. The rain froze as it fell.

³⁰ Rev. Adam P. Brace, 1860-1941, was field secretary of the Sons of Temperance.

4 – Roads a little icy but not very cold. At communion with Jennie at Greenbank. Mr. Keith conducted the service. There was the smallest attendance I ever saw in the church I think. Very few from Wick and a good many absent from our own. In the evening went with Jennie to the CE but there was no meeting as there was a male choir at the Methodist church.

5 – A fine day and thawing some. Went down to John Michie's in the forenoon with Annie and Willie. After dinner, with Jennie, drove around to see supporters of Sunday School. Called at W. Wallace's; S. Dusty's; Jim Blair's; John Lee; R. Somerville; D. McArthur; D. McDonald; John Stone; H. Love; Jas. Innis; and E. Boe's. Was pretty successful in getting the promise of money instead of holding an anniversary.

6 – A very fine day and thawing in the afternoon which made it some muddy. Went with sleigh in the morning to Jim Lee's swamp and drew out some wood into his lane. Snow nearly all gone. In the afternoon went, with Jennie, Annie and Willie to W.H. Leask's. Left them there while I went on collecting for SS. Called at Alex Leask's but he was not at home, then to W. Thomas', then to Jas. McMillan's and then back to Will Leask's. Went back to the woods where Marshall O'Neill's sawmill is running, then stayed to tea. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dobson were there also. Called at C. Gordon's on the way home. Got home about 8 pm.

7 – A fine day. Drew out the remainder of the wood from Jim Lee's swamp (3 ½ cords) in the forenoon. Making gate in the afternoon. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and tea and Mrs. D. Lyle here in the afternoon and for tea. In the evening went with Aunt Janet to prayer meeting. Not a very good turnout, perhaps somewhat on account of a party at R. Wallace's. Mr. Keith leader. An after meeting was held about an anniversary for the SS. It was carried to have no anniversary as there is enough pledged to carry the school. \$109.50 to the present time.

8 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry market with Jennie (a pretty good market) and in the afternoon went to James Wallace's sale. Took Jennie and little James up to J.M. Real's where she stayed while I was away. Called in on my way home and got tea there. When we got home Barbara and Willie Smith were here. They stayed all night.

9 – A nice day. Barbara and Willie Smith left after dinner and went down to John Michie's. Went out to Port Perry in the afternoon with 20 bags of oats to be ground and brought home 1580 lbs. of coal. Roads getting pretty muddy.

10 – Somewhat colder in the morning with quite a wind. Went up to Alex Gordon's in the forenoon, Annie and Willie going with me, with a rooster. After dinner went to Port Perry for the meal. Took Aunt Janet down to station on her way to Whitby for a two week visit. Then went up to W. Luke's. Mark's Bros. called in the forenoon and C. Sleep towards evening, both wanting to buy cattle. Did not sell.

11 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie (116 at SS), Mr. Keith preached a good sermon. Did not go to CE. Mrs. Mark and Emma Black here awhile in the evening. Daisy cow dropped a calf in the early morning.

12 – Quite a lot colder. Jennie washing. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon on some little errands. Took down the decorations in SS room.

13 – A fine day. James Lee called in the morning and I went with him to his farm and helped him to start the bricking of his hog pen floors. Got dinner at R. Cragg's. Making a gate in the afternoon.

14 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to see the vet about cow. He came back (Coates) after dinner. W. [S---?], assessor, called after dinner. Snow most of the afternoon.

15 – A fine day but colder. Did a few chores. Hung gate at NW corner of woodshed. Mrs. Annie Gordon here for dinner and tea. A. Butt called wanting to buy cattle. George Michie here for tea. Drove Mrs. Gordon home in the evening.

16 – Snowing a little in the afternoon. Allan and Alma Black came about 7 pm and got tea, then to party at John Michie's. I went down for awhile. Quite a lively crowd. Sandy McGregor the horseman called.

17 – A fine day but pretty cold. Did little but the chores. Allan and Alma Black left for home about 3 pm. At Greenbank in the evening to the S. of T. Quite a number there, several from Seagrave. A pretty good program. The band was also there.

18 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie (115 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. At CE, a fair turnout. Mrs. Jas. Leask leader. Arch McMillan sang a piece.

19 – Snowing a little most of the day from the E, about the most wintery day for some time. Mrs. Annie Gordon here all day. Jennie washing. Wes Luke called in the forenoon to get buck saw sharpened.

20 – Somewhat rough and stormy. G. Michie, Arch McMillan, Dave McMillan, G. Barret, and the Oliver family left for the north west this morning. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon and called at Jas. Innis's, H. Love's, J. Lee's, W. Akhurst's, and Mrs. Walker.

21- Snowing and storming off and on most of the day from the W and SW. Did little but the chores. Did not go to prayer meeting as it was pretty rough.

22 – Pretty cold and stormy, especially in the afternoon. Some snow. Went to Port Perry market in the forenoon. Aunt Janet came back from her two weeks visit to Whitby. Went up to S. Dusty's in the afternoon to see Ray and found him some better.

23 – A pretty cold day and some stormy in the afternoon. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon and got Fly mare shod.

24 – Below zero in the morning but got warmer and bright. Went to Port Perry in the morning and met Mrs. Mason and Kennedy. Drew two very small loads of wood from Jim Lee's place in the afternoon. Drew it with the sleigh but there was very poor sleighing. Jennie and Mrs. Mason went down to Mrs. Mark's in the evening. Jim Dusty called in the morning and Tom Michie after dinner.

25 – A fine day, thawing, which made the roads very muddy. Jennie, Annie Mason, and Annie and Willie drove to church and SS while I walked. (120 at SS). Annie Mason sang a solo, Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE.

26 – Some frost in the morning but it soon started to thaw and there was lots of mud. Drew out manure in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie, Annie Mason, Kennedy Mason and little Willie to Alex Gordon's to an oyster supper at 5 pm. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie Mason to John Michie's for a sing. Jim Lee was there also. Saw W. Mark for the first time since he came home from New Jersey. A very dark and rainy night.

27 – Rain all forenoon and until about the middle of the afternoon when it got some colder and there was enough snow to make the ground white. Drove Annie Mason and Kennedy to Port Perry on their way home. There was lots of mud on the roads and rain most of the way. Tom Michie called in the forenoon. Party at D. Lyle's tonight.

28 – A little frost in the morning but it soon got warm and all the bit of snow was gone by noon. Drew out manure until it got too muddy. D. Lyle called, he was inviting us up to his place for tea tomorrow.

29 – A little frost in the morning but soon muddy enough. Aunt Janet and little Annie went to Greenbank in the morning. Cutting wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went up to Mr. D. Lyle's for tea. Mr. and Mrs. W. Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. A. Akhurst, and Mrs. S. Dusty were also there.

30 – A fine day and any amount of mud. Split wood and some little chores. In the evening went to box social in the hall by the S. of T. A full house and a good program, only too long. \$15 taken at the door besides the sale of the boxes. \$36.00 in all.

31 – A fine day but pretty cold with high NE wind. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and little Willie. S. Sleep called in the evening and bought the 2 steers for 5 cts per lb, \$1.00 rebate, to go next Friday.

APR. 1 – A very fine clear day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (121 at SS). Rev. Mr. Keith preached. At CE, a fair turnout. I had to lead in place of Jennie who was not able to go on account of a cold. A beautiful night, roads improving greatly.

2 – A beautiful day. Bagged up some oats in the forenoon and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon to be ground and brought home some coal. At church manager's meeting in the evening. W. Luke and Norman Lyle called in the forenoon and Jim Lee after breakfast.

3 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal. Went up to Alex Gordon's after dinner and then scuffled the raspberry bushes, the first in the way of work on the land that I have seen this season. Tom Michie around shooting woodchucks.

4 – A fine day with high NW wind. At the raspberry bushes all day. A little rain about noon.

5 – Went to Port Perry market in the forenoon with Jennie and Annie (a big market). Annie got two teeth pulled. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Started to snow about 4 pm and soon the ground was covered.

6 – With John Michie's help, took 2 steers to Seagrave, S. Sleep being the buyer. They weighed 2275 lbs at 5 cts per lb, \$1.00 rebate. Mr. S. says he will lose money on them. Jennie came after us with the buggy. Mr. Town called wanting to get a [?] fixed. Tom Michie called in the afternoon to say goodbye. He intends starting for Edmonton tomorrow. Worked on the berry bushes awhile in the afternoon.

7 – Did not do much but the chores as I was half sick with the cold. Went up to A. Gordon's in the afternoon. Snowing a little, sometimes raw.

8 – A fine day but somewhat raw. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (116 at SS). Took up collection in SS for the Japan famine fund and got \$8.34. Henry Roy and Cathleen Leask sang, Rev. Mr. Keith preached. Roads not as good as last Sunday. Did not get to CE.

9 – Rain nearly all day from the SE and very raw and disagreeable. Made a pole gate to put between the house lane and the barnyard.

10 – A dull day and threatening rain most of the time. Went to Greenbank in forenoon with the waggon, mud bad. Blake Cragg and G. Till called about a debate in connection with the S. of T.

11 – A dull day and threatening rain in the forenoon. Cleaned out calf and pig pens and some other little chores. Jennie drove to Greenbank to W.F.M.S. She went around by John Michie's and took up Mrs. Mark. Roads very bad.

12 – A fine day and the land dried up a good deal. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market in the forenoon. A big market, roads very bad. Took the straw off the strawberry plants in the afternoon. Feeling more like spring towards night. Heard the first frogs of the season.

13 - Good Friday. A very fine bright day. Hung new gate between house and barn in the forenoon. In the afternoon plowed a bit of the orchard and then the potato and mangold land east of the orchard. I have not seen anyone else working on the land yet.

14 – Plowing until about 11 am when it started to rain and continued till about 2 pm. Plowed a while after that. Everything pretty wet again.

15 – A little rain. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (116 at SS). Maggie McMillan sang a piece at SS. Rev. Mr. Neville of the Methodist church preached. Mr. Keith preaches tonight in the Methodist church. Did not go, roads very bad, worse than last Sunday.

16 – Took off the storm windows and spread manure in the forenoon. Plowed strawberry ground in the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning. Ed Luke here for dinner. He came for the plough skimmer. G. Till and G. Mitchell called in the evening about debate.

17 – A very fine spring day. Planted potatoes in the orchard in the forenoon and planted raspberry bushes in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Ed Lyle sowing, the first that have heard of. John Michie brought back the cutting box which they have had a long time.

18 – A very fine day, the warmest of the season. Cultivating most of the day (not in any too good a state). At prayer meeting, rather a small turnout. An after meeting consider a party on May 24, decided to leave it to the managers. W. Akhurst here in the morning for some berry bushes. Mrs. I. O'Neill and little girl wanting turnips. A Mr. Lang came in the evening looking for work and stayed all night.

19 – A fine warm day. Did some chores in the forenoon while Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry market. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner and the afternoon. Mrs. Mark called. Sowed oats in the field north of the barn in the afternoon, the first of the season.

20 – A very fine day, a little foggy in the morning. Sowing and harrowing all day. Henry and Cathlene Leask came over with their pony in the afternoon and two of R. Real's boys to see about getting some strawberry plants. News in the papers about the great earthquake in San Francisco³¹.

21 – Harrowing in the forenoon and sowing the field W of the barn in the afternoon. A little rain between 10 and 12. Jennie making garden. Nels Mitchell called taking orders for binder cord.

22 – Cooler. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (120 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Maggie McMillan sang a solo. Did not go to CE but with Jennie and Willie went down to see John Michie who is laid up with sciatica. He was a little better. Raining a little on our way home.

23 – Much cooler with high N wind, pretty raw. Went to Seagrave in the forenoon with 4 pigs. They weighed 840 lbs., price \$7.00 per hundred. Sowing and harrowing in the afternoon.

24 – Frost so hard that nothing could be done on the land. Spread manure in the forenoon. Harrowed in the afternoon. Aunt Janet and little Annie visiting at Gordon's in the afternoon.

25 – A beautiful day. Gang plowing all day in the SW field. Aunt Janet went up to S. Dusty's in the evening with a letter. Jennie making dress for Annie.

26 – A beautiful day. Gang plowing all day. Jennie making clothes for Willie Cameron.

27 – A very fine day. Finished gang plowing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie sewing.

28 – A beautiful day. Harrowed a little in the morning and then sowing the SW field which finishes the sowing for the year. Jennie washing windows and buggy. Pascoe Luke called in the afternoon to see about boarding the men that are to fix the barn on the Luke place.

29 – A nice day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (124 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. There was a little meeting of the managers after when it was decided to have a lecture on May 24th. At CE, not many out. I was leader, the subject missions in Honan [China]. A good deal of thunder and lightning in the evening but no rain here.

30 – A very fine day. Harrowing all day which finishes seeding except the rolling. Jennie house cleaning. Annie started this morning, for the first, at public school.

MAY 1 – A very fine day. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon. Jennie housecleaning. Isaac O'Neill came up for a bag of oats. In the afternoon went with Jennie to the induction of Rev. Mr. Leitch to Sonya church. There was a full house. Rev. Mr. McKecheren preached. Rev. Mr. Wallace addressed the minister and Rev. Mr. Peckover the congregation. Rev. Mr. Keith presided. Each did their part well and everything went off first rate. Got tea in the basement and started for home. Cooler on the way home.

2 – A thunder shower in the morning and again about 4 pm. Plowing and harrowing in the orchard and the strawberry ground. Jennie washing. P. Luke called to see about boarding the men repairing the Luke barn. At prayer meeting with Jennie, a very small turnout. Mr. Keith leader. Annie at school.

3 – Threatening and raining a little in the morning. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry market while I scuffled raspberry bushes. Jas. Miller, who is working at Luke's barn, here for dinner. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 15 bags of oats to grind but did not get it home. Jas. Miller, Jim Lee, R. Raines, A. McMillan and Pascoe Luke here for supper. Jim Lee, A. McM. and P. Luke stayed all night. Went down with Jennie to I. O'Neill's in the evening to see their little girl Irene who got hurt on the head today with John Michie's colt. She is doing well.

4 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal and had to wait awhile for it. Fixing fences in the afternoon. Carpenters at Luke's barn here. Arbour day, no school.

5 – A fine day. Fixing fence in the forenoon. Drawing manure and old rails in the afternoon. Jennie scrubbing. Luke's barn carpenters here for meals.

6 – A little rain in the morning but turned out a fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (119 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. At CE with Jennie, a pretty good turnout. Jennie was leader. Miss Bryan and Nellie McMillan sang a piece.

7 – A fine day but quite cool. Drawing out manure in the forenoon. In the afternoon at Luke's barn raising. Jennie also over helping. Went up without a hitch. G.D. McMillan called in the evening. A. McMillan, Jas. Lee, and John McArthur here all night. Annie at school. Miss Dollie Sonley of Pinedale called in the afternoon.

³¹ Earthquake of 7.9 magnitude struck San Francisco and the northern California coast at 5:12 am on April 18. The damage and resulting fire are remembered as one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States.

8 – Pretty cold and raw. Started to rain a little about 5 pm. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning while I spread manure. Drew out manure the rest of the day. Carpenters here for meals. Jim Lee and John McArthur stayed all night. Annie at school.

9 – Drew out manure until rain came on about 10 am. Spread a little manure and went with the rig to meet Annie at school. Rain off and on all afternoon, quite cold and raw. Luke's carpenters all went home after dinner.

10 – Quite cold all day with a NW wind and very little growth so far this spring. Drawing out manure all day and finished the job which is the earliest on record as far as I can remember. Luke's barn men here for meals and Jim Lee and A. McMillan stayed all night. Jennie putting in some garden stuff. Annie at school.

11 – Quite a hard frost in the morning but warmed up a little. Helping Pascoe Luke to make 2 gates (Norman Lyle also helping) and afterwards spread manure. Willie Smith came about 10 am and left for home again about 4. He was after strawberry plants. Annie at school. At prayer meeting with John McArthur, a fair turnout. Mr. Keith gave an address. G.A. McMillan opened. Carpenters at Luke's barn got meals here. John McArthur, Jim Lee and A. McMillan stayed all night.

12 – Quite a bit of thunder and two or three small showers during the day with high wind and lots of dust. Helping P. Luke in the forenoon to hang gates. Plowing root land in the afternoon. Luke's barn carpenters here for meals. In the evening went to Greenbank to the S. of T. (E. Lyle rode up with me), the principal thing being a debate between Greenbank and Prince Albert. The subject was the comparative evils of tobacco and liquor. There was a good turnout, some being there from Prince Albert, Port Perry, Scugog and Seagrave divisions.

13 – Rain through the night and a drizzle most of the forenoon which is just what is needed. Things are beginning to grow a little. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (106 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Did not go to CE. A very fine evening.

14 – Some raw in the morning but got warm and a very fine day. Harrowed mangold ground in the forenoon and drilled it up in the afternoon. John Love called for two bags of oats. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill also called. Annie at school. Luke's barn carpenters here for meals. They go to M. O'Neill's tomorrow as the supply of shingles has run short.

15 – A very fine warm growing day. Went to Greenbank in the morning and took Annie to school, then sowed the mangolds. Planted strawberry plants in the afternoon. Jennie digging plants. Two Scotch cloth pedlars called and we got cloth for a suit of clothes and a dress for Jennie.

16 – Quite warm. About 2 pm a thunder storm came up with heavy hail. Then it came a second time, also with hail, which drenched things pretty well. Went up to the school for Annie. Luke's barn carpenters left after the rain as there is no material. At prayer meeting, rather a small turnout, Mr. Keith leader. Donald Ianson married.

17 – Quite warm. A good deal of thunder during the afternoon and a shower about 3. At Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Plowing and harrowing in the orchard in the afternoon. Annie at school. W. Luke called.

18 – About 2 am Willie got very restless and in a high fever and we decided to call the Dr. So I went to W. Real's to call him up but the telephone would not work so I had to drive to Port Perry. A beautiful morning. Dr. D. Archer got here about 6 am and he thinks Willie will be all right in a day or two. He was pretty sick in the forenoon but much better towards night. Planting strawberries alone most of the day. Thunder all the afternoon with a big shower about 2:30. Annie at school.

19 – A good deal cooler and a fine day. Plowing root land in the forenoon and planting strawberry plants in the afternoon, Jennie helping a little while. Luke's barn carpenters got meals here. T. Rundle died.

20 – A very fine day and somewhat cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (126 at SS). The church service was special. It was expected that Rev. Mr. Peckover of Sunderland would preach but he could not come. Mr. Keith preached, a full house. At church service again in the evening with Jennie. Mr. Keith again preached with a full house. A union choir, Methodist and Presbyterian, at each service.

21 – A very fine day. Plowing corn land in the forenoon. Sowed flax seed in the orchard after dinner and then harrowed corn ground. P. Luke called in the forenoon to settle up about the carpenters (who have been at the barn) board. They finished the job except the grainery which is to be done at a later time.

22 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Drilled up for potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie picking over potatoes. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill called. Annie at school. In the evening went with G.A. McMillan to the manse at Wick to see about a new cistern. Met the Wick managers and decided to put in new cistern.

23 – Rain with thunder and lightning through the night. Went to Greenbank for the beef in the morning taking Annie to school, and planted the potatoes in the field east of the orchard. Ethel Bratley came about 7 pm. She came to Port Perry by train and wheeled out from there. A pretty warm day. Jennie washing.

24 – A very fine day and quite warm. Plowed and planted the little plot beside the barn pump (in corn) and planted some corn in the orchard. In the evening went with Aunt Janet to a lecture in the church by Rev. Mr. Silcox of Toronto. The lecture was good but the attendance very small. Annie Rennie and Miss Bowes of Lindsay sang. Proceeds about \$24.00.

25 – Very warm day. Harrowed corn land in the forenoon and rolled it in the afternoon. A thunder shower came up about 3 and it rained off and on the rest of the day. Jennie whitewashing the cellar. She drove up to meet Annie on her way home from school. Ethel Bratley left for home. Apple trees are now out in blossom which is pretty plentiful.

26 – Somewhat dull day. Thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Cooler towards night. Drilled up and planted horse corn. Jennie cleaning pantry. Mrs. I. O'Neill, with Clarence and Irene, here in the forenoon for a bag of oats and some strawberry plants.

27 – Quite cool with east wind. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie (116 at SS). Mr. Keith preached an excellent sermon from the 7th commandment. At CE with Aunt Janet, a fair turnout, Annie McMillan and I were leaders.

28 – Rain a little in the morning. Annie did not go to school. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Jennie scraped the whitewash off the kitchen walls. Mrs. I. O'Neill and Mabel Gordon here for strawberry plants. A very fine evening.

29 – A fine day and pretty cool. Jennie went to Greenbank in the morning and took Annie to school. At D. Lyle's in the forenoon helping to make two gates. Whitewashing the ceiling of the kitchen in the afternoon. Went down with Jennie to Isaac O'Neill's in the evening and bought a cow for \$45.00. A very fine evening but pretty cool.

30 – A very fine day. Went down to I. O'Neill's in the morning and brought home the cow that we bought last night, then rolled the rest of the forenoon. In the afternoon helped Jennie to paper the kitchen, the first time it was ever papered. At prayer meeting in the evening, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

31 – A very fine cool day. Rolling oat fields all day (and finished). Jennie finished papering kitchen. Mrs. I. O'Neill and boy and girl here in the afternoon. Annie at school.

JUNE 1 – A beautiful day. Drilled up 24 turnip drills in the forenoon. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called and --- the two dry cows. In the afternoon went to the preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. McEachrin of Leaskdale preached. G.D. McMillan and Laura Golder were received by certificate. After the meeting went to Port Perry for suit of clothes at D. Perkin's but they were not ready. Jennie washing and scrubbing. Annie at school.

2 – A very fine day. Sowed 24 drills of turnips and plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon scuffled strawberries, raspberries and early potatoes while Jennie, Aunt Janet and little James went to Port Perry. Jennie washed the buggy.

3 – A very fine day. At communion at Wick with Aunt Janet and Annie. A fair turnout, Mr. Keith conducted the service. At church in the evening at Greenbank with Jennie and Willie. Mr. Keith preached, not a very large turnout.

4 – A very fine day. Plowing turnip land all day. Jennie house cleaning. Annie at school.

5 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing turnip land until about 4:30 when a thunder storm came up but it only rained a few drops. Jennie house cleaning. Annie at school.

6 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning then harrowed the corn and potatoes. Plowing turnip land in the afternoon. Jennie papering sitting room. Annie at school. At prayer meeting, 16 present. An after meeting to arrange for SS picnic.

7 – A fine day. Thundering off and on all day. There was a nice little shower between 11 and 12. Plowing turnip land all day and finished. Jennie house cleaning and about finished I think. Annie at school.

8 – A big thunder storm through the night and thunder off and on during the day which finished with a terrific thunder storm between 9 and 10, raining hard while writing. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 cows to Jack and Boe. Ned Lyle going also with 1 cow. Jennie drove down for me. Methodist church conference in session at Port Perry now. Went to G. Lee's after dinner and then drew off some stones from turnip land. L. O'Neill called for a bag of oats. Annie at school.

9 – Things pretty wet after the rain. Tried to harrow but it did not work very well so I quit and put a new post in for the gate between the house and barn. Harrowed turnip land in the afternoon. About the middle of the afternoon I was called over to see three young cattle of D. Lyle's that had been killed by lightning last night. They had been pasturing in Luke's swamp (the farm being now rented by Norman Lyle). W Luke was also called in to value the cattle and we put them at \$100.00. A. Graham, VS, was also there. Finished hoeing the strawberry patch for the first time. Rain in the evening.

10 – Rain through the night with lightning. At church and SS \with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Raining a little when we started and very threatening after we got there but not much rain. Only 63 at SS, the smallest number for a long time. Only 3 of the teachers present. Rev. Joseph Real preached, Mr. Keith being away at the assembly at London. Rev. R.H. Leitch was also present. Did not go out at night. Much cooler.

11 – A fine day and cooler. Got up at 4 am and Aunt Janet drove Jennie, Willie and I to Port Perry where we took train for Port Hope. Got there about 10 and got dinner at Fred Patton's. Found Mrs. Bell pretty helpless but not looking quite as bad as we expected. Strolled around the town with Fred and in the evening he drove us out to P. Sleemons. Stayed there all night. Mrs. Gordon here all night.

12 – Frost in the morning but a very fine day. Bella Sleemon drove us in to town and drove Willie and I around the town. Got dinner at Patton's and then started for home. Aunt Janet met us at Port Perry. Got home about 7. Mrs. Mark here in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Harrowing and gang plowing turnip land. Annie at school. At prayer meeting, not very large turnout, Mr. Boe leader.

14 – A fine day and pretty warm. Scuffled mangolds in the forenoon while Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market. In the afternoon sowed some buckwheat in the SW corner of the SW field. Used Lyle's seeder. In the evening went with Jennie to hunt up berry pickers. Got the first ripe berries today. Annie at school.

15 – A fine day and pretty warm. Harrowed and rolled the turnip land and then drilled up some. In the evening went with D. Lyle and W. Luke to Jas. Monroe's to make a declaration about Mr. Lyle's cattle that were killed by lightning. Annie at school.

16 – A fine day, warm, a little rain in the evening. Drilled up turnips in the forenoon and sowed them after dinner. At Greenbank in the evening with Jennie. Started to go to see Roy McDonald but did not go further than Greenbank. Planted Eddorside potatoes, 1 lb. cost \$1.00 and 25 cts freight, 8 potatoes. Mrs. R. Cragg called for some eggs to set.

17 – Rain through the night and a little drizzle most of the day except awhile from 9 to 1. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (118 at SS). Mr. Keith preached, he gave a report of the assembly meeting at London which he attended. Did not go out in the evening. Rev. P. Nevill, the pastor of the Methodist church, preached.

18 – Dull and threatening rain from the east in the morning but did not come to much. Scuffling corn, strawberries and potatoes and then hoeing mangolds. Annie did not go to school on account of the threatening weather. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. called after dinner. Jennie washing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Had strawberries for supper.

19 – A fine day. Hoeing mangolds all day and finished. Jennie baking for picnic. Annie at school. Mr. Isaac O'Neill called for bag of oats.

20 – A dull day. Drilling up for turnips in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie, Annie and Willie at Sunday School picnic at Haddon's bush on the town line. Wick, Saintfield and Greenbank Presbyterian in it. There was a good turnout and it went off very well. Layton band gave music. A tug of war between Greenbank and Wick resulted in a victory for Wick. We got a big rain on the way home. Old Mrs. Dusty was buried today.

21 – A fine day. A thunder shower went round about 4 pm but no rain here. Went to Greenbank in the morning to get some staples for wire fence and took Annie to school. Aunt Janet went to market at Port Perry and took out 16 boxes of strawberries, the first of the season for us. Finished drilling and sowing the turnips. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. and Mrs. Jas. Allan here for dinner. Went over to R. Monroe's after supper for fence wire.

22 – A nice day, two or three little rain showers and quite cool. Scuffled some and helped Hugh Monroe to put up wire fence on W side of lane from the house to the barn, the first wire fence put up on the place. He did not have wire enough to finish so he went to G. Real's to finish some he is putting up for him. W. Akhurst called in the forenoon. Annie at school. Jennie picked some strawberries.

23 – Rain about 10 and a big shower about 3. Picked strawberries, scuffled mangolds and hoed. Mended baby carriage. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry with 50 boxes of berries. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner and the afternoon getting a skirt made. Went to Seagrave in the evening for berry boxes.

24 – A fine cool day, no rain. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie (122 at SS), Rev. Mr. Keith preached on Thou shalt not steal. At CE with Aunt Janet, a fair turnout, G.D. McMillan leader.

25 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn all day. Jennie picking berries. W. Akhurst; Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie Gordon; Mary, Allie and Jim Dusty; Lillie O'Neill; Mabel, Gordon and Luella Cragg picking. They got done at noon. Jim Dusty went twice to Port Perry with berries. E. Boe called for some berries.

26 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn and strawberries. Jim Dusty scuffling most of the day. We pulled down the east lane fence between the house and the barn. Silva Leask came over for some berries. Mr. A. Akhurst and [Zetta?] called in the evening. Jennie washing. Annie at school.

27 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Putting in posts for new fence on east side of lane. W. Akhurst; Mary and Allie Dusty; Mrs. A. and Jennie Gordon; Mabel Gordon; Luella Cragg; and S. O'Neill picking berries in the forenoon. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry and then to Greenbank with berries. At prayer meeting with Jennie in the evening. Mr. Boe leader, not many out. S. Ontario excursion to Guelph today.

28 – A very warm day. Went over to T. Dewey's in the morning. Spent most of the day making stone walk in the barn yard. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market. Annie at school. A thunder shower came up between 3 and 4. Jennie drove up and met Annie. Jim Lee; Bertha Till and Ethel Miller called in the evening for a feed of strawberries. Mrs. W. Real and O. Luke also to see about berries. Another big thunder storm in the evening.

29 – A warm close day. Thunder in the forenoon but no rain. Picking strawberries. Jennie; Mrs. Gordon and Jennie Gordon; Allie Dusty; Mrs. W. O'Neill at it. Jim Dusty came just before dinner and took berries to Port Perry and then to Greenbank. Went to J.M. Real's barn raising in the afternoon. There was a large number there. It went up all right. Was on the losing side, but it was very close race. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beare called in the evening for berries. Miss E. Baird and Maggie Blair called for berries. Thunder storm between 8 and 9.

30 – Ernest Phair called about 8 am and brought the news that J. M. Real's barn that was raised yesterday was blown down by the storm last evening. Hitched up and drove up, A. Akhurst going with me. Helped them awhile to straighten the timber up. A quite a few sticks broken. Jim Dusty took Fly to Greenbank and got front shoes set. Picked strawberries with Jennie until dinner and a little while after when rain came on very heavy which turned out to be a north easter and continued nearly all afternoon. Jim Dusty went to Seagrave for berry boxes and then took some berries up the way of Greenbank. Mrs. R. Gregg; Britton and L. Love; Jennie and Bessie Gordon called for berries. Jennie put up 19 jars of berries.

JULY 1 – A fine day. No rain but pretty close. At SS with Jennie and Willie (Annie stayed at home as she was not very well). 118 at SS. A close of SS, all went over to the Methodist SS anniversary. Mr. Keith, Mr. Hagen and Mr. [?] were the speakers. A good crowd and good meeting. Jim Lee came home with us for tea. At

Methodist meeting again in the evening, a very full house. Mr. McCombe preached. Margaret, who came to John Michie's yesterday, came home with me from the meeting. George Bratley came up from John's.

2 – A very fine day. Picking strawberries in the forenoon. Jennie; Alex Gordon; Mrs. Gordon; Jennie Gordon; W. Akhurst; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Allie Dusty; Lewella Cragg; L. O'Neill; G. Bratley; Mr. and Mrs. Les Lamb and two children helping, and near noon Tom Black, Annie and little Jessie Black came. Picked about 300 in all. Alex Lee came for some after dinner. He took Margaret to Greenbank. Miss Gregg and Mrs. Jas. Ewen also called for berries. Tom Black left for home about 6. In the evening went with Jennie to the Methodist SS anniversary. A very full house. The Harmony Quartet were the principal attraction. They took in about \$260.00. Margaret came home with us.

3 – Allie Dusty came down in the morning to tell us that Jim was not coming, so I went to Port Perry with a case of berries. The water over the 10th concession nearly 2 feet deep at the deepest place. Quite a heavy rain between 12 and 1. Jennie drove Margaret and George B. to Port Perry on their way home. Scuffled mangolds and part of the corn but it is too wet. After supper drove to Port Perry (the 3rd trip for the horse today) to meet Annie Elsie Michie who came on the 8 o'clock train from Toronto. Got home after 9. Rain after that.

4 – A fine day. A very heavy rain through the night. Went for the beef in the morning with Willie. Then picked berries the rest of the day. No pickers came but Mrs. Mark awhile in the afternoon. Hugh Leask, Eva and Ned Luke, Jennie and Arthur Gordon, Mrs. E. Ward, O. Luke and Maggie Dusty, Miss Lyle called for berries.

5 – A very fine day and cool. Hoed turnips in the forenoon. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market. Mrs. Gordon and Jennie Gordon picking strawberries. Jim Dusty called, he is laid up with boil on knee. In the afternoon went to J.M. Real's barn raising (2nd time) which went up all right. Jennie and Annie E. drove up for me. Mundo Perrin called, he is taking a load for his brother who is moving to a farm on the 13th of Reach. G.D. Nettie and Maggie McMillan here in the evening. A very fine evening.

6 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie went to Port Perry with Annie and Willie with a crate of berries for Port Hope. Mr. A. Gordon and Allie Dusty picking. Mrs. Baird and son of Manchester came for berries. Mr. W.H. Leask and Henry stayed for dinner. George and Oscar Real; Mrs. E. Barret; Mrs. T. Phair and Norman, all got berries and Mrs. and Mrs. Sephas Butt came in the evening but did not get any. Anne E. Michie went down to John's in the afternoon. Mundo Perrin called and got dinner on his way home from moving his brother Sam.

7 – Scuffled in the forenoon and hoed a little in the afternoon. Thundered a good deal in the afternoon and a drizzle for awhile. Annie E. came back from John's. Jennie scrubbing etc.

8 – Pretty warm with a good deal of thunder and some rain. Walked to SS while Aunt Janet, Annie E., Annie and Willie came in the rig. Only 93 at SS. Mr. Williams of Prince Albert visited

the school in behalf of the SS association. A Mr. Barker, a retired minister of Toronto, preached, Mr. Keith being away on his holidays.

9 – A fine day, some thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Paris greening potatoes in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon; Allie Dusty; Mabel Gordon; Mrs. G. Lyle and boy; and Miss Mark picking berries. Jennie baking for the women's meeting. After dinner she went to Port Perry. Miss Ada Butt called for berries. At church managers meeting in the evening but there were only four there (John Lee, A. Akhurst, A. Gordon and I) so no business was done.

10 – A very fine day. Some thunder but no rain here. Scuffling in the forenoon. Mrs. Blair; Mrs. A. Gordon; Allie Dusty; Jessie Michie and Annie E. Michie picking berries. In the afternoon the W.F.M.S. met here also the 4 smaller SS classes, about 60 all told and had quite a pleasant time as far as I could see.

11 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie washing. Jessie Michie picked a pail of strawberries in the forenoon. Mrs. W. Real called in the evening.

12 – A fine day and not too warm. Hoeing turnips most of the day. Jessie Michie picking strawberries. In the forenoon Jennie at Port Perry market. Aunt Janet went to Greenbank after dinner. Jennie and Annie E. Michie visiting at Mrs. Phair's. Orange celebration at Beaverton. The Greenbank band attended.

13 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing all day at mangolds (2nd time) and berry bushes. Jennie Gordon called in the forenoon and little Annie went home with her. Jennie, Anne E. and Willie visiting at J. M. Real's. Mrs. Gordon Sr. came down for dress pattern but did not get it.

14 – A fine day and very warm. Hoeing and scuffling strawberries. Jennie, Jessie and Annie E. Michie picking berries. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Arthur called in the morning for some potatoes. W. Real called in the evening for strawberries.

15 – A fine warm day, somewhat dull but no rain. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie. Willie was not allowed to go as he had some sore spots on him (113 at SS); Mr. Arnold, a Toronto city missionary, preached.

16 – Hoeing turnips in the forenoon. R. Thompson's son called with binder twine. After dinner, with Jennie and little James, went to Greenbank. Rain came on then and there was a nice shower. Jennie and Annie E. went to Gordon's for tea. Then in the evening, with Jennie and Annie E., went to Jas. McMillan's. Got home after 12.

17 – A very fine day and much cooler. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and scuffling in the afternoon. Jennie, James and Annie E. went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail. Hugh Monroe called in the evening.

18 – A fine day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping John Michie with his hay in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie E. at prayer meeting.

19 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Annie E. went to Port Perry market. Annie E. went down to John Michie's for the night.

20 – Rather dull all day, some thunder and a little rain in the forenoon and about 7 pm. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping John Michie with his hay in the afternoon. As we were at dinner W. Kerr of Brooklin came bringing Mrs. Joseph Bell of Roland, Manitoba, and her 3 children Jessie, Mabel and Willie.

21 – A very warm day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and finished 1st time. Started to bug kill after dinner but a shower came on and I worked at new stair in the barn. Annie E. visiting at Mr. Dusty's.

22 – A thunder storm in the early morning and a very warm day. Walked to SS while Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie, Anne E. and Jessie Bell drove in the buggy. (115 at SS). Mrs. Johnston and Maggie McMillan sang a piece. Mr. Arnold preached. At church at Port Perry with Jennie in the evening, G. Miller preached. Rather a wild night on the way home but very little rain until later.

23 – A fine day and much cooler. Scuffled in the forenoon. Jennie, with Jessie and Mabel Bell, drove Annie E. Michie to Port Perry on her way home to Griswold. Cutting hay in the afternoon with A. Akhurst's mower. Jim Lee called in the evening.

24 – A fine cool day. Finished cutting hay and the old strawberry patch. Raked out some hay after supper. Jennie and Mrs. J. Bell and little Willie Bell visiting at John Lee's.

25 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning with little Willie. Drawing in hay, John Michie and W. Mark helping. Got in 9 loads in good shape. Mrs. W. Akhurst here in the afternoon.

26 – A very fine day. Drawing in hay in the forenoon, John Michie and Ed Lyle helping, got in 5 loads. In the afternoon raked the field and with Jennie's help got it in, 15 loads in all, without a drop of rain and in fine order. Jennie and the children went to Greenbank in the afternoon. The Baptist church have a social tonight at Mrs. Jos. Watson's. Albert Akhurst has a very sick horse.

27 – A fine day and pretty warm. With Jennie's help drew in the hay on strawberry patch. Scuffled corn and turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. W.H. Leask here in the morning for raspberries.

28 – A fine day. Hoeing all day principally at the corn. Jennie drove Mrs. J. Bell and three children to the train at Port Perry on their way back to Brooklin.

29 – At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. A shower came on just before we got there. J.A. Miller gave a few words (only 92 present). Rev. R. Leask preached to rather a small congregation. We had a hard job to get home in time to escape a terrific thunderstorm. The lightning was fearful and the rain in deluge, which did much damage to crops, a good part being as flat as if a roller had gone over it.

30 – A very fine cool day. Crops looking pretty bad after the storm. Moving and repairing fences in the forenoon and plowing

old strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie picking and preserving raspberries. D. Lyle is getting the north side of his barn shingled today.

31 – A fine day and quite cool. Finished plowing strawberry patch, harrowed it, finished scuffling turnips 2nd time, and hoed turnips. Jennie washing. Port Perry firemen's excursion to Niagara Falls today. We talked of going but that was all it amounted to. A threshing machine heard between here and Greenbank, the first of the season.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips, 2nd time, all day. Mr. Henders called buying early apples. Mrs. Jas. Miller and James A. Miller called and took tea. Little James pretty sick with chicken pox.

2 – A fine day. Finished hoeing turnips in the forenoon while Jennie and Aunt Janet went to Port Perry market. They took little James to the Dr. but he pronounced it only chicken pox and nothing serious. In the afternoon took 8 bags of oats to mill at Port Perry to grind. Annie and Willie went with me.

3 – A very fine day. Working all day at new stair in stable.

4 – A very fine day. Hoeing all day at strawberries and other things. Got the hoeing pretty well up. Jennie picking and preserving berries.

5 – A very warm day, the most oppressive this season I think. A little thunder shower about 5 pm. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (109 at SS); a special collection to make up the \$50 for Knox College Student Missionary Society, amounted to \$22.47, more than enough to make up the balance. Mr. Keith preached on 'thou shalt not bear false witness'. Miss Forfar was present.

6 – A very fine day and much cooler. Did a number of small jobs. About 1 pm John [Heslop?] of Whitby with his wife and two little girls came and stayed about 2 ½ hours. They were on their way to visit friends in Mariposa. D. Lyle cutting alsake clover.

7 – A fine cool day. Rigging up the binder in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry and then on to Manchester to see Uncle who has been in bed 7 months. He is a little better today but not able to be out of bed. Came home by Prince Albert. Went down to John's in the evening to see about help to cut. Miss Forfar was there.

8 – A fine day. Rigged up binder and other jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon cut part of the field N of the barn, John Michie helping with horse. Pretty bad cutting as it is down badly. About 8 pm Mrs. Joyce of Sutton and Mrs. John Foster of Manitoba and boy came. It is about 32 years since she was here.

9 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went to Port Perry in the morning for some repairs for binder and took Mrs. Foster down to Charles Taylor's for a visit. After putting the repairs on cut a very little before dinner. After dinner cut the rest of the field north of the barn, John Michie helping. Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Foster at Mrs. Mark's for tea. In the evening took them to Greenbank and stayed to the annual band concert at R. Flewell's. There was a fair turnout

but not quite as many as last year I think. Mr. Pearce (I think his name is) and the Uxbridge band gave the programme which was fair. Sale of tickets \$62.75. A dark night and raining a little on the way home.

10 – A great rain through the night which soaked things well. Some rain in the forenoon and thunder all day. Did some tinkering jobs and shocked up some oats.

11 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and little Willie and brought Emma Black home with us. In the afternoon went over to M. O'Neill's and helped them to lay the foundation of the new barn. Emma Black went with me. Called first at R. Monroe's who is very ill and not expected to last long. In the evening went to S. of T., the question of selling the sheds and grounds being up. It was decided not to sell.

12 – A very fine day and quite cool. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (117 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. His subject was the 10th commandment. In the evening went to church at Port Perry, Mr. Cooper preached. A beautiful evening.

13 – A very fine day and cool. Hoeing some in the forenoon and helping John Michie with his oats in the afternoon. Jennie, Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

14 – A fine cool day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Cutting oats in the afternoon, John Michie helping. Had a bad stomach ache in the afternoon and evening.

15 – A fine day. Jennie, with Annie and Willie, went for the beef. Cutting oats, John Michie helping. Cutting bad owing to grain being lodged. Jennie walked to W.F.M.S. meeting at W. Wallace's. Jew Turner called and got some hens. L. O'Neill called asking hands for barn raising tomorrow. [margin note – Willa Bell married today at Winnipeg].

16 – A very fine day. Cutting oats, John Michie helping, in the forenoon. Cut until about 4 when, with Jennie and Willie, went to Marshall O'Neill's barn raising. Got home again about 9. Went up all right, the only one hurt was J.M. Real who got his leg cut with an adze. Aunt Janet, Annie and little James at Alex Gordon's.

17 – A fine day but pretty close and warm. John Michie came up and we finished cutting at 10. Then cut with the scythe some places that were missed. After 5 went to Port Perry with Jennie, Willie and James. Brought Jessie Bell's trunk home. Aunt Janet and Annie at party at Albert Akhurst's.

18 – A fine day and pretty warm. Cutting flax in the orchard with the scythe in the forenoon. Emma Black here for dinner. She left after dinner for Port Perry on her way home. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in 6 loads of oats.

19 – A fine day and very warm. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (113 at SS), Rev. Mr. McEachrin of Leaskdale preached.

20 – Pretty warm, a good deal of thunder and a little rain about 4 but not enough to stop drawing in. Drawing in most of the day

with Jennie's help. Annie at school, the first since holidays. Isaac O'Neill here in the morning for some binder twine. He says he has the biggest crop that ever he saw.

21 – A very warm day. Drawing in oats all day with Jennie's help. Annie at school.

22 – Another scorching hot day, a very heavy dew in the morning. Drawing in oats, Jennie helping, until about 3 pm when a thunder shower came on enough to stop drawing. Annie at school.

23 – Very warm in the forenoon but much cooler towards night. Raking stubble until about 4 pm when, with Jennie's help, drew in some oats. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry market with chickens, butter and eggs. Annie at school. D. Lyle threshing in the afternoon.

24 – A fine day and quite cool. Drawing in oats with Jennie's help and finished harvest except some rakings.

25 – A fine day and cool. Before I got out of bed Wes Luke came for me to help stack oats. Was there all day. Wes Real and Gordon Lang also helping.

26 – A fine day and pretty warm. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (105 at SS), Rev. Mr. Keith preached. In the evening, with Jennie, drove to R. Monroe's to ask for him and found him a little better. Then we went to church at Seagrave, Rev. Mr. Young preached. A beautiful night.

27 – Rain through the night and a little after daylight. Drove Annie to school and a few other chores in the forenoon. In the afternoon finished raking stubble and then drew it in which finishes the harvest for 1906. Tom Dewey's barn and contents were burned down. It was caused by a spark from Allan Goode's threshing machine. Went over in the evening to see the ruins and a hard looking sight it was.

28 – A very fine day. Finished cutting flax in the orchard in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, pumped and cleaned out the well at the house. Annie at school. A tramp called in the morning.

29 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie at school. Made a call at Isaac O'Neill's in the evening.

30 – A very fine cool day. Helping D. Lyle with team and waggon to draw in oats. Went to Port Perry to meet the 8 o'clock train expecting Jessie Bell but she was not there. Annie at school.

31 – A fine day and cool with high wind in the afternoon. Plowing in the forenoon. Isaac O'Neill came up for the lend of the horse rake. In the afternoon went with Jennie and little James to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Cooper of Port Perry preached. We got James baptized. Annie at school. After supper Jennie went to Port Perry and met Jessie Bell on her way out, she had come on the 6 o'clock train.

SEPT. 1 – A fine clear and cool day. Plowing most of the day. After dinner, with Jennie's help, drew in flax in the orchard. Went down to John Michie's in the evening. Jessie Bell dressing Annie's new doll.

2 – A pretty warm day. Some thunder and a little rain in the evening. At communion at Greenbank in the evening with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith conducted the services. After dinner went to the Methodist SS, 95 present.

3 – Rain through the night. Jennie went up to Gordon's in the morning for their sewing machine. Plowing the rest of the day. Jennie Gordon here for tea. Labor day.

4 – A very fine day and pretty cold in the morning. Jennie and Jessie drove me to Port Perry and I went to the fair at Toronto. Spent all the time until about 10 pm on the grounds. Saw the fireworks and stayed all night at Annie Mason's. Barbara and Willie Smith and Annie and Emma Black were there also. Jennie went to the Dr. for James.

5 – A very fine day. Spent the day until about 4 at the fair. Jennie, Annie and Willie met me at Port Perry. Jennie went for the beef in the morning. Annie at school.

6 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie at school.

7 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing until supper, then scuffled strawberry patch. Jennie washing.

8 – A very warm day. Hoeing strawberries nearly all day. Jennie sewing.

9 – A very warm day. At SS and church. Aunt Janet, Jennie, Annie and Willie drove and I walked (107 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Did not go out in the evening.

10 – Another warm day. Spent all forenoon at Greenbank getting 2 shoes on Fly. Cutting buckwheat in the afternoon. Jennie and Jessie Bell at Gordon's for tea and the evening. Annie at school.

11 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went with Alex Gordon collecting funds for repairing the Temperance Hall shed. Drove all day, got dinner at D. Whalen's and supper at S. Dusty's, then went to meeting at church to consider the question of forming guild or something of that sort. Not a very large turnout but the sentiment was in favour of doing something of that kind. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie at school. Eva Leask came home with her and stayed all night.

12 – Another very warm day. Went up as far as Petties in the morning (taking Annie and Eva Luke on their way to school) to see W.H. Leask about cutting corn. He came about 10 with his corn cutter and finished a little after dinner. Cut some of the buckwheat and in the evening went to a meeting of the church session and did not get home until near 12. Mrs. Mark, Mrs. W. O'Neill and little Willie O'Neill here for tea. Annie at school.

13 – Warm in the forenoon. A big thunder shower about 1 pm and two smaller showers later and was very welcome as things were pretty dry. In the morning drove Jennie, Willie, little James and Jessie Bell to the morning train at Port Perry on their way to Newcastle. Then drew off some corn. Cleaning up the grainery and some other little jobs in the afternoon. Went over to Phair's and Cragg's in the evening to collect for repairing hall shed. Much cooler. Annie at school.

14 – Much cooler. Finished cutting buckwheat in the forenoon and finished drawing of corn in the afternoon. At John Michie's in the evening.

15 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Annie down at John Michie's in the afternoon. Went to S. of T. in the evening to report about collecting for shed repairs.

16 – A very fine cool day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Annie (100 at SS). Rev. Mr. Campbell of Quaker Hill preached. Went to church at Port Perry in the evening with Aunt Janet and Annie, Mr. Cooper preached.

17 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing most of the day. Went over to W. Leask's in the evening but did not succeed in my mission on account of G.A. being away at Whitby. Annie at school.

18 – A very warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for Jennie, Willie and James and Jessie Bell on their way back from Newcastle. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie at school.

19 – Another very warm day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in two little loads of buckwheat. After supper Jennie took Jessie Bell's trunk to Port Perry. Annie at school.

20 – Drove Jessie Bell to Port Perry in the morning on her way to Rochester. Aunt Janet and Annie also went by train to Brooklin to see Mrs. Jas. Bell before she left for Manitoba. Plowed until about 4:30. Got supper and drove to Port Perry to meet Aunt Janet and Annie. Started to rain when about half way there and a big rain it was. Had to wait at Port Perry quite awhile and then it drizzled most of the way home.

21 – Another hot day. Plowing all day. At prayer meeting with Jennie in the evening, Mr. Keith leader.

22 – Heavy rain through the night and again about 3:30 pm and again at 6. Plowing until the rain came. Went over to W.H. Leask's in the evening and he and I went over to G. A. McMillan's and talked over the trouble between them. They agreed to drop the trouble and be friends again. A lame man here for dinner.

23 – A good deal cooler. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (107 at SS), Mr. Keith preached and extra good sermon. A little committee meeting after to nominate officers for the newly formed guild. In the evening went with Aunt Janet to the Methodist church at Greenbank. Mr. Honey preached a special sermon to the S. of T. which turned out fairly well.

24 – A very fine cool day, quite a frost in the morning. Went up to D. Lyle's in the morning and got the loan of 4 bags of oats. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in the last load of buckwheat. Went down to John Michie's in the evening for a sing. Annie at school.

25 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping. Not a very heavy crop but clean and scarcely any rotten. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon picking up fallen apples. At W. Luke's in the evening settling up about beef.

26 – At potatoes, Jennie helping. Rain about 10:30. About the middle of the afternoon went to help A. Akhurst thresh, Allan Goode's machine. At guild meeting in the evening with Jennie. A very heavy rain during the meeting. Not a very large turnout. Elected officers: G.D. McMillan, president. Beef ring meeting. Annie not at school today.

27 – A very fine day. Threshing at A. Akhurst's until about 3:30, then at Norman Lyle's. Jennie and little Willie at Port Perry market. Annie at school. Jennie, Annie and Willie at O'Neill's for tomatoes. Down to John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

28 – A fine day. Threshing at Norman Lyle's and finished about 4 pm. They then moved (A. Goode) to Whetter's. Scuffled the strawberries. Annie at school.

29 – Rain in the morning. Plowed until about 11 when rain started again and continued off and on all day. At Division S. of T. in the evening. 48 years tonight since division was organized.

30 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church. This being rally day, there were 142 present. Among the visitors being R. Cragg, super of Methodist SS; W. Luke, ex super.; Jas. Monroe, super of Bethel SS, each of which gave a short address. Solos were given by Jewell Love (first time); R. [Minton?] (1st time); and Harry Leask. It was children's day in the church. Mr. Keith gave the address. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie and Willie, went to see Maggie Blair who is just home after being in Toronto hospital for 5 weeks. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Leask were also there. A very fine clear night.

OCT. 1 – A fine day, frost in the morning. Threshing at R. Cragg's. Started about 9 and finished at 5:30. At church managers meeting in the evening. Jessie Michie here helping Jennie to pick the Snow apples.

2 – A very fine day. Threshing all day at Mrs. Phair's. Jennie finished picking Snow apples. Annie at school. The new Methodist minister came to town today. They are having a reception tonight.

3 – A very fine day. Threshing at Mrs. Phair's until about 3:30 when they moved to John Michie's and had a short run. Annie at school. At guild meeting in the evening with Aunt Janet. A fair turnout. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at the church.

4 – Rather dull and started to rain a little about 4:30 and continued all the evening. Threshing at John Michie's until 4 and finished. Threshers then went to C. Gordon's. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry market. Annie at school. Aunt Janet and little James at S. Dusty's in the afternoon.

5 – Rather dull in the morning but brightened up. Finished plowing SW field and then harrowed field W of house. Annie at school. Two men packing Snow apples in the afternoon.

6 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with 8 barrels of Snow apples. A drizzling rain from the NE nearly all the way. In the afternoon went to help D. Lyle thresh but only worked about an hour as the rain came on too heavy and continued most of the afternoon. Annie and Willie up to Gordon's in the forenoon.

7 – Quite cold day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (113 at SS). Mr. Keith preached. Quite a number went over to the Methodist SS rally day.

8 – A fine day, somewhat dull. Threshing at D. Lyle's until about 1:30 then they came here. J. Roach, G. Welch and R. Wallace are the threshers (A. Goode's machine). Jennie and Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon. D. Campbell of Port Perry died last night. Annie at school.

9 – A very heavy rain through the night. Started to thresh but only threshed 15 minutes when the rain came on heavy and had to quit. Started again at 9 and finished about 2, about 8 hours in all. They then moved to A. Gordon's. Annie did not go to school.

10 – A fine day but rather cold, frost in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 20 bags to get ground and got it home with me. Harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie picking apples. Annie at school. At guild meeting in the evening with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

11 – Pretty cold, a very little snow, the ridges looked white. Went to Port Perry with Jennie and Willie with some apples to the evaporator. In the afternoon plowing the corn ground. Jennie picking apples. Annie at school.

12 – The hardest frost of the season, almost too hard to plough. Plowing in the forenoon, helping Jennie to pick apples in the afternoon. Annie at school. James fell down the cellar stair. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing but it was not much of a success as all had the cold.

13 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to pick apples in the forenoon and topped mangolds in the afternoon. At S. of T. in the evening. Mrs. W.H. Leask; Henry, Roy and Cathlene Leask and Willie Golden here in the afternoon picking Tolmon Sweets. W.H. Leask came with barrels in the morning.

14 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (121 at SS). Mr. Robertson, a student, preached a good sermon. In the evening went to Baptist anniversary. Rev. Mr. Cooper of Port Perry preached to a full house.

15 – A very fine day and warm to excess, more like July than October. With Jennie's help drew in the mangolds, 12 loads. Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon. Annie at school.

16 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Threw back mangolds and cleaned out root house while Jennie and Jessie Michie went to Port Perry market. Drew out manure in the afternoon on next years strawberry patch.

17 – A fine day. In the morning took Aunt Janet and Annie to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle, then drew out manure until noon and finished. Jennie washing. Plowing in the afternoon until about 4 pm when John Bradley of Port Perry came and I helped him to put up the wires on the fence on the east side of the lane between the house and barn. At guild meeting in the evening, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

18 – A fine day. Thanksgiving day. Kept it by plowing all day. Jennie washing. Social in the Baptist church but did not go. Mr. and Mrs. Mark here picking some apples for themselves.

19 – Rain through the night and all day until about 4 pm. Cutting wood in the wood shed in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry to meet Aunt Janet and Annie on their way home from Newcastle. Roads pretty muddy.

20 – A fine day. Plowing all day. John Michie came for apples.

21 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (122 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. James Allan is home from the NW and was out.

22 – Rather a dull day. Plowing all day. Mrs. S. Dusty and Mrs. A. Akhurst here for tea. Annie at school.

23 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Annie at school. G. Franklin and --- Collins here packing apples, put up 8 brls which was all they had. Fred Love called wanting to buy apples. At Greenbank in the evening with Jennie to a singing practice at W. Wallace's.

24 – Rather a dull day. Topping turnips all day, Jennie helping. In the evening, with Jennie, went to the W.F.M.S. thanksgiving social in the church. Just as we were ready to start a thunder shower came up and we had to wait some time and then we had rain all the way there. However there was about 40 there and a good address from our missionary student, Mr. Overcutt. About \$15.00 collected. After 12 when we got home.

25 – Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing up turnips in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie and Mabel Gordon here picking apples. Annie at school. Boys brought apple barrels.

26 – A fine day. Drawing in turnips all day, Jennie helping, got in 20 loads. Sandy Gordon and Charles Gordon came for apples. Franklin and Collins packed the rest of the apples, 20 barrels in all.

27 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with the apples (20 barrels) and brought up a load of shingles for the S. of T. shed. Rain nearly all afternoon. Took the shingles to Greenbank. Jennie finished topping turnips and picked up apples in the orchard. Tax collector Wier called.

28 – A cold blustery day with snow flurries from the NW. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (101 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. After service Mr. Keith and James Leask of Wick came here for tea. They were on their way to the jubilee services in the Presbyterian church, Port Perry. Maggie Blair out 1st time since operation.

29 – Ground covered lightly with snow but it was all gone by noon, but the hills to the south were white all day. Harrowed up the last of the turnips in the forenoon and drew in 7 loads in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Annie at school.

30 – Ground white with snow and it snowed a little most of the day. Did a number of little jobs while Jennie and Mrs. A. Gordon

went to see a destitute family on the 12th concession. In the afternoon she went to John Leask's to get them to take a load of wood to the family. Annie at school.

31 – Snow lay on the ground all day, pretty raw and freezing hard towards night. Plowing sod all day. Went to guild meeting with Aunt Janet, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith was there. Annie did not go to school.

NOV. 1 – A pretty hard frost in the morning which took all day to thaw out. Some however were plowing sod. Rowing up turnips all day. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Mark and in the afternoon, with Annie, went to Greenbank and other places. In the evening went over to R. Cragg's to see about the SS convention at Greenbank on Friday of next week. A very fine night.

2 – A fine day. Drawing in turnips all day, Jennie helping. Got in 15 loads. Annie at school.

3 – A very fine day. Drawing in turnips all day, Jennie helping, and finished the job, 16 loads today. Aunt Janet scrubbing etc. W.H. Leask came for his apples. I. O'Neill called in the forenoon.

4 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie and Willie. Annie was not very well and did not go. (113 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

5 – Rather raw in the morning but it turned out a fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing.

6 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie finishes picking up the apples. Corner stone of the new Methodist church at Seagrave laid today. Plowing match at Saintfield.

7 – A hard frost. Threw back turnips and other jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with apples to the evaporator and brought home a load of coal. At guild meeting in the evening with Jennie, Mr. Keith leader.

8 – A fine day, hard frost in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the morning for Mrs. Bell who came on the train from Newcastle. Drew in corn in the afternoon with Jennie's help. Annie at school. Mrs. Mark and Jessie called in the evening.

9 – Plowed in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Reach, Port Perry and Scugog SS association convention in our church. Rain came on after dinner. It was very gloomy all afternoon but still there was a pretty good turnout. Rev. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Yellowlees were the speakers and a good meeting it was. Jennie then came home. Got tea in the basement of the Methodist church. The evening meeting was in the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Hagen and Mr. Yellowlees were the speakers, Rev. Mr. Tarrel in the chair. James Smith and Mrs. Mason and Kennedy came about dark. Walked home from the convention. A pretty dark night.

10 – Rather a dull day, threatening snow several times. Jas. Smith went down to John Michie's in the forenoon and left for home after dinner. Plowing most of the day.

11 – Rather a disagreeable day, snowing a little and melting as it fell. Roads sloppy. At SS and church. I walked while Jennie,

Annie, Willie, Annie Mason and Kennedy Mason went in the buggy (109 at SS). Annie Mason gave a solo. Mr. Keith preached an extra good sermon.

12 – A pretty cold wintery day, snowing a little sometimes. Plowing sod most of the day. In the evening went with Annie Mason and Jennie down to John Michie's and had a sing. Russell, Joe and Lottie Wallace were there also.

13 – A pretty cold day. Did not plow. Tied in cattle and other little chores. After dinner took Annie Mason and Kennedy to Port Perry on their way home. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner. I drove her home.

14 – A very fine day. Covered the strawberry plants with straw in the forenoon and cut down some apple trees in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting in church. At guild meeting with Jennie, a pretty good turnout. Annie at school.

15 – A fine day but did not thaw very much. Put on storm doors and windows and several other little chores. Jennie, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry market in the forenoon.

16 – Fine clear day. Did several little chores. Cut down some apple trees. Jim Lee called, first time since coming from Manitoba.

17 – Very dull and a little rain in the forenoon. Drew brush out of the orchard and some other chores. At S. of T. in the evening. A very dark night.

18 – Rather a dull day, thawing out and roads pretty muddy. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (113 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. An after meeting was held of the managers and elders.

19 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. In the evening went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to an apron concert and social in connection with the band. A full house but the programme was nothing very great. Mr. Keith called in the forenoon.

20 – Rather dull and threatening rain several times. Plowing all day and finished sod. Mr. A. Gordon Jr. here in the afternoon. Bible Society meeting at Greenbank tonight but did not go.

21 – Rain nearly all day from the east which froze as it fell. Did a few chores and small jobs. Guild social evening tonight but did not go as it was a very dark wet night.

22 – Rather rough and threatening rain several times. Cut some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 12 bags of oats to be ground and got them home with me. Roads pretty muddy.

23 – Ground a little white with snow but very little frost. Plowing in the orchard all day.

24 – A fine day and freezing towards night. Finished plowing the orchard which finishes the plowing for this year I suppose. At S. of T. in the evening, a fine clear night but the roads rather rough.

25 – A fine day, the frost nearly all out by night and lots of mud. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (115 at SS). Mr. Keith preached on giving, a good sermon.

26 – I intended to go to Greenbank to help Mr. Miller with the hall shed but there was snow in the morning and rain all afternoon so I did not go but spent the day enlarging the separator room at the barn. A very gloomy day and mud galore.

27 – All day at Greenbank helping to repair the hall sheds. James Miller all day and John Michie in the afternoon. Got dinner at John Lee's. Jennie did the chores at home. Roads very bad. A little drizzle several times during the day.

28 – Ground white with snow in the morning and several flurries during the day. Got quite cold towards night. Cleaned out pig pens in the forenoon. In the afternoon went down with Annie and Willie to practice singing for Christmas tree with Gordon's girls. Jennie washing. Albert Phoenix and Nellie Real married today.

29 – Pretty cold in the morning but turned out a fine day. James Leask came over and I went with him canvassing for church expenses for next and succeeding years. Got dinner at A. Lee's and supper at John Stone's. Jennie at Port Perry market. Russell McDonald here for dinner. He is buying hogs.

30 – A fine day. Did a few chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to preparatory service at the church with Aunt Janet. A fair turnout, Rev. Mr. Webster of Cambray preached. No new members. R. Cragg called.

DEC. 1 – Rather a rough day with high wind and snow flurries. Out all day with James Leask canvassing the congregation and with the exception of two or three finished the job. Got dinner at G.A. McMillans. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon.

2 – A pretty cold day, nearly down to zero in the morning. Went with Aunt Janet to communion at Wick (went with buggy). A fair turnout. At church with Jennie at Greenbank in the evening, Mr. Keith preached.

3 – A very cold and rough winter day, down to zero in the evening. Did nothing but the chores and cleaned out the hen house.

4 – Cold morning, 6 below zero, some snow in the afternoon. Went up to W. Luke's in the morning to get him to kill a pig. Called at S. Dusty's.

5 – A fine day until toward evening when it started to snow from the east. Wes Luke came and killed the pig. At guild meeting in the evening with Aunt Janet, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith gave an address. Rough night coming home.

6 – Snow and hail through the night and the forenoon and rough in the afternoon. Did little but the chores.

7 – Winter day for sure. 9 below zero in the morning and it did not go higher than 5 below all day with a cutting north wind. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie washing and making head cheese.

8 – 9 below zero in the morning and never got above it all day. A little snow in the afternoon. Went up to G. Lee's in the morning

with the sleigh (fairly good sleighing). At John Michie's with Annie and Willie to sing, with Gordon's girls. Cleaned out pig house.

9 – A fine day and not so cold. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (in the cutter, the first time out for the season). 108 at SS, Rev. Mr. Leitch of Sonya preached, this being anniversary services at Wick.

10 – Some snow in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 15 bags of oats to the mill and brought home 1750 lbs. of coal. Sleighing pretty good.

11 – Zero in the morning but a very bright calm day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal and in the afternoon drew two small loads of wood from Jim Lee's place. Jennie washing.

12 – A fine day and much warmer. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's and finished the job in the forenoon. Jennie and Annie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Mrs. W. Akhurst's. Jennie elected president. Went with Jennie in the evening to guild meeting.

13 – A fine day but dull with a little snow towards night. Went with Jennie, Annie and Willie in the sleigh to Tom Black's at Raglan for new Singer sewing machine. Good sleighing. Got home about 6. Aunt Janet and Mrs. Bell kept house.

Sewing machine of that time period...



14 – Much milder, hail in the afternoon and evening. Cleaned out pig pen. Down to John's in the evening singing. Jennie trying new sewing machine.

15 – Soft, a little rain sometimes, colder towards night. Went down to John Michie's with Annie and Willie to practice singing.

16 – A very fine day. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Anne and Willie (122 at SS). John Somerville, wife and family were at SS. Rev. Mr. Keith preached. In the evening went to Port Perry with Jennie, Mr. Cooper preached a good sermon. A beautiful evening.

17 – A fine day. Went over to Whetter's swamp in the forenoon to see church wood lot. Put up new hen roosts in the afternoon and attended church managers meeting in the evening. Jennie washing.

18 – Cold, but very fine and clear day. Cut a little wood in the shed. Aunt Janet, Jennie, Annie, Willie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon and Aunt Janet and James got their picture taken.

19 – A beautiful clear day. Cleaned out pig pens and in the afternoon went to Phair's swamp for a load of brush for the Christmas tree. At SS meeting to see about supplies for next year.

20 – A fine day, a little snow in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry fair with Jennie. Jim Lee; John and Jessie Michie; Mary and Allie Dusty here in the evening making decorations.

21 – A fine day. Went up to the church in the afternoon to help decorate the SS room for the Christmas tree. At John Michie's in the evening singing. Russell and Joe Wallace here also. George W. Michie came home from Manitoba last night.

22 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went down to John Michie's with Annie and Willie to practice singing.

23 – A clear day but very cold, about zero with quite a cutting NW wind. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (122 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

24 – A little below zero most of the day with a cutting N wind. Went to Port Perry to meet the 5:30 train with the sleigh and brought home Jessie Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton and Helen and Douglas; and Alma and Jennie Perrin. Got supper in haste and then drove to our Christmas tree. Jennie, Annie, Willie, Jessie Bell, Alma Perrin and Fred Patton in the sleigh. There was a full house and everything went off well but a fire burnt some of the presents. Over \$13.00 took in. J.A. and G. Miller made addresses. Margaret Bell and Mrs. Laidlaw of Winnipeg here when we got home.

25 – A very cold day with N wind. A big day here. Jessie Bell had a Christmas tree which was a grand success, presents galore. Drove up to Greenbank about noon for the mail. Mrs. Laidlaw went with me as far as J.M. Real's.

26 – A fine day and much milder. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and took Fred Patton, Alma and Jennie Perrin on their way home, also Aunt Janet on her way to Newcastle for a visit. Jessie Bell, Douglas Patton and our Willie also went to Port Perry. Went up to Alex Gordon's in the evening to help Alex with church books. Jim Gordon came while I was there.

27 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for meal. Jessie and Margaret Bell, Helen and Douglas Patton and Annie and Willie went with me. Did not get my own grist but a Mr. Pearce's. Jennie and Jessie went to Greenbank in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Went to Greenbank to get a new [?] on sleigh. Jennie and Margaret went to Port Perry in the afternoon visiting. Ethel Miller and Miss Slovin called for the Bible Society.

29 – A fine day, mild almost thawing. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the sleigh and the mail.

30 – A fine day and thawing a little towards night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, Jessie Bell, Margaret Bell and Mrs. Laidlaw (took the sleigh). (128 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. He repeated the whole of the shorter catechism.

31 – Rain all through the night and thawing all day which pretty well spoils the sleighing. Went to Greenbank with the cutter in the forenoon. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for tea. I drove her home in the evening. Jessie, Margaret and Willa making dress for Jennie.

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JAN. 1 – A mild day. Went to Greenbank for the mail after dinner. Went with the cutter but rather poor sleighing. Tea party at the Methodist church but did not go.

2 – A fine mild day. Went to Greenbank in the forenoon with Mrs. Laidlaw to telephone to Mrs. Perrin. Went to Port Perry to meet the 5:30 train and brought home Mrs. Perrin.

3 – Rain through the night which froze as it fell which made it very slippery. The crowd were to go to Port Perry to get their photo taken but it rained nearly all day. Jennie and Mrs. Perrin went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

4 – A fine day. Went down and borrowed John Michie's horse and buggy and with the two rigs Jennie; Jessie and Margaret Bell; Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Laidlaw went to Port Perry and got their picture taken. Margaret and Mrs. Laidlaw stayed and visited a while at Port Perry and Mrs. Perrin took the train for home. In the evening went with Jennie to annual SS meeting, a fair turnout. G.D. McMillan elected superintendant, J.M. Real assistant.

5 – A very fine day. Got up early and Jessie and Margaret Bell and Mrs. Laidlaw drove in the buggy to Port Perry on their way home and I walked to Port Perry and brought the rig home. Then Jennie drove Mrs. Patton and Helen and Douglas to the next train and this clears out all our visitors. R. Holtby called canvassing votes. George Michie came up in the afternoon. In the evening went to S. of T. and installed the officers. The first time that I acted as D.G.W.P.

6 – A beautiful day and thawing in the afternoon. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. G.D. McMillan acted as superintendant for the first time. No lesson as all the time was taken up with the election of teachers and that was only partly done (106 reported present). Rev. Mr. Keith preached to a more than usual full house.

7 – A very dull day rain most of the afternoon. Jennie washing most of the day. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon to vote. Voted for Holtby for reeve, McIntyre for deputy reeve, and Leask and Thompson for councillors. There was to have been a shingling bee on the hall sheds but the rain prevented it. I had got home but a few minutes (about 4 pm) when Mrs. Bell fell on the ice at the east door and broke her right arm above the elbow. I drove immediately to Port Perry and both Dr. D. and R. Archer came out and set it. We were invited to tea to John Michie's but the accident prevented us going. A very dark night. 10th concession flooded in the swamp.

8 – A rather dull day, almost raining sometimes. Did very little but the chores. G. Michie and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. called to ask for Mrs. Bell who is pretty poorly on account of the broken

arm. Dr. D. Archer called about 5 pm. Went to Port Perry to get Aunt Janet on the 5:30 train. She has been at Newcastle for about 2 weeks. A pretty dark night.

9 – A good deal colder and pretty rough in the forenoon. Miss Lyle, Mary Dusty and G. Michie called to ask for Mrs. Bell. At annual congregational meeting in the evening, a fair turnout. Accounts came out by about \$45.00 behind. Mr. Keith in the chair.

10 – Pretty rough, high wind from W. Dr. D. Archer called in the forenoon to see Mrs. Bell. She put in rather a bad afternoon with rheumatism.

11 – A fine mild day. Got a horse from John Michie and in the afternoon took 15 bags of oats to be ground in Port Perry. Races there today. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon.

12 – Some snow through the night and pretty rough all forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Took John's horse home. Jennie sick in bed with sore throat and headache.

13 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie (123 at SS). Some time spent in choosing teachers, one class yet to fill. Mr. Keith preached. My first Sunday as choir leader. S. Allan was there from the NW.

14 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon Sr. called in the afternoon and Mrs. Phair and Norman towards night, all to ask for Mrs. Bell. Dr. R. and D. Archer called at noon. At church managers meeting in the evening, four of the 12 present. I was chosen chairman for the 3rd time; G.A. McMillan sec.; J.M. Real, financial sec.; and Alex Leask treas.

[Margin note – Tuesday missed writing].

16 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Tom Black and Allan here for dinner. At guild meeting in the evening, not a very large turnout, Mr. Keith leader. Choir practice after. Word came that Mr. Andrew Ross is dead.

17 – 6 below zero in the morning but got milder towards night. Did the chores. Not feeling very well. At John Michie's in the evening singing.

18 – A fine mild day. A district division S. of T. at Greenbank in the afternoon and evening. Came home for supper. Quite good meetings. Blake Cragg, D.W.P. and Ethel Miller, [?].

19 – Rain from the SE in the night and heavy in the forenoon. Foggy all day. Very icy and slippery.

20 – A very high wind all day from the W. Getting colder towards night and a little snow. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (99 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. R. Akhurst at SS and church.

21 – A fine day and not too cold. Got a horse from John and went to Port Perry with the waggon for a load of coal. Went in time to attend Mrs. Andrew Ross' funeral but they did not get to Port Perry with the body. Expected tomorrow. In the evening went with Jennie to Greenbank to a little surprise party at John Lee's. The church managers got it up. He was presented with a chair. Those

present were: Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Real; Mr. and Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Leask; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McMillan; Mrs. and Mrs. W. Wallace; Alex Leask; Jas. McMillan; Barbara Walker; Robert Akhurst; Jim Lee and John Lee. Had a very pleasant evening. A beautiful night.

[note: On the 21st the diary states that Robert went to attend MRS. Andrew Ross' funeral, but on the 16th he states that he got word that MR. Andrew Ross had died.]

22 – Much colder and wintery, about zero all day. Did chores. Cleaned out pig house. Jennie making a dress for James.

23 – Cold, 12 below zero in the morning and never higher than 4 below all day. Clear and calm. Cut a little wood in the woodshed. At guild meeting with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith not present. Choir practice after.

24 – Very cold, 16 below zero in the morning and never got above zero all day, wind in the NE. Went with Jennie to market in Port Perry.

25 – Below zero most of the day but clear. Did the chores and cut a little wood. In the evening drove with the cutter (sleighting not very good) with Jennie and Annie to Alex Gordon's to make out church report. A very fine night.

26 – A fine day, cold and clear. Did little but the chores. Dr. D. Archer called to see Mrs. Bell.

27 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (116 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Drove in the cutter but it was not very good sleighing.

28 – A very fine winter day. Went to Port Perry with 15 bags of oats to be ground. Took the waggon.

29 – A fine day with a very little snow in the afternoon. Did nothing but the chores. Half sick with cold, so is Willie, Annie and Jennie.

30 – A very fine clear day but pretty cold. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Took the waggon although there is more sleighs on the road. Wes Luke and family called on their way to Jas. Ross' to a supper gathering. He was saying he intended to have a sale on the 23 of next month. Did not go to guild meeting as we are all more or less under the weather. James had the croup last night.

31 – A fine mild day, a little snow in the afternoon. Did nothing but the chores. Nursing the grippe.

FEB. 1 – A fine day. Nursing the grippe. All improving a little. John and Jas. Lee called about 2 pm and Mr. A. Melice taking orders for different articles. Cattle buyer Parrot of Myrtle called just at dark. Mr. Melice was telling us that Mr. T. Eaton, the great Toronto merchant, is dead.³²

2 – Quite mild all day and nearly raining sometimes but got colder at night. Nursing grippe. A very great many people have it now. Allie Dusty called in the afternoon.

3 – A very high wind through the night. Mr. Wallace's store at Greenbank and the Harrington house occupied by the Fair brothers were burned about 2 this morning. Everything burned in the store but a barrel of coal oil. Cause of the fire unknown. Went to SS and church alone as the rest were not fit to go and perhaps I was not either as it was very cold. (101 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Allan and Emma Black called a minute on their way home. They came up to John Michie's last night. Mrs. Bell sat up by the stove a little while today, the first since she broke her arm.

4 – A very fine winter day. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rennie of Port Perry here for tea. Allie Butt called, he was looking for cattle.

5 – Very cold with wind from NE with a very little snow.

6 – Pretty cold all day. R. Cragg called in the morning wanting the scales. Aunt Janet went up to S. Dusty's with letters.

7 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to market with Aunt Janet. Called at the Dr. and got some medicine for myself.

8 – A fine day. Went up to D. Lyle's in the morning to see if he wants to take a share in the beef ring. Isaac O'Neill called. In the afternoon drove with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James to Greenbank, the first time there since the fire. Jennie washing.

9 – A very fine mild day, almost thawing. Went down to John Michie's in the morning to see him about beef ring. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. and Arthur called, also Mrs. Phair.

10 – Snowing about noon which turned into a blizzard towards night, the roughest night this winter I think. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (121 at SS). Mr. Keith is away. A student, a Mr. Cameron I think his name is, preached.

11 – Very cold with cutting NW wind, 6 below zero in the morning and never got above that all day, 12 below at bedtime. Cleaned out pig and calf houses. Dr. D. Archer called in the afternoon to see Mrs. Bell.

12 – Below zero nearly all day but not so rough as yesterday.

13 – A fine day. Bagged up some oats in the forenoon. Went to Greenbank with Jennie to W.F.M.S. meeting. At prayer meeting in the evening with Aunt Janet, Mr. Keith leader.

14 – A nice day, not so cold. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 20 bags of oats to be ground and brought home 1300 lbs coal. Sleighting fairly good. W. Mark called, he was taking orders for binder twine. Heard that the Rev. Mr. Young of Seagrave is dead.

15 – Snow from the SW most of the afternoon. At Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

³² Timothy Eaton, Mar. 1834-Jan. 31, 1907, founder of Eaton's Department Store.

16 – A mild day. Drew up a maple tree from near the road and then with Aunt Janet and the children drove up to Alex Gordon's. In the afternoon went to W. O'Neill's lumber camp at W.H. Leask's and got a load of birch slabs at \$2.75 per cord.

17 – Colder. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (116 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. George, John, Jessie and I sang a piece, the first time we ever did so in church, except when once R. Wallace sang instead of George on a Sunday evening.

18 – 6 below zero in the morning but soon got warmer. Went for wood twice to M. O'Neill's camp. Annie went up to A. Gordon's for yeast cake. Jim Lee and Jim Kerr of Brooklin called just after dinner. Jim Kerr is leaving for the west tomorrow.

19 – A little rain from the south in the forenoon which turned to snow from the NW in the afternoon and very rough, but a beautiful evening. Drew two loads of wood from M. O'Neill's camp at W.H. Leask's. At John Michie's in the evening singing.

20 – A very fine forenoon, warm sun. In the afternoon it snowed a little and in the evening it was very rough, snowing and drifting. Drew 1 load of wood from W.H. Leask's and 2 loads from Jim Lee's swamp. In the evening went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to lecture in the church by Mr. Keith on his trips to the old land. Not so bad a turnout considering the night and the lecture was good. Collection near \$8.00.

21 – Cold, about 6 below zero in the morning with quite a wind from the NW. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market. Fixed the clock in the afternoon.

22 – Cold and clear, 12 below zero in the morning and it hardly got up to zero all day. Cut some wood in the shed.

23 – Clear and cold, 10 below zero in the morning. Cleaned out pig pen in the morning. Tom Black came just after dinner and we went to Wes Luke's sale. There was a large crowd and pretty good prices.

24 – Rather stormy and snowing a little from the south. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (113 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

25 – A high wind all night and continued during the day from the NW, drifting but not snowing. Cut some wood in shed. Allan Black came about 7:30, he walked from Port Perry, came by train from Oshawa, and him and I went to special meeting in our church. Roads rather bad. Rev. Mr. McEachrin and Mr. Keith spoke. Allan went to see Mr. Miller about working for him at the carpenter work next summer and made a bargain.

26 – Below zero in the morning. Took Allan Black to Port Perry on his way home. In the evening went with Jennie to special meeting. Mr. McEachrin and Mr. Keith spoke. Somewhat better turnout tonight. A very fine night. Dr. D. Archer called and took the splints off from Mrs. Bell's arm. He was well pleased with the way it had united.

27 – A very fine clear day. Drew a load of wood from J. Lee's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew a load of wood

for the church from the Gregg bush. R.T. Harrington went with me. In the evening went with Jennie to the special meeting in the basement of church. A rather better turnout. Mr. McEachrin and Mr. Keith spoke and Rev. Mr. Terral a few words. A beautiful evening.

28 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 15 bags of oats to be ground. Jennie went with me to market. In the afternoon went up to W. Luke's for Tom Black's sleigh box and then went to Jim Lee's for a load of wood. In the evening went to special meeting with Aunt Janet. About the same number as last night. Mr. McEachrin spoke. Birthday party at O'Neill's in honor of [Lue's?] majority. Wes Luke moved to the house at the foot of Greenbank hill.

MAR. 1 – A very fine day until evening when it started to rain from the SE. Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal but it was not ready. Drew a load of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. In the evening went with Jennie to the preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. McEachrin spoke. A larger turnout than the other meetings. Ida McKitrick and Bella Innis united with the church this time.

2 – Thawing a little in the forenoon which turned colder in the afternoon with high NW wind and a little snow. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal.

3 – Some cold and rough. Went with Jennie to communion at Greenbank. Rev. Mr. Keith conducted the service. Not many from Wick.

4 – A fine day. Drew 3 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp (4 ½ cord in all) and drew out some manure. Jennie washing. Mrs. Bell out to the kitchen for supper, the first time since she broke her arm.

5 – A fine day until evening when it started to snow hard from the E. Drawing out manure. Jack and Boe called in the forenoon and bought the Dusty cow for 3 ¾ cents per lb., and Mr. and Mrs. McNight of Port Perry called about 2 pm. Social at S. of T. tonight, intended to go but a bad night.

6 – A pretty cold wintery day. Cleaned out calf pen and sawed some wood. Went with Aunt Janet to prayer meeting. About the usual turnout, Mr. Boe leader.

7 – 6 below zero in the morning but got much milder. Threw out turnips in the root house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Willie to Greenbank to get new waggon tongue made. Called at A. Akhurst's and found Mr. A. a little better.

8 – A fine day. Took Dusty cow to Port Perry, Norman Lyle going with me with 3 cattle of his. They got there without any trouble. Jennie and Annie came down for me with the cutter, splendid sleighing. In the afternoon sawed some wood while Jennie went up to [Meshfords?] and Somerville's. Mr. Malice called delivering some things ordered.

9 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's and we went up to A. Akhurst's and arranged with him to fill our beef ticket for 6 cts. per lb dressed beef. Drew out manure in the afternoon.

10 – A very fine day and thawing some in the afternoon. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (11 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. After the service Mr. E. Boe rose and announced his resignation as elder. James boy not well, he has a sore mouth.

11 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the sleigh for coal (sleighting going pretty fast) but as there is a scarcity of coal I only got ½ ton. Drew out manure in the afternoon.

12 – Drew out manure until about 11 when it started to rain from the SE and it drizzled most of the afternoon. Alex Lee and Mrs. came just before dinner and stayed until about 3. George Michie called in the forenoon. Aunt Janet visiting at William O'Neill's. At John Michie's in the evening singing, pretty dark.

13 – Thawing all day. Drew out manure in the forenoon. Cut wood in the afternoon while Jennie and Annie went to the W.F.M.S. meeting in the church. At prayer meeting. Session meeting after to consider Mr. Boe's resignation. Roads not very good. Jessie Michie came of age.

14 – A little wet snow though the night. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. called in the morning. Went to Port Perry market with Jennie with the cutter but it was not very good sleighing. Got something from the Dr. for James who has been poorly for some days. Got (Jessie or Jennie?) to sign quit claim deed for this and the Mara place. Tom Black came about 3 with his team for the sleigh box that he got at Luke's sale. John Michie called. At box social by the S. of T. in the evening. Not a very large turnout but a fairly good time.

15 – Thawed a little in the forenoon but turned colder towards night with high NW wind. Drew out manure in the forenoon and cut some wood in the afternoon. Jessie Michie called in the morning to arrange about her birthday party to be held here tonight. John and his mother came up with the sleigh bringing the provisions etc. The party came off and was quite a pleasant affair. Those present were: Willie O'Neill, wife and son Lu; Roy and Lillie O'Neill; Albert Akhurst and wife; John, Dave, Armour, Annie and Nellie McMillan; W.A. Edgar and Sylvia Leask; John Leask Jr. and wife; Willie and Annie Rennie; W. McDonald; Roy and Ethel McDonald; Mary Carnegie; Jim Blair Jr.; Jim Lee; Clarence Town; Miss Dowson and brother; N. Baird; Donald McArthur; Russell and Joe Wallace; John, George and Jessie Michie; Willie and Lora Golder. Andrew Gordon supplied the music. He has not been here for many years. When the party dispersed he remained here overnight.

16 – Thawing all day with high SW wind. Took Andrew Gordon to C. Gordon's in the forenoon and cut wood in the afternoon.

17 – Rain through the night and thawing most of the day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Took the buggy, roads pretty bad. Broke the harness near Mr. Lyle's. (113 at SS), Rev. Mr. Terrill preached. He exchanged with Mr. Keith on account of the roads.

18 – A fine day and thawing. Hunted for a waggon and got A. Akhurst's and took out 15 bags of oats to Port Perry and got them home again. Got a new set of single harness. 10th concession flooded, had to come home by J. Michie's, lots of mud.

19 – Rather dull all day and sometimes almost raining. Went to Greenbank in the morning with A. Akhurst's waggon for waggon tongue but it was not ready. Buck sawed wood the rest of the day. Colder towards night. Jennie and Aunt Janet quilting.

20 – A high NW wind until evening and pretty raw. Buck sawing wood all day. At prayer meeting in the evening. An after meeting on the question of holding a SS anniversary. It was decided to hold one on the 24th May.

21 – Thawing a little all day. Cut wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank with A. Akhurst's waggon and got new waggon tongue.

22 – A fine warm spring like day, the snow all away but the fence corners and mud galore. Buck sawing wood. Tapped 6 maple trees between the house and the barn. W. [S---?] assessor called.

23 – Warm day. Mud, lots of it. Buck sawing wood.

24 – Soft all day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (120 at SS), Mr. Arnold, city missionary of Toronto, preached. Road very very bad. Thunder and rain through the night.

25 – A fine mild day. Cutting wood most of the day. Went with Jennie up to Alex Gordon's for supper and got home about 11:30. J.M. Real and wife and little Mary; also Jim Clark and Mr. Hayes were there.

26 – Thunder and rain through the night or early morning and dull all day and somewhat raw. Cleaned out pig pens etc. in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to shingling bee at hall shed. 6 present and got a little done but there is still more than half to do. Roads very bad.

27 – Thunder and rain through the night and rain through most of the afternoon. Cut wood in the forenoon.

28 – Warm day. Cutting wood most of the time. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry market. They went by the 11th concession on account of water. Roads very bad. Nearly 3 pm before they got home. Annie went up to Gordon's and stayed there until Jennie came home. Mr. Sleep of Seagrave called and bought pigs to go any time I like, price \$6.60 and the rise if any.

29 – Good Friday. Rather dull and almost rain several times. Kept holiday by buck sawing wood. Jennie making dress for Annie.

30 – A fine day. Split wood and scuffled the raspberry bushes in the forenoon. Plowed a bit of the orchard and cut wood in the afternoon, John and George Michie helping.

31 – Easter Sunday. Frozen up this morning and thawed very little all day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (130 at SS). Annie and Willie sang a piece and G. Miller gave an address at SS. Mr. Keith preached. Maggie McMillan sang a solo. Robert Monroe died today.

APR.1 – Pretty cool with high NW wind. Split wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Jennie to the W.F.M.S. meeting and I to church wood

cutting bee. There was a fair turnout at the bee. Got rather more than half cut. The W.F.M.S. got supper for the men and then there was a managers meeting held. The women collected about \$4.00.

2 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with oats to be ground and did not get home until about 3 pm. Jennie washing. 11 little pigs came.

3 – Dull day. Drawing out manure for potatoes. At prayer meeting with Jennie, roads very bad. Not many out. Anniversary meeting after but nothing done.

4 – Rather dull day. Drawing out manure and making lane fence that the cattle may go to the N field during the summer.

5 – Somewhat raw with E wind. Split wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to the church at Greenbank and with Alex Gordon and Harvey Real drew into the shed most of the wood that has been cut at the bees.

6 – A fine clear day with raw wind from the east. Drawing rails to pasture lane fence in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the afternoon. At S. of T. in the evening, installed the officers.

7 – Rather raw with high SE wind which turned to rain in the evening. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (116 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. A.T. Horne and wife of Uxbridge were there.

8 – A dull day, rain off and on during the forenoon. Spread manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to church wood cutting bee. About 14 there and we got it all cut, but not all piled up.

9 – A fine day. At work all day at raspberry bushes. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called. Jennie making Willie a suit of summer clothes.

10 – Ground white with snow in the morning and some fell during the forenoon. Spread some manure and other chores. Jennie and Annie walked to Mission Band meeting and stayed for prayer meeting. Anniversary meeting after. Roads pretty bad. George Michie and Dave McMillan loading car for to start for the west.

11 – Frozen quite hard in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 15 bags of oats to grind. Jennie went to market. Did not get meal home. Plowed some in the afternoon east of orchard for potatoes. The plow running on top of the frost a good part of the time. Conlin Bros., cattle buyers, called.

12 – Snowing a little in the forenoon and very dull all day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Road not very good. Plowed a little in the afternoon.

13 – Snowing a little most of the day which melted almost as soon as it fell. Planted raspberry bushes and plowed a little. Mr. Sleep of Seagrave called about 5 pm. G. Michie called early in the morning to say goodbye. He and Dave McMillan is leaving today for the north west.

14 – A hard frost and high NW wind, frost did not go out where it was shaded. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (119 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Sylvia Leask and Nellie McMillan sang a duet.

15 – Frozen hard which scarcely thawed out all day. Drawing out manure most of the day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and met Mr. and Mrs. Bushaw of Mara and wound up the business about the Mara place. At John Michie's in the evening picking out some pieces for the SS anniversary.

16 – Snow on the ground in the morning and continued off and on during the day, in the afternoon quite heavy, and at night there was about 1 ½ inches on the level. Nothing done on the seeding yet. Mrs. John Real died.

17 – Went to G. Love's and then drew out 3 loads of manure all with the sleigh which slipped not so bad. The snow soon went off except where it was shady. Plowed in the afternoon for potatoes and strawberries. At prayer meeting in the evening with Jennie.

18 – Frozen hard in the morning. Drew out manure in the forenoon and spread some in the afternoon. Jennie and Mrs. Alex Gordon visiting at W.H. and Alex Leask's. Annie went up to Gordon's.

19 – Frozen hard in the morning and never got very warm. Before we got breakfast Mr. Sleep came to tell me to take pigs to Seagrave, so I went. Took 5 which weighed 925 lbs at \$6.60. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags to be ground. Got meal home. Got some shorts. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. M. O'Neill here in the afternoon.

20 – Frozen hard in the morning which hardly thawed out all day. High NW wind. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and Annie. Sent away proceeds of Mara place to the heirs. Did a few odd jobs in the afternoon. About 5 pm Tom Black came. He brought Allan, who is going to work for Mr. Jas. Miller this summer. He went down to John Michie's and stayed all night.

21 – A little warmer, especially towards night. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie (130 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. After church there was a meeting of session and Mr. Boe's resignation as elder was accepted and it was decided to call for the election of three new elders. Allan Black stayed here all night.

22 – Much warmer and something like spring with high SW wind. Took 2 steers to Seagrave with John Michie's help. After a long run and tussle to get started Norman Lyle helped us. Jennie took Annie and Willie to school. This is Willie's first day at school and Annie's first day for this season. The teacher, Mr. Woon, put her in the second part first. Jennie then drove to Seagrave and brought John and I home. Called at W. O'Neill's on the way home. In the afternoon did the first sowing in the field W of the house.

23 – Sowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here most of the day. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A fine day. Harrowing in the forenoon and sowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – Some rain through the night. Sowing and harrowing all day. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A fine day, a little raw in the forenoon. Harrowing and filling in washouts. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – A very fine spring day. Gang plowing on the hill in the forenoon which was none too dry. Put in some potatoes in the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie planted some onions. Picture pedlar called. Up at Lyle's in the evening.

28 – A beautiful spring day. Allan Black came in just before dinner and went to church. He was here again and stayed all night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (127 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Went over to Lyle's woods after supper with Jennie and the children and got the first wild flowers.

29 – Thunder shower about 7 am and another about 7 pm. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Eva Luke starts to teach in the little room. Then went with Jennie in the waggon to Port Perry for corn meal but did not get any. Got a new bed. Gang plowed the rest of the day. Sam Dusty called and we had a settlement of accounts.

30 – Rain heavy in the early morning and forenoon. Fanned oats and cleaned out pig and calf pens in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry for corn meal, roads pretty bad. Jennie went up to Alex Gordon's to ask for Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. who has been under the Drs. care. She is some better.

MAY 1 – A fine day. Could not do anything on land on account of the wet. Spread manure in the forenoon and some odd jobs in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, Rev. Mr. Keith leader. SS anniversary meeting after, then choir practice which made it rather late. Annie and Willie did not go to school as Annie had a sore throat.

2 – A very fine day. Frost in the morning. Did a number of odd jobs. Mr. Wilson, medicine man, of Brooklin, called. Sephis Butt called and bought the litter (11) of pigs. Aunt Janet and James went down to J. Michie's. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A very fine day. Gang plowing and filling up washouts. Annie and Willie at school and then at practice for SS anniversary. Aunt Janet and little James at Gordon's in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning the cellar.

4 – About 3 inches of snow on the ground and still snowing, a regular blizzard from the NE. Very wintery like. Nothing doing on the land. Snow did not all go off during the day. Allan Black, who has been working near Uxbridge, came here about 10 am as they could not work on account of the weather. Went down to John Michie's in the afternoon and had a settlement of accounts.

5 – A fine day but not warm enough to melt all the snow. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (113 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Annie and Willie sick in the evening.

6 – A fine day and much warmer. Too wet to do anything on the land so put in most of the day trying to level up the lane between the house and barn. Sandy Gordon came in the afternoon for 2 bags of potatoes. Annie and Willie at home.

7 – A fine day. Harrowed potato and strawberry land and in the afternoon plowed a little for corn. Rev. Mr. Keith came about 5 pm and stayed for tea. G. Till and Blake Cragg called in the evening to see about shingling hall.

8 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at J.M. Real's. Willie Rennie called for strawberry plants. David Cragg called just after dinner. Old Mrs. Harrington was buried today.

9 – A fine spring day. At Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie to market. Got 9 apple trees from E.D. Smith's. Sowing in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning.

10 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Finished sowing in the forenoon and harrowed in the afternoon, most of the time with mitts on. Jennie at Gordon's helping them to paper the house. At choir practice in the evening.

11 – Hard frost and cold all day. Harrowed and plowed most of the time with mitts on, but in spite of the cold the first sown grain is coming up. Jennie housecleaning.

12 – Somewhat raw. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Allan Black walked. (127 at SS). A student, Mr. Thornton, preached and also sang a solo. Mrs. Mark and Jessie called in the evening.

13 – Quite warm with high SW wind and some dust. Harrowing and plowing. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Annie and Willie at school. Sephis Butt came after dinner and got his 11 little pigs.

14 – A fine warm day and things are starting to grow. Harrowing in the forenoon, rolling in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Annie and Willie at school. Anniversary practice after school which made it rather late when they got home.

15 – A warm day. Rolled in the forenoon. In the afternoon it rained a very light drizzle most of the time. Drilled up for mangolds awhile and then went to school and brought home Annie and Willie. Jennie housecleaning. Marney not very well.

16 – Not so warm. At Port Perry in the forenoon. Drilled up and sowed mangolds in the afternoon. Norman Lyle got the lend of the roller. Annie and Willie at school. Practice for anniversary after.

17 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with the waggon for corn for pigs. Patched roof of house and grafted an apple tree. At prayer meeting, Mr. Keith leader. Session meeting after. Counted ballots for elders. James Leask, J.M. Real and G.D. McMillan were the highest. Choir practice after that. They are moving Linton's old harness shop to the place where Dusty's shop stood. Annie and Willie at school. Anniversary practice after. Aunt Janet went after them about 5 pm.

18 – A fine spring day, some like rain in the forenoon. Drilled up for potatoes, planted and covered them without any help. Jennie, little James and Marney went to Greenbank the first time Marney has been out from the place since she came last fall.

19 – A fine day and somewhat cool towards night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (133 at SS). Sunday School

anniversary . Rev. Mr. Turner of Kirkfield preached. At the evening meeting with Jennie. Mr. Turner again, a packed house each time.

20 – Cold, so cold that there was little snow about 8 am and again about 5 pm with high NW wind. Went up to G. Love's in the morning. Planted some strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie washing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie and Willie started for school but they turned back as Annie had a headache. Clarence O'Neill started to school. Isaac brought him up here in the morning.

21 – Cold all day with high NW wind. Ice on the water in the morning. Planting strawberry plants, Jennie helping. Annie and Willie at school. Practice after, Jennie drove up after them. Allie Dusty called for some eggs.

22 – A fine day and some warmer. Finished planting strawberry plants in the field, Jennie helping. Then put the young cattle to the swamp field. Albert Akhurst brought beef, the first of the season. A. Bongard called about the pigs. Edna Gordon here most of the day, there being no school today. Aunt Janet and little James at Akhurst's. At prayer meeting with Jennie, Mr. Keith leader. Not a very large turnout.

23 – A fine day. Got A. Akhurst's drill and sowed the horse corn in the forenoon. Rolling in the afternoon. Jennie baking for anniversary. Annie and Willie at school. Practice for anniversary after school.

24 – A beautiful day in every respect. Put in the little plot near the barn pump in corn in the forenoon. Tom Black and Annie and Jessie came about 2 pm. Went with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie to SS anniversary. Aunt Janet came home after tea and then Jennie came up for the concert. G. Fox sang, Miss Crabtree recited and Miss August gave instrumentals. A packed house. The singing was all [?] and not the thing for a church to my thinking. \$142.00 taken in and a social tomorrow night.

25 – A fine day but somewhat cool. Tom Black and Annie left for home in the morning. Did some grafting and scuffled strawberries in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and little James to Manchester for road list. Called at Uncle's and found him still in bed and not any better.

26 – Rain through the night which will do good as things were getting dry. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (124 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. George Watt of Iowa was there. Thunder shower about 8 pm.

27 – Foggy in the morning. Went to Seagrave with 6 hogs which weighed 1030 lbs and got \$6.75 per 100 lbs. On the way home it rained pretty heavy for awhile. Aunt Janet then went to Port Perry expecting to meet Mrs. F. Perrin who was coming from Lindsay but she did not come. Planted strawberries in the orchard in the afternoon. Got colder towards night and there was some snow in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – High wind through the night and the ground white with snow in the morning but it soon disappeared. It never got anything like warm all day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for pig feed.

Drew out manure in the afternoon. Hugh Monroe came to finish wire fence but did not have wire enough. Annie and Willie at school.

29 – A fine day and a little warmer. Went for the beef in the morning taking Annie and Willie to school. Drawing out manure the rest of the day. Bang agent called in the afternoon. Mr. Pearce here for supper, renewed the insurance on buildings \$1700.00 in all. Isaac O'Neill came for turnip drill.

30 – A very fine day. A little warmer. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie housecleaning the closet. Isaac O'Neill brings back turnip drill. Annie and Willie at school.

31 – A fine day and fairly warm. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Leitch of Sonya preached an extra good sermon. Annie and Willie at school.

JUNE 1 – A fine day but some dull in the afternoon. Drawing out manure all day. About 8 pm Tom Bell of Oshawa came. He walked from Port Perry via Greenbank.

2 – A very fine day. Went alone to communion at Wick. Gave Oliver Luke, who is working at John Beaton's, a ride back. Mr. Keith conducted the service, a pretty good turnout. Jennie, with Annie and Willie, drove Tom Bell down as far as the ridges on his way home. Went to church at Greenbank in the evening. Mr. Keith preached to a fair audience. Got a ride from and to the end of the road with John Michie and Allan Black.

3 – A fine warm day and everything growing fine. Spread manure in the forenoon while Jennie and her mother went to Port Perry. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. E. Bungard called. Annie and Willie at school. C. Gordon called. Nellie McMillan and Willie Rennie married today.

4 – Dull and threatening rain all afternoon which turned into a south eastern rain in the evening. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and finished the job. Plowing turnip land in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner. Jennie gone to W.F.M.S. meeting at Lindsay and will be away until tomorrow night. Annie and Willie at school.

5 – A great rain through the night and it started again about 5 pm and turned out a very wet night. Plowing all day and in the evening went to Greenbank to prayer meeting but there was none. Brought Jennie home. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – Pretty cool all day. Almost rain in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 6 pigs to Mr. Bungard and got \$7.00 per hundred. Plowing and harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – A fine day and a little warmer. Drilled up for turnips most of the day, 56 drills. Annie and Willie at school. Annie went home with Eva Leask and stayed all night.

8 – A nice day. Sowed turnips in the morning. Rolled grain in the afternoon. Broke the roller tongue. Jennie housecleaning kitchen and pantry. Annie came home after dinner from Jas. Leask's and

went to bed sick without supper. Went down to M. O'Neill's in the evening to settle about fire wood and heard that Mrs. Jas. Cross died yesterday and that S. Moon of Seagrave was killed today by a stone slipping on him.

9 – A very fine day but not very warm. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (133 at SS). Rev. Mr. Leitch of Sonya visited the school, also Jas. H. Leask, super. of Sonya SS. Mrs. Cross' funeral service was conducted by Mr. Keith. In the evening went with Jennie to hear Mr. Cooper at Port Perry but it turned out to be a union service in the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Philp preached a very good sermon.

10 – A fine day. Annie and Willie at school. Hugh Monroe came in the forenoon and finished the wire fence between the house and barn. Plowing turnip land the rest of the day. Mr. Stonehouse called.

11 – A very fine day. Plowing turnip land all day. Jennie house-cleaning. Annie and Willie at school. Isaac O'Neill called in the forenoon.

12 – A fine day. Finished plowing turnip land but there is part of buckwheat land to plough. Annie and Willie at school. Isaac O'Neill and Bill Lewis came for the turnip drill. This is a great day for weddings, someone has counted 8 for today. Among them are G.D. McMillan to J.A. Watson; Elgin Real; Laura Camplin and Flo McHadden.

13 – A very fine day. Scuffling and hoeing strawberries and other things all day while Jennie, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry market. In the afternoon Jennie went to W.F.M.S. meeting at John Stone's. Isaac O'Neill brought home the turnip drill. About 6:30 James Smith and Mrs. Annie Mason came and stayed all night.

14 – The most summer like day of the season. Harrowing, rolling and drilling turnip land. Jas. Smith and Annie Mason went down to John's for dinner and left for home about 3 pm. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Annie and little Annie Gordon here for tea. John Michie got turnip drill.

15 – A fine day. Drilling and sowing turnips and plowing the orchard. Jennie painting pantry floor and oiling kitchen floor. Greenbank band away to a picnic at Brougham today.

16 – A fine warm day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (124 at SS). J.M. Real was superintendant as G.D. McM. was away on his wedding trip. Mr. Keith preached. Choir rather small today.

17 – Pretty warm. 84 in the shade in the afternoon. Plowing and harrowing in the orchard. James not well and about 11 I went to Port Perry and got Dr. D. Archer and he thinks it is membrane croup. R. Cragg came over for the lend of saw set. South Ontario Farmer's Institute excursion to Guelph today. Jennie painted pantry floor.

18 – A warm day. Plowing and harrowing buckwheat land. Made a new stoneboat. Anne and Willie at school. Jennie washing. Thunder storm about 4 pm but only a little rain here.

19 – A fine warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for buckwheat and sowed the S end of the root field and harrowed it. About 4 pm a thunder shower came on, very moderate, and continued quite awhile which will do a lot of good. Went after Annie and Willie who were at school. Moved out the range into the woodshed in the morning. Syler Whitter's baby was buried this afternoon. Over at Cragg's and Phair's in the evening warning them out for roadwork.

20 – A fine growing day. Rolled buckwheat and finished sowing turnips. Annie and Willie at school.

21 – Pretty warm. Quite a lot of thunder in the afternoon but only a little sprinkle of rain. At roadwork, drawing dirt to raise the road at the far creek. Mr. and Mrs. W. Luke called in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A fine day and very warm. A lot of thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Scuffling all day at strawberries, potatoes, mangolds and corn. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Willie went with her and Annie to Gordon's. The Greenbank Band are to play at Uxbridge tonight.

23 – A thunder shower about 8 am and again about 5 pm, warm and growing. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (133 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. G.A. McMillan superintendant, out for the first time since his marriage.

24 – Got up at 3:30 am and, with Jennie, drove to Uxbridge and went to Toronto on the North Ontario Farmer's Institute excursion. Fell in with Scotch Alex Ledingham. Spent most of the day looking at pianos but did not get one as they cost too much. Got home again about 9:30. A pretty warm day. Annie and Willie did not go to school as it rained in the morning. Jas. Blair's barn raised today.

25 – A pretty warm day. Took Tiny cow to A. Bungard at Port Perry in the morning. Jennie came down later and gave me a ride home. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – Big thunder storm through the night and drizzle of rain most of the forenoon which soaked things pretty well. Made new garden gate and hung it and hoed mangolds. At prayer meeting with Jennie, a fair turnout. Mr. Keith leader. This is to be the last meeting for some time. Annie and Willie did not go to school as it was raining about the time for starting. Mammy in bed all day, she has been very poorly for the last few days. Jew man took away the old stove.

27 – A very fine day. Hoeing mangolds and finished at 4 pm, then hoed corn. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – A very fine day. Hoeing all day at corn, potatoes and strawberries. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. The last day of school before the holidays.

29 – A nice day, a few drops of rain in the evening. Hoed until about 2 when, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry with 7 boxes of berries (the first of the season) and brought home 1000 empty boxes. Mrs. W. Real called for berries and also Bessie Gordon. Jennie ironing and picking berries.

30 – A fine warm day, some rain through the night. At SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie (117 present). After SS went to Methodist anniversary service, a full house. Rev. Mr. Hager and Rev. J.A. Miller were the speakers.

JULY 1 – Scuffled turnips in the forenoon. Jennie picking berries. A little rain in the forenoon. A fierce thunderstorm about 1:30 and rain again between 6 and 7. Went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to Greenbank to hear Bengough³³ but having to wait until the rain was over it was late when we got there. The church was so full that we could not get in so we came home without hearing him, only a few minutes at the door. The cream collector called for the first time.

2 – Very cool day for the time of year. Went to Port Perry in the morning with a case of strawberries and got 12 cts per box. Scuffling corn and mangolds in the afternoon and started to hoe the turnips after supper. Jennie washing. Mammy still in bed. Jew man got some hens.

3 – A fine cool day. Went for the beef with Annie and Willie and hoed turnips in the forenoon. Helped Jennie to pick berries and then took them (1 case) to Port Perry. Mrs. W. Luke here when I left and J.A. and Ethel Miller came while I was away. Had a long talk with J.A. and it was 10 pm before we got in from milking. Wes Luke drove down for Mrs. Luke.

4 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips and picking berries. Jennie went to Port Perry with berries.

5 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Scuffling most of the forenoon. Jennie, Annie and Jessie Michie picking berries (114 boxes). Jennie went to Port Perry with 2 cases. R. Barrett and White called in the evening for berries.

6 – A fine shower about 7 am. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Picked strawberries and stemmed them all after. Jennie preserving. Jennie Gordon called for berries. At S. of T. in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (133 at SS), Rev. Mr. Menzies preached on the Point aux Trembles School. James Lee and Miss Ida Phair here in the evening for a feed of strawberries.

8 – At berries nearly all day. Mrs. A. Gordon; Jennie Gordon; Mary Dusty; Jim Dusty; Mr. W. Akhurst; Mrs. G. Lyle; Jessie Michie and Jennie picking. Picked about 375 boxes. About 8 am a terrific thunderstorm came up. Mary Dusty with others ran to the shop when she was stunned with lightning. She was unconscious for some time. After dinner Jim drove her home. Jim Dusty went to Port Perry with 4 crates of berries and then to Greenbank with some. G. Love and P. Gibson and Fred Ward and wife called about berries. Another thunder shower about 1 pm.

9 – A beautiful clear cool day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie, Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with a crate of berries. Jennie washing in the afternoon. E. Barrett called for some berries.

10 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips most of the day. At berry picking: Jennie; Mrs. Gordon; Jennie Gordon; Jessie Michie; Mr. Akhurst; Jim and Allie Dusty; Lillie O'Neill and Gertie Town. Picked 275 boxes. Jim went to Port Perry and to Greenbank twice with berries. In the evening went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to lawn social at the manse Port Perry and had a very good time. A beautiful night.

11 – Rain awhile in the morning and drizzle most of the afternoon and evening. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. and Catherine Keith here for tea. Lawn social at Jas. Monroe's tonight was postponed for weather.

12 – Rain through the night and morning but cleared up and was a fine cool day. Picking berries in the forenoon (wet). Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jessie Michie; Mrs. Gordon and Jennie Gordon; Allie Dusty; Jim Dusty picking. Jim Dusty went to Greenbank twice with berries. Mrs. John Stone; Mrs. D. McDonald; Cora Asling; Mrs. J. Beare; Alex Lee and wife; and Bella all wanting berries. Rev. Mr. Menzies called. He is collecting for the Point Aux Trembles schools. Mr. Young was driving him.

13 – A very fine day. Paris greening potatoes in the forenoon, hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie, Annie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon. Eva Leask came and got 4 boxes of berries. Miss O'Leary also wanted berries but did not get any today. When all were in bed but I, Fred Patton and Mary, Helen and Douglas and Lizzie Perrin came. They drove Mundo's team and democrat.

14 – A fine day and pretty warm. Fred Patton drove up to SS and church Jennie, Annie, Willie, Mary Patton, Douglas and I (145 at SS). Rev. Mr. Davison of Seabright preached.

15 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips all day, John Michie helping. Fred Patton and Mrs. Patton; Mrs. Perrin; Mrs. W. O'Neill; Jessie Michie; Mrs. Gordon; Mrs. G. Lyle picking berries (400 boxes). Several parties called for berries. Jennie and Fred Patton went to Greenbank after supper with berries.

16 – A lot of rain through the night and a little shower after dinner, pretty warm. The Port Hope and Newcastle people left for home about 9 am. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 crates of berries. Scuffling in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie baking for W.F.M.S. meeting tomorrow. Lawn party at Jas. Monroe's. Mammy not as well today. Mosquitoes very bad in the evening.

17 – A very warm day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon. Mrs. Gordon; Jessie Michie and Mary Dusty picking strawberries. Barbara Walker helping Jennie preparing for the afternoon. In the afternoon was held our annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. The 4 youngest classes in the SS were also present. About 75 in all at supper.

18 – A pretty warm day. Hoeing turnips until about 2 pm when I finished for the first time. Then went to Greenbank for the mail,

³³ The Bengough referred to here is most likely J.W. Bengough (1851-1923), founder of the 'Grip' magazine where he was editor and cartoonist. He also drew cartoons for the Montreal Star, the Toronto Globe and others. He was also an alderman in Toronto in the early 1900's.

then scuffled. Jennie and Jessie Michie picking berries. Jennie, with Willie, then went to Port Perry with a crate of berries for Mary Patton of Port Hope. Mrs. Gordon called in the evening.

19 – A very warm day, somewhat dull and like rain. Most of the neighbours at their hay. Hoed the mangolds 2nd time. Mrs. Gordon, Jennie and Bessie Gordon picking berries in the forenoon. Jennie picking in the afternoon and went to Greenbank with them in the evening.

20 – Somewhat warm and thundering in the forenoon which terminated in a heavy shower between twelve and one. After that it was much cooler. Hoeing potatoes, strawberries and the garden. Henry, Roy and Cathleen Leask came for strawberries and stayed for dinner.

21 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (147 at SS), Rev. Mr. Keith preached. After the sermon Jas. Leask, J.M. Real and G.D. McMillan were ordained as elders. A short session meeting after service. In the evening went with Jennie and Willie to Port Perry and heard Mr. Cooper.

22 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Did very little in the forenoon. Picked cherries and strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie; Mrs. Gordon; Jennie Gordon and Jessie Michie also picking which will likely be the last time over. Alex Gordon and all the family down in the evening.

23 – A fine warm day, thunder around about 5 and 6 pm but no rain here. Scuffling turnips until 5 pm. Jennie and Jessie Michie picking strawberries in the forenoon. W. Monet and C. Henders called in the evening buying apples.

24 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James in the waggon. Quite a heavy thunder shower while we were at Port Perry and much thunder during the afternoon but no rain here. Hoeing strawberries in the afternoon. Aunt Janet and Willie went to Greenbank for the mail. Mrs. Gordon Sr. here for tea.

25 – A fine day. Paris greening potatoes in the forenoon. Hoeing turnips (2nd time) in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Mary and Allie Dusty picking strawberries in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at Gordon's. Aunt Janet at Port Perry market with eggs.

26 – Rain through the night and much cooler during the day with high NW wind. Finished scuffling turnips 2nd time in the forenoon. Jennie picking berries. Made new pig troughs for pig house.

27 – A quite cool day with a good breeze from NW. Hoeing turnips until 5 when I went to Port Perry. Jennie picking cherries, black currants and the very last of the strawberries. Annie and Willie at John Michie's and A. Akhurst's.

28 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (133 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

29 – Threatening all forenoon, thunder shower about 12, then much cooler. Hoeing turnips until about 4 when I got A. Akhurst's

mower and cut hay until 8. Young Gregg called asking hands to barn raising tomorrow. Jennie preserving cherries and black currants.

30 – A fine day. Cutting hay in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with John Michie to Mrs. Gregg's raising. Got home a little before 10. Port Perry fireman's excursion to Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Jessie Michie went.

31 – This has been rather a blue day. Raked up hay in the forenoon, John Michie cocking it up, got done at noon when a heavy thunder shower came on and soaked it well. Then another terrific thunder storm at 1 pm, some very sharp lightning. Thunder all afternoon and little more rain about 5. Did very little in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Allan Black here for dinner. He was at the Niagara excursion yesterday. James had a bad attack of croup in the evening.

AUG. 1 – A fine day but threatening towards night. Thunder and rain in the evening. Threw out hay in the forenoon that was in the rows (very wet) and in the afternoon, with John Michie's help, drew in 7 loads. Jennie helping in the field all afternoon. Lilly O'Neill and a Miss --- and Mrs. W.H. Leask and Henry called about berries. Jennie picking raspberries in the forenoon.

2 – Heavy rain through the night. In the morning went to Port Perry with Jennie, then on to Manchester with road list. Threw out hay cocks after dinner and drew in the rest of the hay, A. Akhurst helping, 11 loads in all. Mr. Sleep of Seagrave and Mr. Davis of Oshawa called buying apples. Aunt Janet went to Greenbank for the mail.

3 – A very fine day. Raked the hay field and with Jennie's help drew in the rakings, also the weeds on the old strawberry patch. In the afternoon plowed and harrowed it. Jennie went to Greenbank in the morning to telephone to Jessie Bell.

4 – A very fine day but pretty cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (147 at SS). Rev. Mr. R. Leask preached. Tom Black, Annie and Jessie at church and here for tea.

5 – A fine day, somewhat dull. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie, Mrs. Gordon and Jessie Michie picking raspberries and in the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry with berries and met Jessie Bell who came home for her summer holidays.

6 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing turnips 2nd time and scuffled strawberries. Jennie and Jessie Bell picking black currants. After dinner hitched up and with Jennie and Willie started for Sutton West. Drove by way of Sunderland and Valentyne to Edgar Horne's where we got about 5 pm. Edgar was away at a barn raising. Stayed there all night. The crops thereabouts are a good deal nearer ripe and of better quality than here.

7 – Rather dull in the morning but turned out a beautiful day. Started from E. Horne's about 8 am and went by Wildred (calling at Mr. Chamberlain's), Pfefferlaw and got to Sutton at noon and found the Joyce family all well. In the afternoon, with Mrs. Joyce, we went to Jackson's Point and spent the afternoon. It is a very nice place for camping and a lot of people were there.

8 – Another very fine day, but pretty warm. Started from Sutton at 8:30 am for home. Came by way of Udon to Alex Leask's at Leaskdale and got there at noon. Mr. L. was away at Uxbridge. Mrs. L. and Miss Morrison got us dinner and we started again at 2:30. Called at Rev. Mr. McKechnan, came by way of Victoria Corners and got home a little after 6. Mrs. Gordon and Jessie Michie here picking berries in the forenoon. W.H. Leask's barn raising in the afternoon. Mr. Honey over the swamp is threshing, the first of the season.

9 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Hoeing strawberries and other things. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry with berries. Jennie washing. Jennie Gordon here in the evening. Jessie Bell made James a pair of blue pants. 12 little pigs came.

10 – A very warm day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Aunt Janet, Willie and James in the waggon for corn. Cleaning out old strawberry patch in the orchard. Jennie and Jessie Michie picking raspberries, 66 boxes. Preserving in the evening. All the jars full. Aunt Janet went up to Akhurst's with some berries.

11 – A very warm day, some like rain towards night. At SS and church. Walked up while Jennie, Jessie B, Annie and Willie drove (130 at SS). A. Ledingham addressed the school. Rev. Mr. Keith preached.

12 – A fine day, a very little rain through the night, some cooler. Hoeing strawberries most of the day. Jennie, Jessie Michie and Mrs. Gordon picking berries. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Jessie Bell making dress for Annie. Henry and Roy Leask came for berries.

13 – A fine day and cooler with high wind from the NW in the afternoon and dirt flying. Went to Port Perry in the morning to the early train with Jessie Bell and Annie who are on their way to Toronto, Port Hope and Newcastle, etc. The Port Perry Band have an excursion to Peterborough today. Jim Lee and Ida Phair are in it. Got out the binder in the afternoon while Jennie went to Sea-grave with some hens. John Michie called in the evening.

14 – A fine day and cool. Cleaned up grainery. Made watering stand for hens and some other small jobs. Jennie washing in forenoon and at W.F.M.S. meeting at G.A. McMillan's. John Michie got Fly to help cut oats. Isaac O'Neill got his house damaged by fire this afternoon. James fell down the cellar stairs and hurt his face.

15 – A fine day. Fixing fence along the road in the forenoon and a few little jobs in the afternoon. Mrs. A. Gordon, Jessie Michie and Jennie picking berries. George Fowlie, Mary and George Lamb came for berries. They were here for dinner. In the evening went with Aunt Janet and Willie to Band concert at R. Flewell's. There was a large turnout. G. Fox and a ventriloquist from Toronto were the performers. Mr. F. Folke of Oshawa was chairman. A. Akhurst and I sold the tickets which amounted to \$119.00. The refreshment stand took in about \$30.00. A fine evening and lots of dust.

16 – John Michie with horse came up in the morning and we cut in field west of house until about 11 am when we had to stop as it started a little drizzle of rain, which will be a good thing for roots

and pasture, and quite a heavy thunder between 12 and 1. After it cleared up a little went to Port Perry with the waggon and Jennie and Willie. Some rain again on the way home. Jennie making me a smock in the evening.

17 – A fine cool day with wind from NW. Did a few odd jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with John Michie's help and his horse, finished cutting field W of house about 5. After supper went to Port Perry. Jennie picking berries and preserving. Jennie Gordon brought the mail.

18 – A beautiful day, clear and cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Willie (131 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. The Wick church was reopened after being renovated.

19 – A very fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Willie and the waggon for Jessie Bell's Toronto purchases. Jessie Michie, Emma Black and Jennie picking berries in the forenoon. Putting up windows in the afternoon. Jennie making me a smock and a pair of pants. Put up the mail box at the head of the road. It was carried away by some smarty on Thursday night, the night of the band concert.

20 – A fine day, cool, a few drops of rain after dinner. Scuffled strawberries and hoed some in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Greenbank with Jennie, Willie and James for the mail and got tea at John Lee's. Everybody harvesting but not very ripe at home. In the evening went with Jennie over to R. Cragg's.

21 – A very fine day and pretty cool. Did a few little jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with John Michie and horse, cut most of the field NW of barn. Norman Phair called wanting help to thresh tomorrow and John Whiteford asking hand to raising at Baker's on the 14th concession. Jennie making pants for Willie. John Michie, R. Cragg and A. Akhurst (except peas) finished cutting today.

22 – A very fine day. Helping Phair's to thresh in the forenoon at the Petty place (W. Taylor's machine). Grain turned out pretty well they thought. In the afternoon finished cutting field NW of barn. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning and met Jessie Bell and Annie who have been away for over a week.

23 – A fine cool day. Cut the hill field with John Michie's help. In the evening rode up with John to Greenbank to take part in a debate between 3 from the S. of T. and 3 from the Epworth League.³⁴ It was held in the basement of the Methodist church. T.E. Cragg chairman and associated with him as critics were Arvella Real and Bertha Till. The subject was resolved that a young man with \$2,000.00 capital would be better to remain in the rural districts of Ontario than to go the western provinces to settle. The League debaters were R. Cragg, Bert Beare and school teacher Woon. Those from the S. of T. were Les Phoenix, G. Till and I. There was a good attendance and the affirmation taken by the S. of T. were the winners. A lunch was then served.

³⁴ The Epworth League was a Methodist young adult association.

24 – Some little rain showers in the forenoon. In the afternoon with Jennie's help drew in the field W of the house. A tire came off the waggon wheel and it was pretty dark before we got through.

25 – A fine cool day. Walked to SS while Jennie, Annie, Willie and Jessie Bell drove in the buggy (143 at SS). A Mr. Grant, a returned missionary to China, preached. Alex Ledingham, better known as Scotch Alex, came home with me for tea and stayed until about 9:30 when I drove him most of the way home to Alex Leask's. A pretty cool night.

26 – A fine cool day, high NW wind. Raked the field W of house and drew it in the forenoon. Jessie Bell went to Greenbank and took Annie and Willie to school, the first day since holidays. Drawing in oats in the afternoon with Jennie's help. Jessie visiting at A. Gordon's. Annie and Willie went there from school. D. Lyle threshing after about 6 o'clock.

27 – Rather dull and threatening rain a little most of the day which started to rain in earnest about 4 and drizzled for awhile. With Jennie's help drew in what was left of the field NW of the barn. Raked it and drew in rakings and went as far as Dusty's to meet Annie and Willie coming home from school.

28 – A little dull in the morning but turned out a fine day. Started for beef but met Ernest Phair with it. Plowing in field NW of barn all day. Annie and Willie at school and at Mission Band after. Aunt Janet and James went down to John Michie's in the afternoon.

29 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. Miss Maggie Brown of Toronto called in the afternoon. [margin note: Quebec bridge disaster]³⁵

30 – A fine day, somewhat dull in the morning. Drawing in the hill field all day, Jennie helping, which finishes harvest except a bit of buckwheat. A light crop on the whole. Port Perry High School held an old pupils reunion today.

31 – A fine day. Made fence S of strawberry patch in the forenoon. Cut buckwheat in orchard in the afternoon. Jennie, Jessie and little James at Port Perry. Annie and Willie at Gordon's and did not get home until near dark.

SEPT. 1 – A fine day, warm about noon, a little rain in the evening thunder shower. Walked to church while Jennie, Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie rode (123 at SS). Rev. J.M. Cameron, the former pastor of the church, preached.

2 – Thunder shower through the night. Plowing all day. Got the loan of 5 bags of oats from D. Lyle. Annie and Willie at school. Aunt Janet and little James visiting at John Michie's.

3 – A fine day. Plowed until about 9:30 when I scuffled the strawberries while Jessie Bell drove Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way

to Port Hope on a visit. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, cut the buckwheat at the foot of the turnips in the SW field. A pretty good crop I think. Annie and Willie at school.

4 – A little rain in the morning. Jennie went to Greenbank taking Annie and Willie to school. Plowing until 5 pm, then finished shocking up buckwheat. Rev. J.M. Cameron of Hamilton called about 4 pm. Mr. E. Boe was with him.

5 – A wild thunder storm about 8 so Annie and Willie did not go to school. Rained off and on all forenoon. Thunder in the afternoon but little rain. Thunder and heavy rain again in the evening. A fire away to the NE. Plowing in the afternoon.

6 – A few little rain flurries in the afternoon, cool. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – A fine day. Plowing until about 4:30 when we got supper and with Jennie went to Port Perry. Jennie, Edna and Annie Gordon here for tea.

8 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie (110 at SS), Rev. J.M. Cameron preached. Jennie in bed all day. Allan Black called in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jessie Bell housekeeping. N. Lyle finishes harvest.

10 – Plowing until about 3 when it started to rain and rain it did. Heavy from the SE, thunder in the evening and heavy rain. Annie and Willie at school.

11 – Went for beef in the morning taking Annie and Willie to school, then plowing until noon. Hoed some and other jobs while Jennie went to W.F.M.S. meeting at James Leask's. 9 little pigs arrived, 1 dead.

12 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. A choir practice in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

13 – A fine day, pretty warm. Plowing in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for pig feed. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Bell has been out of bed the last three days.

14 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with John Michie's help, drew in the buckwheat which appears to be a pretty good crop. After supper went with Annie and Willie down to the creek to get a boat ride but the boat was too leaky. Tory demonstration at Beaverton today. R. Borden is to be there.

15 – A very fine day but pretty warm. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (112 at SS), Mr. Keith preached the first since his holidays. John McMillan and Willie Rennie 1st time in choir. Harvest Home services at Saintfield tonight. Jennie and James at Mrs. Mark's in the evening.

16 – A pretty warm day. Finished plowing field W of house and then harrowed the rest of the day. Annie and Willie at school.

³⁵ A large uncompleted span of the St. Lawrence cantilever bridge near Quebec fell into the river, killing over 75 men.

17 – A cool day. Harrowing in the forenoon and plowing where the buckwheat grew in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – A fine day. Plowing until about 4 when I scuffled the straw-berries while Jennie and little James went to Port Perry to meet Aunt Janet. In the evening went to church session meeting. Willie not very well through the night. Willie and Annie at school.

19 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie at school. Got ready to go to choir practice in the evening but the rain came on at the time of starting but soon cleared off again.

20 – A nice day. Plowed a little while and about 9 am went to help John Michie to thresh (W. Taylor's machine) and finished about 3:30, then went to A. Akhurst's and had a run. Annie at school.

21 – A fine day. At A. Akhurst's threshing and finished about 1:30. The machine then went to D. Lyle's but I did not follow them. Jessie Bell left on the morning train for Rochester. Jennie drove her down to Port Perry. In the evening went to open division in the hall. Not a very big turnout but it went off fairly well.

22 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (120 at SS). Mr. Keith conducted children's service.

23 – A fine day. A little thunder in the afternoon and evening but no rain here. Helping D. Lyle to thresh until about 10 am when they finished (the machine then went to Whitter's). Went down to J. Michie's to see about corn cutter which came at 2 pm. W.H. Leask's machine run by G. Dowson. Finished cutting at 4. I then had to take the binder to Orchard's on the 12th concession near the lake. After dark when I got home. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon I helped her to pick apples. Annie and Willie at school. A man brought 30 apple barrels for Lane who has bought our apples.

24 – Picking apples until about 10 am when I went to R. Cragg's threshing, finished at 6. Annie and Willie at school. Aunt Janet in bed all day.

25 – Drawing corn from the field to the E orchard fence in the forenoon. Some little rain flurries and in the afternoon several quite heavy showers. Picked apples and other jobs. Annie and Willie at school. Edith Phair called while we were at dinner.

26 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. In the afternoon W. Taylor's threshing machine came from Phair's and started at 1:30 and worked until 6:30. Jim Blair and Fred Ward are the threshers. In the evening went to choir practice. Gave Jim Blair a ride up and back. Annie and Willie at school. Taylor and Blair stayed all night.

27 – A fine day. Started to thresh but had only worked a few minutes when the blower plugged, the belt came off and wound around the cylinder which smashed the table and sprung the cylinder shaft. They had to take it to Sunderland. Got back about 6:30 and put it in in the evening. In the forenoon pumped out and cleaned the well at the house. N. Lyle took a tank full of the water. In the afternoon attended preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached. No new members this time. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – Finished threshing in about an hour and a half and they then moved to Norman Lyle's. Raining all forenoon from the east. Rain all afternoon too heavy to thresh so I did very little.

29 – Somewhat dull and raw. Went with Jennie to communion at Greenbank. A pretty good turnout, Mr. Keith conducted the service. Allan Black here for dinner. Did not go out in the evening as it was threatening rain and very dark.

30 – Rain in the morning but turned out a fine day. Threshing at Norman Lyle's and finished about 12:30 (they then moved to Alex Gordon's). Drawing corn in the afternoon. Apple packers came about 4:30 and put up 8 barrels of fall apples. Willie and Annie at school. At John Michie's in the evening singing, Jennie also.

OCT. 1 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 8 barrels of apples for Lane and 10 bags to Bigelow's evaporator. In the afternoon went to John Monroe's sale which went off rather dull. Jennie and little James went with me to A. Gordon's. In the evening went with Jennie to practice at W. Wallace's for the W.F.M.S. social. Annie and Willie at school.

2 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping. A very good crop, got in nearly [?] loads. Jennie and Aunt Janet at prayer meeting. Annie and Willie at school. Nursing a sore eye all day.

3 – A fine day until evening when there was some rain, quite warm. Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping in the afternoon. Got in another 2 loads. Annie and Willie at school.

4 – A fine day and some cooler. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping in the afternoon, got in 2 more loads. Annie and Willie at school.

5 – Several showers during the day and evening. Finished the potatoes, another load. At S. of T. in the evening, pretty muddy roads.

6 – At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (130 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Rain coming home and all the evening and very dark.

7 – Plowing corn ground and had only one round to finish (about 4 o'clock) when a heavy shower came up from the SE and I got the worst ducking this year. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A good deal colder with high N wind. Did several small jobs in the forenoon while Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry. Topped mangolds in the afternoon. Annie at school.

9 – A fine day. Drew in the mangolds, Jennie helping. 11 loads, not a very big crop, too many small ones. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

10 – A little rain through the night. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 8 bags of oats to be ground and 6 bags of apples to the evaporator. 2 performing bears in town. Drew out manure in the afternoon. Jennie visiting at Mr. Lyle's.

11 – Quite a heavy thunder shower through the night and several little showers during the day. Plowed the old potato ground. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. Annie has been head of her class for more than three weeks now.

12 – A fine day, some little showers. Plowing all day. At S. of T. in the evening.

13 – The coldest day of the season. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie and Willie (129 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. A male choir at the Methodist church tonight.

14 – Quite a hard frost and a fine day. Picking apples all day, Jennie also. Annie and Willie at school. At church manager's meeting in the evening. C. Gordon had a break down coming down the hill.

15 – A beautiful day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. At John Michie's in the evening singing with Russell and Joe Wallace. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – Another very fine day. Wes Luke came and helped to kill pig in the forenoon. Picking apples, Jennie helping, in the afternoon. At prayer meeting with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – A beautiful day. Cut up the pig and picked apples the rest of the day alone. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Mrs. James McMillan's at Greenbank. Mr. McGregor of Lindsay was present. Annie and Willie at school. Methodist church have an old folks social tonight.

18 – A fine day but cooler. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping a little in the forenoon. She was at a quilting bee at Mrs. Mark's in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. Lang of ---- here overnight.

19 – Somewhat cool all day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping awhile in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the evening with Jennie. Mr. A. Gordon Sr. and Edna here for dinner. Annie, Willie and Edna went down to John Michie's to practice for the W.F.M. social. Mr. Lang went away after breakfast.

20 – A fine day but pretty cold, quite a hard frost in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (111 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. In the evening went with Jennie to Seagrave to the opening of the new Methodist church. The church was packed to the doors and a good sermon by Rev. Dr. Williamson of Hamilton, who also did the begging and did it well. More than enough promised. A beautiful night.

21 – Pretty hard frost in the morning but a very fine day. Picking apples most of the day, Jennie helping in the afternoon, washing in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – Somewhat raw. Picked apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and finished the job. In the afternoon with Jennie and little James went to Port Perry with apples to the evaporator and 3 barrels to Winnipeg and 1 to Hanley. Annie and Willie at school. They then went down to Jessie to practice for the W.F.M. social.

23 – A fine day and pretty cool. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie and Willie, went to the W.F.M. social in the church. A fine night and a good turnout, Mr. Keith chairman. The programme all old pieces and pretty good. Lunch served by the ladies in white caps and shawls, proceeds \$28.75.

24 – A pretty hard frost, too hard to plough. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to the church where she helped to clean up after the social. Cleaned out hen house and pig pens. In the afternoon topped turnips, Jennie helping.

25 – Pretty raw and cold with high NW wind. At turnips all day, Jennie helping. Got about half harrowed up and 4 loads in. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A hard frost in the morning. Drawing in turnips, Jennie helping. Got in 15 loads. A fire in the evening to the W.N.W.

27 – Rain through the night and a little more or less all through the day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (105 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

28 – Rather cold with high N wind. At turnips all day, Jennie helping. Got in 13 loads. Annie and Willie at school.

29 – Pretty cold and raw with high N wind. Finished topping and harrowing up turnips and got 6 loads in, Jennie helping. Annie and Willie at school.

30 – A very hard frost in the morning. Drawing in turnips, Jennie helping. Got in 12 loads. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting with Jennie, a fair turnout, Mr. Keith leader.

31 – Thanksgiving day. Celebrated here by working all day at turnips, Jennie helping. Took in 12 loads and finished the job, 62 loads in all. Edna Gordon here most of the day playing with Annie and Willie. Baptist social tonight.

NOV. 1 – A beautiful day. Plowing. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

2 – Rain through the night and all day. It never let up. It came from the south, mud everywhere. Did a few jobs about the barn.

3 – Heavy rain through the night. High NW wind during the day and colder. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (112 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Muddy roads.

4 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Plowing sod in the north field in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

5 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Mrs. O'Neill came and got 3 little pigs at \$2.00 each. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – Dull and drizzling the greater part of the day from the E, with quite heavy rain in the evening. Plowing sod. Annie and Willie at school. Man came with 40 more apple barrels. Billie Lewis came for calf for Mrs. O'Neill.

7 – A little snow on the ground in the morning (the first of the season) and it continued to snow nearly all day with high NW wind. Jennie went to Greenbank taking Annie and Willie to school and I went after them in the afternoon. Roads very bad. There is drifts in the lane over 3 feet deep and it was all the horse could do to get through. Got the young cattle in for the first. The apple packers came but could not work out in the orchard.

8 – Mild day but the snow did not melt very fast. Plowing most of the day. Annie at school alone.

9 – Tried to plough in the morning but it was too hard so I went to Port Perry with 6 bags of oats to the mill and brought home a new Bell root pulper (\$12.00). Annie and Willie went with me. Plowed a little in the afternoon.

The Bell root pulper would have been similar to this one...



10 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (113 at SS). Mrs. Jas. McMillan reported on her trip to Bobcaygeon to the SS convention. Mr. Keith preached. Tom and Allan Black here for supper.

11 – A fine day, some frost in the morning. Plowing sod most of the day. Jennie washing in the forenoon. She went up to Gordon's in the afternoon to see Alex Gordon Sr. who got hurt on Saturday by falling from a load of straw. He is better and was able to be up at S. Dusty's. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – A pretty hard frost in the morning. Drew in the corn and out straw to cover strawberries, Jennie helping. Tax collector Wier called. Apple packers Collins came a little before dinner and put up 20 barrels. Annie and Willie at school.

13 – Pretty cold with high W wind. Finished covering strawberries, pruned apple trees and other jobs. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Mrs. Wallace's. Annie and Willie at school. Luke and Henry called. They wanted to sell a wagon. Apple packers did not turn up.

14 – Hard frost. With Jennie's help, drew in 19 barrels of apples into the barn with the stoneboat. In the afternoon got John Michie's wagon and took 20 barrels of apples to Port Perry. Annie at school.

15 – A fine and much milder day. Put on storm windows and doors. Helped to put up room stove and few other jobs. Collins

apple packers put up 26 barrels of apples. Annie at school. She has been head of her class for two weeks.

16 – A beautiful day. Went 2 trips to Port Perry with 20 barrels of apples each time. Collins here all day packing. Annie and Willie at Gordon's playing.

17 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (125 at SS), Mr. Keith preached on baptism. Thawing some.

18 – A very fine day. Picking up the cull apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon took 22 bags to Port Perry evaporator. Jennie, Willie and James went also. Collins came in the afternoon and finished packing the apples about 8 pm, 20 barrels more, 80 in all. Annie at school.

19 – A very fine day. Took the last 20 barrels of apples to Port Perry in the morning but did not get the money as there is trouble between Mr. Lane and the firm he is buying for. Covered orchard strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie at school. She dropped to 2nd place after being head for 2 weeks and one day.

20 – A fine day with rather raw wind from SE. Helping Norman Phair to thresh at Petty place in the forenoon. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Jennie and Willie went to Mission Band meeting and did not get home until after dark. Annie at school. Head of class again.

21 – Rain through the night and half the forenoon which kept Annie home from school. Plowing in the north field (sod) and finished it at dark. Aunt Janet visiting at S. Dusty's.

22 – A fine day. Plowing little plot near pump and in the orchard. Jennie at quilting bee at Alex Gordon's. Annie at school, got head of class again at one bound.

23 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with Aunt Janet, principally to see Mr. Lane about the pay for apples but got poor encouragement. Went to G. Love's in the afternoon. Aunt Janet and little James visiting at Mrs. Mark's. Edna and Annie Gordon here playing with Annie and Willie.

24 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (131 at SS). Rev. Dr. McLaren, Home Mission secretary, preached a fine sermon on home mission work.

25 – A fine day. Banking house and putting in wood. Went to Lang's sale on the 7th concession in the afternoon. Did not buy anything. Jennie housecleaning kitchen. Annie at school.

26 – Ground white with snow in the morning and snowing a little most of the day. Drove Annie to school and went on to Greenbank and went for her at night. Jennie housecleaning.

27 – A fine day. Drawing in wood from the yard and limbs from the orchard trees. Jennie washing. Annie at school.

28 – Snow through the night and a little rain in the forenoon. Drove Annie up to concession on her way to school when she got a ride with Alex Gordon. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon.

29 – A fine day. Pruning apple trees in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Aunt Janet, went to preparatory service in the church, Mr. Keith preached. Mrs. G.D. McMillan and Archie Paige came in this time. Annie at school.

30 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and Annie, principally to inquire about the pay for apples but got very poor comfort. Took the cutter but the sleighing was rather thin. Drew brush from the orchard in the afternoon. Mrs. Bell in bed all day, worse than usual.

DEC. 1 – A fine day. Went with Aunt Janet to the communion service at Wick. Took the cutter, sleighing a little thin. At church with Jennie and Annie. A Mr. Watson, a Knox College student, preached on mission work in the west.

2 – A fine day. Finished drawing brush from the orchard in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove over to see John Monroe but there was nobody at his house. Called at W. O'Neill's. Annie at school.

3 – A fine day and pretty cold and wintery like. Did a few odd jobs. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Annie at school. Jim Dusty called with some money.

4 – Pretty cold in the morning, 1 below zero. Banked up the root house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and Annie to Port Perry where Annie got two teeth pulled and I went to the afternoon and evening sessions of the Grand Division S. of T. There was a fair attendance in the afternoon and the public meeting in the evening was a full house. The principal speakers were Mr. Alviston of Philadelphia, Most Worthy Patriarch; and Joseph Gipson of Ingersol, which were good. After 11 before the meeting closed. I then walked all the way home.

5 – A very fine day. Aunt Janet drove me part way to Port Perry where I attended the morning and afternoon sessions of the Grand Division. Rev. Mr. Brace of Richmond Hill was chosen G.W.P. An initiation team from Orillia gave an exhibition and did it very well. Jennie drove down and met me at Pat [Figets?]. Jennie washing. Annie at school.

6 – A very fine day. Went over to John Monroe's in the afternoon and had a talk with him about our apple losses. We decided to go over to Uxbridge on Tuesday next and get legal advice. Annie at school.

7 – A fine day and almost thawing. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats to be ground but did not get them home. Took the sleigh but the sleighing is rather thin. Saw J. Lane about the apples. He has made an assignment.

8 – A fine day, thawing some and the sleighing rather poor. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (124 at SS). Mr. Keith preached on giving and did some pretty plain talking. A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee.

9 – Went to Port Perry with the waggon in the morning for the meal. Annie at school. The teacher Mr. Woon was not there owing to sore throat. Jennie washing. Rain from about 4 pm on in the evening.

10 – Thawing most of the day and the result is mud. Went over with John Monroe to Uxbridge to get legal advice about the price of apples sold to Lane and got little encouragement. Annie at school.

11 – Snowing a little from the NW most of the day but not enough to make good sleighing. Jennie and Willie at annual meeting of W.F.M.S. at W. Akhurst's. Jennie elected president for the second time. Mission Band meeting also. Annie at school. Did very little but the chores.

12 – Pretty cold day. Cut some wood in the shed. Jennie and Aunt Janet quilting. Annie at school.

13 – A fine mild day. Cleaned out the hen house and cut wood. Jennie and Aunt Janet quilting. Annie at school. Went down to John Michie's for a sing but John was not at home.

14 – Snowing all day from the E. Alex Gordon Sr. brought Edna and Annie Bell down in the morning. The plan was that they were to go down to John Michie's to practice for the Christmas tree but it was so rough that they did not go. I drove them home about 4:30.

15 – Snow through the night from the E. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Roads up by Lyle's pretty well drifted. (111 at SS), Rev. Mr. Cooper of Port Perry preached, this being Wick anniversary.

16 – Somewhat wintery. Drove Annie to school and went for her and did the chores. Jennie washing.

17 – Drove Annie to school. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie and Willie, principally to put in claim for apples. Did chores early and then with Jennie and Annie went and spent the evening at W. H. Leask's. A very fine night.

18 – Drove Annie to school. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the sleigh and got 1925 lbs of coal @ \$7.25. In the evening went to Port Perry to chorus practice in Methodist church under the leadership of Jos. Goldering. Perhaps about 80 there. A fine night. Wes Luke got badly hurt in the face at Sunderland Christmas fair.

19 – Port Perry and Uxbridge Christmas fairs. Drove Annie to school. In the evening went with Jennie to concert in Methodist church, Port Perry, which was fine. The house was packed. The principal attraction was the Sherlock Quartet of Toronto, Miss Beacock of Toronto and the chorus of 80 or 100 voices.

20 – A fine day. Drove Annie to school and then to meeting of creditors of J. Lane at Port Perry. Was appointed one of the inspectors of the estate. Jennie went after Annie and called to see W. Luke and found him doing as well as could be expected. This is the last day of school for the year. Mr. Woon dropped out.

21 – A fine day. Did the chores and went down to John Michie's in the afternoon with Annie, Willie and James to practice for Christmas tree and in the evening also with Russell and Joe Wallace.

22 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (105 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Maggie McMillan sang a solo.

23 – Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Heavy snow all afternoon and some in the evening. At church manager's meeting at the church. G. and W. Collins called in the forenoon to talk of J. Lane's apple account.

24 – Somewhat inclined to snow. Went to Port Perry to the 10 o'clock train and brought up Alma and Jennie Perrin from Newcastle. Went again to the 5:30 train for Jessie Bell. Then down with the sleigh to Christmas tree at the church. Jennie, Annie, Willie and Alma and Jennie Perrin went with me. There was a fair turnout and a pretty good time. Mr. Keith chairman.

25 – Almost thawing all day, some snow in the afternoon. At home all day. John and Jessie up for dinner. A Christmas tree in the parlour. Quite a big day for the little ones.

26 – A nice day. Went to the public school meeting in the forenoon, a fair turnout. J.M. Real chosen trustee. New school house spoken of. Jennie and Jessie Bell went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. Alex Horne buried today.

27 – Thawing all day with SW wind and a little rain sometimes. Jennie and Willie drove with the cutter to James Smith's for a pattern for Jessie's coat. They got back about 8 pm, a pretty dark night. Jennie and Edna Gordon here in the afternoon.

28 – Drove Alma and Jennie Perrin to Port Perry to the train on their way home. Sleighing not very good. Walter Bratley came up from John Michie's. In the afternoon drove up to Greenbank for the mail. Walter went with me. Freezing towards night.

29 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (122 at SS), Mr. Keith preached on [local?] option. Walter Bratley went down to John Michie's for supper.

30 – Snow and rain through the night which improves the sleighing. Jessie Bell went to Port Perry to get her coat fitted. Walter Bratley went with her on his way home. In the evening, with Jennie, went to the annual SS meeting. A rough night, but there was not a bad turnout, but when it came to elect the officers there was a dead lock and nothing was done when we left for home about 10:30.

31 – Rather a fine day. Went down and called on Isaac O'Neill in the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. called in the afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. called in time for tea and spent the evening. Jessie B. making her coat.

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JAN. 1 – A pretty fine day and pretty quiet here. Rev. Mr. Terrill called in the forenoon wanting me to help at a tea party at Saintfield. In the afternoon, with Annie and Willie, went to Greenbank. Called at J.M. Real's, John Lee's and W. Akhurst's. Methodist anniversary tonight.

2 – A fine day. Jessie Bell went to Port Perry in the morning with her coat to the tailor. I went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats to be ground but did not get it home. Water across the 10th concession.

3 – A most beautiful bright day, a little snow during the night. Went to Port Perry with the sleigh and took Jessie Bell to the train on her way back to Rochester. Willie went with me. In the afternoon drove with Annie and Willie to Greenbank for the mail.

4 – Snowing a little in the morning and afterwards almost raining, then towards night turned colder with high NW wind. Did very little but the chores. Jennie making pinnies for Annie.

5 – Zero in the morning, clear. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (122 at SS). No lesson as all the time was taken up with choosing teachers. Mr. Keith preached.

6 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to school. Two new teachers, Miss B. Real and Miss Slovin start today. Did chores. Jennie washing.

7 – A very fine mild day. Threw back some turnips in the root house that were beginning to rot and sawed some wood. Jennie churning and ironing. Annie at school.

8 – A pretty fine day. Annie at school. Drove Jennie and Willa up to W.F.M.S. in the afternoon. They stayed for Mission Band and got tea at Mrs. Walker's. In the evening went to the annual church meeting. There was a fairly good turnout and everything went off smoothly. The funds came out \$9.00 to the good. A. Akhurst; W. Wallace; A. Leask and G.A. McMillan were chosen managers. Renovating the church was the principal question.

9 – Pretty cold day. Drove Annie to school, then, with Jennie, went to Port Perry market (2nd day of horse races). In the evening, with Jennie, went to union meeting in our church in connection with the week of prayer. Rev. Mr. Terrill preached, a pretty good turnout. A very bright clear night.

10 – A fine day but cold. Annie at school. She came home highly pleased as she has got into the second book. Those that went in with her are Austin Bundy; Fred Real; Alex Real; Ed Luke; Henry Leask and Lester Taylor. Jennie and Willie visiting at A. Akhurst's. Went over to Akhurst's swamp to see Albert about some firewood.

11 – A very fine day. Drew 4 small loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp just north of John Michie's barn. James Lee called in the afternoon. At S. of T. in the evening. A very fine night.

12 – Rain through the night which turned to hail, which about 10 am turned to snow and snow it did in earnest from the NE the rest of the day and drifted badly. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. The attendance at SS was lower than usual, 84 I think it was. Mr. Keith preached. We had all we could do to get down the sideroad on the way home. The snow drifts were high but very soft.

13 – Snow too deep for Annie to go to school. Threw back turnips in the root house, some rotting pretty bad. Broke roads in the afternoon.

14 – A fine day. Drove Annie to school and went on to Greenbank. Drew one load of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp. At church managers meeting in the evening. A very fine night.

15 – Drew 2 loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry. In the evening, with Jennie, started to go to prayer meeting but turned at S. Dusty's as it was very rough and drifting badly.

16 – Rough, cold and drifting most of the day. Not out anywhere and saw no one. Trying the new buck saw in the woodshed. Annie not at school.

17 – A fine day. Broke the road through the fields and drew home 4 loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp.

18 – Drifting more or less all day but not so very cold. Drew 5 loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp. Allan Black here for dinner.

19 – A fine day but somewhat raw and cold. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie, Mr. Keith preached (123 at SS). Road somewhat heavy.

20 – A fine day. Drove Jennie down to John Michie's to help Jessie with the work, her mother being at Mrs. Akhurst's who is very ill. Then took Annie to school and went on to Greenbank, then to D. Cragg's and got his froe³⁶ and spent the afternoon trying to make shingles in the woodshed for A. Akhurst's barn. Got word from Winnipeg saying that William is in the hospital.

21 – Thawing some, rain in the afternoon and evening. At the shingle making most of the day. Drew up some blocks from A. Akhurst's swamp. Jennie churning and washing. Annie at school. Whitter's house burned down.

22 – Somewhat rough with high NW wind. Drove Annie part way to school. In the afternoon took 12 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground and brought home a load of coal. At prayer meeting in the evening with Jennie. Alex Lee's baby died this evening.

23 – A blizzard from the NE all day. Drove Annie to school and went after her part way. At the shingles the rest of the day.

24 – 10 below zero in the morning. Annie did not go to school. Worked at shingles awhile when W. Wallace came with a Mr. Cuff, agent of the Morris Piano Co. and he talked piano until after 12 o'clock. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Greenbank and attended Alex Lee's baby's funeral.

25 – Somewhat raw wind from SW. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. R. Akhurst here for dinner. At the shingles in the afternoon.

26 – Snowing and blowing nearly all day from the east and rough. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (108 at SS), Mr. Keith preached an extra good sermon. Annie received a diploma for reciting verses.

27 – Zero with a high NW wind, snow drifting badly, a wild day. Worked at shingles in the wood shed.

28 – Spent the forenoon making roads. Made a road to the south, then away up past R. Cragg's. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Roads very heavy and weather decidedly bad. Snowing and drifting from the south west.

29 – Ten below zero in the morning and never higher than 4 below all day with quite a high wind from the NW. At the shingles in the wood shed part of the day.

30 – Twenty below zero in the morning and a bright day. Went up to Alex Gordon's for the mail. Called at A. Akhurst's. Made shingles in the afternoon. G.A. McMillan called. Called at A. Akhurst's and D. Lyle's in the evening to talk over new school house.

31 – Somewhat raw, especially towards night. Drove Annie to school, the only day she was there this week. At the shingles.

FEB. 1 – Rough all night and snowing and drifting from the S which turned to a hurricane from the NW towards night. Down at John Michie's in the forenoon. Walked in the afternoon through the snow to meeting at school house about building new school house. There was a good turnout. Wes Luke in the chair and Rev. Mr. Terrill secretary. The whole time of the meeting was spent in talking where the new school should be built. It was decided to have a pool a week from next Monday. Rode home with Lyle's in the sleigh and a bad night it was.

2 – Blowing and storming all night and some all day. 4 below zero in the morning. Roads all blocked. Walked over the drifts to the SS. A small turnout, 34 I think it was. The Super not being there it fell to me to act. We had only one class taught by R.T. Harrington. Mr Keith did not get down so there was no church service. About 8:30 a fire was seen in the direction of Greenbank which proved to be Bundy's store and dwelling house. Very little was saved but the piano. \$2200.00 of insurance.

3 – Got somewhat rough and stormy in the afternoon. Dug out roads in the morning. A. Akhurst brought some shingle timber and took away 7 bunches that were made. Worked at the shingles a little while when Jas. and Will Leask came. They walked across the fields and came to talk about school matters. They are quite warm on dividing the section should the new school be built at Greenbank. They stayed for supper and until about 7 o'clock.

4 – Twenty below zero in the morning and it never got above about 8 below all day. Clear and bright. Did very little but the chores as it was too cold to work at shingles and I was not feeling very well.

5 – 16 below zero in the morning with E wind which got very rough towards night, snowing also. Did a little at the shingles but it was too cold. J.M. Real here in the afternoon getting out church report. 12 little pigs came in the evening.

6 – Storming most of the night from the E and pretty rough all day. Intended going out to Port Perry market but did not start as we were afraid the roads were not passable. No trains on this line. Did not do much as I was not very well. Jennie washing.

³⁶ A froe is a L-shaped tool used in combination with a wooden mallet to split timber or to make shingles.

7 – Below zero in the morning with a high wind from the NW and drifting. Went up as far as S. Dusty's in the afternoon. No mail at Greenbank since Tuesday. No trains on this line today.

8 – Twelve below zero in the morning and never higher than about 5 below with a cutting NW wind. Did a little at the shingles. Tom Black came. He came for Mr. Town's sale but it was postponed on account of cold and roads. Tom stayed all night.

9 – Below zero in the morning but bright with almost no wind and it got warmer. At SS with Jennie, Anne and Willie (96 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Roads rather bad.

10 – A very fine bright day. Went to Greenbank in the morning with Jennie and voted at the school house on the question of a site for a new school house. Mrs. John Joyce of Sutton came down from Greenbank with us. [margin note: School pool, west side, 3 ahead].

11 – A beautiful day. Drove with Mrs. Joyce and got dinner at Tom Black's at Raglan and then on to James Smith's and talked until midnight and stayed all night. Roads in rather bad state. Through the fields the greater part of the way.

12 – A fine day until near night when it threatened rain from the SE. Talked all forenoon and after dinner started for home and got there about 6. Jennie walked to W.F.M.S. at Greenbank. James Lee married to Ida Phair today.

13 – Thawing all day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie and Willie to market and took 10 bags of oats to the mill. Roads getting soft. Mrs. Joyce went up to Gordon's and Alex drove her back about 6. She got her things and went with him to Sam Dusty's where she will start for home tomorrow.

14 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. In the afternoon attended Mr. R. Town's sale (on the Burton place). Started to rain from the east soon after the sale started and rained all afternoon and evening but there was a pretty good turnout and fair prices. Tom Black came up with Annie. He went to the sale and bought a horse. They got tea here and went down to John Michie's for the night.

15 – Rain through the night and forenoon. About noon it turned to snow and a high NW wind, the snow sticking to everything. At the shingles most of the day. Jennie making a dress for Annie.

16 – A bright clear day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Roads pretty bad with water over the road near the new road. (84 I think at SS). Mr. Keith did not come. Mr. Terrill was to have taken his place but by some misunderstanding both he and Mr. Keith were at Saintfield.

17 – A very fine clear day but pretty sharp. Drove with Jennie to Tom Black's at Raglan to attend his sale which went off fairly well. Bought his cultivator for \$8.50. Got home again a little after 8 pm. Road not very good in places.

18 – A fine day. At the shingles most of the time. Jennie at Methodist Ladies Aid meeting at R. Town's in the afternoon.

19 – Snowing and drifting from the E all day. At the shingles most of the day. Bible Society meeting in our church tonight but did not go on account of the weather.

20 – Drifting a little most of the day. Making shingles. At choir practice in the evening at W.H. Leask's. Tom Black came.

21 – Snowing some and drifting all day. Tom Black went with S. Dusty to Blackwater on his way to visit his brother back north. He left his horse here. At shingles in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, to A. Lee's and found Mrs. Lee rather poorly. They have a case of smallpox not far away. A young man, Palmer, is very bad. Got home at 7. Snowing most of the way.

22 – A fine day but pretty cold. Making shingles most of the day.

23 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (99 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Allan Black here for tea.

24 – A fine day. Cleaned out pig house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 10 bags of oats to be ground and brought home some coal. They did not have any nut coal so I had to get slow and pea coal. Jennie washing. Tom Black came from the north. Took his horse and went somewhere.

25 – A mild day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Annie and Willie for the meal. Made shingles in the afternoon. About 5 pm it started to snow from the SE and turned out a very rough night, but not so very cold.

26 – Snowing all night and most of the day from the SE. Made some shingles. At choir practice at the church in the evening. Road pretty heavy. Bert Beare and Arvella Real married today.

27 – A pretty cold day. Went to Port Perry market in the sleigh and Jennie, Annie and Willie. Annie got two teeth pulled at the Drs. In the evening went with Jennie to Willie Rennie's. Alex Gordon and Mrs. were also there. Spent a very pleasant evening and got home about 1 am. Roads very heavy. A big surprise farewell oyster supper at R. Town's. Got an invitation but could not be at two places at the same time.

28 – Cold day. At preparatory service in the church with Jennie. Not a very large turnout. Rev. Mr. Monroe of Cambray preached. Willie Rennie came in by certificate. Stayed up until about 12 o'clock watching the O'Neill cow which is expected to be dead before morning.

29 – Clear and sharp. Found the cow still alive. Went to Port Perry in the morning to consult vet Graham but he was at Jack Beare's so I drove home by Greenbank and met him near R. Real's. In the afternoon I again went to Port Perry and got Graham to come out to see the cow. He has no hopes of her. Meeting at the school house this afternoon about a new school house, was not able to attend. Went to the stable about 9:15 and found the O'Neill cow dead. Went down to John Michie's and got him out of bed to come up and help to skin her. Jennie helping by holding the light. I think she was the best cow we ever had.

MAR. 1 – At communion service at Greenbank with Jennie. There was a good turnout considering the weather. Mr. Keith conducted the services. Coming home we had to face one of the worse storms of snow with high east wind.

2 – Some snow in the morning. Drew away the dead cow and cleaned out pig pen and finished the shingles in the afternoon. R. Town called. No RR trains.

3 – Pretty cold day and drifting some. Cleaned out calf pen in the forenoon and in the afternoon at D. McDonald's sale of cattle and horses, which went at fair prices. Jennie quilting.

4 – A beautiful day. Helping Jennie to pick over the potatoes in the cellar. At choir practice at the church in the evening.

5 – A beautiful day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market. Annie at school, the first day for over a month.

6 – A very bad day. A blizzard from the SE which turned to a slight rain in the afternoon. Threw back turnips and did the chores. No trains since morning.

7 – Colder but thawing a little in sunny spots. Did little but the chores. Mrs. O'Neill and Clarence called in the afternoon.

8 – A very fine day and thawing a little. At SS and church with Jennie and Willie (Annie, not being well, did not go). G.D. McMillan being unwell was not at SS so it fell to me to act as superintendent. 115 I think present. Mr. Keith preached. Mrs. W.H. Leask, Mrs. W. Rennie and Miss Mona Leask sang a trio.

9 – Colder but a bright clear day. Went with the sleigh to Tom Black's at Raglan for the cultivator that I bought at his sale. Mrs. Mark went with me and stayed to help them pack up for Manitoba. They are to load their cars (2) tomorrow. Walter Bratley was there helping them. Got home about 6 pm. Roads good, snow in abundance. Jennie and Willie did the chores.

10 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for dinner. Drove her home about 5. Jennie washing and churning.

11 – A beautiful day. Not feeling very well, bad cold. Jennie went to W.F.M.S. meeting at Jas. McMillan's. About 4 pm M. Perrin came with the sleigh and with him was Mary Bell of Inniskillen and about 7 pm Mr. Jennings of Whitby to see Aunt Janet. He came from Port Perry where he had some cattle at the stock sale held there today. Thawing some all day and the snow getting quite soft.

12 – A very fine day and thawing. M. Perrin, Mary Bell and Mr. Jennings left for home in the morning. Then I, with Jennie and Willie, went to Port Perry market with the sleigh and brought home some coal. In the afternoon we had a visit from Alex Lee and wife. They stayed until after tea.

13 – Thawing until towards night when it got colder. Got ready early after dinner to go to sale at L. Beaton's old place but it started to rain. After waiting around started with Jennie but the going was so bad we did not go further than the mail box at the 11th concession.

14 – Thawing most of the day. Visiting at John Michie's and F. O'Neill's in the forenoon. Buck sawing wood in the afternoon. W. Mark came with hand sleigh for shingle packing box.

15 – Rain through the night and until about the middle of the afternoon and then some snow. Walked to SS and church, it raining all the way and got pretty wet. Alex Gordon; Arthur and Jennie Gordon, and Ray Dusty were all from this corner. There were 24 at SS and Mr. Harrington taught all that came. Mr. Arnold of the Toronto Mission preached in the basement.

16 – Started to snow about 8 am and came down heavy for awhile, then came a high NW wind and it was pretty rough for most of the day. Picking over turnips in the forenoon. Sawing wood in the afternoon.

17 – Snowing from the E a good part of the day. Cut a little wood. 14 little pigs came.

18 – A fine day. Went to Greenbank in the forenoon and made several calls. Cut wood in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went with Jennie and Annie to Port Perry market. Splendid sleighing. Cut some wood.

20 – A beautiful day. Went to Greenbank in the morning with the sleigh taking Annie to school. Took the old waggon wheels to let Mr. [Whiteford?] see them but he thought they were not worth cutting down so I brought them home again. In the afternoon went with Willie to Port Perry with 14 bags of oats to be ground and got it home again. The assessor John Johnson called.

21 – A very fine day. Cut wood and some other jobs. George Lee here changing some oats for seed. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing. Annie and Willie at Gordon's in the afternoon.

22 – A fine day and thawing a little. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (110 I think at SS). Rev. Mr. Mustard preached, an extra large turnout. Albert Stone, who has lately moved to the Penhal place, was there with all his family.

23 – A fine mild day, thawing. Went to G. Love's in the forenoon. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie, with Mrs. Mark, visiting at W. O'Neill's.

24 – Thawing a little but turned quite cold towards night. Cutting wood. James Lee called. He was after potatoes. Annie at school.

25 – A fine day but somewhat raw wind from SE. Cutting wood most of day. Annie at school.

26 – Thawing rapidly all day. Rain in the evening. Buck sawing wood. Annie at school. Got to the head of her class but had a job getting home as the water was over the road at the new road. Mammy has been very poorly for the last few days.

27 – Not thawing very much. At the wood most of the day. Jennie washing.

28 – A good deal of thunder and rain through the night and thawing until towards night when it got colder. Cutting wood in the forenoon. Went up as far as S. Dusty's in the afternoon.

29 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie. Walked as there is almost no road through the fields. (117 at SS), Mr. Keith preached.

30 – A fine day. Water in cellar. Trying to open drain etc. and cut some wood. Willie got stuck in snow bank. James Lee came on horseback for some potatoes.

31 – A little frost in the morning. Drawing out manure in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Rain most of the afternoon. Mending harness.

APR. 1 – Rather dull most of the day. Rain from the SE in the evening. Drawing out manure in the forenoon. Cleaning out pig house and other chores in the afternoon. Jennie making clothes for Willie.

2 – Cold with high NW wind and frequent snow blizzards. At the wood most of the day. Jennie, Annie and Willie up to S. Dusty's in the morning.

3 – Cold and rough, wintery like. At wood part of the day. Jennie making mat.

4 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went down to J. Michie's and I O'Neill's in the morning to see about the road through the swamp as we would like to get out to Port Perry. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Took the buggy, drove down the lane on top of the snow banks. Saw Dr. D. Archer and sent him out to see Mammy who has been bad for several days. Got home about 6.

5 – Thawing all day, rain in the afternoon. Walked to SS and church with Annie (109 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. After service there was a meeting to consider having a SS anniversary. A few stayed and it was decided to have an anniversary as usual. Committees were appointed.

6 – Thawing most of the day. Drawing out manure for awhile in the morning. Cutting wood in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening. Church renovation was the question. Annie at school. Jennie Gordon called in the morning. Mammy very ill.

7 – Thawing all day. Annie at school. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Willie principally to tell the Dr. how Mammy was (roads pretty bad). Mrs. Alex Gordon Jr. here in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill also called I think to tell us of the operation that his wife is undergoing soon. Mammy very poorly.

8 – Rain through the night which froze as it fell. Rain most of the forenoon, the ice did not melt all day and it got colder towards night. At the wood a little while. Jessie Michie called after dinner. Jennie churning. Mammy a little better today.

9 – Thawing all day. Spent the forenoon trying to get an outlet for the water in the cellar and in the afternoon went to W. Boe's sale. Roads pretty bad, lots of snow some places. Annie at school. About 7 pm. Mary Patton and Helen and Douglas came. A livery man drove them out from Port Perry.

10 – A very fine day, thawing and lots of mud. Went with Jennie to Port Perry with eggs and butter. Cutting wood in the afternoon. John Michie called in the evening.

11 – A very high NW wind. Took 8 bags of oats to Gibson's mill, the first time that I have been there since Gibson ran the mill. Roads pretty bad.

12 – Snowing a little in the afternoon. AT SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie and Helen Patton (131 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. His text was There shall be no more sea. Roads very muddy.

13 – The most spring like day of the season. At the raspberry bushes all day. Jennie and Mary Patton washing in the forenoon. Annie went up to S. Dusty's in the morning. Jennie at I. O'Neill's in the afternoon. Mrs. O'Neill is to have an operation tomorrow. Mammy very poorly.

14 – A very fine day. At the raspberry bushes in the forenoon and plowing in the orchard in the afternoon. Norman Lyle started to plough. Jennie went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning to the operation on Mrs. O'Neill but the Dr's decided to wait until tomorrow and try and get a Toronto Dr. Jennie also went up to Gordon's. Went to Greenbank in the evening to practice with Methodist choir but it was not until tomorrow night. Stayed to band practice. Mr. Sleep here after dinner and bought the two steers at 4 ½ cts per lb.

15 – A very fine day. Colder towards night. Planting raspberry bushes in the forenoon and cleaning off the old bushes in the afternoon. N. Lyle came and got 25 bushels of turnips. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called wanting to buy cattle. Jennie went down to Isaac O'Neill's and Mrs. O'Neill was operated on and a bad tumour was cut out of her abdomen. Dr. Hayes of Toronto was the operator. Dr. Mellow of Port Perry; Dr. Barry of Port Perry and Dr. Mellow of Saintfield and a trained nurse. Jennie saw the whole thing. A bad case and Mrs. O'Neill has but a slim chance. Went down in the evening.

16 – Hard frost in the morning and a fine day. Cut wood, planted early potatoes in the orchard and planted 6 apple trees. Jennie at Isaac O'Neill's all day washing up the clothes after the operation. Mrs. O'Neill doing well as far as can be seen. Rundle of Port Perry and another man called trying to sell a waggon.

17 – Some frost in the morning but a very fine day. Went up and settled with D. Lyle and A. Akhurst and then, with Jennie, went to Port Perry but as it was Good Friday the stores were shut and we did not get the things we wanted. Did a few odd chores in the afternoon. Methodist Missionary banquet tonight and a very fine night.

18 – Mild, rain in the afternoon. Water coming into cellar again. Spent forenoon cleaning out drain. Spread manure in the afternoon. Mary Patton went to Port Perry to the 5:30 train and met Mrs. Perrin and Alma. Jennie went down to I. O'Neill's and finds Mrs. O'Neill doing very well.

19 – Rain through the night. A fine day but rather raw. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Helen Patton (128 at SS), Rev. J.A. Miller preached. Went down to see Mrs. O'Neill in the evening. She is getting along pretty well.

20 – Snowing in the morning until there was about 2 inches. In the forenoon took the two steers to Seagrave. Went with E. Lyle and W. Petty who took two each. Rather bad walking. In the afternoon went to Gibson's mill with 10 bags of oats to be ground and got it home. Mary Patton drove L. and Alma Perrin to Port Perry on their way home.

21 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Drew out manure in the forenoon for potatoes. In the afternoon walked over to Harrison's sale but there was no sale as the family came to a settlement and divided the property. There were not many there. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. R. Cragg called in the afternoon. Jennie almost laid up with the cold.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing potato land in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon and met the train and brought Barbara up for a visit. Jennie called at Isaac O'Neill's and found Mary getting along well. Annie and Willie at Greenbank for practice for SS anniversary.

23 – A fine warm day. Plowing all day. Mr. Henry of the Massey Harris Co. called trying to sell a waggon.

24 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for corn for pigs and got it ground. Cultivating in the afternoon but it is too wet. Jennie and Barbara visiting at Mrs. Mark's. I went down in the evening for a sing.

25 – Cultivating until about 10 when it started to rain and continued until about noon. After dinner took straw off strawberry plants and then cultivated. Thunder shower at 6 o'clock. Barbara at John Michie's.

26 – A very fine spring day. Went over to Lyle's woods with the children and got about 5 or 6 flowers, the first of the season. Walked, with Annie, to SS. Jennie, Barbara, Helen and Willie rode in buggy. (136 at SS), Mr. Keith preached on the Lord's Day. I made the attempt to sing a solo. Barbara stayed at Mrs. Walker's. Mrs. Mark and Miss Duggan the nurse that has been attending Mrs. O'Neill called in the evening. Miss D. is leaving for home tomorrow.

27 – Sowed mixture of grain until noon when Jennie drove Barbara to Port Perry on her way home. Raining when they started, with thunder. Cleaned out calf and pig pens and ploughed the garden. Annie, Willie and Helen Patton at school.

28 – Harrowing, sowing and cultivating. George Jackson here for dinner. He was wanting to sell a waggon. Jennie and Mary Patton house cleaning. Annie and Willie at school. Threatening rain several times during the day and some rain in the evening. Isaac O'Neill called.

29 – Rather raw and several little showers. Annie and Willie to school. Got an old waggon wheel from Mr. Whiteford. Had a talk with Bain and [Speight?], waggon agents. Cultivated a little in the afternoon but it almost mired the horses. At prayer meeting in the evening. An after meeting held to send delegates to the Presbytery to consider the call of Mr. Keith to Prescott. J.M. Real and Jas. Leask chosen. Jennie and Mary Patton house cleaning and washing.

30 – A fine morning. Got up early and with Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry (Mary Patton drove us down) and took the train for Toronto. Got dinner at Mrs. Mason's (who was housecleaning). In the afternoon it started to snow and rain and a miserable day. Went to the horse show in the St. Lawrence arena. A fine show of horses but a poor attendance. Stayed at Mason's all night. Did not go out in the evening.

MAY 1 – Very raw with high NW wind and some little rain and snow. Went with Jennie, Willie and Annie Mason down to Eaton's and spent the time until train time. The train late in getting to Port Perry. Mary Patton was there for us. At choir practice at John Michie's in the evening. Alex Lee and Mrs. called.

2 – Fixed fences in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and Mary Patton's help, bagged up 30 bags of potatoes. Snow in the afternoon, ground white.

3 – Snow all gone about noon, bright day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet and Willie (Annie did not go on account of a pain in her side). (128 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee called in the evening.

4 – A fine day and a little warmer. No rain. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 20 bags of potatoes and in the afternoon with 12 bags. Mary Patton went with me in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

5 – A very fine day. Sowed part of the SW field, the lower part being too wet. Jennie down at Mrs. O'Neill's with Mrs. R. Cragg. Mrs. O'Neill improving. Aunt Janet at S. Dusty's for tea. Annie and Willie at school and at anniversary practice after. One of the finest days this spring.

6 – Harrowing until about 10:30 when it started to rain from the SE and continued off and on the rest of the day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie went after them in the rain. Jennie and Mary sewing.

7 – A very bad day. Rain through the night and all day from the SE. Water standing everywhere. Went down to John Michie's and settled up with him for last summer's work. Mary Patton went up to S. Dusty's for the mail. Jennie and Mary sewing.

8 – Rain from the east off and on all day. Cleaned out pig house and tied up berry bushes. Jennie and Mary Patton sewing. Aunt Janet sick.

9 – Rather a fine day with high NW wind which dried things up a little and badly is it needed. One little shower about 2 pm. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 4 bags of oats to be ground and got 8 bags of corn for the pigs. Waited to get it ground and did not get home until after 4 pm. Aunt Janet sick in bed all day.

10 – A fine day but rather cold NW wind. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. This is James' 1st time since he was baptised I think. (130 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. Annie Leask sang a solo very nicely.

11 – A fine warm spring like day. Spent the forenoon putting in the garden and the afternoon planting potatoes and hoeing straw-

berries. Annie and Willie at school but came home after dinner as this is arbour day. Annie took a note to Mrs. W. Real to telephone for the Dr. for Aunt Janet who is no better. Dr. R. Archer came about 10 am. He thinks it is gall stones that is the trouble. Alex Lee and wife came about 5 o'clock on their way home from Port Perry. Alex wanted to get instructions in grafting. They got their tea before they went home. Mrs. Alex Gordon called in the evening. She was wanting some help in getting up the topic for the W.F.M.S. meeting. The topic is the Sandwich Islands. Mary Patton washing. Some rain in the evening.

12 – Rain most of the forenoon. Mary Patton drove Annie and Willie to school. Hoeing strawberries and raspberries in the afternoon. Aunt Janet in bed all day.

13 – Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon. Cultivated in the north field in the afternoon (very wet it is). Jennie at W.F.M.S. at J.M. Real's. Annie and Willie at school. Willie head of class. Isaac O'Neill came for 2 little pigs. A little rain in the afternoon and evening.

14 – Heavy rain through the night. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and brought Mrs. Gordon Sr. who stayed until after tea. Let off water in fields, sowed some grass seed on pasture field, and grafted some.

15 – Drizzled rain from the SE. Sowed the south end of the SW field (very wet) and harrowed it. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and Mary housecleaning the cellar. At choir practice at James Leask's in the evening.

16 – Drawing out manure for mangolds in the forenoon and plowing it in the afternoon. Thunder shower about 5 pm. Jennie and Mary Patton housecleaning. Annie down to Jessie's practicing singing. Wanderer Lang here for supper.

17 – A very fine spring day, warm and no rain. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Helen and Willie (140 at SS), Mr. Keith preached. In the evening went with Jennie down to see Mrs. O'Neill and found her improving greatly.

18 – A fine warm day and things are beginning to look green. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 8 pigs (\$5.75 per 100). On the way home gave an English immigrant a ride. He is on his way to Jas. Leask's. In the afternoon sowed the north field which is still none too dry and this finishes the sowing, the latest that I remember of. Jennie washing. Aunt Janet down in the kitchen today for a short time.

19 – Harrowing the N field. Annie and Willie at school. Isaac O'Neill came for the turnip drill. A little rain during the afternoon and evening.

20 – A fine warm day. Cultivated the strawberry and potato ground in the forenoon and started to plant strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie digging the plants. Jennie and Mary housecleaning upstairs. At choir practice in the evening at the church. Annie, Willie and Helen Patton at school and then at practice and did not get home until nearly 8 o'clock. Beef ring started. A. Akhurst made the trip. R. Cragg called. He was wanting a saw. Aunt Janet out of bed most of the day.

21 – Rain from the E most of the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Planting strawberry plants in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Mary housecleaning upstairs.

22 – A fine day. At planting strawberries all day, Jennie helping, and finished the job. Annie, Willie and Helen Patton at school. Singing practice after school. At choir practice in the evening at Alex Leask's. Walked over and it was 1 o'clock when I got home.

23 – A very fine day. All day at mangold ground, drilled up a few. Jennie baking. Moved out the stove. At band practice at Greenbank in the evening. Rode up with John Michie.

24 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Helen Patton. An extra large turnout to SS. 148 present, this being anniversary day. Rev. Mr. Finley of Cannington preached. At the service again in the evening with Jennie. Mr. Finley preached to full houses both times.

25 – A beautiful day. Finished drilling the mangolds and then sowed them in the forenoon. Jennie and Mary cooking for the anniversary. In the afternoon, with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Helen Patton attended the SS anniversary. A large turnout. The Queen City Quartet gave the programme which was fairly good. About \$134.00 took in.

26 – Drilled up for potatoes in the forenoon. Rain about 11. Planted potatoes in the afternoon. Got ready to go to Wick to a joint session meeting. I was to ride back with J.M. Real but a thunder shower came up and it was after 8 before it quit raining so I did not go. Jennie washing. James Carnegie of Port Perry, the Liberal candidate for the Ontario Legislature, called and got his dinner.

27 – A very fine day and everything growing fine. Went for the beef in the morning and took Annie and Willie to school. Finished planting potatoes and planted corn in the little plot by the barn pump. Jennie and Mary Patton housecleaning the kitchen.

28 – A fine day and pretty warm. Thunder after supper but only a few drops of rain. Rolling in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, James and Helen Patton, attended preparatory service. Rather a small turnout, Rev. Mr. Leach of Sonya preached. After social in the evening. Annie and Willie at school. Scuffled raspberry bushes after supper.

29 – A fine warm day, a little rain between 1 and 2 o'clock. Jennie drove Mary Patton and children to Port Perry to the morning train on their way home to Port Hope. They had been here about 2 months. Annie and Willie at school. Hoed berry bushes in the forenoon and rolled in the afternoon.

30 – A terrific thunder storm about 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning and rain nearly all forenoon and everything is very much soaked. When I went to the barn I found that Fly had a colt. Cleaned out pig house and root house in the forenoon and in the afternoon went down to Isaac O'Neill's to hunt a horse for a few days. Called at John Michie's. Jennie scrubbing. Thunder and rain again in the evening. W. Wallace and Mr. Cuff the piano man called.

31 – At communion at Wick with Jennie, an extra good turnout. A thunder shower during the service. At church at Greenbank in the evening. A full house as this was Mr. Keith's farewell sermon. He leaves tomorrow for Prescott. Drizzling rain from the east.

JUNE 1 – A very fine cool day. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's and got a horse and drew out manure all day. David Cragg called in the afternoon and bought 2 pigs for \$5.00. Annie and Willie at school. Nomination day for Ontario Legislature.

2 – A fine cool day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and rolling in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Roy O'Neill called.

3 – A very fine day. Took Isaac O'Neill's horse home and got one from John M. and plowed all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and little James visiting at W. Thomas's.

4 – A fine day and pretty warm. Cultivated the corn ground and sowed corn. Harrowed potatoes. D. Cragg came for 2 pigs. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school, both head of their classes tonight.

5 – A very fine day. Went, with Jennie, in the waggon to Port Perry with 6 bags of potatoes but could not sell them, so had to bring them home. Got 5 bags of corn for pigs. Scuffled strawberries in the afternoon. Not feeling very well. Annie and Willie at school. Liberal meeting at Port Perry tonight.

6 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie scrubbing and oiling the floor. Edna and Annie Gordon here in the afternoon playing with the children.

7 – A fine day and pretty warm. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Rev. Mr. Wood, late of Dunbarton, preached and declared the pulpit vacant.

8 – A fine day and pretty warm with high SW wind. Provincial election today. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Greenbank to vote. Jas. Carnegie, Lib., and C. Calder, Con. are the candidates. Hoed strawberries. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing. Calder elected and Whitney government sustained by great majority.

9 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day (and finished the job). Annie and Willie at school. Jennie calling at John Michie's and A. Akhurst's. Jas. Leask; J.M. Real, Mr. and Mrs. W. McMillan leave today for a trip to the north west.

10 – A very fine day and quite cool. Plowing in the forenoon and spreading manure in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at John Stone's. Annie and Willie at school. Carpenters took the roof off A. Akhurst's barn today.

11 – A very fine day. Plowed until 9 am when I went to Albert Akhurst's barn raising. Jennie and little James came in the afternoon. Everything went up very well. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Alex Lee here in the afternoon while Alex was at the raising.

12 – A beautiful day. Cultivating, harrowing, rolling and drilling up turnip land. Annie and Willie at school. James Perrie of Whitby and Joe Phoenix here in the evening. Jennie up to A. Akhurst's in the forenoon. Aunt Janet in bed again.

13 – A beautiful fine day and not too warm. Drilled up for turnips (62 drills) in the forenoon and sowed them in the afternoon. Isaac O'Neill came for a bag of potatoes. Annie and Willie at Gordon's in the afternoon.

14 – A fine day. A nice shower about 5 o'clock which will do good. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (101 at SS). G.D. McMillan, the superintendent, being absent, I had to act in his place. Mr. --- preached. 1st strawberries of the season.

15 – A fine cool day. John Michie came for his horse so I plowed in the forenoon with Fly. Scuffled mangolds etc. In the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. Cragg called in the forenoon.

16 – A fine day and pretty cool. Plowing until middle of afternoon when Jennie went to Port Perry with 11 boxes of strawberries, the first of the season. Willie and James went with her. Billy Lewis got turnip drill to sow Isaac O'Neill's turnips. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie making pants for Willie and picking strawberries. Annie and Willie at school. In the evening went with John Michie and Jessie to choir practice at W. McMillan's at Saintfield. Did not get home until 1 am.

18 – A few drops of rain but not enough to do any good. Scuffling potatoes and cultivating. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school.

19 – A pretty warm day with high SW wind. Harrowed, rolled and drilled up turnips. Jennie picking berries and left at 4 o'clock and took them to Port Perry (1 case). She had to hurry home to escape a heavy thunder shower which will do a lot of good to the crops. Annie and Willie at school.

20 – A very fine cool day. Finished drilling and sowing turnips. Jennie picking berries. Mrs. Mark picking awhile. Vera Cragg called for berries. Mrs. W. Real called in the evening for berries. Jennie went up to Gordon's. Preserving strawberries after supper.

21 – Very warm day. I think it is the warmest of the season. At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (106 I think at SS). Rev. Mr. Ross preached. Choir rather small and G.D. McMillan and Mrs. W.H. Leask gave a duet.

22 – A very warm day. Started early and took 6 pigs to Port Perry (\$6.00 per 100) and brought home berry boxes. In the afternoon got S. Dusty's democrat and took 5 cases of strawberries to Port Perry. In the evening at special meeting of church managers to do something to repair the church. While at the meeting a thunder storm came up and we had to wait for some time until it was over. A very wild night. Jennie picking berries. Jessie Michie; Edith Phair; Miss Lyle and Vera Cragg helping. Over 300 boxes picked. John Michie; Jas. Lee; Oliver Luke and Wes Real here in the evening for a feed. Mrs. W. Real for some berries. Annie and Willie

at school. The inspector and Dr. Mellow, sanitary inspector, visited the school and gave orders that a new school must go up before the 1st day of October or the government grants will be withheld. South Ontario F.I. excursion.

23 – A close thundery day. A big thunder shower at noon, another about 2, and another big downpour about 4. Everything thoroughly soaked, water standing in the field. Sowed some buckwheat and scuffled corn in the forenoon and few odd chores in the afternoon. Jennie washing in the forenoon. She intended to go to Port Perry with a case of berries but did not go on account of the rain, so had to preserve the most of them. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A great rain through the night and a very fine day and much cooler. Picked strawberries in the forenoon. In the afternoon got S. Dusty's rig and took 5 cases of berries to Port Perry, all of which were shipped to Peterborough as Mr. Brock's daughter Mrs. Sangster is dead and the store will be closed for some days. In the evening went to C. Gordon's for to get Jim Dusty for Friday. Called at M. O'Neill's and I. O'Neill's. Jennie picking berries. Helping were Jessie Michie; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. W. O'Neill; Vera Cragg; Edith Phair and Mrs. A. Gordon. Lillie O'Neill came for berries. Norman Phair called in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing mangolds all day, Billie Lewis helping. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A very fine clear day. Hoeing mangolds, W. Lewis helping, and finished the job. Jennie picking berries. Mrs. Jas. Lee; Vera Cragg; Jessie Michie; Jim Dusty; and W. Mark and I helping. Also Mrs. M. O'Neill and Lillie. Jim Dusty went twice to Greenbank with berries (331 boxes picked). Jim Lee and Mr. and Mrs. R. Cragg here in the evening. Annie and Willie at school, the last day before holidays.

27 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for berry cases. Scuffling all afternoon. Jennie picking and preserving berries, Vera Cragg helping. In the evening Jennie, Annie, Willie and James went to Greenbank with the berries.

28 – A very fine day. At SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (105 at SS), then went to anniversary service at the Methodist church. There was a full house. Rev. Mr. Hagen and Rev. Mr. Ross (the man that was to have preached at our church) were the speakers.

29 – A very fine day. Hoed strawberries in the forenoon and in the afternoon got S. Dusty's rig and took 6 cases of berries to Port Perry. Jennie picking berries and there was picking Maggie Blair; Vera Cragg; Edith Phair; Jessie Michie; Mrs. Mark; Lillie O'Neill; Elizabeth Forfar; Mrs. Gordon and Bessie; and Mrs. Jas. Lee. Jim Blair brought Maggie in the morning and got a feed. Mrs. A. Lee and Wilmot Asling called for berries. Jim Lee, John Whiteford and Russell Thomas came in the evening for an eat. Over 500 boxes picked and some not picked yet. A little rain in the evening.

30 – A fine day, threatening rain sometimes. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 2 crates of berries. Scuffling in the afternoon.

Jennie went to Greenbank with berries before dinner. All three children went with her. Washing in the afternoon.

JULY 1 – A fine day, a little threatening in the morning. Went for the beef in the morning and picked berries. Mrs. A. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Beacroft here awhile picking. Mr. W. Real called for berries and George Fowlie and Barbara and George Lambe came for berries and stayed until after dinner. Went with Annie and Willie to Methodist SS anniversary. There was a good crowd. We came home after supper.

2 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to the market and to take some berries to John Burns. In the afternoon Alex Leask, wife, and family of four, from Leaskdale came about 1 o'clock and stayed until about 5 pm. Spent the afternoon with them. Picking strawberries: W. Mark; Mrs. Mark; Jessie Michie; Elizabeth Forfar; Mrs. A. Gordon; Bessie Gordon; Mabel Gordon; and Lillie O'Neill and Mrs. W. O'Neill. After supper went to Greenbank with berries. Willie went with me. Willie Beaton, Isaac Beare and Mrs. Jas Leask came for berries.

3 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank early with berries, then Jennie and Annie and James (James' birthday) went to Port Perry with a crate of berries for Mr. Patton, Port Hope. Hoeing in the forenoon and scuffling turnips in the afternoon. Hoed 4 drills of turnips (the first) after supper. Mrs. A. Gordon; Mrs. Jas. Ewen; Mrs. John Park; and George Park here picking strawberries and stayed for dinner. Miss Gregg and Ethel McDonald came for berries but did not get any. Norman Lyle called in the evening. Isaac O'Neill came for a few potatoes.

4 – A little rain about 11 and again about 4. Hoed until about 9:30 and then went to school meeting held to vote debentures for a new school house. There were about 40 present but the debentures were voted down. The vote was 18 for and 21 against. After the meeting went to Greenbank. Hoed mangolds (2nd time) in the afternoon. Jennie and Bessie Gordon here for some berries.

5 – Big thunderstorm through the night and a fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (111 at SS). A Rev. Mr. McMillan preached.

6 – A fine day but very warm. Hoed turnips and Paris greened potatoes. Mr. Gordon and Jessie Michie picking berries in the forenoon. Aunt Janet and Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Young Gregg; Mrs. and Gordon McDonald; Roy and Cathleen Leask; and Eva Luke came for berries. Clara and [Alatha?] Barret came in the evening but did not get any.

7 – At road work with waggon drawing dirt on the concession. Rain in the afternoon and got pretty well soaked and had to quit about 4. At Greenbank in the evening. Mr. Gordon; Mrs. Mark; Jessie Michie; and Jennie picking berries in the afternoon but did not do much on account of the rain.

8 – Quite cool all day with NW wind. Picked strawberries alone in the forenoon. Maggie Blair and Barbara Walker helping Jennie. In the afternoon was our annual W.F.M.S. meeting and the SS children gathering which passed off without a hitch. About 70 old and young sat down to supper. Among them was Mr. Robert

Miller of Manitoba and Mrs. A. Leask of Cannington. Aunt Janet, with Willie, drove Barbara Walker home. Alex Gordon's horse buggy and harness stolen last night.

9 – A fine day and some warmer. At road work in the forenoon and finished. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Jessie Michie picking strawberries in the forenoon (pretty near done) and in the afternoon, with Willie and James, went to Port Perry. Annie at Gordon's.

10 – A very nice day. Hoeing turnips and Paris greening potatoes. Mrs. A. Gordon, Jennie and Bessie picking strawberries (likely the last of the season). Alex Gordon called on his way home from Port Perry where he had been getting cards printed to recover his horse and buggy. Mrs. M. O'Neill called after dinner. She was on her way home from raspberry picking. Jennie picked the cherries and made currant jelly.

11 – A very warm day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and scuffled in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry after supper. Jennie preserving cherries.

12 – A fine day and pretty warm with high NW wind. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Mr. McMillan preached. Maggie McMillan sang a solo.

13 – A very fine day, quite a dash of a shower at 5 pm. Went to Port Perry early in the morning and hoed turnips the rest of the day. Jennie preserving black currants. In the evening went to Greenbank to joint session and managers of Wick and Greenbank congregations. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge was in the chair and nearly all the members were present. The chief subject was a new manse. No decision came to.

14 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie churning and preserving. Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and James at John Michie's.

15 – A beautiful clear cool day. Hoeing turnips all day, W. Mark helping. Jennie churning and ironing. Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and James visiting at A. Gordon's.

16 – A beautiful fine day. Finished hoeing turnips 1st time in the forenoon. Jennie, with Annie, Willie and James, went to Port Perry market and got the children's pictures taken. Scuffling and hoeing in the afternoon.

17 – Started to rain about 5 am and continued off and on all day, sometimes pretty hard. Did some chores about the shop and barn. After supper went up to the mail box and called in to A. Akhurst's and had a long talk with Mr. John McCorkidale on Bible subjects.

18 – A thunder shower in the early morning and a clear cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Paris greened potatoes in the afternoon and went to Greenbank to the S. of T. but there was no meeting. Jennie making black currant jelly.

19 – A fine cool day, a little rain about 4 pm. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (132 at SS). W. McMillan, who was just returned from a trip to the NW, gave a short address. G. Wallace at SS. Mr. Duncan of the Soo preached.

20 – A very fine day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon and scuffling corn and mangolds in the afternoon. Jennie washing and ironing. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry and got two teeth out.

21 – A drizzling rain all forenoon. Cutting thistles on the road and in the pasture field in the afternoon. Jennie churning.

22 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon and scuffling in the afternoon. Jennie picking raspberries in the forenoon and with the 3 children went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Pat Thompson of Whitby called in the afternoon. He is looking well.

23 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Got A. Akhurst's mower and cut hay in the forenoon and cut the strawberry patch in the afternoon. After supper went with Jennie and the three children down to the bridge on the sideroad fishing. Got a few fish. Isaac O'Neill called in the morning.

24 – A fine day and pretty warm. With John Michie's help drew in the hay that was cut. Jennie picking berries and preserving. Rev. Mr. Duncan called.



Photo of Annie, Willie and James Michie date unknown.

25 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and cut the rest of the hay in the afternoon. Clarence and Irene O'Neill here for supper. Went to S. of T. in the evening. Saw the first grain cut today.

26 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (106 at SS). Rev. Mr. Frazer of Uxbridge preached. Aunt Janet went down to see Mrs. Mark in the evening who is bad with [?].

27 – A very fine day. At the hay, John Michie helping. About 3:30 W. Wallace and Rev. Mr. Fraser called and we had a talk about a new manse. He wanted the managers to go to Wick tonight to see the manse. So after supper John drove and I went with him and we, with others, saw the building and found it better than we expected. Jennie picking berries and after supper Aunt Janet took them to Port Perry. Annie walked to Greenbank to Mission Band.

28 – A fine day but very warm. With John Michie's help drew in the last of the hay. In the afternoon, with the waggon and Willie, went to Port Perry for pig feed and a new bed which came from Eaton's. In the evening at congregational meeting to consider the question of building a new manse. After a somewhat warm debate it was decided to take no action.

29 – A fine day but very warm. Scuffled turnips and strawberries all day. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here most of the day.

30 – An awful hot day. Hoeing turnips 2nd time all day. At choir practice in the evening. Only 6 turned out. Aunt Janet at Port Perry market. Word came to Greenbank that G. Barrett is dead by being suffocated in a well at Swift Current, Sask.

31 – Quite a lot cooler. Hoeing turnips and strawberries all day and got the hoeing pretty well up for a time. Annie at Gordon's and Willie at R. Cragg's playing. Jennie picking and preserving berries.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day and not so warm. Ploughed the old strawberry patch. Went to Port Perry after supper.

2 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (118 at SS), Mr. Duncan preached. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie and Willie, went to church at Port Perry. A Mr. McInnis preached.

3 – A fine day. Looked a little like rain several times but did not come. At the old strawberry patch in the forenoon. Rigging up binder in the afternoon. After supper, with Annie and Willie, went to Greenbank. Called at John Lee's. Most of people cutting grain.

4 – Thunder through the night but only a little sprinkle about 6 am. Threatening most of the day with another little sprinkle in the evening. Very close and warm all day. Rigged up binder, fixed fences and hoed mangolds. Jennie washing. George Barrett's funeral. A big thunder storm about 10 and rain most of the night which soaked things pretty well and it was needed as things were very dry. Jim Dixon's barn near Myrtle and Pars barn in Cartright struck by lightning and burned.

5 – Went for the beef in the morning with James. Cleaned out pig house and some other little jobs. Mrs. Alex Lee and Keith called in the forenoon. After 4 o'clock supper went with Jennie and the 3 children to Manchester. Called at Fowlie's and John Park's.

6 – A very fine day. Did some chores in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with John Michie's help (and his horse), cut oats, the first, and in the evening attended band concert at R. Flewell's. It was a beautiful evening but not so many out as at other times. P.

Christie, M.P., was chairman and Teddy Pigot and Barton singers. Proceeds about \$62.00 by sale of tickets. Book agent here for dinner.

7 – Several thunder showers went around but only a few drops here. Cutting oats in the forenoon, John Michie and horse helping. Scuffling strawberries and hoeing in the afternoon. Mr. Henders called and bought apples.

8 – A very fine cool day. Did some chores and hoed mangolds in the forenoon and fixed fence at the spring in the afternoon. This being Willie's birthday (7 years old) he and Annie had a little party. Jennie, Edna and Annie Gordon; Wilmot Cragg; Fred and Leslie Real; and Erma and Harold Salter. Jennie went to Greenbank after supper.

9 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (135 at SS), Rev. Mr. Alexander, late of Manitoba, preached.

10 – Cutting oats with John Michie's help. Rain came on at 2 pm and stopped work until about 5. Jennie washing. Jennie Gordon came with the mail. She is not able to do much on account of a sore arm.

11 – About 2 hours work, John Michie helping, finished cutting the field NW of barn and then John went home to cut. Hoed the strawberries all over. Jennie and Aunt Janet picking berries.

12 – Foggy morning. Went with Willie to Port Perry. Started to rain on the way down and quite hard on the way home and kept on until about noon. High wind in the afternoon and more rain about 6 pm. Put in some glass in cellar windows. Jennie and Annie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Jas. Blair's.

13 – Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry market while I made a new mail box, the old one having been carried off. Did a few odd chores and went down to John Michie's to see how he was getting along at cutting. Rain about midday. Clear evening.

14 – A fine cool day. Did some chores in the forenoon. After dinner John Michie came with the horses and helped to start cut the N field and then went home, but came back after supper. Mrs. Wes Luke called in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. John Michie came up to help with the cutting but R. Cragg came wanting help and he went with him while I finished cutting. At 5 pm John and Richard came and helped me to finish shocking. Aunt Janet called on Mrs. Mark who has been very bad with [eczema?]. Annie and Willie went up to Gordon's in the afternoon but did not stay long as the children were just about to go to a little party at C. Gordon's.

16 – A very fine day, somewhat dull towards night and a few drops of rain when we were coming home from church. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (123 at SS), Rev. Mr. Alexander preached. Russell Wallace and Maggie McMillan sang a duet, very nicely.

17 – Started early with sow and smaller hog but when a little past the Nonquon bridge the sow broke out and I had to drive her home

and load her up the second time. Got along all right then. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in 5 loads of oats. Annie and Willie at school, the first day since holidays. Miss Real is teaching the whole school as Miss Slovin has to be at home attending to no less than four down with typhoid fever.

18 – A very fine cool day. Drawing in oats all day, Jennie helping. Annie and Willie at school.

19 – A little rain about 6 to 8 o'clock made it too wet for drawing in so I drove Annie and Willie to school. Drew in the rest of the day, Jennie helping.

20 – A very fine day and quite cool. Drawing in, Jennie helping, until about 2:30 when we finished harvest. Then went to Port Perry with Jennie and James. Annie and Willie at school. Norman Lyle; D. Lyle and John Michie also finished harvest today.

21 – A very fine cool day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A fine cool day. Plowing until about 3:30 when Jennie and little James went to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell and Milton Clare. They got back after 7. Scuffled the strawberries.

23 – A fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Milton Clare (130 at SS), Rev. Mr. McInnis preached. He has just received a call to Port Perry. Maggie McMillan sang a solo.

24 – A very fine cool day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. At managers meeting in the evening. Walked up, got a ride home part way with C. Gordon.

25 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school. After dinner, with Jennie and little James, drove to James Smith's. Got there about 7 and stayed all night. Mary Joyce was there.

26 – Another very fine day. Visited all forenoon and about 2 pm started for home. Annie and Willie at school. Jessie Bell sewing.

27 – A fine day. Plowing until about 4 pm when I went to help D. Lyle to thresh (W. Taylor's machine). Annie and Willie at school.

28 – A fine day. Threshing at D. Lyle's until a little after 9 when the machine went to Alex Gordon's. Went over to A. Akhurst's where Mr. Wadell and his men are putting in cement stable floors. Did a few chores in the afternoon. Jennie; Jessie Bell; Milton Clare; Annie; Willie and James took a trip over to the Indian Reserve on Scugog Island. They got back about 6:30. G. Jackson called wanting to sell me a waggon.

29 – A fine day. Plowed a while in the morning then took Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle on a visit. Got buggy tires set. Plowed in the afternoon. Got 5 bags of oats from D. Lyle (borrowed).

30 – A very fine warm day, very dry and dusty and rain would be very welcome. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Milton Clare (123 at SS), Rev. Mr. Campbell of Toronto preached.

31 – A fine warm day, no rain yet. Plowing all day, ground very hard. Annie and Willie at school.

SEPT. 1 – Pretty warm. Plowed until about 5 pm when rain came on. There was two or three nice showers which was very welcome as things were getting very dry. Annie and Willie at school. Milton Clare went to Greenbank with letters to post. Men are shingling our church.

2 – Quite a cool day, a great change from yesterday. Went for the beef in the morning, taking Annie and Willie to school. Milton Clare also went. Plowing the rest of the day.

3 – A very fine cool day. Jennie and Milton Clare went to Port Perry market while I cleaned out pig pens and grainery. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Silversides, the Uxbridge medicine man, called in the morning. Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie called in the evening.

4 – A very nice day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie Gordon here most of the day getting Jessie Bell to fit some clothing. Milton Clare went to the post office with letters.

5 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day.

6 – Dull and cloudy in the forenoon, a shower about 12, then cooler with high NW wind. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Milton Clare (123 at SS), Mr. Currie preached a good sermon. James A. Miller addressed the SS.

7 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's and got a horse and G. Dowson cut the corn (W. Leask's binder) while I hoed strawberries. After dinner took the corn binder to Dowson's and then drew off two loads of corn. Mr. and Mrs. R. McKnight called to see Mrs. Bell. At managers meeting in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A very fine day. Hoed strawberries until the dew was off then drew off corn and finished. Went up for Mrs. Gordon Sr. to stay here while we are away at the exhibition tomorrow. Annie and Willie at school.

9 – Jessie Bell drove Jennie, Annie and Milton Clare while I walked to Port Perry on our way to Toronto Exhibition. We went straight to the grounds and stayed until all was over after 10 at night, an immense crowd. Stayed with Annie Mason all night. Jessie and Mrs. Gordon ran things at home very satisfactorily. A very fine day.

10 – Went to the fair the first thing and stayed until about 9 at night. Another very large crowd. Jennie did some shopping and saw Milton Clare off for home on the boat to Kingston. Stayed at Mason's all night. A fine day.

11 – Another very warm close day and quite smoky and oppressive. All took the morning train and got to Port Perry about 10. Jessie Bell drove down for us but I walked and got home before them. Drove Mrs. Gordon home after supper. [Here the diary says that Joseph Ward's barn burned, but the words are also crossed out].

12 – A little cooler but smoky. Harrowing most of the day. Not feeling very well.

13 – A fine day but very dry and smoky. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (105 at SS). Rev. Mr. Currie preached. After service there was a congregational meeting which decided to give Mr. Currie a call.

14 – A very fine day. Cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon cut the buckwheat which appears to be a fair crop. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Gordon and Arthur here picking crab apples.

15 – Cultivating in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon and went to Fred Dawson's sale but did not buy anything. Annie and Willie at school. Sandy Gordon came for crab apples. Jessie Bell sewing.

16 – A fine day, very smoky and dry. Cultivated in the forenoon, scuffled strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at the church. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – Very smoky day. Jennie went to Port Perry market and brought Aunt Janet home from her visit to Newcastle. Plowing corn land in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Very smoky. A little rain in the evening but not enough to make it run off the roof. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, attended preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. McEachern preached, a fair turnout. After the meeting we went to W. Wallace's for tea and spent the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

19 – Some rain through the night and some from the E in the morning but not enough to do much good. Plowing the old strawberry patch, 2nd time, in the forenoon and drew off the pumpkins from the potato patch and hoed in the afternoon. Mrs. Phair called in the afternoon. Jennie scrubbing, etc.

20 – A very fine day. Went with Jennie and Aunt Janet to communion at Greenbank. There was an extra good turnout. Rev. J.M. Cameron of Hamilton conducted the service which was very helpful. Jessie Bell, Annie and Willie went down to see Mrs. Mark in the evening. M. Harrington called. Had a bad tooth ache all night and day.

21 – Aunt Janet drove Jessie Bell to the morning train at Port Perry on her way to Newcastle for a week. Annie and Willie at school. I lay in bed most of the forenoon with headache. Hoed some in the afternoon. Thunder in the afternoon but no rain here.

22 – Fine but very smoky, with a thick fog in the morning. Walked up as far as the new road and met Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Leask and went with them to Uxbridge to prosecute the call to Mr. Currie before the Presbytery meeting held there. The prospects of getting Mr. Currie do not appear very bright. Got dinner at Rev. Mr. Fraser's and got back to Greenbank just in time to be too late to attend the wedding of J.G. Miller and Maggie McMillan which was held in the church (the 1st ever held therein). A large number turned out to see and hear. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – Pretty warm and smoky, no rain. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping (rather poor crop). Mr. E. Boe and Rev. J.M. Cameron called in the forenoon. Two boys came with apple barrels and later Mr. Henders called to tell us to pick the snow apples. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A very warm dry smoky day. Picking snow apples, Jennie helping, all day and finished. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – Another very warm dry day. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in the bit of buckwheat, then cultivated some. [Derring?] agents called. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – Hot dry smoky. Aunt Janet drove to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell who came back from Newcastle. Digging potatoes all day. Annie and Willie picked up nearly all that I dug. Jennie scrubbing and ironing.

27 – Hot dry smoky. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. The SS took the form of a children's service. At church service, Rev. J.M. Cameron preached a good sermon. Willie not very well. In the evening went with Aunt Janet and Annie to the S. of T. annual sermon (the 50th) at which Mr. Cameron again preached to a full house. Word came that Mr. Currie has not accepted the call to Wick and Greenbank.

28 – A wee little rain in the morning and threatening off and on during the forenoon and in the afternoon there was a downpour in earnest which was very welcome. A high wind knocked off a lot of apples. Annie at school. Willie did not go as he was not very well. Dug potatoes in the forenoon. Went for Annie in the rain.

29 – A fine day but pretty cool. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to the church where I met James Leask, John Michie and James Miller and talked over the choir seats in the church and decided to change them. In the afternoon took several bags of fallen apples to the evaporator and Jessie Bell's trunk to the station. In the evening went to S. of T. Jubilee celebration in Methodist church (50 years since its organization). There was not as large a turnout as expected. Rev. Mr. Terrill presided. Rev. J.A. Miller gave a sketch of the Division since its inception and addresses were given by Joseph Ward; Jas. Miller; W. Luke; T.E. Cragg; G. Lee; R. Cragg; G. Miller and myself. Several songs were sung by a Mr. Davis of Toronto. It was nearly midnight before it closed. Apple packers came to pack the snow apples but they only made 4 barrels where there ought to have been at least 12 or 14, the worst culling that we ever had.

30 – Pretty cool with high SW wind. Jennie drove Jessie Bell to the morning train on her way back to Rochester. I dug some potatoes, moved in the stove. Albert Akhurst took the 4 barrels of apples to Port Perry. Spent the rest of the day with Jennie picking up the cull apples for the evaporator and packing 3 barrels for Winnipeg. Annie and Willie at school.

OCT. 1 – A fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with apples for the evaporator and 3 barrels for Winnipeg. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Greenbank, she to meet with other ladies of the church to consult with the painter about the tents on the church and I to see how Mr. Miller was getting along with the new

choir place. Annie and Willie at school. They did not come home but stayed all night at Theodore Salter's. While we were at Greenbank Mammy had a very bad turn.

2 – A very fine day and pretty cool. Digging potatoes in the forenoon and finished. At John Michie's threshing (W. Taylor's machine) in the afternoon and cleaned him out. They then moved up to A. Akhurst's. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A very fine cool day. Threshing at A. Akhurst's until about the middle of the afternoon when they moved to Norman Lyle's and worked until dark. Jennie, Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the later part of the afternoon. Mr. Isaac O'Neill and children called.

4 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (116 at SS), Rev. Mr. Smith of Toronto preached a good sermon. New choir seats used for the first time.

5 – A beautiful day, foggy in the morning. Threshing at Norman Lyle's until about 10:30 when they moved here and had a short run before dinner. Finished about 5 pm. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – A very fine day. Plowing buckwheat patch in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, cleaned out the cistern. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. Folke, the liberal candidate for the house of commons, has a meeting at Greenbank. Did not go.

7 – A fine day. Plowing awhile and then threshing at R. Cragg's and finished but had to use lanterns. In the evening at congregational meeting to make arrangements for the reopening of the church. Jennie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A very fine day. Threshing in the forenoon at Phair's. In the afternoon John Michie took my place while I went to Mrs. White-way's sale. Went to buy a cow but did not do so. Norman Lyle went with me. Annie and Willie at school.

9 – A very fine day. Went over to Phair's in the morning to thresh but they did not need me. Picking apples most of the day, Jennie helping awhile. Mammy had a bad turn and Aunt Janet drove out for the Dr. He came (Dr. D. Archer) in his automobile driven by Archie Black (the first time that it has been here). Alex Leask came for 2 barrels of sweet apples. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and children called. Apple packers came after but the apples were not ready. Les Lamb was in the gang. R.T. Harrington called in the afternoon for some strawberry plants. Mrs. Mark also called. Annie and Willie at school. At choir practice at the church in the evening. A beautiful clear night.

10 – Fine during the day, rain in the evening. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. At S. of T. in the evening.

11 – Quite cold with high NW wind. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (116 at SS). Mr. Arnold, city missionary of Toronto, preached. The service was held in the basement on account of the painting of the church.

12 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Plowed awhile and picked apples the rest of the day, Jennie helping, and finished. Annie and Willie at school.

13 – A fine day. At mangolds all day and got in 3 loads, Jennie helping to draw. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Barbara Walker called in the afternoon. Sandy Gordon came for a bag of apples.

14 – A fine day. Drawing in mangolds, Jennie helping and finished at 2 pm. Jennie then went to W.F.M.S. meeting in the church while I scuffled the strawberries. Annie and Willie at school. At congregational meeting to arrange for church reopening in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon. Two apple packers came about 9:30 and worked until about 4 when the barrels gave out. Went to Port Perry with 13 barrels of apples and brought home 7 empty.

16 – A very fine day. Drew out manure in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. At choir practice in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Apple packers came and finished and I took them with the last of the apples to Port Perry. Wes Luke came for some sweet apples.

18 – A fine day, very smoky in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, and James (110 at SS). Rev. Mr. Beck--? Preached in the basement.

19 – Somewhat cooler. Picking up cull apples in the forenoon and in the afternoon took them, with 12 bags of oats, to Port Perry. Got meal home. Annie and Willie at school. Mission band after.

20 – Rather cool and very smoky. Cultivating all day. Annie and Willie at school.

21 – Somewhat cool. Cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Thomas' sale at Layton and bought a cow for \$40.00. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A very fine day. Went to Josiah Thomas' at Layton for the cow. W. Thomas went with me, he having 3 cattle to bring home. Cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – A fine day. Cultivating in the forenoon and went to James Ross' sale. At choir practice in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – Topped turnips for awhile in the morning and then took Jennie and James to the train at Port Perry. She went to see Mary Bell at Brooklin. Willie went with me to Port Perry. Cultivated awhile until about 4 when it started to rain but it stopped too soon. Went to Port Perry again in the evening for Jennie. Mabel Bell came with her.

25 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell (115 at SS), Rev. Mr. [?] preached in the basement. Mrs. W. Rennie sang solo.

26 – Rain through the night and very dull during the forenoon. Went to Greenbank in the morning to vote, this being the Dominion Election day. Folke and Christie the candidates. Cultivated and hoed strawberries the rest of the day. Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell at school. Folke elected by 400.

27 – Very dull and foggy in the forenoon. Norman Lyle brought the news that Folke was elected. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon, partly to hear election news. Government sustained by about 50 of a majority. Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell at school.

28 – Took Jennie to the church to a scrubbing bee to clean up after painter. Took Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell to school. Topped turnips the rest of the forenoon, they being very wet. In the afternoon plowed a little until rain came on. I then went to Greenbank again for Jennie.

29 – A fine day. Topping, harrowing and drawing turnips, Jennie helping to draw. Got in 3 loads. Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell at school.

30 – Colder with high wind, some snow flurries in the afternoon (the first of the season). Drawing in turnips, Jennie helping, 16 loads. At choir practice in the evening. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school.

31 – The hardest frost so far and pretty cold all day with high N wind. Finished topping and harrowing out turnips in the forenoon and with Jennie's help drew in 9 loads in the afternoon.

NOV. 1 - Pretty cold with high NW wind. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and Mabel (124 at SS), Rev. Mr. Campbell of St. David's preached in the basement.

2 – A fine day. Drawing in turnips, Jennie helping, 12 loads, 40 loads in all, and finished. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. At managers meeting in the evening and did not get home until after midnight as there was a lot of business about the church renovation which has been going on lately.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. U.S. Presidential election. Taft and Bryan are the candidates. Taft elected.

4 – Hard frost and rough with high NW wind. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning and brought up Mrs. Jos. Bell and little Willie and Andrew Bell. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at the church in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. Threw back turnips in root house and some other chores.

5 – Very cold. Drawing in corn, Jennie helping. High NW wind which reached almost a hurricane at noon. Jennie got knocked down with the barn door. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon.

6 – Snowing a little in the forenoon. Wes Luke came down and killed a pig. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school.

7 – A fine day. Cut up pig and plowed until about 3 when I went to Port Perry for Mr. and Mrs. Philip Slemon of Port Hope. At choir practice in the evening. Mrs. Bell had rather a bad day. Jennie baking for the church reopening.

8 – A little dull in the morning but turned out a fine day. Went to morning service of church reopening with Mary Bell, Aunt Janet, Annie and Mabel. Went to John Lee's for dinner, then again to afternoon service. Got supper at J.M. Real's and then to evening service. Mr. Campbell preached morning and evening and Mr. J.M. Cameron in the afternoon. Church crowded in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Archer sang a solo at each service. Jennie and Annie, Willie and Mabel at the evening meeting.

9 – Thanksgiving day and fine but cool. Plowed awhile in the forenoon. After dinner went with Philip Slemon and the tea meeting vitals to Greenbank, then walked up to the party with Annie, Willie and Mabel while Mr. and Mrs. Slemon and Mrs. Jos. Bell came in the rig later. There was an immense turnout and we had a big time getting them fed. It took from about 5:15 to 9:15 and quite a number could not get into the church for the concert. J.M. Sherlock; Mrs. Archer; a Miss ----- from Whitby O.L.C. gave the programme but I did not hear very much of it. Rev. J.M. Cameron was chairman. The proceeds with Sunday collections was about \$210.00. Mr. and Mrs. R. McKnight and Mr. E. Boe and Rev. J.M. Cameron called in the afternoon. M. Harrington brought out Miss Lyle to the party.

10 – Took Mr. and Mrs. Slemon to the morning train on their way home and plowed sod the rest of the day. Jennie went up to the church to help clean up. Annie and Mabel at school. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lee called in the afternoon.

11 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Drove Annie, Willie and Mabel to school and then Jennie and Mary Bell went to Port Perry principally to see the Dr. about Mary's eyes. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Colder towards night.

12 – Hard frost. Drew out some straw for strawberries in the forenoon. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. Mrs. Wes and Mrs. Pascoe Luke called. Jennie washing. P. Luke drawing material for house on Luke's farm. Some snow flurries.

13 – Hard frost. Drew in the last of the corn, Jennie helping, and drew out straw for strawberries. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Mabel at school. P. Luke brought 3 loads for his house.

14 – Hard frost in the morning. Spreading straw on strawberry patch in the forenoon. Plowing awhile in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the evening for morphine for Mammy. Mr. Alex Gordon Sr. and Edna called.

15 – Snow through the night and pretty wintery all day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and Mabel (124 at SS). A Mr. McKay of Nova Scotia preached.

16 – Snowing a little off and on most of the day. Jennie drove Mary Bell and her three children Mabel, Willie and Andrew to Port Perry to the train on their way to Brooklin. Went to G. Lee's in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – Pretty wintery day. Did a few odd jobs about the stables. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Snow through the night which partly thawed during the day. Put on storm windows in the forenoon. Plowed sod in the afternoon. At choir practice at W.H. Leask's in the evening. Rode over with John and Jessie Michie. Annie and Willie at school.

19 – Thawing a little most of the day. Plowing sod and in the orchard. Annie and Willie at school.

20 – A very fine day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning while I made a saw horse. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. G.A. McMillan and daughter Mabel called in the afternoon.

21 – A beautiful Indian Summer day. Plowing all day which finishes for the season, unless I decide to plough the turnip land. Jennie cleaned out the pantry. P. Luke tore down the stoop part of the old log house.

22 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (130 at SS), Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

23 – A very fine day. Pruned some apple trees in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 14 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground and got them home. They are staking out the buildings for the Weber Engine Works. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. We were just ready to go to bed when in came W.H. Leask, G.A. McMillan and John Michie to see about putting new glass in church windows.

24 – A very fine warm day until the evening when it started to rain. Buck sawing wood in the forenoon. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – A fine warm day. Puttied up stable windows in the forenoon and pruned trees in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. About 7 pm Mrs. F. Perrin and Jennie came in. They drove up.

26 – Dull in the forenoon, cleared up and a high W wind in the afternoon. Pruning apple trees and drawing off the brush. Annie and Willie at school. Just as we were at supper Edgar Horne, wife and daughter Elsie came and they stayed all night.

27 – Somewhat colder with high wind. Mrs. Perrin and Jennie Perrin left for home in the morning and also Edgar Horne, wife and daughter, who were on their way to R. Somerville's sale. Finished drawing out brush in the orchard and in the afternoon went to Emerson Bolton's sale, a very small attendance. Jennie at preparatory service in the church, Rev. Mr. McKay preached. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – A fine day. Bucksawing wood in the forenoon and harrowing sod in the afternoon. Bessie Gordon called in the morning. Jennie cleaned the kitchen and oiling the floor.

29 – A very fine day. At communion service at Wick with Jennie and Annie. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge conducted the service. At church at Greenbank in the evening with Willie, Mr. Fraser preached.

30 – A decidedly bad day, rain most of the time. John Michie drove me up in the morning to the church where we worked until after 4 pm putting the new glass into the windows and a bad job it is and not very much to show for our days work. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

DEC. 1 – Very rough and cold especially in the afternoon. Went up with John Michie and helped at church windows in the forenoon and went to Ed Wildman's sale in the afternoon. Pretty good turnout, but the high wind and cold made it disagreeable. Annie and Willie at school. Ethel Miller and Clara Barrett called collecting for the Bible Society.

2 – Pretty cold with high NW wind and snowing off and on most of the day. With John Michie, putting in glass in church windows. At choir practice in the evening, went up with John. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A fine winter day. Cutting wood in woodshed in the forenoon and banking up the house in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. A. Akhurst and John Michie clover threshing.

4 – A fine day, snowy in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school and cut wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon at the church with John Michie putting glass in windows.

5 – A very fine day. All day with John Michie putting new glass in church windows. Jennie, Annie and Willie at Port Perry. Sleighing on the roads but not very good.

6 – Pretty cold with E wind and a little snow in the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. James, Annie and Willie recited Bible verses. Superintendent G.D. McMillan not being present I had to act in his place. Rev. Mr. McRae of Beaverton preached on the forward movement in missions. He started the service before the choir got up and after the service he had a consultation with the elders and managers about improving our givings to missions. I was near stark before we got home.

7 – Snow through the night which makes pretty good sleighing. At the church all day with John Michie putting in glass in windows. Jennie and James at Greenbank in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school and Mission Band after.

8 – A nice day but pretty cold. At the church with John Michie putting in glass in windows and finished the job about 11 am. At G. Dowson's sale in the afternoon, a good turnout and fair prices. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and James at Greenbank in the forenoon.

9 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the shed in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove with the cutter to Emerson Bolton's to see

about buying his waggon but Emerson was not at home. Aunt Janet and James went with me as far as Billie O'Neill's. Annie and Willie at school.

10 – Coldest of the season, 6 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the afternoon. Quite a number of men are at work building the new Webber Engine Works.

11 – Some snow through the night and rain in the morning. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and went to Blair's to see about paying for the new church pulpit. Rigged up the sleigh and a few other chores. At choir practice in the evening in the church. Annie 9 years old today.

12 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 14 bags of oats to be ground but did not get the meal home as the mill was overfull of bags on account of being shut down for a time to put up a new smoke stack. Brought home 1820 lbs of coal from Rundle and Turner at \$6.50 per ton. Emerson Bolton called and I bought his waggon for \$31.00.

13 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (112 at SS). A student, I do not know his name, preached.

14 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for the meal. Annie and Willie at school. Annie went to F. Howsam's for the night. Jennie washing.

15 – A very fine day, too fine for the sleighing which is pretty well gone. Went over with the sleigh to E. Bolton's for waggon. Aunt Janet to Port Perry with the cutter in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – A very fine day. Did some odd jobs. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at the church. Annie and Willie at school (the inspector visited the school). At choir practice in the evening. Word came that Willie Gordon is dead.

17 – A fine day but somewhat raw E wind. Did very little but the chores. Bob Akhurst here most of the forenoon and for dinner. Just after supper two men came to the door which turned out to be W.H. Leask of Seagrave and Dan McPhail of Allandale who is now repairing a RR bridge near Seagrave. It must be near 30 years since I saw Dan. Had a long talk and they left near 11 o'clock. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Some stormy in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school. At Port Perry in the evening at singing practice for big concert, Jas. Goldering leader.

19 – A pretty nice day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Went down to John Michie's in the evening and had a sing. They are looking some for George home from the west. Got lost in Lyle's field on my way down.

20 – At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (117 at SS), Mr. Moir preached. Presents were given to the primary class in the SS. Annie got the first prize.

21 – Somewhat rough in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went after them. At managers meeting in the evening. Did little but the chores.

22 – Clear cold day. Annie and Willie at school. At Port Perry Christmas fair in the afternoon, a good turnout, a big show of horses. Last day of school before Christmas.

23 – A very fine day, a little below zero in the morning. Did little but the chores. Christmas tea in the Baptist church.

24 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's and to A. Akhurst's swamp where him and John were cutting wood and bought some at \$1.00 per cord. G.W. Michie came home from the north west and he called here for a short visit. Went with Annie and Willie for the mail to Greenbank in the afternoon and then, with the sleigh, with Jennie and the 3 children to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell, Alma and Jennie Perrin, and Helen and Douglas Patton of Buffalo. Brought home George W. Michie's trunk from the station. Fixed up Christmas tree.

25 – Rather a dull day and a little soft. Spent all day at home with the visitors and children and had a pretty good time. James Allan and Marion called.

26 – More wintery like day, high NW wind and much colder. Went to Greenbank with Alma Perrin for the mail. Jessie Bell and Jennie sewing.

27 – More wintery, especially in the afternoon. Drove the sleigh with Jennie, Annie, Willie, Jessie Bell, and Alma Perrin to SS and church (131 at SS), a Mr. Rowin preached. This is the Methodist anniversary day, Rev. Joseph Real is the minister.

28 – A very fine day. Drove Alma and Jennie Perrin to Port Perry on their way home. Tom Black, who has been in Manitoba since spring and is now in Ontario on a visit, came up from John Michie's about the middle of the afternoon and stayed until after supper and we had a great talk about the NW. Went to special church managers meeting to consider the manse question. On the way up took Jennie and Jessie Bell up to Alex Gordon's and called for them on my way home. It was after 12 by that time. Snowing a little then.

29 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Willie to get new shoes on the cutter, one of which broke last night. While we were away, G.A. McMillan called to talk over public school questions. In the afternoon drove around canvassing the people to turn out to school meeting tomorrow. Called at R. Cragg's; Phair's; Lyle's; Akhurst's; J. Michie's; and M. O'Neill's. Mrs. Phair called in the afternoon.

30 – A little rain in the forenoon. Went to public school meeting. Gave John and George Michie a ride up. There was a big turnout. There was a straight fight between D. McDonald and I for trustee and he won by the casting vote of the chairman Jas. McKittrick. The meeting, contrary to expectations, went off without any serious disorder. Cleaned out pig and hen house in the afternoon and in the evening went with Jennie to the annual SS meeting. Not very large turnout but a much better meeting than last year. G.D. McMillan was again chosen superintendant.

31 – Somewhat rough and cold with a little snow sometimes. Went to Port Perry with Jessie Bell principally to see the Dr. for Mammy. Dr. D. Archer came out after dinner and gave her a hypodermic injection to allay the pain. Emma Black here for dinner. She has been at John Michie's since Saturday last. Edna and Annie Gordon also here in the afternoon.

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JAN. 1 – A pretty rough cold day with snow flurries. Went up to Greenbank with Willie and Douglas Patton in the afternoon for the mail. Mr. and Mrs. R. McKnight of Port Perry called after dinner to see Mrs. Bell who has been very ill for several days.

2 – A pretty nice day. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and after dinner she drove Annie, Willie and Helen Patton up to Gordon's. In the evening I went to S. of T. and installed the new officers. There was quite a number out and there was an after social at the Methodist church and the people there came over to the entertainment. P. McKay gave an address.

3 – A fine day and thawing some which is spoiling the sleighing as there is no snow to spare. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Willie and Helen Patton. Annie did not go as she was not very well. Most of the time in SS was taken up with choosing teachers which came out better than sometimes. The preacher for the day was I think a Mr. Gilchrist. R. And J. Wallace and John and George Michie gave a quartet.

4 – Thawing all day which is spoiling the sleighing. Went up to Greenbank to vote. Voted for Ward, Mark and McIntyre for council and for the good roads by-law. In the afternoon drew two small loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp.

5 – Rain through the night and morning which has pretty well spoiled the sleighing. Washed the waggon ready for painting and pinched my finger. Pack man called. John Michie called after dinner. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

6 – Pretty rough, blowing from the NW and snowing some but cleared up in the evening. Did the chores and sawed some wood and in the evening went with Jennie to the annual congregational meeting in the church. Rather a slim turnout. The managers elected were: J.M. Real; W. Rennie; Jas. Lee; and W.H. Leask and I was dropped. The manse question discussed and it was left for the managers to meet the Wick people and arrange as best they can.

7 – Eight below zero in the morning and did not get higher than about 2 above all day. Did little but the chores.

8 – Quite a lot warmer and a very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats to grind and got it home. This is the second day of the races and there was quite a few out.

9 – A dull day and almost rain sometimes. Took Jessie Bell and Helen and Douglas Patton to the morning train on their way home, and afterwards drew 1 load of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp. In the afternoon went to Greenbank for the mail and drew home 1 load of wood.

10 – A dull day and thawing a little. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (125 at SS). Rev. Mr. Gilchrist preached an extra good sermon. G. Michie and I gave a duet.

11 – Sometimes a little rough. Drawing wood from A. Akhurst's swamp. Had a long talk with Wilmot Asling on the Wick manse question. Annie and Willie at school. At the evening attended joint congregational meeting of Wick and Greenbank, about 15 from each place. Rev. Mr. Fraser in the chair. The manse question not taken up. It was decided to give a call to Rev. Mr. McKay.

12 – Snowing a little from the E in the morning. Drawing wood from Akhurst's swamp. Annie and Willie at school. Had a call from Alex and Mrs. Lee in the afternoon and had a talk about their troubles. Mr. Henders called. Got invitation to G.W. Michie's wedding. Got word that Mr. and Mrs. S. Laidlaw of Winnipeg had got a son.

13 – 4 below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Drawing wood from A. Akhurst's swamp. Annie and Willie at school.

14 – Dull day, foggy and some rain in the evening. Drove Annie and Willie to school and in the afternoon with Jennie to Port Perry and brought home coal, 1600 lbs.

15 – A fine day and pretty cold. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie Gordon here for dinner and the afternoon. Went in the afternoon to special public school meeting. There was a very large turnout. The object was to vote the money to build a new school house (but the motion was lost by a majority of 21). Jas. McKittrick in the chair.

16 – 6 below zero in the morning and it did not go above zero all day. Wind in the E. Did little but the chores. Hard to keep warm in the house.

17 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (114 at SS). A student, Mr. Bain, preached. Mona Leask gave a solo. Signing the call to Mr. McKay.

18 – 8 below zero in the morning and never more than 4 above all day. Clear with NW wind. Children did not go to school. Did little but the chores.

19 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went to Greenbank, then went to Port Perry and in the afternoon went down to John Michie's with wedding presents for George. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Jas. McMillan's. Farmers institute meetings at Greenbank.

20 – A very fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to George Michie's and Annie McMillan's wedding at W. McMillans at Saintfield. Albert Akhurst drove the sleigh and took Tom Black; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. Jas. Smith and Willie Smith; Mr. Frank Bratley and Ethel Bratley; Maggie and Mamie Dusty; Mrs. A. Akhurst and John Michie. Sleighing fine. The ceremony took place at 3 pm. Rev. J.A. Miller acting. There was about 100 present and everything went off all right. We got home about 1 am. Barbara and Willie Smith came here for the night.

21 – Rain in the forenoon and thawing all day. Rain again in the evening. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Barbara and Willie Smith and Emma Black left for home in the afternoon.

22 – Rain and fog all day and thawing fast. Sleighing pretty well gone. Annie and Willie at school. Painting the waggon but the paint went down before the waggon was covered.

23 – Rain and fog all day and thawing. Ice, mud and water is the result. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie hooking a mat. Mrs. Alex Gordon Jr. here in the afternoon for a rooster.

24 – Thunder in the morning to the S. Foggy and warm until about 6 pm when it cleared up and got colder. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. Took the buggy and lots of mud. (114 at SS), a Mr. Dixon preached.

25 – A little cooler but not freezing any. Annie at school. Went to Seagrave with one hog. Took the old waggon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

26 – A very fine bright day. Took Annie and Willie to school and went off to Presbytery meeting at Wick. It was a special meeting to present a call from Wick and Greenbank to Rev. Mr. W. McKay. There were W.H. Leask, G.D. McMillan and I from Greenbank. Got dinner at John Beaton's and then we bartered all afternoon until dusk about the proportion of the ministers salary to be paid by each congregation and the manse question. Stopped at W. Wallace's at Greenbank and got supper and told him all that was done and then went to the pie social at the hall given by the S. of T. There was quite a fair turnout and the programme went off well. W. Real was chairman. W.H. Leask called in the morning.

27 – High NW wind with snow flurries. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the waggon and oats to be ground and got the meal home. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – Pretty cold most of the day with high wind, clear. Wes Luke came in the afternoon and helped to kill pig. Annie and Willie at school. Erma and Harold Salter came home with them and stayed all night.

29 – Pretty rough in the afternoon. Cut up pig and did the chores. Not feeling very well. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon and brought Annie and Willie home from school.

30 – A pretty rough wintery day. Not feeling very well. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie hooking mat. (Annie Bell Gordon got arm broke).

31 – 4 below zero with a high NW wind which made about the worst day this winter. At SS and church with Annie. A man from Mimico preached. George W. Michie and I gave a duet. Aunt Janet somewhat unwell. Richard Real, who has been sick for over a week, is seriously ill.

FEB. 1 – About 10 below zero in the morning but got warmer. After dinner I took Jennie and Annie to Gordon's and then went to Port Perry.

2 – Very rough and wintery day, a little snow but not enough for sleighing. Nobody out much.

3 – A very fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school (Annie's first day in 3rd Reader). Went on to Greenbank and called at Alex Gordon's. Cut some wood in the afternoon.

4 – A very fine day. Spent the afternoon with A. Akhurst collecting for help for Alex Gordon to recover his stolen horse. We went as far as R. Baird's and John Leask Jr's. Got tea at W.H. Leask's and had choir practice in the evening there. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Dusty, Mrs. A. Akhurst and Barbara Walker called in the afternoon.

5 – Mild and thawing, some rain about 5 pm, mud everywhere. John Michie here in the afternoon helping to cut cherry tree near barn pump and white ashes in lane near the hen house. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – Rain through the night but started to freeze in the morning with very high NW wind. Jennie and little James went to Port Perry to meet Mrs. Perrin of Newcastle. [Mutch?] Harrington called and bought cow. Mr. Parrott also called on the same business. Wes Luke and J.G. Lee also called. In the afternoon John Michie helped to cut down the butternut tree at the foot of the garden.

7 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. Jennie could not go as Mammy was very poorly. (128 at SS), the minister from Mimico preached again.

8 – Drove Mrs. Perrin to the morning train at Port Perry. John Michie here in the afternoon helping to cut wood in the swamp field. Mrs. Mark called. W. Wallace, wife and Ella here for tea and spent the evening. Annie and Willie at school. Mission band meeting. Alex Gordon has gone to Montreal for his horse.

9 – Pretty cold with E wind, snowing in the afternoon. Did chores. Cleaned out pig house and split some wood and went to the school for Annie and Willie. Mammy very bad in the afternoon.

10 – Snowing and sometimes very rough in the forenoon. Annie went to school. Took little cow to Greenbank to M. Harrington. In the afternoon George W. Michie and wife and Jessie Michie called and spent the afternoon and got supper. [margin note: Mrs. W. Real got arm broke in runaway accident.].

11 – Drove Annie and Willie to school and then, with Jennie, went to Port Perry market. Very rough and snowy coming home. James Lee called. Alex Gordon got home from Montreal but did not get his horse.

12 – A very fine day, thawing some. Drove Annie and Willie part way to school and then called at Alex Gordon's and found that he had not got any trace of his horse. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats to be ground and got it home. Tom Black came home with me and stayed all night.

13 – A fine day but pretty cold. Drove Tom Black to catch the mail at Greenbank. He is going back to his brother John. Went to Port Perry with the waggon in the afternoon for a load of coal. Willie at R. Cragg's in the afternoon.

14 – At church and SS with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Mrs. and Mrs. G. Michie and John and Jessie Michie sang quartet in SS. The man from Mimico preached again. Mona Leask gave solo. A very rough afternoon snowing and blowing from the east.

15 – Some rough and cold in the forenoon. Drove Annie and Willie to school, then Jennie went to Port Perry. Making waggon box most of the day.

16 – Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank to the blacksmith shop. At waggon box in the afternoon. Snowing hard from the NE and rough. Tom Black here all night, he came from the north.

17 – More snow through the night. Drove Annie and Willie part way to school. Tom Black leaves about 10 am for John Michie's. Alex Lee and wife here in the afternoon and had a long talk about her troubles. Annie went to Miss Stoven's for the night.

18 – A fine day. Drove Willie part way to school. Finished and painted waggon box. Jennie making quilt.

19 – Thawing most of the day, rain a little in the afternoon. Drove Anne and Willie part way to school and drew up some wood. Annie went from school to W. Wallace's and stayed there all night. In the evening went to a party at John Michie's given as a farewell to G. Michie and wife. A good crowd and it went off very good.

20 – Colder. Drew up the rest of the wood and painted waggon box and some other chores.

21 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (131 at SS). The man from Mimico preached again. Russell and Joe Wallace gave a duet. It was announced that Mr. McKay has accepted the call.

22 – A very fine day, too fine for the sleighing as the snow is going fast. Drew 2 loads of wood from A. Akhurst's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry to a Farmers Fruit Institute in the town hall. There were two speakers and they were very good. Apple, strawberry and raspberry culture were the subjects taken up. Saw George Fowlie and he was telling me that his father died this afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. James Monroe's sale. [William Fowlie died].

23 – Thawing with rain from the SE in the afternoon. Did little but the chores. Went down to John Michie's before dinner. George W. Michie and wife and John McMillan were there. They are sending off their things to the west ahead so they will be in Swift Current when they get there. Annie and Willie did not go to school as Annie has a bad cough, as has also Jennie. Jennie quilting. Mr. Harris' sale today.

24 – Heavy rain through the night which has spoiled the sleighing which was not over good, water standing everywhere. Down at John Michie's in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Mrs. Mark to Uncle W. Fowlie's funeral at Manchester. He was buried at Greenbank. Water over the roads in some places. Jennie quilting. Annie and Willie did not go to school.

25 – Very cold and rough with high NW wind. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie making quilt. Annie and Willie not at school. Maggie Dusty and Norman Blakely married today.

26 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to wash in forenoon and in the afternoon we went to Port Perry with the buggy.

27 – A nice day, a little snow through the night. Did chores, cleaned out pig house and went down and settled up with John Michie.

28 – A fine day and pretty cold. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. (130 at SS), Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached to an extra large congregation.

MAR. 1 – Some snow from the SE in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats to be ground and got the meal home. Took the sleigh but the sleighing was not very good. Jennie quilting. Joe Wallace and Mona Leask called collecting for a present for Jessie Michie. I went up with them to the mail box and called at Akhurst's on my way back.

2 – A very fine day. Not feeling very well and did nothing but the chores. Ray Stone and Ethel McDonald called collecting for a present to Mrs. G. Michie. Drove Sleep called. Jennie, Annie, Willie and I down at John Michie's. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee were there.

3 – Annie went to school again. Jennie washing. After dinner I got ready and hitched up to go to the induction of Rev. Mr. McKay at Wick but just then it started to get rough and snow from the E so I did not go. Went to Greenbank later on and brought Annie home. Heavy snow in the evening.

4 – A lot of new snow through the night and the wind got high from the NW and it was about the roughest day of the winter, but not so very cold. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for morphine for Mammy. Afternoon very rough. There was to be a social gathering at the church tonight to present Jessie Michie and Mrs. G.W. Michie with presents before they left for the NW but we did not go as the roads and weather were bad. President Taft of the US inaugurated today.

5 – Pretty rough and cold in the morning but got milder towards night. Went down to John Michie's to bid George and Jessie goodbye. They go as far as W. McMillan's at Saintfield tonight and are to take the train to Blackwater tomorrow. Jennie quilting. The presentation came off all right last night.

6 – A fine day and thawing in the afternoon. In the forenoon went up to see about the roads and in the afternoon, with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James, drove over to W.H. Leask's to see Mrs. Leask about playing the organ in church. Jennie quilting the rest of the day.

7 – A fine day but drifting some in the afternoon. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (125 at SS I think). Rev. Mr. McKay preached for the first time as pastor. Mrs. W.H. Leask played the organ and I sang solo.

8 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Jennie washing. Just before dinner we were surprised by a call from Mrs. Ed Fisher of Ashburn and Mrs. Copeland nee Barbara Bodie of Teaswater. They stayed for dinner and we had a great old talk. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, drove over for a visit at W. O'Neill's and stayed for tea. Annie and Willie at Mission Band after school.

9 – Almost rain from the E a good part of the day. Willie went to school alone. Annie did not go as she had a boil on her ankle. Did very little but the chores.

10 – Drove Annie and Willie to school. Stormy day. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at the church. At choir practice at W.H. Leask's in the evening. John Michie went with me.

11 – Pretty cold and windy day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and did the chores. Jennie making suit for James.

12 – A very fine day and thawing. Drove Annie and Willie to school and then, with Jennie and James, went to Port Perry. T. Salter's sister Mrs. Price was buried today. She died at E. Ward's and they took her to Port Perry on the way to Bowmanville. Went down to John Michie's in the afternoon.

13 – A beautiful day and thawing in the afternoon. Drawing out manure on potato ground. Aunt Janet and the three children at Mrs. Mark's in the forenoon. Jennie and Willie at Gordon's and Akhurst's in the afternoon.

14 – A beautiful day and thawing. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Rev. Mr. McKay gave out the diplomas for catechism and memory verses. Ethel McDonald; Mona Leask; Pearl Ewin and John Golden for catechism and Annie; Willie; James and Mary Real for memorizing scriptures. Rev. Mr. McKay preached. G.D. McMillan gave solo.

15 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie quilting.

16 – Annie and Willie at school. Did little but the chores. Got ready to go to Port Perry to the mill but it turned out a rough day and I did not go. Jennie quilting.

17 – Very rough all day with high NW wind and drifting, the roughest day this winter but not so very cold. Split some in the shed. Jennie finishes quilting. The assessor called.

18 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with the sleigh and 12 bags of oats to be ground but did not get it home, but I brought home some coal. In the afternoon went down to I. O'Neill's with all the children to hear their gramophone and in the evening went with John Michie to choir practice at W.H. Leask's.

19 – A nice day and sometimes snowing a little. Went to Port Perry with Willie in the sleigh for the meal and in the afternoon with Jennie went to preparatory service. There was more than usual out. Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached. Mrs. James Lee came in by certificate from the Greenbank Methodist church. Mrs. W. Real brought home from her father's on Scugog where she has been since the accident.

20 – A very fine day. Split some wood and cleaned out pig house. Aunt Janet drove with Annie, Willie and James up to Gordon's with the cutter. Alex Gordon has returned from Cobourg on his horse hunt but has not yet got his horse.

21 – A beautiful day. At communion at Greenbank with Jennie and Annie. A pretty good turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service.

22 – A very fine day. Buck sawing wood until about 4 when Mr. Malice of Port Perry came and he stayed all night. Had a big talk. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – A very fine day. Mrs. Mark called in the morning and told about her visit to Alex Lee's yesterday. Sawed and split wood. Jennie at quilting bee at W. Wallace's. Sleighing getting bad. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – Started to snow about 2 pm and continued until evening when it turned to rain from the SE. Cutting and splitting wood most of the day. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – Somewhat colder. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Took the cutter but it was not very good sleighing. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Annie and Willie did not go to school.

26 – High wind through the night and most of the day. Helping Jennie to whitewash and paper the kitchen.

27 – A fierce snowstorm from the SE in the forenoon. Got warmer and a good part of it was gone before night. Helping Jennie to paper the kitchen and finished at noon.

28 – A very fine day and thawing some in the afternoon. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (131 at SS); Rev. Mr. McKay preached. An extra large congregation.

29 – A fine day. Cutting wood. Jennie housecleaning the pantry. Aunt Janet went to Port Perry in the afternoon for morphine. Annie and Willie at school.

30 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the forenoon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon took Jennie and James to Greenbank in the buggy and went on to Richard Real's sale which went off very well. Got tea at W. Wallace's.

31 – A fine day. Cutting wood most of the day. Mr. and Mrs. R. Cragg called in the evening.

APR. 1 – A fine day. Cutting wood most of the day and in the evening went with John Michie to choir practice at W.H. Leask's. A beautiful night, went with the buggy.

2 – Fine in the forenoon and almost snowing from the S in the afternoon. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the morning to see him, he having got his head cut by falling from a load of hay. Found him smoking. Cut wood and picked over turnips in the root house the rest of the day.

3 – Went with the waggon (roads very bad) to Gibson's mill with 12 bags of oats to be ground. Annie, Willie and James went with me. Did not get meal home as they were running saw mill. Fixed floor in horse stall in the afternoon.

4 – A very fine day. Roads very bad. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Rev. Mr. McKay preached. He spoke on the [?] Missionary Congress at Toronto last week and did well.

5 – A very fine day. Annie at school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I worked at the raspberry bushes. In the afternoon went to Gibson's mill for the meal. James went with me. Willie went as far as Greenbank to the Mission Band. Medicine company have a free show in the hall tonight. Parrot, the cattle buyer, called after dinner.

6 – Quite warm and spring like. At berry bushes in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Afternoon made grafting wax and took off storm windows. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – Very high W wind and some rain squalls. Scuffled berry bushes and plowed a patch for early potatoes (the first work on the land that I know of in these parts). Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A very fine day. Pretty windy in the morning. Cutting wood in the forenoon. Jennie at A. Gordon's. In the afternoon, with Jennie, drove to see Mr. Jas. Allan who has been ill for some time, the affects of a fall from a waggon. We found him a little better. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. A. Melis called with goods ordered. Saw several teams working in the fields.

9 – Good Friday. Surprised to find about two inches of snow on the ground in the morning and it did not warm up enough to thaw it out all day and some more came in the afternoon and got much colder. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the waggon, Annie and Willie with me and met the train and brought out Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Jas. Bell and Mabel, Willie and Gordon Bell. Cut some wood in the afternoon. Women sewing.

10 – Very cold and wintery day. Cutting wood in the shed in the forenoon. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Women sewing.

11 – A fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell. (130 at SS); Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

12 – A very fine day. Drove Mrs. Perrin to Port Perry to the 11 am train on her way home. James went with us. Cut wood in the afternoon. Vera and Wilmot Cragg here in the afternoon. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called buying cattle. Did not sell.

13 – Loaded butternut and white ash logs on the waggon and took them to Gibson's mill and got them sawn. Willie went as far as R. Cragg's and played with Wilmot. In the afternoon drew a little brush when it started to rain and continued all the afternoon and evening. Jennie and Mary Bell dressmaking. Saw Alex Lee at the mill and had a talk with him.

14 – A very fine day. Letting off water and some other little jobs. Planted potatoes in the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie and Mary Bell at W.F.M.S. at Greenbank in the afternoon and at Alex

Gordon's to see his mother who is ill in the evening. They found her a little better. Sleep, the drover, called and bought the two fat beasts at 5 cts per pound and I to give back a dollar.

15 – A fine day. Plowed the potato land and some of the orchard. Robert Wallace called for some raspberry bushes. Went to Port Perry in the evening to get something for sick steer and did not get home until after 11 pm.

16 – Cultivating most of the day. A little rain after dinner and in the evening. Isaac O'Neill called. Annie and Mabel went up to enquire for Mrs. Gordon Sr. She is a little better.

17 – A beautiful day. Cultivating in the forenoon and taking straw off the strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie took Mabel Bell to Port Perry on her way home to Brooklin. Annie, Willie, James and Willie Bell went with her. At S. of T. in the evening, very small turnout.

18 – At SS and church with Jennie, Willie and James (105 at SS), Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask gave solo. Rain in the forenoon, afternoon and evening.

19 – Rain through the night and off and on all day. Nothing doing on the land. Fanned up some seed grain. Went down to John Michie's and up to see Mrs. Gordon Sr. and found her in bed and about the same. Mr. W. Akhurst called for some berry bushes.

20 – A beautiful day. Cultivating in the forenoon, sowing oats in the afternoon (the first sowing). Jennie up at Akhurst's and Gordon's seeing the sick folks. Daisy Howsam came home from school with Annie and Willie and stayed all night.

21 – Dull all forenoon and threatening rain which came in earnest about noon. Finished sowing field W of the house. Did nothing in the afternoon but go for Annie and Willie at school. Thunder shower on the way and mud galore.

22 – Did a few odd jobs. Plowed the garden in the forenoon. Harrowed in the afternoon. At choir practice in the church in the evening. Aunt Janet went to John Michie's and found Mrs. Mark in bed and to Gordon's and found Mrs. Gordon Sr. very ill. Jennie at J. Michie's in the evening. Isaac O'Neill came for a little straw.

23 – A fine day but pretty cool. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with one hog and got \$7.25 per hundred, the highest that I ever got. Took six bags of oats to be ground and got it home. When I got home and backed the waggon into the shed I fell on my side on a board and was hurt so bad that I did nothing the rest of the day. Jennie did the chores. Aunt Janet at John Michie's all day taking care of Mrs. Mark while John went to Port Perry with pigs. Jennie went up to see Mrs. Gordon in the evening and found her about the same. Annie and Willie at school and at SS anniversary practice after.

24 – Hard frost in the morning and very cold all day. Did nothing but nurse lame side. Aunt Janet at John Michie's all day. John called in the evening. Mary Bell and Annie went to Greenbank in the evening. Jennie did the chores.

25 – A little rain about 11 and 12 and then got colder with high NW wind. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. Jas. Blair and Mamie Dusty new members in the choir.

26 – A fine day and a little warmer. John Michie and Norman Lyle took the 2 fat cattle to Seagrave and Jennie drove for them. I was not able to go. Did nothing but tie up some berry bushes in the afternoon. Aunt Janet planted some potatoes in the orchard. Annie and Willie at school and anniversary practice.

27 – Fine in the forenoon. A warm rain started after dinner and continued most of the afternoon but the wind changed to NW and got colder again. Did nothing on account of side. Went up to ask for Mrs. Gordon, she is not so well today. Aunt Janet at Port Perry in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie went after them in the rain. Alex Gordon called for morphine.

28 – A hard frost and quite cold with high NW wind. Annie and Willie at school and anniversary practice. Did almost nothing on account of side. Aunt Janet called at Mark's. Jennie and Mary Bell, with James and Willie Bell, drove to Greenbank to see John Lee who is seriously ill. Word came that John Kerr, Mary's uncle, was killed at a barn raising on Monday.

29 – Hard frost and raw wind from the SE in the forenoon. About noon it started to snow and continued nearly all afternoon until the ground was covered. Drifts a foot deep in some places. At John Michie's in the morning. Did nothing but help a little with the chores. Aunt Janet drove Mary Bell and Willie and Gordon Bell to the morning train on their way to Brooklin. Annie and Willie at school.

30 – A great rain with lightning through the night but snow did not all melt during the day, but it got some warmer towards night. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Alex Gordon called in the forenoon for eggs. Aunt Janet up to Gordon's in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie.

MAY 1 – A little warmer but not very much. Tied up berry bushes. Jennie pruned black currant bushes. Annie and Willie at anniversary practice. Billy Lewis came for a [?] of straw for Isaac O'Neill. Mrs. R. Cragg and Wilmot called. She wanted to change some eggs for hatching but we did not have any today.

2 – Very cool and snow about 11 am and in the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie (131 at SS), Mr. McKay preached and his text was "and there were other little ships with Him".

3 – A heavy snow storm in the forenoon but it soon went off and was a little warmer. Did little but a few chores. Jennie and little James went to Port Perry in the afternoon and then I went via Jim Gibson's to Greenbank. Called at Gibson's to talk band for the SS anniversary on May 24 but found that it was in a disorganized state. Called to see John Lee who is seriously ill. Called at E. Boe's.

4 – A fine day and got a little warmed up. Sowed the field NE of the barn. Jennie house cleaning upstairs. Annie and Willie at school. Bible Society meeting tonight but I did not go.

5 – A fine day. More like spring than so far. Harrowing and cultivating. A little rain about 5 pm. Mr. John Horne and Barbara Walker called for some strawberry plants. Rev. Mr. McKay called and took tea, the first time that he has been here. He is very good company. Annie and Willie at school and practice.

6 – A fine day and something like spring. Cultivated in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and James, took 6 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground and got 4 bags of corn. At choir practice at the church in the evening. Rode up with John Michie. Lots of lightning in the evening but very little rain. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – A very fine day. Sowed the N field and so finishes the sowing for this year. Jennie putting in garden and house cleaning. Arbour Day at school and Annie and Willie did not go. Annie went up to Gordon's for butter. Willie Rennie came for some strawberry plants.

8 – A fine spring day. Harrowing in the forenoon and cultivating land for strawberries in the afternoon.

9 – Rain in the morning and again in the evening but a fine day. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie (125 at SS). Mr. McKay preached.

10 – Rain through the night and nearly all day from the NE and everything well soaked. Helping Jennie to paper our bedroom. W.H. Leask and wife and baby here in the afternoon for strawberry plants.

11 – A fine day with high wind which dried the land up considerably. Sowed some grass seed, fixed fences and picked stones from hay field. Jennie house cleaning. Aunt Janet at Mrs. Mark's in the forenoon and Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school and practice.

12 – A very fine warm day, the most spring-like yet, so far. Cultivating and harrowing potato and strawberry land in the forenoon. Grafting apple trees in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning and at the W.F.M.S. at J.M. Real's. Mrs. R. Cragg called for some eggs. Annie and Willie at school.

13 – A beautiful warm day which is making things start to grow. Went over to R. Cragg's to see Jas. Lee (who is shingling his kitchen) about getting him to help draw out manure. Grafting apple trees most of the day. Aunt Janet at Port Perry in the forenoon with carpet rags. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

14 – A very fine warm day, a little rain towards night and in the evening. Drove Jennie and Annie to the morning train at Port Perry on their way to Toronto and went for them again in the evening. Marked out the strawberry patch in the forenoon and helped Jim Lee to shingle his kitchen in the afternoon. Willie at school.

15 – A warm day. James Lee here all day drawing out manure while I planted strawberries. Worked at it alone and got in 11 rows. Annie at practice at Greenbank. Jennie trimming hats. Thunder shower between 9 and 10 pm.

16 – Things looking green after the rain. Turned quite cool towards night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (130 at SS), Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

17 – Cool day. A foggy drizzle from the NW about 4 o'clock on. Plowing corn and mangold land and drilled up potato land. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school and practice.

18 – A very fine day. James Lee here drawing out manure. Planting strawberries all day, Jennie helping, and put in 9 ½ rows. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie Gordon called in the afternoon. Billy Lewis came for the turnip drill to sow mangolds.

19 – A beautiful day. Planting strawberries, Jennie helping, and finished after dinner. Plowing root land in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school and practice.

20 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Jennie and James in the waggon went to Port Perry principally for pig feed. Willie at school. Annie at home on account of a cough. At choir practice at the church in the evening.

21 – A beautiful day. Cultivated, harrowed, drilled and sowed mangolds – 40 drills. Willie at school. Annie better.

22 – A very fine day. Planted potatoes in the forenoon, Annie and Willie helping. R.T. Harrington called for some strawberry plants. In the afternoon went up to G. Lee's and drew out 3 loads of manure. Annie and Willie at anniversary practice in the church.

23 – A little rain in the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (149 at SS). This being anniversary Sunday there was a very full house. Mr. McKay preached. The children sang led by Miss Stovin. At church again in the evening with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached again to a packed house.

24 – A beautiful day. Put the little plot near the barn pump into corn and plowed a bit in the orchard in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie, went to our Sunday school anniversary. The afternoon programme was by the children led by Miss Stovin and they did very well. In the evening the concert was given by the Doric quartet of Toronto and they were well received. Miss [?] recited. Mr. McKay, chairman. A packed house. Proceeds with Sunday \$138.00.

25 – A very fine day. Rolling until 5:30 when with James went to after social of anniversary. Jennie went up earlier to help wash up and Annie and Willie went from school. There was not many out. Made about \$5.00.

26 – A beautiful day. Rolling all day and finished. Jennie house-cleaning the woodshed. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – Scuffling raspberries and strawberries until about 9 when it started to rain from the SE and continued until about noon. Cleaned out root house, pig house, colts house and hen house and painted bedroom 2nd time. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Cultivating for corn in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at Gordon's in the evening for butter.

29 – A beautiful day. Drew out 2 loads of manure in the morning. About 8 am Mrs. Bell took a bad turn and in less than an hour she was dead. Went to Greenbank to telephone to Newcastle. Annie and Willie with me, then to Port Perry and telegraphed to Jessie Bell and Mrs. Patton and W. Kerr, and got Mr. Stonehouse to attend to the undertaking. Mrs. Jas McMillan; Barbara Walker; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. R. Cragg; and Miss Lyle called. Mundo Perrin; Mrs. Perrin; Jennie Perrin; and Charlie Perrin came about 5 pm. I then went again to Greenbank taking home Mrs. McMillan and B. Walker and did some more telephoning. Alex Gordon and wife called in the evening.

30 – A beautiful warm spring day. Mundo, Charlie and Jennie Perrin left for S. Perrin's about 10. I walked up to church to see Mr. McKay. Got into SS a little before the close. Called at W. Luke's on the way home. Jas. Lee and wife; G.D. McMillan and wife; Mrs. S. Dusty; Mrs. W. and Russell Thomas called in the evening.

31 – A very fine day and warm. Did little in the forenoon. James Smith and Alex Ketchen came up to Mrs. Bell's funeral. Alex Gordon drove his double rig to Port Perry train and brought out Jessie Bell and Mary Patton and Helen and Douglas. Funeral in the afternoon. M. Stonehouse was the undertaker. E. Boe; Jas. McMillan; S. Dusty; W. Luke; D. Lyle; and W. Mark. Rev. Mr. McKay conducted the service here and Rev. Mr. Boreland at the grave. Went by way of Greenbank to Groveside Cemetery, Brooklin. Got there a little before 4 o'clock. Went with Jennie to Jas. Smith's for supper and it was nearly midnight before we got home. Jessie B. and Mrs. Patton came to Port Perry by train and John Michie met them and brought them out. Little Willie Bell came with them. The Perrin's went by way of Whitby home. Alex Rennie and wife of Port Perry were at the funeral.

JUNE 1 – A very fine day, a little rain in the evening. Went for the beef in the morning but R. Cragg got there before me, a misunderstanding as to who should go. Went on to Greenbank, then while I hoed in the orchard, Jennie and Mary Patton took Douglas to see Dr. R. Archer about his nose. Rolled and sowed the horse corn. Used A. Akhurst's drill. Ran short of seed and got about 25 cts worth from John Michie. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie Gordon called. Billie Lewis came for some seed potatoes.

2 – A very fine day. Harrowed corn and potatoes in the morning and drew out manure the rest of the day. About 9 am. Drs. R. and D. Archer came in their automobile and operated on Douglas Patton for trouble in throat and nose. Moved out the stove. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Went to Port Perry to see Hugh Jack as to taking pigs, then took 7 out and got \$7.75 per 100, the highest that I ever got. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jessie Bell and Mary Patton at Gordon's in the evening. Eclipse of the moon in the evening.

4 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure and finished, then plowed some. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at Mrs. Mark's for tea. Jessie Bell making suit for Willie.

5 – A very fine day. Plowing and hoeing strawberries. Jennie drove Jessie Bell, Mary Patton, Helen and Douglas Patton and Willie Bell to Port Perry on their way home.

6 – A fine day but pretty cool. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (127 at SS). A blind man preached a very good sermon.

7 – A beautiful day. Plowing turnip land all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning taking Annie and Willie to school. Plowing the rest of the day. Jennie at Gordon's and Akhurst's in the afternoon.

9 – A beautiful day with a little raw wind from the E. Started before 8 am and with Jennie drove to Uxbridge and took train to Agincourt to John Michie's wedding³⁷. Was met at the station by Mr. Forfar and got to their house a little before noon. Got dinner and spent the afternoon in chat. The wedding took place at 4 pm. James A. Miller did the job. Got supper and then to the station and got home about 9. Mrs. Mark; A. Akhurst and wife; Alex Lee and wife; W. O'Neill and wife; and Mary Dusty were present from these parts and quite a number of the neighbours and relatives of the bride and everything passed off fine. Annie and Willie at school. Aunt Janet keeping house.



³⁷ William JOHN Michie, born 16 Aug 1878, died 9 Feb 1969 - married ELIZABETH White Forfar, born 28 Oct 1884, died 30 July 1968.

10 – Another very fine day. Harrowing turnip land all day and in the evening walked to choir practice at the church, rather a small turnout. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie, Annie and Willie at Mr. and Mrs. John Michie's wedding reception.

11 – A very fine day. Rolled turnip land and then drove Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle for a visit, James went with me. Drilling up turnips in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – A very fine day. Putting up turnip drills in the forenoon, sowed them after dinner, but did not have seed enough. Then scuffled strawberries and corn. Annie at Gordon's for butter. All down at the bridge in the evening fishing. Mosquitoes very bad.

13 – Some rain after dinner and a thunder shower in the evening which will do a lot of good as things were getting somewhat dry. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. G.D. McMillan took my class in SS. Mr. McKay preached, rather thin attendance, I suppose on account of the rain.

14 – A fine day and pretty cool. Went to Greenbank in the morning for turnip seed taking Annie and Willie to school, then sowed 16 drills. Then put down some stone pavement at the box stall door and tried to fix cistern pump but failed. Mrs. Mark called and Pascoe Luke wanting Jennie to board the men that are to put up his house but she did not consent to do it. After supper, with Annie, Willie and James, went down to John Michie's for some cabbage plants.

15 – A beautiful day. Went over to R. Cragg's in the morning to see about road work. Rigged up waggon and in the afternoon went with Jennie and James to Port Perry. Annie and Willie at school. R. Cragg called in the evening. Pascoe Luke pulled down the old log house on his place, the oldest house in these parts.

16 – A very fine day. Drawing gravel on road work, 1 load from Flewell's and 2 from McMillan's pit. At choir practice at the church. Annie and Willie at school. The inspector visited the school.

17 – Went for load of gravel to McMillan's pit and finished road work. It rained most of the way and I got pretty wet. It rained about ½ the afternoon. Drilling up for turnips after it quit raining. Annie and Willie at school. Eclipse of the sun a little before sunset.

18 – Very cold for the time of year with high NW wind. Finished drilling and sowing turnips in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie and James to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Conkle of Sonya preached. About the usual turnout. There was another minister, a Mr. McDonald, present. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Mark called in the forenoon.

19 – A very fine day and warmer. Scuffling, cultivating and hoeing and other jobs. Jennie oiled kitchen floor. Annie and Willie at W. Thomas' and A. Gordon's in the afternoon.

20 – A beautiful day. Went with Annie to communion at Wick. A pretty good turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. At church

again in the evening at Greenbank, all the family out. Mr. McKay preached. Rev. Mr. Terrill preaches his farewell.

21 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went with Jennie and James to Port Perry in the morning. Plowing buckwheat land second time in the afternoon. Ray Dusty called to change some eggs. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A fine day and pretty warm. Got up at 4 am and went to Port Perry to Henders. Scuffling and plowing the rest of the day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. John Michie and wife called in the evening, the first time since their marriage.

23 – A fine day and very warm, some thunder about noon but only a few drops of rain. Scuffling mangolds and hoeing. Jennie ironing. Annie and Willie at school. Farmers Institute excursion to Guelph today. Got a few ripe strawberries, the first of the season.

24 – A fine day and very warm. Hoeing corn, mangolds and strawberries. Jennie making clothes for James. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Dusty and Ray called in the evening for a setting of eggs.

25 – A fine day, a little sprinkle of rain in the afternoon. Cultivating, and sowed the bit of buckwheat and hoed. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A very nice warm day. Hoed awhile at the mangolds and then, with Jennie and children, picked strawberries, the first of any account, 40 boxes. After dinner, with Willie, took 24 to Brock's (2 for 25). Then Jennie and Annie and James went to Greenbank with some. Sandy Gordon and Jennie came for some potatoes.

27 – A fine day but very warm. At SS with Jennie and the children (100 present), then at Methodist SS anniversary service. Mr. McKay and the new Baptist minister were the speakers. Church nicely filled.

28 – Very warm and dry. Picking strawberries in the forenoon. Took 2 cases to Port Perry. Jennie, Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Mark also picking. Annie went to Greenbank after dinner for the mail. Mr. Stovin of Port Perry started to overhaul the schoolhouse. D. Lyle cutting wood with steam power.

29 – A fine day and not quite so warm. Went for the beef in the morning then to Port Perry with 2 crates of berries and brought home some empty boxes. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon. In the evening, with Willie, went to Greenbank to get S. Dusty's light waggon but did not get it. Jennie churning, washing and ironing.

30 – A fine day and very warm. Picked strawberries awhile in the morning then went with 2 crates to Mr. Monet's, Port Perry, and brought home Aunt Janet from her visit to Newcastle. She is very poorly. Aunt Mary Slemon came with her. Berry pickers today: Jennie; Mrs. John Michie; Vera Cragg; Mrs. Mark; Mr. Akhurst; Lillie O'Neill; Mrs. W. O'Neill; Mrs. Gordon. About 438 boxes picked. In the afternoon went again to Port Perry with 2 crates to Monet. Miss Simpson of Wick called for berries. In the evening went to Greenbank to deliver berries and attend church session and it was after midnight before I got home. Alex Gordon called in the evening.

JULY 1 – A fine day and warm, with high NW wind and very dusty. Hoed mangolds in the forenoon. James Lee and wife called for a feed of berries and got them. Hugh Leask also for berries. Jennie preserving. In the afternoon went with Annie and Willie to the Methodist SS anniversary and stayed for the afternoon programme and tea. There did not appear to be as big a crowd as some years. Aunt Janet in bed all day.

2 – Finished hoeing mangolds in the forenoon, then picked strawberries. Jennie; Mrs. Mark; W. Mark; W. Akhurst; Lillie O'Neill; Maggie Blair; Mrs. Jas. Lee. About 2 pm it started to rain a little but not enough to stop the picking. 361 boxes and 18 rows yet to pick. Went to Port Perry with 4 crates and to Greenbank with more in the evening. Got a good shower before I got home which is badly needed.

3 – Rain through the night, cool day. Picked berries for awhile in the morning and then went to Port Perry with 2 crates. W. Mark; Mrs. Mark; Eva Luke; and Jennie picking. Wilmot Asling and wife called for berries and in the afternoon Mrs. J.M. Real and Allie Dusty; Ned Luke; Wilmot Cragg and all of the Gordon's girls here playing. Scuffling corn and turnips in the afternoon. Aunt Janet in bed all day.

4 – A very fine day and quite cool. At SS and church with Jennie and the children. Called at W. Real's and telephoned for Dr. Archer to come and see Aunt Janet. Mr. McKay preached. The Dr. came in his automobile and says that Aunt Janet is seriously ill. James Lee and wife here in the evening for a feed of berries.

5 – A beautiful day. Scuffling until 5 pm. A big day in the strawberries, the biggest gang that ever was in the patch. W. Mark; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. John Michie; Vera Cragg; Edith Phair; Miss Gertie Stovin; Mrs. Stovin; Maggie Blair; Mrs. Jas. Lee; Ida McKittrick; Eva Luke; Lillie O'Neill; Mrs. M. O'Neill; Mrs. W. O'Neill; W. Akhurst; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mrs. Norman Phair; Mrs. Norman Blakely; Russell, Lottie and Ella Wallace were the pickers. 490 boxes picked. Several called for berries. Dr. D. Archer came in his automobile to see Aunt Janet who is a very little better. Arch Black drove the automobile.

6 – A beautiful day. Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon and started to hoe the turnips in the afternoon. Jennie washed and then went to market at Port Perry. Dr. D. Archer called to see Aunt Janet. Wilmot Cragg; Erma Salter; Edna Gordon; Henry Thomas and Laura Thomas here in the afternoon. Joe Baird called for berries, also Mrs. O'Leary and Mrs. Frank Dobson. John and Lizzie Michie called in the evening.

7 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. Another day at the strawberries. Those picking were Mrs. Mark; Mrs. John Michie; Mrs. R. Wallace; Mrs. Jas. Ewin; Mrs. Broom; Mrs. A. Gordon; Vera Cragg; Mr. Les Lamb; Mr. and Mrs. McMaster and Ray Dusty. Mrs. W.H. Leask; Mona Leask; Bella Innis; Mrs. John Leask; Miss Gregg and perhaps others called for berries. Ray Dusty went to Greenbank after dinner with berries. Rev. Mr. McKay called in the evening. Went with Jennie to prayer meeting in the evening, the first since Mr. McKay came. A pretty good turnout.

8 – A fine day and very dry and warm. Scuffled in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and the children, drove over to Lake Scugog at the 9th concession and the children had a paddle in the water. While we were away Mrs. Albert Stone came for strawberries and picked them herself and almost at dark George Hadden and Miss Duff came for berries. We got 8 boxes picked when it got too dark.

9 – A very fine day and still dry. Hoeing mangolds in the forenoon, 2nd time. Picking strawberries in the afternoon. The pickers today were Mrs. A. Gordon; Bessie Gordon; Vera Cragg; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. John Michie; Emma Black and for awhile Mrs. R. Cragg and W. Beare's 2 girls. Mr. and Mrs. McCullah; Miss Beare; Lewis Beaton; Mrs. T.E. and Mrs. Blake Cragg; Morley Ward called for berries. After supper with Annie and Willie went to Greenbank with berries. Dr. D. Archer called to see Aunt Janet and pronounces her in a serious condition.

10 – Hoed turnips for awhile in the morning when it started to rain a little drizzle but not enough to make it drop from the roofs, but at 2 there was a heavy thunder shower and between 4 and 5 a terrific shower and another about 7, so everything is well soaked at last and things were needing it badly. Willie Petty called for berries and Mrs. G. Wallace called and ordered some for Monday. John Michie and wife and Emma Black who were in the berry patch took refuge from the rain. Dr. D. Archer called and thought Aunt Janet was some better.

11 – A fine day and pretty warm, some rain about the middle of the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie and the children. Mr. McKay preached of John Calvin. In the evening went with Jennie up to see Mrs. Gordon. Dr. Archer called.

12 – Rain through the night and drizzled a little most of the forenoon but cleared up and turned out fine. Some thunder again in the evening. Jennie washing. Picked strawberries in the forenoon, W. and A. Akhurst also helping. Amos Rodd called wanting berries for the Baptist festival on Thursday evening next. After dinner went to Port Perry with a crate of berries (James went with me) and got there just in time to see the Orange procession. The Cartwright lodges were the only ones present. There was quite a turnout of spectators. Jennie, Mrs. Gordon and Vera Cragg picking in the afternoon. After supper Jennie and little James went to Greenbank. They brought word that Sidney Fairbrother was drowned somewhere in New Ontario. Annie and Willie were at a little party at R. Cragg's.

13 – A very fine day, much cooler. Took S. Dusty's rig home in the morning and then, with Annie, took a crate of berries to Port Perry and met Mabel Bell who comes for a visit. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Aunt Mary picking strawberries. Jennie cooking for the meeting tomorrow.

14 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Hoed turnips awhile in the morning. Mr. Mark; Mrs. John Michie; Mrs. Gordon; Vera Cragg; Aunt Mary; Lillie O'Neill; and a Miss Weir picking berries for the Baptist party and I took them to Greenbank before dinner. Maggie Blair and Barbara Walker stemming berries. In the afternoon the big W.F.M.S. meeting, a good attendance of old and young; about

75 at supper. 19 horses in the stable. All appeared to have a good time. In the evening, with Jennie, went to prayer meeting. A good turnout and a good meeting.

15 – Rain between 3 and 4 pm. Hoeing turnips. In the evening Jennie and the children went to Greenbank to G.A. McMillan's to see about blackberries but they were away at the Baptist party at A. Ross'. Aunt Janet able to be out of bed a little. Dr. D. Archer called in the forenoon.

16 – A very fine day. Several local thunder showers and a little rain about noon. Hoeing turnips until supper, then Paris greening the potatoes. Aunt Mary and Jennie picking strawberries most of the day. Mrs. Mark; Emma Black and George Bratley picking in the evening. W. McMillan called for berries but did not get many.

17 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips and finished 1st time. Mrs. Mark, George Bratley and Jennie picking strawberries. Took Aunt Mary to the morning train for home. Emma Black here for tea. In the evening Jennie, with Annie and Mabel Bell, went to Greenbank with berries.

18 – A fine day, some little rain and very cool for the time of year. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and Mabel. Took up collection in SS for the Knox College Student's Missionary Society and got \$17. Mr. McKay preached.

19 – A beautiful day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning and scuffling the rest of the day. Jennie and the children picking and preserving cherries.

20 – A very fine day and somewhat warmer. Jennie, with Willie and James, went to Port Perry market while I hoed and did several small chores. Cutting hay in the afternoon (A. Akhurst's mower). Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. called, the first time since Mrs. Gordon's illness. Annie and Mabel at Gordon's.

21 – A little rain several times during the forenoon and steady the first part of the afternoon so there was no haying today. Hoed strawberries and rigged up waggon rack. Jennie washing. Cleaned out the well at the house. Went to prayer meeting with Annie and Mabel. Mr. McKay, leader. A large turnout. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. A. Gordon and G. Bratley picking strawberries for the last time, 29 boxes.

22 – Rain in the morning and threatening off and on all day. Cut thistles on the roadside and in the pasture field in the forenoon and scuffling turnips, second time, in the afternoon. John Michie called for an auger.

23 – Heavy rain through the night. Went to Greenbank with Mabel, Willie and James. Heavy rains in the afternoon and very little doing.

24 – Shook out the thick places in the hay in the forenoon. After dinner it started to rain and continued without stopping until we went to bed. Wind from the NW and pretty cool. Do not remember such a rain from that quarter and so cold in July. Had a time with a hen and chickens. 10 chickens perished with wet and cold.

25 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell. Mr. McKay preached.

26 – A very fine day. At the hay all day, John Michie helping, from about 10 am. Got in 6 loads. Broke the horse rake and had to get John's. Jennie, Annie and Mabel at Port Perry in the morning.

27 – A fine day and pretty warm. Cut the rest of the hay and the strawberry patch and raked what was drawn in yesterday. Jennie picking black currants. Annie and Mabel went to Greenbank after supper for the mail.

28 – A fine day and very warm. Scuffled turnips in the morning then raked up the last of the hay and in the afternoon, with John Michie's help, drew it in. Jennie washing. In the evening, with Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell, went to prayer meeting. There was a good turnout, Mr. McKay leader.

29 – Several very warm showers during the forenoon. The afternoon very warm. Scuffled strawberries in the forenoon, raked the hay stubble and the old berry patch. Jennie, Willie and James at Port Perry. Went down to John Michie's in the evening to see about help to pick berries.

30 – A beautiful day. Drew in hay rakings and the weeds from the strawberry patch, Jennie and the children helping. J. M. Real called. Then went to public school meeting to consider the voting of debentures for paying the repairs of schoolhouse. There were 81 voters present; R. Cragg in the chair. \$125.00 was asked and the vote stood 41 for to 39 against. Joe Phoenix and John Clyde demanded a pool which is to take place a week from Saturday next. Plowing strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie and the children and Mrs. I. O'Neill, Billie Lewis, Clarence and Irene also helping [?]. Mrs. Jas. Graham of Saintfield called in the evening to get berries.

31 – A very fine day. Finished plowing the strawberry ground. Scuffling turnips in the afternoon. Jennie, Willie and James at Greenbank and G.A. McMillan's for blackberries. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. R. Cragg called in the afternoon.

AUG. 1 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, James and Mabel (Annie and Mabel walked up). 131 at SS; Rev. Mr. McKay preached. We had just got home when George Fowlie and Mrs. Lamb came and got supper. Hon. John Dryden buried at Brooklin today. Several of our congregation at the funeral.

2 – A very fine day. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Annie and Mabel, went to Port Perry with berries. Hoed turnips after supper. Jennie and Mrs. Mark picking berries all day. Old Mrs. Akhurst here for tea, the first time for a long time. Mary Graham called for berries. Mr. Parrot called. D. Lyle threshing, the first threshing of the season in these parts.

3 – Very warm. Went for the beef in the morning and hoed turnips most of the rest of the day. Jennie and Mrs. Mark picking berries. In the evening drove over to G.A. McMillan's (John Michie going with me) to a little meeting to consider the school question. Jennie, with Willie and James, at Port Perry market in the afternoon.

4 – A fine day and pretty warm, some thunder in the afternoon but no rain. Got up early and Jennie took Annie and Mabel to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle for a visit. Mrs. W. Luke here all day picking berries. Mrs. Mark and William also picking. At prayer meeting in the evening with Willie. Hoeing turnips all day.

5 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips and mangolds all day and finished the job. Jennie washing.

6 – A very fine day and very warm. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Mrs. Mark; Mrs. W. O'Neill; and Jennie picking raspberries. Jas. McMillan and Rev. J.A. Miller here for dinner. Picked berries in the afternoon and went to Port Perry with a crate to ship to Toronto. Methodist choir concert at R. Flewell's tonight but did not go.

7 – A very warm day, I think the warmest of the season. Hoed in the forenoon and got it all done for a time. In the afternoon went to Greenbank to vote on the school repair debenture (vote 52 for, 57 against). In the evening went down to John Michie's and had a sing, the first since John was married. Russell Wallace and Miss Aggie Forfar were there. They had all been out at Port Perry getting their picture taken.

8 – A very warm day. At SS and church with Jennie, Willie and James. Rev. Mr. McKay preached. Rev. J.A. Miller addressed the SS. John Michie and wife and Miss Aggie Forfar here for tea. Russell Wallace called and took Miss Aggie away to Sonya perhaps.

9 – A very fine day. Picking berries until about 4 pm when I went to Port Perry with 2 crates of berries. John Michie and wife; Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie also picking. About 150 boxes picked. Jennie drove Mrs. Gordon home in the evening. D. Lyle cutting oats, the first that I have heard of.

10 – A very fine day. Did some chores and rigged up the binder. After supper went to Greenbank with Willie for the mail. Jennie washing. Rev. Mr. Cameron inducted in Port Perry today. Norman Lyle started cutting oats.

11 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing strawberries most of the day. Down at John Michie's in the morning to see about cutting. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at John Michie's. At prayer meeting in the evening with Jennie and Willie. Clarence O'Neill called for some berry boxes.

12 – A beautiful day. Jennie; Mrs. Mark; W. Mark; and I picking berries; over 100 boxes. Went with Willie and James to Port Perry with a crate of berries. Miss McRae and Maggie Brown of Toronto here for tea.

13 – A beautiful day. Started harvest by cutting field W of house, John Michie and horse helping. Mrs. Mark here most of the day getting Jennie to make her a wrapper. Willie went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

14 – A fine day. Scuffled strawberry patch in the forenoon and with Jennie, Willie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon. R.T. Harrington called in the forenoon.

15 – A sort of a misty rain from the S all day until about 4:30 when there was a quick thunder shower. At SS and church with Jennie, Willie and James. The Misses Johnston of Toronto gave a duet in SS. Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

16 – Rain through the night and several times during the day. Thunder shower after dinner. G. Wallace had a horse killed by lightning in the stable. Hoed a little at the strawberries and after supper went with Willie and James to Greenbank. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing. Jennie making me some work clothes.

17 – A very fine day. Hoeing and picking berries in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry market and brought Annie home from Newcastle. In the afternoon, with John Michie's help, cut part of the field N of the barn. Annie and Willie at Mission band in the church.

18 – A very fine day. With John Michie, finished cutting field N of barn in the forenoon. Hoeing the afternoon. Mrs. Gordon here picking berries. In the evening, with Jennie and the children, went to Greenbank to the first social evening. There was a good turnout and a very pleasant time. Mr. McKay in the chair. Mr. Leach of US and the Misses Johnston of Toronto sang. A. Akhurst finished cutting.

19 – A beautiful day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon and fixing line fence between us and Luke's place in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mark picking berries and Eva Luke in the forenoon and Jennie Gordon and Bessie in the afternoon. P. Luke called to see about board for men building his house.

20 – A fine day, some light local showers. With Jennie's help drew in the oats W of the house (6 loads). After supper Annie went to Greenbank for the mail.

21 – A beautiful day. With John Michie's (and horse) help cut the N field which finishes cutting. Just as we finished I was thrown from the binder seat and cut my forehead against the reel lever. Annie at Gordon's for supper.

22 – A beautiful day. At church and SS with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (139 at SS), Mr. McKay preached. Miss Johnston of Toronto gave a solo. In the evening, with Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry and heard Mr. Cameron, their new minister, and liked him very well.

23 – A very fine day. With Jennie's help drew in field N of barn. Got done about 3 pm, then horse raked while Jennie and the 3 children went to Port Perry and did not get home until dark.

24 – A very fine and warm day. Finished raking field N of the barn and drew it in, Jennie helping. She had a fall on the cutting box and hurt her hip. Did several jobs in the afternoon. Mr. Brent called wanting to buy apples, but he was too late. A man brought 40 apple barrels for Mr. Monet. Jennie making ketchup.

25 – A fine day but very warm, said to be 90 in the shade, but there was a good breeze. Jennie, with James, went to Saintfield with chickens while I scuffled the strawberries and helped Pascoe Luke to square the cellar wall of his new house. Plowing in the after-

noon. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie and Willie went to prayer meeting, Mr. McKay leader. Not so many out as everybody is drawing in grain. Albert Akhurst fractured his leg by falling into a groundhog hole.

26 – A fine day, high NW wind. With Jennie's help drew in the grain in the N field and so finished harvest. After supper went with James and Willie to Greenbank for a plough point but did not get one.

27 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. W. Mark called in the evening.

28 – A fine day, a very little sprinkle after dinner and in the evening. Plowing until 5 pm when, with Jennie, Annie and James, went to Greenbank for the mail. Wilmot Cragg here for dinner and Willie went home with him for the afternoon.

29 – Thunder shower through the night but not enough to go in very far. A very fine day and quite cool towards night. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Miss Robinson of Detroit sang a solo in SS. Rev. Mr. McKae of Beaverton preached.

30 – A fine day. Plowing until 5 pm when, with Annie and Willie in the waggon, went to Port Perry to the 8 train and brought Jessie Bell here. Annie and Willie at school, the first day in the remodelled school and the first day of the new series of readers.

31 – Threshing at Lyle's in the forenoon (W. Taylor's machine) and at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon. Rain between 5 and 6 and thunder showers in the evening. Annie and Willie at school. Aunt Janet visiting at Gordon's.

SEPT. 1 – Fine day and pretty cool. At A. Akhurst's threshing for a little over an hour and finished him. Plowing the rest of the day. At prayer meeting in the evening with Jennie, Mr. McKay leader. John Lee here for dinner.

2 – A very fine day, frost in the morning. Plowing. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – Very fine day. Harrowing and plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. A. Malace here for dinner.

4 – Rain through the night and a sort of a drizzle most of the day. Got up early and took Jennie and James to Port Perry to the morning train on their way to Newcastle. Plowed a little in the afternoon and got 5 bags of oats from D. Lyle.

5 – A fine day and pretty cool. At SS and church with Aunt Janet, Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached.

6 – A beautiful day. Went to Greenbank in the morning with the beef ring heifer. Willie went with me. Plowing in the afternoon. Labour day. Annie and Willie did not go to school as they thought it was a holiday.

7 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning. Beast 25 lbs. over. Then Jessie Bell went to Port Perry for Jennie and James, also Helen and Douglas Patton. James very sick and in bed

all afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Plowing in the afternoon.

8 – Frosty morning. Got up early and Jessie Bell drove me to Port Perry on my way to Toronto fair. She then drove Annie and Willie to school, then drove Aunt Janet to Port Perry on her way to Brooklin and went after her again at the 6 train. Then Jennie and Aunt Janet went to prayer meeting. I got to the fair about 10:30 and stayed until the close of the evening show. There was an immense crowd and a very good time. Spent the night at Mrs. Mason's.

9 – A fine day. At the fair until about 3:30, then went down and got some things and home. Jennie, Willie and James met me at Port Perry. Jessie Bell was out with Helen and Douglas Patton and got them vaccinated by Dr. Archer. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at James Leask's. She went over before dinner as there was quilting to be done. Annie and Willie at school.

10 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Mrs. John Michie called. Annie and Willie at school. Fred Wilkinson's little boy got his arm broke by a fall at school.

11 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Wilmot Cragg here in the forenoon.

12 – A fine cool day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Helen Patton. Mr. McKay preached. G.D. McMillan gave a solo. In the evening went with Jennie to Port Perry church, the minister from Blackstock preached.

13 – A fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day. Annie at school. Mrs. James Burns and Mrs. J.M. Real called in the afternoon.

14 – A fine day and very warm and oppressive. Plowing all day and finished north field. Annie at school. She took a note to Mrs. W. Real to telephone to Dr. Archer to come to see Willie. He came in the forenoon but is not very sure what is the matter. His temperature was 105 by then but he appears to be a little better at night. About 11 pm a terrific thunder storm came up and continued until about 1. A terrible night and several buildings burned. The S. of T. hall was struck.

15 – Harrowing N field in the forenoon and in the afternoon scuffled the strawberries. Rain came on about 4. At prayer meeting with Aunt Janet; Jas. Miller leader. Pascoe Luke drew three loads of stone from our pasture field for his house cellar. Annie at school. Willie better.

16 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing strawberries all day. W. Mark here in the afternoon cutting corn. Annie at school. Jessie Bell and Aunt Janet at Port Perry in the afternoon.

17 – A very fine cool day. W. Mark cutting corn all day and I binding it. Annie at school. Aunt Janet visiting at A. Akhurst's.

18 – A beautiful day. A little frost in the morning. Binding corn in the forenoon and drawing it off in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day. Got up early and Jennie, Jessie Bell, Douglas Patton and James drove to Brooklin and did not get back until

about 8 pm. At SS and church with Willie (walked). Mr. McRae of Toronto preached. Russell Wallace and Mrs. W. Rennie gave a duet.

20 – A beautiful day. Drawing and binding corn all day. W. Mark here cutting and finished a little after dinner. Willie at school. Annie not very well. Jessie Bell bad with hay fever after her trip to Brooklin yesterday. Mrs. Mark here for tea.

21 – A very fine day. At corn all day and got it all drawn away from the field. Jessie Bell went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie at school. Annie sick.

22 – Some dull and threatening rain several times but did not amount to anything. Picking apples and early potatoes, Jennie helping. Willie at school. Drs. D. and R. Archer came and operated on Helen Patton for [adanites?...could mean adenoids?]. They got here and found they had forgotten their instruments and R. had to go back for them. At prayer meeting with Jennie, 16 all told were out, Mr. Boe leader.

23 – A little rain in the morning and in the afternoon. Did some odd jobs in the forenoon. Jennie and Jessie packing up Aunt Janet's things and in the afternoon I took them in the waggon to Port Perry station. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A fine morning. Got up early and Jessie Bell drove Aunt Janet to the morning train at Port Perry on her way to the North West. Helen and Douglas Patton went to Port Perry to get vaccinated (2nd time) but did not get it done as the Dr. did not have the proper vaccine. Hoed strawberries in the forenoon and got the binder ready after dinner to cut the buckwheat but a little shower came on and I did not start. Apple packers came in the morning and put up 5 barrels of fall apples. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing.

25 – Spent the forenoon in scraping water runs in the north field. In the afternoon tried to cut the bit of buckwheat, but made very slow progress as it is very heavy, until about 3:30 when it started to rain.

26 – A fine day and pretty cold towards night. Jessie Bell drove Helen and Douglas Patton to Port Perry and got them vaccinated again. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Children's day service instead of SS. Jennie and Jessie B. at Gordon's in the evening.

27 – Cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 5 barrels of apples for Monet and in the afternoon finished cutting the buckwheat, Jennie helping. Mrs. A. Gordon Sr. here for tea. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – Pretty hard frost in the morning and a very fine day. Plowing all day at corn stubble. Annie and Willie at school. Jessie Bell packing up to start for Rochester tomorrow. Mrs. J. Michie called in the forenoon.

29 – Got up early and with the waggon took Jessie Bell, Helen and Douglas Patton to Port Perry on their way home. Annie went to

Port Perry. Rain before we got home and until about the middle of the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening. About 35 out. I was the leader. How can we help our pastor was the subject.

30 – Rain off and on during the forenoon and some flurries in the afternoon. Putting up stove in kitchen, Jennie helping, in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

OCT. 1 – A very disagreeable day. A gusty sort of rain several times from the NW. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. Malace of Port Perry called in the afternoon with some things ordered some time ago.

2 – All hands digging potatoes which were a pretty fair crop and got over hardly half the ground. Somewhat cold. Mrs. Alex Gordon here for tomatoes.

3 – A fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Rev. Mr. McRae of Toronto preached. Rally day at the Methodist SS and several went to it from our church.

4 – A very fine day. All hands at potatoes and finished, 4 loads in all. Annie and Willie stayed from school to help. James Miller started at P. Luke's house.

5 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon, scuffling strawberries and topping mangolds in the afternoon. Jennie washing in the forenoon and with James at Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – A beautiful day. Topped, harrowed and drew in 3 loads of mangolds; pretty small in size. At prayer meeting, a fair good turnout. G.D. McMillan leader. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – A beautiful warm day. Drawing mangolds all day and finished 8 loads; 11 loads in all. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. A. Gordon Jr. called in the afternoon and Mrs. Mark in the forenoon.

8 – A beautiful day. Spent all day with Jennie picking and packing 5 barrels of apples to Mrs. Laidlaw of Winnipeg and 1 to G.W. Michie. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Mark called in the forenoon.

9 – A very fine day. In the forenoon went to Port Perry with the apples for Manitoba. Willie and James went with me and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in the buckwheat. Jennie Gordon and Wilmot Cragg called. Annie at Gordon's in the afternoon.

10 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James (115 at SS). Mr. McDonald preached on the Knox College Student Missionary Society.

11 – Took old Spot cow to Port Perry, sold to Parrot. Jennie and James came for me. Rain a little before we got home and a little most of the afternoon and evening. Did some cleaning out in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. A little rain in the morning and just after dinner a heavy rain and hail or almost snow; colder. John Michie called asking hands to thresh tomorrow.

13 – A raw cold day and sometimes threatening snow. At John Michie's threshing (W. Taylor's machine) until 3:30, then they moved here and threshed about 1 ½ hours. W. Taylor stayed all night. Jennie went up to Gordon's in the morning for some meat. Annie and Willie at school.

14 – Some warmer. Finished threshing at 11:30 and I then went with them to R. Cragg's and worked the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

15 – A fine day. Threshing at R. Cragg's for about 2 ½ hours. Picking apples the rest of the day, Jennie helping in the afternoon. At A. Akhurst's in the evening. He has a sick horse. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – Picking apples until about 10 am when I went to Phair's threshing. Quite a snowstorm in the afternoon. Jennie Gordon called. Annie not very well.

17 – Not a nice day. Several snow storms. At SS and church with Willie. Annie not being very well, the rest did not go. Mr. McKay preached the first time since his marriage. Mrs. McKay was with him. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

18 – Threshing at Mrs. Phair's and finished about 3 pm. They then moved to Norman Lyle's and threshed until dark. Rain and snow off and on all day. A heavy shower just before we started at Norman's. Annie and Willie at school.

19 – A fine day and some warmer. Threshing at Norman Lyle's until noon and finished. Jennie, Willie and James at Port Perry. Annie at school. In the afternoon picking apples. Put them in barrels and drew them into the barn. Got in 10 barrels.

20 – A fine day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. Annie and Willie at school. In the evening all hands went to the reception in the church to Mr. and Mrs. McKay on their return from their marriage. There was a good turnout of the congregation. Two chairs were presented and tea in the basement. Rev. Mr. McCullah presided. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Cameron and Rev. Mr. Hodson; Jas. Leask; E. Boe; Jas. Forman; M. Stonehouse; Jas. Miller and G.D. McMillan.

21 – Rain through the night and some during the forenoon. Thunder shower at 6:30 pm. Took in the apples picked yesterday and plowed the rest of the day. No school.

22 – Drizzly rain almost all day. Plowing in the forenoon and picking apples in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Wet weather. No school.

23 – A fine day and cool. Picking apples all day, Jennie and the children helping. In the evening went to S. of T. meeting. This is the first meeting held since July 17 and the question was whether the Division should go on or not. There were about 15 out and it was decided to make another attempt.

24 – A very fine day. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached a thanksgiving sermon.

25 – Thanksgiving day. A fine day. Picking apples most of the day and about finished the job. Jennie drove up to Greenbank and

brought down Mrs. Walker for dinner, then in the afternoon Mrs. Gordon Sr. and Mrs. J. Joyce (of Sutton) came and all were here for supper. I drove Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Joyce to Greenbank in the evening. Miss McLaughlin of Toronto, a niece of Mrs. Gordon, also called.

26 – Some rain through the night but very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Apple packers came in the morning and put up 28 barrels, all that were here. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 19 barrels and brought home 25 empties. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – A fine day but pretty cool. Plowing all day and finished field N of barn. Annie and Willie at school. Annie at F. Howsam's overnight. Jennie making overcoat for Willie. At prayer meeting. Mr. McKay leader. Jas. Miller and T. Watson putting rafters on P. Luke's house.

28 – Cold windy day. Topping turnips and got about ½ done. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing.

29 – Hard frost. Apples on the trees frozen. Harrowed up some turnips after the frost got out a little. Apple packers came and worked until about 3 when there were no more barrels. Went to Port Perry with 21 barrels in the afternoon. Jennie making chopped up pickles. Annie and Willie at school.

30 – Hard frost in the morning which hardly came out of the turnips all day. Drawing in turnips. Jennie and children helping in the afternoon. Apple packers came in the forenoon and finished the job; 58 barrels in all. C. Gordon came for sweet apples. Annie went to Greenbank for bread towards night.

31 – A fine day and warm. At SS and church with Jennie and the children (132 at SS), Mr. McKay preached.

NOV. 1 – A fine warm day. At turnips all day, Jennie helping, and got in 11 loads. Annie and Willie at school. Tax collector R. Hartry called. Taxes are nearly \$9 more than last year on account of school repairs.

2 – Rain through the night. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the last of the barrelled apples. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, at the turnips but only got 3 loads in when rain came on. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – Some rain during the forenoon. At turnips, Jennie helping, got in 7 loads. Got all topped and harrowed out. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and Willie at prayer meeting. Very dark night.

4 – Rain through the night and morning which turned to snow. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Threw back turnips and packed 2 barrels of apples in cellar in the forenoon and in the afternoon got in 10 loads of turnips, Jennie helping.

5 – A fine day. At turnips in the forenoon, Jennie helping some, got in 5 loads and finished. 47 loads in all. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, went to preparatory service. Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Mrs. John Michie and Mr. and Mrs. Brown came in by certificate. Annie and Willie at school. At John Michie's in the evening having a sing.

6 – A beautiful day. All hands went to Port Perry in the morning with 27 bags of apples for the evaporator, got 35 cts per 100 lbs. Drawing out manure on the strawberry land in the afternoon. Wilmot Cragg here playing.

7 – A fine day. All hands at communion service at Greenbank. A good turnout, Mr. McKay officiated.

8 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Threw back the turnips, cleaned out pig house and other chores in the forenoon. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie.

9 – Pretty hard frost in the morning. Plowed next year's strawberry ground, the potato patch in the orchard and started sod field on the big hill. Annie and Willie at school.

10 – Dull, somewhat foggy day. Plowing sod all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at W. Wallace's. Did not go to prayer meeting.

11 – Dull day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – Some rain in the morning. Plowing sod all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie making dress for Annie.

13 – A very fine warm day. Plowing sod all day. Edna and Annie Gordon here most of the day.

14 – A beautiful Indian Summer day. All hands at SS and church. G.A. McMillan superintendent; Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

15 – A fine day and getting colder towards night. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – Did a number of little jobs while Jennie and James went to Port Perry. Plowing in the afternoon awhile until about 4 until I got wet with rain (from SE) and quit about 4. Rain continued during the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – Colder. Finished plowing sod about middle of afternoon, then harrowed some. Snowing in the evening. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Hard frost which did not soften all day. Took Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Filled washout at the foot of hill with scraper in the afternoon. Jennie making coat for Annie. Mrs. Mark here for tea.

19 – Some more snow through the night. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats to grind. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing. C. Gordon called.

20 – A fine day and warmer, frost all out of ground. Drew in corn and oat straw for strawberries in the forenoon and making water runs with scraper in the root field in the afternoon.

21 – A fine day. At SS and church, all hands. Mr. McKay preached.

22 – A terrible bad day. Rain started in the morning from the E which froze as it fell and continued all day and evening and made awful bad wreck of many trees. Drove Annie and Willie to school in the rain and they were good and wet when they got home. Did not do much but the chores.

23 – A fine day and cold. The ice on the trees is beautiful but many are badly wrecked. It did not get warm enough to take it off. Did little but the chores. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at Methodist W.M.S. meeting at D. Lyle's.

24 – A fine day but no thaw and the ice on the trees hardly moved. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Put up parlor stove and cut some limbs which were broken off trees with the ice.

25 – Cold clear day. Ice on trees scarcely moved at all. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing and house cleaning. E. Lyle called for smock pattern. He is limping having fell on the ice last night. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A very fine day, enough warmth to relieve the trees from the ice. Did a few odd chores. Anne and Willie at school. All hands at W.F.M.S. annual thank-offering social. Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland gave quite a number of scenes (with magic lantern) in [Howan?] China. A pretty good turnout. Collection \$20.60.

27 – Another fine day and thawing. Got out the sleigh and worked all day drawing away brush from trees broke with the ice. Drew limbs to woodshed and drew leaves for strawberries. Annie at Gordon's playing. Jennie at J. Michie's for some bread.

28 – Dull day, a little rain in the evening. At SS and church with Annie. Mr. McKay preached on the vine and the branches. Willie and James somewhat unwell.

29 – A beautiful day. Spread straw on strawberry plants in the forenoon and in the afternoon sawed wood while Jennie went to Port Perry. Went down to John Michie's after dinner. He was at W. Thomas' putting up a driving shed. Annie at school.

30 – A very fine day. All day mulching strawberry patch and drawing in corn. Got a load of buckwheat straw from D. Lyle. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

DEC. 1 – A beautiful day. Finished covering strawberries in the forenoon and drew in corn in the afternoon and went to prayer meeting in the evening. A fair turnout, Mr. McKay leader. Annie and Willie at school.

2 – A beautiful mild clear day. Finished drawing in corn, Jennie helping to unload. Put on storm windows. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A very fine day. Took Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Most of the afternoon cutting limbs from maple trees along the road that had been broken with the ice. Men building chimbley on Luke's house.

4 – A fine day. Sawed wood in the forenoon and drew in cordwood in the afternoon with the stoneboat.

5 – Fine in the forenoon, very dull raw and foggy towards night with wind SE. All hands at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached.

6 – Somewhat cold. Cutting limbs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to James Lee's plowing bee. Plowed sod in field SE of his barn. Some places rather hard with frost. R. Cragg; E. Phair; Norman Lyle and I were the ploughmen. Annie at school. Willie has a cold. Jennie housecleaning the pantry.

7 – High SE wind and threatening snow in the forenoon which started after dinner then turned to sleet, then to rain. Pruning orchard. Went to Greenbank and brought Annie home from school. Jennie washing.

8 – High wind, cold and rough. Drew brush from orchard in the forenoon and went with Norman Lyle to Walt Weir's sale in the afternoon. Annie at school. Mrs. Mark called. John Michie threshing clover.

9 – Pretty cold and windy. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to G. Lee's to see about a pig. Drew brush in the sleigh in the afternoon. Oliver Luke drove Annie and Willie home from school and stayed a while. He came to ask us to tea tomorrow evening.

10 – A fine day. In the afternoon went to sale of cows at Port Perry and got a cow. Took out 14 bags of oats to be ground. Annie and Willie at school. All hands at Wes Luke's for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee were there also.

11 – Took Jennie, Willie and James to Port Perry to the 11 train on their way to Toronto. Cut some wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark here to keep house while they are away. Edna and Annie Gordon here most of the day.

12 – Somewhat raw and cold. At SS and church with Mrs. Mark and Annie. Mr. McKay preached.

13 – Some snow through the night which turned to rain from the SE and continued all day. A very disagreeable day. Went to Port Perry with the wagon in the forenoon for the meal. Annie at school.

14 – High wind from SW and a little snow sometimes. Repairing strawberry crates. G.D. McMillan called looking for a horse that strayed away last night. C. Gordon called. In the evening went to Port Perry for Jennie and the boys on their way home from Toronto.

15 – Snowing some in the afternoon. Took Jennie and James to W.F.M.S. meeting at Jas. McMillan's and went on to Mr. [blank] sale went of Saintfield. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee to cut cedar in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

17 – Put in some glass in windows in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to help Jim Lee in his swamp but was only there a short

time when a heavy snow came on and we quit work. Mr. A. Malice called with some things that had been ordered. He was drawing a horse and cutter. Jim Dusty called. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Snowing a little sometimes. Got the cutter down and went to Greenbank with Willie. Cleaned out pig and hen house and cut some wood.

19 – Somewhat cold. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached on Home Missions.

20 – A fine day, pretty cold in the morning but got warmer towards night. Wes Luke came down and helped to kill a pig and Mrs. Luke came with him. They stayed until about 5 pm. Annie and Willie at school. Mission Band meeting after.

21 – A beautiful day. Annie and Willie started for school but Willie came back with earache. Cut up pig in the morning and then went with Jennie, Willie and James to Port Perry Christmas Fair. Got home early and then Jennie drove up to Gordon's to take back some pork that had been borrowed.

22 – Somewhat colder. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee in the afternoon. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. McKay leader. A fair turnout.

23 – Rather nice day. Threw out turnips in root house that were getting warm. In the afternoon cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp. Annie and Willie at school. The whole day spent in practicing for concert tomorrow night.

24 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with the cutter to the train and got Mrs. Jas. Bell and Mabel, Willie and Gordon. Willie and Annie went to Greenbank to practice for concert. In the evening went with Annie, Mabel and Willie to public school concert in the hall. The hall was crowded to the doors. Miss Real and Miss Stovin conducted it and all did very well. J.M. Real in the chair. Proceeds \$24.00.

25 – Rather a disagreeable day for Christmas. A drizzling snow from the E all day. Saw no one but those in the house but there was any amount of noise. We had a Christmas tree. This is Mr. and Mrs. W. Akhurst's diamond wedding (60 years).

26 – Quite a bit colder. At SS and church with Mrs. Jas. Bell, Mabel, Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached. Russell and Joe Wallace sang a duet.

27 – A fine day. Topsy colt ran away and I had to go to Weston Phoenix's for her. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with the sleigh (good sleighing) for a load of coal. Annie, Willie and Mabel went with me. Mr. Town of Saintfield called selling fruit trees.

28 – A little below zero in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for a load of coal and to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Annie, Willie and Mabel went with me. Jas. Blair Jr. and Edgar called in the evening.

29 – Below zero a little in the morning and very sharp all day. At public school meeting. Jennie and James went with me to W. Luke's. The meeting was, contrary to expectations, very quiet. G.D. McMillan was the retiring trustee and reported the expendi-

ture in repairing the school. The meeting refused to give him anything for acting as trustee. Richard Cragg was chosen trustee by the vote of the chairman W. Real. Got dinner at W. Luke's and stayed most of the afternoon. Joseph Burton and Mrs. Bryant were there also. In the evening attended annual SS meeting. There was a fair turnout, although it was a very cold night. Superintendent G.D. McMillan was not present. Rev. Mr. McKay in the chair. The meeting was very harmonious; most of the old officers were re-elected. The average attendance this year was 123.

30 – Below zero and very cold and clear all day. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing.

31 – Pretty cold but clear day. Drove to Port Perry with the sleigh and all hands and Mary Bell and three children got their pictures taken.

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JAN. 1 – Cold in the morning which turned to fog with high SW wind in the afternoon and rain in the evening. In the forenoon went to Port Perry for express parcel from Winnipeg. Annie, Mabel B. and Willie went also. In the afternoon went to Greenbank for the mail.

2 – A fine day and colder. Stewart and Ethel Bratley came up from John Michie's about 10 am and got dinner. They stayed until about 3:30. At SS and church. Election of teachers and the usual trouble. Several classes not yet supplied. Mr. McKay preached to an extra full church.

3 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with 14 bags of oats to grind. Took Mabel Bell to the station on her way home. Election day. Local option vote at Port Perry (lost). Reach election for Reeve only between Jas. Graham and John Boys (Graham elected). Very rough in the afternoon and evening and did not go to vote. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing.

4 – About 10 below zero in the morning and kept below all day. Drove Annie and Willie to school (sideline pretty well drifted). In the afternoon went to Port Perry for the meal.

5 – A very bad day. Hail and rain from SE but got colder towards night. Did little but the chores. At W. Thomas' in the afternoon. At annual church meeting in the evening. There was a fair turnout. G.A. McMillan in the chair and a very quiet agreeable meeting. Managers elected Jas McMillan; Alex Gordon; R.T. Harrington; and I for 4 year term and Jas. Leask to fill Jas. Lee turn 2 years. \$102.00 on hand.

6 – A fine day. In the afternoon took old sow to Charles Gordon's, 424 lbs. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie making Willie Bell some clothes.

7 – A fine day. Cleaned out pig house in forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and James, attended preparatory service in the church. There was a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. Grant of Markham preached. Minnie and Campbell Stone received into membership. Peter Leask's and D. Brown's baby girls baptized. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – Rather cold and rough. Helping Jim Lee in his swamp in the afternoon. At S. of T. in the evening to install the officers, E. Lyle W.P.

9 – Went with Jennie to communion at Wick. Mr. McKay conducted the service. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee here in the afternoon. At church in the evening with Willie. Mr. McKay preached, a fair turnout.

10 – Below zero in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went up to the hall and got my specs which I left there on Saturday. Helping Jim Lee to swamp out wood poles in the afternoon. In the evening went to church managers meeting at Jas. McMillan's. All present but Jas. Leask and W. Rennie. The manse question came up but no action taken.

11 – A very fine day. Drove Mary Bell to Port Perry to the Dr. in the forenoon. Helping Jim Lee to swamp out wood in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at Greenbank. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie and Mary washing. Went to prayer meeting in the evening but got there just as Mr. McKay left for home there not being enough to start. Ida McKitrick married to a Mr. Mackie. Mrs. A. Gordon called.

13 – Rather raw and cold with wind from E. Drawing out wood for Jim Lee in the afternoon.

14 – Cold and rough with some snow from the E. Went to Jim Lee's swamp for load of old posts for threshing wood. Went for Annie and Willie at school.

15 – A beautiful day. Taking out gaps in fences in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon.

16 – A very fine day. All the trees beautiful with hoar frost. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Rev. Mr. McKay preached.

17 – Some warmer, almost rain towards night. Drew 2 loads of poles from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon and cutting in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie, with James and Willie Bell, went to Greenbank and called at J.M. Real's.

18 – Rain through the night. Went for load of poles to Jim Lee's swamp, then it started to rain and rained hard until about noon. Went for another load in the afternoon. Snow very soft. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Andrew T. Horne buried today at Uxbridge.

19 – A fine day. Drew 3 loads of cordwood home from Jim Lee's swamp. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting in the evening, a fair turnout, Mr. McKay leader.

20 – A fine day, thawing a little towards night. Jennie and Mary Bell and 3 children at Port Perry in the morning. Swamping out wood for Jim Lee in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

21 – Started to rain a little about 8 am which turned to snow which continued all day. Cut some wood in woodshed. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Jennie and Mary sewing.

22 – Rain through the night, then hail in the morning, then snow from the S all day. A terrible day. In the shop making berry crates.

23 – Somewhat finer, some snow in the afternoon. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached an excellent sermon. Wick anniversary Sunday. Mr. McKay preaches at Uxbridge.

24 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Wick tea party tonight.

25 – A very beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie part way to school then, with Jennie, went to Port Perry. Joseph Town here for dinner. He was taking orders for fruit trees. Jennie, Mary Bell and the three boys visiting at Jim Lee's at Greenbank.

26 – Somewhat rough with wind SE, snow in the evening. Making berry crates in shop. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – Almost soft in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie part way to school. In the afternoon went to Jim Lee's swamp to cut wood but there was too much water.

28 – A beautiful winter day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 14 bags of oats to grind and got it home. Annie and Willie at school. Levi Parrish died yesterday. Comet in the west a little after sundown.

29 – A beautiful clear day. Visited at John Michie's and Isaac O'Neill's in the forenoon. James Lee and Ida called. Annie and Willie at Gordon's in the afternoon.

30 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, James and Willie Bell. Mr. McKay preached. Went with Jennie in the evening to Alex Gordon's to see his mother who is rather worse than usual. Mrs. Wood of Newtonville and Mrs. Andy McPhail and son of Uxbridge were there.

31 – Snowing a little from the E in the forenoon. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and Mary washing.

FEB. 1 – A very fine day. Making sawing horse in the forenoon. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. James and Willie Bell went with her. Annie and Willie at school.

2 – A fine day. Went for load of wood to Jim Lee's swamp. At R. Flewell's sale in the afternoon. A big turnout and things went pretty well. Marquis auctioneer. Annie and Willie at school. Snowing from the E in the evening.

3 – Snowing from the east through the night and nearly all day. A decidedly bad day. Did little but the chores and figured at the church report. Annie and Willie did not go to school.

4 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. John Michie helping to cut trees near the barn pump.

5 – About zero with high NW wind and drifting some. Splitting the tree we got yesterday in the forenoon and John Michie helping to cut in the afternoon. Gordon Bell burned his hand on the poker.

6 – About 16 or 18 below zero in the morning and a cutting NW wind and drifting. At SS and church alone (98 at SS), Mr. McKay preached. Roads heavy.

7 – Somewhat warmer, snowing some in the forenoon. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Splitting wood. Expected Mr. and Mrs. McKay but they did not come.

8 – A very fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. John Lee and James here for dinner. They had been at Port Perry. Jennie drove Mr. Lee up to Gordon's. John Michie helping me to cut trees.

9 – A fine day until about 4 when it started to snow. Splitting wood in the forenoon and cutting trees in the afternoon, John Michie helping. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at Greenbank. Mrs. and Mrs. McKay came about 4:30 and stayed for tea. Pretty rough when they started for home. Topsy colt ran away and I went hunting her as far as Phair's but did not find her. John McMillan married.

10 – Zero in the morning and very cold and pretty rough all day. Splitting wood in the forenoon and, John Michie helping, cut trees in the afternoon. Cut the beech that has stood so long in the NE corner of the orchard. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Topsy colt was back in the morning.

11 – 16 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank for an axe handle. Finished cutting tree in the afternoon, John Michie helping. Stanley McMillan called.

12 – Snowing more or less all day from the NE. Splitting wood in the forenoon.

13 – A nice day. At SS and church with Mary Bell and our Willie. Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask sang a solo.

14 – Fine day. Went to Jim Lee's swamp for load of poles for wood in the forenoon (roads very heavy) and in the afternoon, with Jennie and James, went to Port Perry. Annie and Willie did not go to school as Annie had a cold. Reception at W. McMillan's for John who is coming home after his wedding trip. Oyster supper at M. O'Neill's.

15 – Went to Jim Lee's swamp for load of wood (all that is cut). Went to Greenbank for mail in the afternoon and very disagreeable. No one at school. Annie laid up with cold.

16 – Thaw in the night but it turned cold and was pretty rough most of the day. Did some odd jobs. At prayer meeting in the evening, 20 out, Mr. McKay leader. Annie and Willie sick with cold.

17 – A very fine day. In the afternoon went with John Michie to Joe Holdershaw's swamp and cut firewood for church.

18 – Pretty cold but nice day. Did some odd chores. Went with Jennie to Greenbank in the afternoon.

19 – Rather raw with SW wind. Drawing wood from near the barn pump in the afternoon. Mary Bell and children intended to go home to Brooklin but Willie was sick in bed all day.

20 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. Willie Bell was pretty sick all day so we got Norman Lyle to telephone for the Dr. He came about 8:30 (Dr. D. Archer) and not so serious as thought.

21 – Some more snow during the night. Cut wood in woodshed. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie up at Gordon's in the afternoon. Willie Bell some better. Pie social tonight at S. of T.

22 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats to be ground and went to farmers stock judging class. Roads good but snow deep and bad for turning out. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – A terrible day. High NW wind and drifting all day, sometimes snowing a little. Nobody out nor in. Making ladder for picking apples. James in bed sick all day.

24 – A very fine day. Making ladder in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry for meal in the afternoon. Willie went with me.

25 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Making second ladder in the afternoon. Topsy colt ran away again but came back about 10 o'clock. Alex Gordon came at that time for Jennie as Mrs. G. was sick.

26 – Mild day. Snow in the afternoon which turned to rain in the evening. Jennie all night at A. Gordon's. A son born to them. Sawing wood most of the day in the woodshed.

27 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon which made the roads pretty soft. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached. G.D. McMillan and Mrs. Rennie gave a duet.

28 – A fine day. Doing some odd jobs. Jennie and Mary washing. Annie and Willie at school. In the evening went with Jennie to dance party at John Michie's. A nice crowd. Andrew Gordon and [?] McMillan players. Thawing all day.

MAR. 1 – A very fine day. Jennie took Mary Bell and two children (who have been here since Dec. 24) to Port Perry on their way home to Brooklin. Annie and Willie at school. Thawing, roads pretty soft. R. Cragg moving from Jim Lee's place to R. Flewell's at Greenbank.

2 – A beautiful day and thawing. Spent most of the day making ladder in shop. Annie and Willie at school. Wes Luke moved to their farm N of Sonya today and Jim Lee is moving to their farm (the R. Phair place).

3 – A very fine day and thawing. Drawing wood from near barn pump. Jennie and James went up to Gordon's in the morning. Mrs. Gordon Sr. is pretty bad. Annie and Willie at school.

4 – A beautiful day. Drawing away brush of trees near barn. Annie at school. Edna and Annie Gordon came home with her and stayed all night.

5 – A very fine almost summer-like day and thawing fast. In the afternoon went with Norman Lyle to Mrs. R. Monroe's sale. There as a large turnout and pretty good prices especially little pigs. One litter not yet weaned sold for \$4.00 each and another for \$5.00 each. Edna Gordon and Annie here all day and stayed all night. Mrs. John Michie and her sister here for tea.

6 – Edna and Annie went home in the morning. The first thunder of the season about 11 am and again from 4 to about 8. Some heavy thunder in the evening but not much rain. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Mr. McKay preached.

7 – Colder and rough with some snow. Cleaned out hen house. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – Some snow during the day and wintery. Annie and Willie started for school but Willie came back on account of earache. Went up to Akhurst's and Alex Gordon's. Old Mrs. Gordon is very poorly. Mrs. Jim Lee called and got some butter and two hens. Got letter from Aberdeenshire.

9 – A fine day. Albert Akhurst came down in the morning and killed a pig. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at Greenbank. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting in the evening, Mr. McKay leader.

10 – A very fine day. Annie at school. Cut up pig and in the afternoon went with James Lee and wife to Port Perry. Roads pretty poor.

11 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure on potato ground in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to preparatory services, a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. Lord of Fenelon Falls preached a good sermon. Annie at school. Jennie making head cheese.

12 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and cutting wood in the afternoon, Jas. Lee helping.

13 – All at communion service at Greenbank. Roads pretty bad and not very many down from Wick. Mr. McKay preached. Rain on the way home, then snow with high NW wind.

14 – A decidedly bad day. High NW wind and sometimes a little snow and pretty cold. Cut and split wood all day in woodshed.

15 – A very fine day but pretty cold in the morning. Buck sawing wood in the forenoon and Jim Lee helping in the afternoon. Annie at school.

16 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with the waggon and 10 bags of oats to be ground. Attended SS convention in Presbyterian church. Rev. W.A. McKay and Rev. Mr. Glassford were the principal speakers. Annie at school. Jennie washing and ironing.

17 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry with the buggy (the first time out) to train for Barbara Smith and Annie Michie of Griswold Manitoba and in the afternoon they, with Jennie, went over on a visit to Mrs. Phair. Annie at school. The assessor called.

18 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood in the yard. Annie at school. Jennie at Alex Gordon's helping. Barbara and Annie Michie at John Michie's for tea.

19 – A nice day. Took Barbara to Port Perry on her way home. Went by way of Alex Gordon's to see his mother who is nearing her last. Made some racks for berry crates in the afternoon.

20 – Thunder and rain through the early morning but a fine day. At SS and church. Willie and I walked while Jennie, Annie, James and Annie E. Michie drove in the buggy. Roads pretty bad, lots of mud. Mr. McKay preached. Annie E. went with Mrs. Mark to Fred O'Neill's for tea.

21 – A fine day. Drew out 2 loads of manure and off some brush. Jennie and Annie E. Michie visiting at G.D. McMillan's and Willie Rennie's. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – No frost and a very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to the market. Roads pretty bad. Jennie and Annie E. Michie started to go to Willie O'Neill's but there was so much water over the road that they did not go. They called to see Mrs. Gordon who is very low and also at John Michie's. Annie and Willie at school. Splitting wood in the afternoon.

23 – A very fine day. Drew out 2 loads of manure and plowed a little in the orchard (the first) and in the afternoon planted potatoes. Split wood after. Mrs. G. Real came for Annie E. Michie to go there for dinner. In the afternoon Jennie went up and took Annie E. to Jas. McMillan's and J.M. Real's and then to prayer meeting in the evening but Mr. McKay went home before the meeting started. Mr. Boe leader. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – Warm like a summer day. At the wood pile most of the day. John Michie took Annie E. Michie to Port Perry on her way home. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. W. Akhurst called in the forenoon. Edna and Annie Gordon here all night.

25 – Good Friday. A very fine day, cooler with high NW wind. Went down to J. O'Neill's in the morning. At the woodpile awhile. After dinner Jim Lee came for load of turnips and Robert Akhurst came in and stayed all afternoon. Jennie at Greenbank. Edna and Annie Gordon here all day. At wood pile all day.

26 – A very fine day. At wood pile all day. Annie and Edna and Annie Gordon at Akhurst's in the afternoon. Tapped 6 maple trees.

27 – A very fine day. Bob Akhurst came down in the morning to tell us that Mrs. Gordon Sr. died at 6 am. Edna and Annie Gordon stayed until about 11 when Jennie went up with them and they met us at the corner. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached an Easter sermon.

28 – A very fine warm day with high NW wind. At the wood all day. Bessie, Edna and Annie Gordon came down in the forenoon and Edna and Annie stayed all day and night. Dan Boe called and bought steer at 5 ½ + \$1.00.

29 – A very fine spring day. Roads dusty in some places. At the wood in the forenoon. Boiled down some maple sap in kettle in the door yard. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, at Mrs. Gordon's funeral. Annie and Willie stayed at A. Akhurst's. There was a large turnout. Mr. McKay and Mr. Fraser conducted the service. There was a short service in the church. The bearers were Jas. Allan; Jas. Miller; E. Boe; C. Rennie; W. Petty; and W. McMillan. The undertaker was Mr. Stonehouse.

30 – A very fine day and warm enough for June. Thunder in the forenoon but only a few drops of rain. At the raspberry bushes all day, Jennie and the children helping. Clarence and Irene O'Neill here twice. Norman Lyle plowing and Ed Lyle sowing oats.

31 – A fine day and much cooler. A lot of thunder in the early morning but not very much rain. Fanned up 13 bags of oats and all hands took them over to Jim Lee's and got them changed and in the afternoon all hands went to Port Perry with 10 bags to be ground. W. Akhurst came for berry bushes.

APR.1 – A very fine day. Plowing potato and strawberry land. Annie at Gordon's and at Greenbank for the mail.

2 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for Annie Masson, Kennedy and Ruth. Plowing and uncovering strawberries in the afternoon. At S. of T. in the evening. Rode up with E. Lyle. Only 7 out, the Division is in pretty low water.

3 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and Ken Masson. Mr. James, Mr. McKay's father-in-law, preached a good sermon. John Michie and Mrs. here for tea.

4 – A very fine day. Plowing and uncovering strawberries. Jennie drove Annie Masson and family to Port Perry on their way home. Annie and Willie at school. Walked to church managers meeting in the evening. Foggy night and warm.

5 – A fine day, warm as summer. Plowing and cultivating. Mr. Lyle took our butter to market. Annie and Willie at school.

6 – Threatening rain several times during the forenoon but did not amount to much. Got Norman Lyle's new seed drill and sowed field NW of barn (the first of the season). Annie and Willie at school. W. Phoenix and Emma Lee married.

7 – Ground covered with snow in the morning which did not all go off during the day. High NW wind and decidedly cold. Wheeled out rotten turnips in the forenoon. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Mrs. O'Neill and Jas. Lee called. Harrowing in the afternoon.

8 – A pretty hard frost in the morning. At berry bushes in the forenoon and harrowing and cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie pruning currant bushes. Annie and Willie at school.

9 – Cool day with high NW wind. Cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon Jennie and the children went to Port Perry while I went to G.D. McMillan's sale. A pretty good turnout and good prices.

10 – A fine day and pretty cool. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

11 – Went to Seagrave with 3 pigs. It started to snow when I started and continued all the way there and back. About 5 inches which made the roads bad. Fanning some seed oats in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Jennie washing in forenoon. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – Most of the snow gone before night but pretty cool still. At work in the woodshed and helping Jennie to houseclean the spare bedroom. Annie and Willie at school. John Park and Mr. Vanstone called wanting to buy cattle.

13 – A fine day and some warmer. Scuffled berry bushes in the forenoon and sowing in the field N of barn in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Greenbank. Annie and Willie at school. D. Lyle cutting wood, W. Taylor's machine.

14 – A very fine day. Finished sowing and harrowing field N of barn. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie housecleaning upstairs.

15 – A fine day. In the forenoon went to Port Perry with steer. John Michie took two. Jennie and James drove down. Cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie painting. Annie and Willie at school. Rain in the evening. Got word that William Mitchell of Scotland was coming out here.

16 – Somewhat dull with high SE wind in the evening. Sowed the hill field which finishes sowing for this season, which is remarkable early. Willie at W. Thomas' in the afternoon.

17 – High SE wind all day and a fine misty rain in the afternoon. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. The question of having an anniversary came up in the Sunday School but laid over until Wednesday evening.

18 – Dull and a little rain in the forenoon. Harrowing all day in the hill field. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie painting and housecleaning. Mrs. Smith called with some blackberry bushes from G.A. McMillan's.

19 – Cultivating in the orchard until rain came on. Helping Jennie in the afternoon to paper spare bedroom. G.D. McMillan called. Annie and Willie at school.

20 – Plowed the little plot near barn pump and cultivated. Lilly and Irene O'Neill and Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. James Ewen called. Annie and Willie at school. Walked to prayer meeting; a fair turnout; Mr. McKay leader. A meeting after decided to have a SS anniversary on May 24.

21 – A fine day. Plowed the garden and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A beautiful day. Drove over to Mr. [Bedel's?] on the Ratenbury farm to see if he wanted a man, a place for W. Mitchell who is now on his way out from Scotland. Called at Isaac O'Neill's and got 2 pigs at \$4.00 each. In the afternoon planted apple trees in the little plot near the barn pump, 20 trees in all. Alex Boe called in the evening to see about getting W. Mitchell when he comes. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – Cultivating strawberry ground in the forenoon. Cleaning out root house in the afternoon and woodshed. Mrs. Jas. Lee called, also Clarence and Irene O'Neill. Annie at Gordon's. Alex Horne buried today at Greenbank.

24 – Heavy rain through the night and more of the forenoon. All at SS and church. A Mr. Sterling of P.E.I. preached.

25 – Rain through the night and off and on during the forenoon. Annie at school. Willie turned back on account of the rain. Cleaned the clock in the forenoon and helped Jennie to pick over potatoes in cellar in the afternoon. Billy Lewis came for 5 bags of potatoes and some turnips.

26 – Very heavy rain through the night with lightning and at about 7 am. Ground very wet, water standing in all low places. Went with Jennie, Annie and James to Port Perry market. Willie at school.

27 – A fine day and quite cool towards night. Made a gate in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry to O. Graham's sale of household stuff. Jennie and James all day at Alex Gordon helping Mrs. G. to make a dress for Jennie Gordon. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – Quite a frost in the morning but a fine day. Went to Port Perry with the waggon for table and mattress that I bought at O. Graham's sale yesterday and meet W. Mitchell of Aberdeenshire Scotland. In the afternoon drove him over to Alex Boe's and Mr. Bedel's but he did not engage with either of them as he asked too much wages to suit them. Annie and Willie at school.

29 – Rain off and on most of the day and I did nothing but the chores. W. Mitchell in bed most of the day as he is not very well. Annie and Willie did not go to school.

30 – A fine day and no rain. Cut wood behind the barn for threshing. Mr. Town came with 8 apple trees which I planted. Hoed berry bushes in the afternoon. W. Mitchell is much better today. Edna and Annie Gordon called.

MAY 1 – Rain again in the afternoon. At SS and church with W. Mitchell and Annie. Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask sang a solo.

2 – Warm morning. Did little but graft apple trees. Rain came on about 10 am and rained off and on (mostly on) all afternoon and evening, a deluge. Thunder about 4 to 6. Fields flooded and everything soaked. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing.

3 – A fine day. No rain. Went with W. Mitchell to Port Perry to see about his trunk which has been there for some days. Saw G. Rose about a place for him. He sent us to Mr. Wales near

Prospect. We went there but Mr. W. was not at home. Got home about 5:30. Annie and Willie did not go to school as it was threatening rain in the morning.

4 – A fine day and some cool towards night. Went down to M. O'Neill's with W. Mitchell and he hired with him for six months. \$18.00 for the first month and 20 for the rest. Harrowed and marked out strawberry patch. At prayer meeting (walked). A pretty good turnout. Mr. McKay leader. Choir practice after. Annie and Willie at school. Inspector at school.

5 – A very fine day. All day planting strawberries, Jennie, James and W. Mitchell helping. Mr. Wales of Prospect came at 1 pm to hire W. Mitchell but he was too late. Mrs. A. Gordon called in the evening. Jennie went over to Jim Lee's but they were not at home.

6 – A beautiful day. Planting strawberries all day, Jennie and W. Mitchell helping. W.M. went to Port Perry with the waggon for his kit. Annie at school. Arbour day and Willie did not go. Albert Stone called for raspberry and strawberry bushes. [Margin note – King Edward VII died].

7 – A beautiful fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning for groceries and then finished planting strawberries, W. Mitchell helping. In the afternoon hoeing berry bushes while W.M. rolled the grass field.

8 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Heard of King Edward VII's death. Mr. McKay preached a memorial sermon in memory of the late king. W. Mitchell went home with John Michie for tea. All over at Jim Lee's in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. Making lane fence to pasture field and rolling. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Annie and Willie at school. W. Mitchell started work at Mr. O'Neill's. Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas and Henry and Laura called in the evening.

10 – High wind and a few drops of rain sometimes. Jennie went to Port Perry while I fixed fence near barn pump. Annie and Willie at school. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. G.A. McMillan came after more strawberry plants.

11 – A fine day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. Annie and Willie at school. Walked to choir practice at the church in the evening. W. Mitchell called in the evening.

12 – A fine cool day. Was surprised in the morning to find that Fly had a colt. Went down to John Michie's to see about getting a horse and spent the day putting up new fence near barn pump. Jennie and James went to Greenbank. Annie and Willie at school. Mr. Grose of Raglan here for dinner. Alex Gordon and Mrs. called in the evening.

13 – Drew out 3 loads of manure with John Michie's horse when it started to rain and snow. Cultivating potato patch in the afternoon. At W. Thomas' to see about getting some hay. Annie at school. Willie started but lost his dinner and turned back. Jennie varnishing furniture. Has sore finger.

14 – A fine day. Went to W. Thomas' in the morning and got 600 lbs of hay, the first that I ever remember buying. Plowing the rest of the day.

15 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, James and W. Mitchell (who came up from M. O'Neill's and was also here for tea). Rev. Mr. Hazard, the agent of the Bible Society, preached a splendid sermon and a subscription was taken up which amounted to near \$42.00.

16 – A very fine day and some warmer. Plowing and harrowing corn land. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing. Mrs. Jas. Lee called in the afternoon.

17 – Jennie and James went to Port Perry market while I planted corn in the orchard near the barn pump. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with the waggon for two boxes of stuff from Winnipeg. Walked to choir practice in the evening, rain on the way home and during the night. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – Cool day and some rain in the forenoon. Went for the beef taking Annie and Willie to school. Mrs. I. O'Neill and children came for strawberry plants. Drilling up for potatoes and mangolds in the afternoon. Daisy Howsam came home with Annie and stayed all night. W. Mitchell called in the evening. Haley's Comet passes between the earth and sun tonight.

19 – A beautiful day. Nothing serious happened to the earth last night on account of the comet. Jennie went to Greenbank in the morning, taking Annie and Willie to school. Sowed mangolds on last year's strawberry patch. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at Gordon's in the evening.

20 – Warm growing day. With the help of the children planted potatoes in the N field. Plowed in the afternoon until about 5 when a gentle warm rain started and continued during the evening which is making things grow nicely. John Michie got drill to sow mangolds. No school today as this is King Edward's funeral.

21 – Drew out some manure on the cultivated corn ground, then got N. Lyle's drill and sowed it. Walked to choir practice in the evening. Edna and Annie Gordon here and they, with Annie, went over and visited Mrs. Jas. Lee. Willie at W. Thomas'. W. Mitchell came up in the evening and stayed all night.

22 – All hands at SS and church. This being anniversary day there was a packed house. Rev. Mr. Grant of Markham preached. Miss McGill of Port Perry gave a solo. W. Mitchell at John Michie's for tea. All out again in the evening and another full house. Mitchell came here and stayed all night.

23 – Warm growing day and rain several times in the afternoon. Drawing out manure. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie baking for SS anniversary. Apple tree agent called in the forenoon.

24 – A fine day and cool. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon all hands, including W. Mitchell, at SS anniversary. There was no programme in the afternoon but a football match between Scugog and Greenbank which was won by Greenbank 4 to 1. There was a full house in the evening. Miss McGill of Port

Perry; Miss Johnston of Toronto; Miss Lapp of Little Britain; and the Leask family furnished the programme which was quite good. Over \$140.00 taken in.

25 – Cool day with a little rain about 1 pm. Drawing out manure. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A fine day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and finished job. Plowing in afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – A very fine day and cool. A little rain in the morning. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank while I hoed and planted potatoes. Plowing in the afternoon.

28 – A fine day. Plowing turnip land all day. Moved the stove out.

29 – Somewhat dull and threatening rain several times but did not come to much. At SS and church with Annie and W. Mitchell (Willie being somewhat on the sick list). Rev. E. Cockburn preached in behalf of the Dominion Alliance.

30 – Drizzling rain most of the afternoon. Whitewashed kitchen ceiling in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie house-cleaning. Annie at school. Mr. Pearce called talking insurance.

31 – Cool day. Hoeing while Jennie and James went to Port Perry. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie at school. Willie in bed all day with the measles.

JUNE 1 – Cool day. Some little drizzles of rain in the afternoon. Plowing and harrowing. Jennie cleaning cellar. Annie at school. Willie in bed. W. Mitchell called in the evening.

2 – Cool day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Apple tree man called again. Jennie washing. Annie at school. Repairing line fence between A. Akhurst and this place in the afternoon.

3 – Another very cool day. Jennie went to Greenbank in the morning taking Annie to school while I fixed horse stable floor. Cultivating turnip ground in the afternoon. Jew called and bought some hens.

4 – A fine cool day. Rolling grain all day and finished. W. Mitchell here all night.

5 – Cool and rain about church time. At SS and church with W. Mitchell. G.A. McMillan superintendant as G.D. McMillan is away to Vancouver. Mr. McKay preached. Rain on the way home.

6 – Cool day and a few drops of rain. At road work with team drawing dirt on the concession from this side of Jim Lee's. A. Akhurst, pathmaster. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – Another very cool day. Went for one load of gravel at McMillan's pit and got rained on. Then Jennie went to Port Perry market. Cultivating turnip land in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – Much warmer and very fine day. Drawing gravel on road job. Made 4 trips from McMillan's pit. Annie and Willie at school. James lost for awhile in the afternoon. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

9 – A fine warm day. Drawing gravel on 10th concession, 3 loads. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

10 – A beautiful day. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon at preparatory service. There was rather a small attendance. Rev. Mr. Mann of Woodville preached. Arthur Gordon and George Baird received and Mrs. John McMillan by certificate. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie painting kitchen.

11 – Rolled turnip ground and got a few drills made but it rained from the east nearly all afternoon. Cleaned out pig pen etc. Jennie finished painting kitchen 1st time. There was to have been a public school picnic in Beare's woods but for the rain.

12 – Cool day and some rain in the afternoon. At communion at Wick. At church in the evening with Willie and William Mitchell. Rev. Mr. McKay preached. A fine evening.

13 – A fine warm day. Drilling up for turnips and sowed them. Annie and Willie at school.

14 – A decidedly warm day. Got up early and, with Jennie and Willie's help, fanned up 27 bags of oats and took them to Port Perry and got 30 cts per bus. Helping Jennie to paint kitchen 2nd time. Willie at school. Annie has the measles but not very bad. Took John Michie's horse home. Mrs. W. Mark and Mrs. Forfar called in the forenoon. George Park came for the lend of the roller for W. Thomas. Jas. McMillan died.

15 – A very warm day. Finished painting kitchen in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie, with Mrs. Mark, went to W.F.M. meeting at Jas. Blair's while I and Annie and James went down to M. O'Neill's to see them making tile. Willie at school. Jas. Lee came for turnip drill.

16 – Another very warm day. Scuffled strawberries and corn and mangolds in the forenoon. Hoeing in the afternoon. Jennie oiling floor. Conlin bought 3 steers for \$120.00. Annie and Willie at school. Willie found \$11.00 on the road. W. Mitchell called in the evening. Thunder storms in the afternoon but no rain here.

17 – Another very warm day. Took 2 heifers to James Lee for pasture and helped Jim all forenoon to fix fences in swamp. In the afternoon went to Jas. McMillan's funeral. There was a large attendance. Mr. McKay conducted the services. The bearers were George, Richard and J.M. Real; Jas. and Alex Real; and John Stone. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. Thunder showers going round all afternoon and a light shower about 5.

18 – A fine day and pretty warm. Drilled up and sowed the remainder of the turnips and scuffled the potatoes and in the evening went to Greenbank to see about getting a rig to draw strawberries. Annie at school picnic in Beare's woods. W. Mitchell came up in the evening and stayed all night.

19 – A pretty warm day. All at church and SS, Mr. McKay preached. W. Mitchell at John Michie's for tea. Augmentation collection.

20 – Very warm clear day. John Michie helped me to take 3 steers to Seagrave for Mr. Conlin. Jennie and James drove over for us. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Willie confessed to taking the money he found on the road and got a good whipping.

21 – A fine day and pretty warm. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry market while I hoed mangolds. In the afternoon, with Annie's help, put in more corn where it has not come up. Willie at school. 1st strawberries for tea.

22 – A pretty warm day. Went for the beef in the morning, then all hands drove to W. Luke's north of Sonya. We got there at 12 but he and Mrs. Luke had gone to Sunderland and they were not back when we left for home at 3:30. Caught some fish at the creek and got home about 6:30. Then walked to Greenbank to prayer meeting. There was a SS meeting after but not many were out and little done.

23 – Another warm day but some cooler towards night. Hoed in the forenoon and scuffled corn in the afternoon. Willie at school. Annie at home with sore leg. R.L. Borden, leader of opposition, was at Port Perry at a picnic today.

24 – A fine day and some cooler. Plowing buckwheat land in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries, 68 boxes. Willie at school.

25 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with the first strawberries. Plowing in the afternoon. Went to Greenbank in the evening, W. Mitchell with me, and brought down James Miller's waggon to draw berries. Mr. McCullagh Jr. and some children and Ervil Real called for berries. Edna and Annie Gordon here playing. Mrs. John Michie and Lillie O'Neill also called.

26 – Another very warm day. All hands at SS and the Methodist SS anniversary services. A fairly good turnout. The Baptist minister, Mr. McKay and another E.L. man spoke. W. Mitchell went home with John Michie for tea. John and Mrs. here for feed of strawberries.

27 – A pretty warm day. Plowing and harrowing buckwheat land. Mrs. Mark; Vera Cragg; Mary Dusty; Lillie O'Neill and Jennie picking berries. A very light rain came on about 2:30 and stopped them. I then went to Port Perry with 2 crates. Mrs. R. Cragg called. Mr. Heron Jr. called in the evening for berries for social to be held at Jas. Rennie's tomorrow night. Annie and Willie at school.

28 – A fine day. Finished plowing buckwheat land and got some seed from Norman Lyle and sowed it in the afternoon. Jennie and Mrs. Mark picking strawberries. Pat Thompson here for dinner. Annie and Willie at school. Miss Grieg called to order berries for their party. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon called in the evening.

29 – Another very warm dry day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 crates of berries. Jennie; Mrs. Mark; Lillie O'Neill; Vera

Cragg; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mary Dusty; Jennie Gordon; and Cragg's girls picking berries. Went to Port Perry again in the afternoon with three crates. G. Love called for berries. Jim Lee and Cecil Leask called in the evening. Annie and Willie at school. Annie is to be promoted to the Sen. 4th without going through the Jr. 4th. Willie is promoted to the 2nd book.

30 – Very warm and dry. Went to Port Perry with James and Willie and 3 crates of berries. Picked berries in the afternoon. W. Beaton and G. Baird called for berries. Went to Greenbank in the evening with berries. Annie went with me. Jennie washing.

JULY 1 – Another dry warm smoky day. This was strawberry day for sure. Mrs. Mark; Mrs. Jas. Lee; Vera Cragg; Mary Dusty; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Jennie and Bessie Gordon; Lillie O'Neill; Mrs. W.A. O'Neill picking. Most of them quit at noon and I and James went to Port Perry with 3 crates. Alex Gordon and Mrs. G. Baird came for berries, also W. O'Neill. Annie got ready to go to the Methodist SS anniversary. She waited for Jim Lee but he did not come. Frank Yeigh lectures at the Methodist Church tonight.

2 – Another hotter and dryer than ever day. Went to Port Perry with 2 crates of berries and spent the afternoon picking. Jennie and Mrs. Mark picking. Jennie and Annie went to Greenbank. Mrs. Jas. Haddon and Mrs. --- called in the evening for berries.

3 – Very warm in the forenoon but turned much cooler towards night. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. James Lee and Ida here in the evening for strawberries. Willie Mitchell here all night.

4 – A little cooler but still dry. This has been a great strawberry day. The following were some of the pickers: Mrs. Mark; Mrs. Akhurst; Mrs. Jas. Lee; Edith Phair; Mrs. N. Phair; Vera Cragg; Maude and Luella Cragg; Janet Wright; Jennie and Bessie Gordon; Mary Dusty; Florence and --- Lee; Eda and Flo Taylor; L. Lamb and wife; Austin Bundy; --- Fairbrother; besides several that came for berries picked awhile such as Jas. Graham and wife; Mrs. and Ethel McDonald; Mrs. Jas. Ewin; Misses Beare and others; Jas. Baird; Nellie Beaton; Miss Ackney; Mrs. Ferguson. Between 13 and 14 hundred boxes were picked and then they were not all gone over. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries and to Greenbank in the evening and stayed to managers meeting. Miss Stovin took snapshot of berry pickers. Prize fight today between Johnson and Jefferies. Johnson won.

5 – Another dry warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 4 crates of strawberries, then with Jennie and Mrs. Mark's help picked another crate and took it to Port Perry. Willie and James going with me. Mrs. Knight; Mrs. Alex Boe; and Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan called for berries. Annie at Gordon's and D. Cragg's. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

6 – Another very warm dry day. Paris Greened potatoes in the forenoon. Hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark; Vera Cragg; Ethel McDonald; Edie Taylor; Edith Phair; Mary Dusty; Mrs. Akhurst; Jennie and Bessie Gordon; D. Cragg's girls; at the strawberries. Mrs. H. Love; Rev. Mr. McKay; Miss Asling and Frank Bratley called for berries.

7 – A little rain through the night and a shower about 6 am which is very badly needed but not enough to be much good. Went to Port Perry with berries. When I got back W. McMillan and wife were here for berries to send west. They stayed for dinner. Hoed corn in the afternoon, John Michie helping. Mrs. John Michie and sister here. In the evening all went to strawberry festival for the Baptist church at A. Rodd's which was a very pleasant affair.

8 – Pretty warm day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon, John Michie helping. Picking berries in the afternoon. Jennie; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. Akhurst; Mrs. A. Gordon and Mary Dusty picking. Edna and Annie Gordon and baby Gordon here also. Mrs. John Stone; Frank Dobson Sr. and Mrs. J.C. Pierce called for berries. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

9 – The hottest day of all with high wind. Went to Port Perry with 2 crates of berries for Peterborough. Picked and hoed in the afternoon. Jennie, Willie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie at Greenbank for mail. Mrs. Mark all day picking berries. Bert Dobson; Mrs. Till; Miss Beare and young McCullah called for berries. W. Mitchell here all night.

10 – The long wished for rain has come at last. There was a little shower about noon and Willie Mitchell, Willie and I started for church but we went in to Norman Phair's to escape a big thunder shower and it was a soaker to be sure. There was no lesson at SS; it was so late when they got there, but there were about 40 at SS. A few more came to church. Mr. McKay preached. No organist or choir. Another heavy rain about 7:30 in the evening. Dr. J.N. Byers buried at Greenbank today.

11 – A fine day. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries and then hoed turnips until near dark. Jennie cleaning, washing and picking berries. Mrs. Mark; Vera, Luella and --- Cragg; Mrs. Akhurst; Mary Dusty and Jennifer Gordon picking. Mrs. Till; Miss Gregg and Mr. McCullah called for berries.

12 – Rather dull. Drizzle most of the forenoon and after dinner and again in the evening. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie, Willie and James went to Port Perry in the morning. Barbara and Lillie Walker came down and stayed overnight. Mrs. Mark here all day picking berries. Jennie and Barbara Walker at Greenbank in the evening. A rainy night. Mrs. Jas. Lee called.

13 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon. Mrs. Mark picking strawberries. Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Empringham stemming berries. Jennie and Barbara Walker preparing for the W.F.M. meeting which came off in the afternoon. There was about 60 or 70 at least, among which were Mr. McKay and Mrs. A. Leask Sr. Jennie went to prayer meeting in the evening. Archie McLaughlin was hung today at Whitby for the murder of his wife at Uxbridge last fall. This is the first time such a thing took place at Whitby.

14 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. Mrs. G. Real and Bert came for berries and picked 18 boxes. Mrs. Mark here most of the day. Jennie making her a dress. After we had just got to bed we had a call from Stanley McMillan; Edgar and George Leask. They came for strawberries. They got the lantern and went over to the patch.

15 – A very fine day. Helping John Michie all day to draw hay. Jennie and Bessie Gordon; Mrs. Akhurst; and Mary Dusty picking small berries. Miss Cragg and Mrs. Thomas Cragg called and picked some berries. Mrs. Mark here getting dress made.

16 – Heavy rain in the early morning and off and on during the forenoon. Went to Port Perry for Mabel Bell who is here for a visit. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Took James Miller's rig home in the evening. Have had it three weeks drawing strawberries. G. Love; Mrs. T. Cragg; Luella and Maude Cragg picking small berries. Jennie finishes Mrs. Mark's dress. W. Mitchell here all night.

17 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Conkle of Sonya preached. W. Mitchell at John Michie's for tea.

18 – A very fine day. Paris Greened the potatoes (2nd time) in the forenoon. Scuffling and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. Norman Phair picking small strawberries. George Park called in the evening to see about raspberries. Annie and Mabel Bell at Mission Band.

19 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. About 10 am a swarm of bees passed near where I was hoeing. They were going north. Jennie, Annie and Mabel Bell at Port Perry. Big strike on Grand Trunk Railway. No trains on this line. D. Lyle cutting Alsace clover.

20 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. Then got Norman Lyle's mower and cut part of the field of hay. Annie and Mabel Bell at Gordon's. Jennie almost laid up with a bad cough. W. Mitchell up in the evening. A. Akhurst and wife and John Michie and his mother at Charles McLean's funeral at Derryville.

21 – A fine day. Jennie in bed part of the day. Turned hay and went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Raked up hay, John Michie helping, and got in 3 loads. Fred Patton of Buffalo came about 4 o'clock. He walked out from Port Perry. He has been delayed on the way by the G.T.R. strike.

22 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing turnips first time in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with John Michie's help, drew in 3 loads of hay, all that is cut. Finished about 4 pm. Mrs. Mark and Fred Patton picking raspberries. Jennie some better.

23 – A nice day. Cut the last of the hay and the strawberry patch and scuffled some. Fred Patton left at about 10. He walked to Port Perry. Willie Mitchell here all night. Annie went to Greenbank for the mail.

24 – Quite warm with high SW wind. Rain between 5 and 6. At SS and church with Willie Mitchell and Willie. Mr. McKay preached. He is going off for 3 weeks holidays.

25 – A very fine day and much cooler. Hoed mangolds while Jennie, Willie and James went to Port Perry to see about shipping raspberries. Mrs. Mark and Mary Dusty picking all day and a lot of berries there are. In the afternoon raked up the hay and with John Michie's help, drew in 5 loads. Jennie, Annie and Mabel Bell went to Port Perry with a crate of berries. Mrs. Masters of Manchester called for berries.

26 – A very fine day. Raked hay in the forenoon. Jennie went over to Mr. Turnmoud's with berries. Lillie O'Neill here picking berries, stayed for dinner. With John Michie's help, drew in the last of the hay. Annie at Greenbank for mail.

27 – Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. John Lee called on a little visit. Mrs. Mark and Mary Dusty picking berries. Scuffling turnips in the afternoon until about 4 pm when a terrific thunder-shower came on with quite a lot of hail. Jennie, Willie and James at Port Perry after dinner with berries. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

28 – A beautiful clear day. Scuffled turnips and then, with Annie and Mabel, went to Port Perry with crate of berries. Plowed strawberry rows and scuffled turnips in the afternoon. Mrs. Mark and Jennie picking berries. Annie and Mabel went for the mail.

29 – Picked berries and finished scuffling turnips 2nd time in the forenoon. Cleaned out strawberry rows until about 4 o'clock when a thunder shower came on and it rained about an hour or more. Jennie, Willie and James went to Port Perry with crate of berries. Mrs. Mark and Mary Dusty picking. Mrs. R. Cragg and Wilmot came for some berries and stayed for supper and until the rain was nearly over. A. Akhurst's horses ran away with the binder.

30 – A very fine day and quite cool. Plowing up old strawberry patch in the forenoon and cleaning out some in the afternoon. Jennie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening for the mail. W. Mitchell here all night.

31 – A beautiful clear cool day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Brown of Montreal preached as Mr. McKay is now away on his holidays. Miss Garbot sang a solo.

AUG. 1 – A cool day. A shower about 11 and another about 3. Hoeing old strawberry patch all day. Mrs. Mark, Mary Dusty and Jennie picking berries between showers. D. Lyle threshing Alsace clover (Stone's machine), the first threshing of the season in this locality.

2 – A very fine day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon while Jennie, Annie and Mabel Bell went to Port Perry. Mrs. Mark and Mary Dusty picking berries. Rigging out binder in the afternoon. Jennie went for the mail. James Lee and Ida called in the evening.

3 – Rather dull close warm day. Some thunder in the west but no rain here. Went down to John Michie's to see about getting horse to cut oats and finished cleaning out strawberries in the forenoon. Mrs. Mark picking berries. In the afternoon got horse from John and cut part of the field NW of barn. Jennie drove binder most of the time. Mrs. G.A. McMillan came after raspberries. Thunder shower before we went to bed.

4 – Thunder, lightning and rain almost all night. Hoed turnips in the forenoon. A terrific thunder storm about 11:30; high wind, rain and hail which threshed out the standing oats some places. Scuffling in the afternoon. Annie went to Greenbank for the mail.

5 – Quite cool with several little rain flurries. Finished cutting field NW of barn, John Michie helping. Mrs. Mark picking raspberries. In the afternoon, with Jennie and Willie, went to Port Perry.

6 – Cool day. Scuffling turnips (3rd time) in the forenoon and hoeing in the afternoon. Went with Annie and Mabel for the mail after supper. W. Mitchell here all night.

7 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. --- of Mimico I think preached.

8 – A very fine day. Cut most of the field NE of barn (and a pretty light crop). Got John Michie's horse and Jennie drove most of the afternoon. Mrs. Mark picking raspberries. John Michie cutting at Jas. Lee's.

9 – Finished cutting field NE of barn, Jennie driving the binder. After dinner got one round the hill field when it started to rain. Not very much but drizzled long enough to stop harvesting. Rain again in the evening. Hoed strawberries. Jennie went to Methodist Ladies' Aid at M.O. O'Neill's.

10 – A very fine day. Rain through the night. Hoed turnips in the forenoon. Cutting the hill field in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at Greenbank. Jessie Salter of Hampton called to get information about strawberry culture.

11 – A beautiful day. Finished cutting hill field which finishes the cutting for this year (a very light crop). Edna Gordon, Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here playing in the afternoon.

12 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and brought home Alma and Jennie Perrin and Helen and Douglas Patton. Bought from Beatty a new set of team harness. Finished shocking and hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Annie and Mabel Bell at A. Akhurst's. Alma and James went for the mail.

13 – A very fine day. With Jennie's help drew in 3 loads of oats. After dinner Jennie took Mabel Bell to Port Perry on her way home. I expected to go to Lyle's to thresh but the machine did not come so I hoed some. W. Mitchell here all night.

14 – A very fine warm day. All hands at SS and church. A Mr. --- from Oklahoma preached.

15 – Pretty warm day. Thunder most of the afternoon in the west but no rain here. Drawing in oats with Jennie's help. Annie and Willie at school; first day for new teacher [Fatchet or Patchet?]. Alma Perrin picked some berries.

16 – A pretty warm day. Drawing in oats, Jennie helping. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and Alma Perrin up to Gordon's in the evening. W. Mitchell here in the evening. Jennie Perrin bad with the toothache all day. A little rain in the evening.

17 – Some rain through the night, warm day. Jennie drove Alma and Jennie Perrin and Helen and Douglas Patton to Port Perry while I horse raked. Annie and Willie at school. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in oats and finished harvest except raking.

18 – Heavy rain through the night and threatening and dull all day. Nothing doing in the harvest line. Jennie went to Saintfield with chickens and took Annie and Willie to school while I scuffled strawberries. Hoed turnips in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day. Hoeing most of the forenoon and in the afternoon helping D. Lyle to thresh (W. Taylor's machine). Fall wheat good crop. Broke down at 5; let the crow bar into the blower. Annie and Willie at school. All hands at band concert in the evening at G. Lee's. Mr. White and Miss Wright were the performers and took pretty well. There was a good turnout. W. Mitchell came home with us and stayed all night.

20 – A beautiful day. Threshing at Lyle's until about 9, then raking and, with Jennie's help, drew it in which finishes harvest. W. Mitchell here all night.

21 – A beautiful day. At SS and church with Willie and Willie Mitchell. Annie not being very well kept Jennie and James at home. A Mr. Whalen or something like it preached. Spoke too high. Russell and Joe Wallace sang.

22 – Rain in the morning so that Annie and Willie did not go to school. Hoed all day at strawberries and turnips.

23 – Very warm and close all day. Between 11 and 12 there was a good deal of thunder but not much rain. Plowing in hill field. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Les Lamb and Mrs. Masters of Manchester called. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

24 – Pretty warm and close all day. Thunder several times but no rain here. Went for beef in the morning but went on John Michie's turn by mistake. Hoeing in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at J. Michie's in the afternoon.

25 – Dull all day with high SW wind. Thunder and rain in the evening. Hoeing strawberries while Jennie went to Port Perry market. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – Much cooler with high NW wind. Plowing all day. Jennie making pickles. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie at Gordon's and Willie at W. Thomas'. W. Mitchell here all night.

28 – A very fine day. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay has got back from his holiday trip down east. All at church at Port Perry in the evening. Mr. Cameron, who has lately been on his wedding trip to Scotland, preached.

29 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. William Akhurst called in the forenoon.

30 – A fine day. Hoed strawberries while Jennie went to Port Perry principally for some plums from Newcastle but they did not come. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Gordon, Arthur and little James called in the evening. W. Mitchell called.

31 – A fine day. Went for beef and hoed in the forenoon. Plowed in afternoon. All hands at prayer meeting in the evening. Mr.

McKay leader; a fair turnout. Decided to have a social evening in two weeks. Annie and Willie at school.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day. Jennie went to Port Perry market and got plums from Newcastle while I hoed. Got N. Lyle's gang plough and soon broke a point and with James went to Port Perry for another but did not get any. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie preserving plums. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

2 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie making dress for baby Gordon. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – Rain in the morning and some thunder in the afternoon but only a few drops of rain. Plowing most of the day. W. Mitchell here all night.

4 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. Jas. Lee and Mrs. here for tea.

5 – Got up early to go to Toronto Fair but it was raining a little, however Willie Mitchell and I started. Jennie drove us down and it rained heavy all the way to Toronto. It cleared up a little and we went up to the fair and there was a heavy downpour about 11 and again about 5. There was not a full performance at the grandstand. We went to Masson's for the night.

6 – Thunder storm through the night. At the fair until about 3:30 when I went back to Masson's for part of his gramophone which he is giving to us. Jennie and the children came to Port Perry for me. Willie Mitchell stayed over at Toronto. Annie and Willie did not go to school on account of the rain.

7 – A fine day. Scuffling strawberries in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the evening for W. Mitchell. Annie and Willie at school. Mrs. Jas. and Maggie Blair called for crab apples.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Albert Akhurst threshing.

9 – A fine day and cool. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and James, attended preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Four babies were baptized; Peter Leask's; Alex Gordon's; Nels. Baird's; and Norman Blakeley's. I then, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry for communion wine but got only one bottle. Annie and Willie at school.

10 – A very fine day. John Michie came for Jennie about 11 o'clock and about 10 am a daughter was born to them³⁸. Dr. Mel-low of Saintfield was in attendance. Did some chores in the forenoon and harrowed in the afternoon. John Horn of Saintfield came about 5 and cut corn for about an hour. Edna and Annie Gordon, Marie Akhurst and Henry Thomas here playing. George Fowlie called to tell us that John Park died suddenly yesterday.

11 – A beautiful day. All but W. Mitchell at communion service at Greenbank. A fair turnout, Mr. McKay preached. Jennie and the

children came home while I went to Mrs. Walker's for dinner and in the afternoon attended John Park's funeral. W. Mitchell came up with the rig. Jennie and the children down at John Michie's.

12 – Foggy morning but a fine day. John Horn came and finished cutting corn before dinner. He could not cut sooner on account of being wet. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with Jennie and James. Annie and Willie at school.

13 – A fine cool day. Drawing off corn all day. Annie and Willie at school. W. Mitchell here in the evening. Jennie at John Michie's in the evening.

14 – A fine day. Drawing corn and harrowing. Jennie helping at John Michie's in the forenoon and with James walked to W.F.M. meeting. She stayed for tea at Mrs. Walker's, also Willie went there from school; then in the evening Annie and I went up to the church to a social evening which turned out pretty well. All the pieces being Irish. Mr. McKay in the chair. Annie and Willie at school.

15 – A very fine day. Jennie went to Port Perry market while I hoed strawberries. Cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie brought home from the station the last of Jas. Masson's gramophone and we set it going. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – A beautiful bright day. Cultivating hill field all day. Port Perry fair day. Did not go. Willie at school. Annie's room a holiday as the teacher Mr. Fitchett plays with Greenbank band at the fair. Jennie helping Mrs. Mark in the forenoon.

17 – A beautiful day. Cultivating and harrowing. Went down to Mrs. O'Neill's before dinner for 2 pigs but she was not at home so went down again in the evening and got them; \$3.25 each. Jennie up to Lyle's and Annie at Akhurst's in the afternoon. Sister Margaret came about 5 pm and stayed all night.

18 – A very fine day. All at SS and church except Jennie and James. After supper I drove Margaret to Les Lamb's at Manchester on her way home.

19 – A beautiful day. Plowing corn land. Jennie helping Mrs. Mark in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at school. Moved in the stove.

20 – A fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping. A good many of the potatoes rotten more or less. Annie at school. Willie not very well and did not go. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

21 – A very fine day but cool. At potatoes all day. Jennie, Willie and James helping. Annie at school. Jennie and Annie at prayer meeting.

22 – A very fine day. Quite a hard frost in the morning. At potatoes in the forenoon and finished the job. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing and at James Lee's to see Ida who is in bed with typhoid fever of a mild type. Annie at school.

23 – A very fine day. Went over to McMillan's gravel pit for road scraper but it was not there. Scuffled strawberries and dug potatoes in orchard. Annie and Willie at school.

³⁸ Jean Isabelle Michie, born 10 Sept 1910, died 18 May 1983.

24 – Threatening rain from the E all day but it did not amount to anything. Plowing all day. Annie went to Greenbank for the mail.

25 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. It was children's day.

26 – A fine day but dull. Plowing in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Afternoon, with Jennie's help, cut the buckwheat which appears to be a fair crop. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – Rain in the morning. Started to plough but rain came on. Thunder shower about 1 pm. Swept grainery, pumped out the well at the house, and plowed. Annie and Willie started for school but turned back on account of the rain. Jennie made me a smock.

28 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Annie at prayer meeting. Annie and Willie at school. Harry Jeffery, a home boy who has been living at George Love's, died this morning of typhoid fever.

29 – A very fine day. Jennie went up to Port Perry market while I hoed strawberries. Plowing in the afternoon. Mrs. Joyce of Sutton came about 3 pm. Mrs. Hudson drove her back. Annie and Willie at school. They attended Harry Jeffery's funeral.

30 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie and Mrs. Joyce visiting at Alex Gordon's and John Michie's. W. Wallace and wife called wanting to sell their piano. Jennie, Bessie and Arthur Gordon here for crab apples. Drove Mrs. Joyce to Greenbank in the evening. Heavy thunder through the night but not very much rain.

OCT. 1 – Very high NW wind especially in the afternoon, which shook off a lot of the apples. Plowing all day. Annie at Gordon's. W. Mitchell here all night.

2 – Pretty cold in the morning. At SS and church with Annie and Willie Mitchell. Jennie stayed at home with Willie who has a bad cough. Mr. McKay preached.

3 – A fine day. Picked up fallen apples; 25 bags; Jennie helping; and took them to the evaporator at Port Perry. At church manager's meeting in the evening but there was only 5 out, not enough to do business. Annie at school. Ethel Miller and Clara Barrett here for dinner. They were collecting for the Bible Society.

4 – Annie at school. With Jennie's help drew in the buckwheat in the morning. Started to rain before we got finished and rained a little until about 1. Plowed awhile in the afternoon. Several little showers; quite heavy rain in the evening. This was the night of the W.F.M.S. thank offering social but we did not go. Mrs. S. Dusty and Marie here for crab apples. Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon.

5 – Rather dull all day and rain in the evening. Plowing all day. Jennie churning etc. Annie at school. Elsie Real here for crab apples for Mrs. Jas. Lee who is still in bed with fever but is improving. Roy O'Neill and Miss H. Oke married today.

6 – A decidedly bad day. It rained all day from the NE and not much doing. Down to John Michie's on an errand.

7 – A fine day. Annie and Willie at school. Plowing in the forenoon and topping mangolds in the afternoon. Jennie and James at J. Michie's. All hands at W.F.M. thank offering social in the church. Mr. Davidson, a returned missionary from India, gave lantern views³⁹ which were good. The Bethesda Quartet sang. There was a pretty good turnout. \$28.00 was collected.

8 – A fine day. With the children's help drew in the mangolds; nearly 10 loads. Jennie went over to see Mrs. Jas. Lee who is still in bed from the fever but is improving.

9 – A fine day. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. George Fowlie of Manchester here for tea.

10 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in the potatoes; 2 waggon box fulls. Quite a lot rotten in the west pit. Annie and Willie at school. Cecil and Mona Leask here and picked and took away 5 bags of sweet apples.

11 – A fine day. Jennie went to Saintfield with chickens while I did some odd jobs. Annie and Willie at school. Plowing in the afternoon.

12 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. Charles Love, who came to plaster P. Luke's house, here for dinner. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

13 – A fine day. Drawing manure on the next years strawberry patch. Jennie went to Port Perry market with Mrs. John Michie. Annie and Willie at school.

14 – A very fine warm day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. A very poor quality of apples. Annie and Willie at school. Annie won out in spelling match.

15 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 12 bags of apples for the evaporator and 2 barrels for Winnipeg. Willie and James went with me. Plowing in the afternoon. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here playing. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. John Michie here for tea, also the baby. W. Mitchell here all night.

16 – A very fine day. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. Sandy Robinson was there.

17 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school.

18 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie visiting at A. Akhurst's.

19 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Willie at school. All at prayer meeting in the evening. A fair turnout; Mr. McKay leader. [Bagshaw?] and Jewell Love married.

³⁹ Lantern slides were small glass transparencies about 3 ¼ x 4" in size, shown through a projector. They were sometimes hand coloured.

20 – A little rain about 10 am. Threshing at John Michie's until about 3:30. Jennie and the children at Port Perry, there being no school on account of teacher's convention. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

21 – A fine day. Plowing until about 10:30 then at Norman Lyle's threshing (W. Taylor's machine). Finished about 5:30. They then moved here and William and James Taylor stayed here all night.

22 – Threatening rain a little and dull all day. Finished threshing about 1:30. They then moved to James Lee's and I went with them. Mrs. Mark here helping Jennie at dinner. Annie went with Mrs. Mark to Greenbank for mail. Jennie got letter from Buffalo with news.

23 – A fine day but pretty cool. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and W. Mitchell. Mr. McKay preached.

24 – Threshing at Jas. Lee's until about 9:30 and finished. Plowing in afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. P. Luke is getting a new well dug.

25 – Cool day. Threshing all day at Phair's. Jennie and James at Port Perry. Annie and Willie at school.

26 – A fine day. Threshing at Phair's and finished a little after dinner. Topped turnips the rest of the day. Annie and Willie at school.

27 – Heavy rain with thunder through the night. Plowing where the buckwheat grew until about 4:30 when it got too wet. Annie and Willie at school. Jas. Lee called.

28 – Snowing most of the forenoon, the first of the season. Scuffled the strawberries, probably for the last time this season. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. John Michie called in the forenoon and we had a settle up to date.

29 – About an inch of snow in the morning which did not go off all during the day. Finished plowing buckwheat land and the orchard. After dinner, with the children, went over to Jim Lee's and brought home the two heifers that had been pasturing there. Mrs. Jim Lee called. After supper Pascoe Luke called for some stovepipes and I went over to his house and helped him to set up a stove to dry the plastering. W. Mitchell here all night.

30 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Graham, our missionary, spoke. In the evening, with Annie, Willie and Willie Mitchell, went to Baptist thank offering. Rev. Mr. Cook of Fenelon Falls preached a very flowery sermon. A full house.

31 – Thanksgiving day. A very fine day. At topping turnips all day, Willie helping, and finished. Annie at Greenbank for mail.

NOV. 1 – A fine day. Harrowed all the turnips in the forenoon and with Jennie's help got in 7 loads in the afternoon. Tax collector Thomas Ward called. Annie and Willie at school.

2 – Somewhat cool. At turnips all day, Jennie helping; got in 11 loads. Annie and Willie at school. W. Mitchell here in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. At turnips all day, Jennie helping, and got in 14 loads. Annie and Willie at school.

4 – A pretty hard frost which hardly went out all day. Drew in the last of the turnips, Jennie helping; 8 loads; 40 loads in all. Annie and Willie at school.

5 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Started to plough sod. Went to W. Wallace's sale in the afternoon; a fair turnout and good prices. Willie at W. Thomas' in the afternoon. W. Mitchell here all night.

6 – At SS and church with Annie, Willie and Willie Mitchell. Went facing a snowstorm which continued during the afternoon. R.T. Harrington gave a report in the SS of the Sunday School convention at Oshawa. Rev. Mr. McKay preached. Russell and Joe Wallace and the two Mrs. [Mc?], the new store keepers, sang a duet. E. Bratley here for tea and all night.

7 – Snow thawed a little but did not all go off. Threw back turnips in root house in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove Ethel Bratley to Port Perry on her way home. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – Plowing sod most of the day but the snow is still on the ground. Jim Dusty and Alex Gordon called wanting to buy the young colt. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie washing. Willie Mitchell, who has finished his 6 months at Marshall O'Neill's, is here all night.

9 – Some dull with a little rain and a little snow. Plowing sod all day. W. Mitchell went to Jim Lee's to help him to dig drains. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie went with Mrs. Mark to W.F.M. meeting at the church. James went with her and visited the school (the first time there).

10 – Rain through the night and all forenoon then it turned to snow from the NW. A decidedly bad day. W. Mitchell came back from Jim Lee's. No school. Very little doing.

11 – W. Mitchell went to Jim Lee's. Plowing sod until about 5 when it got too bad with snow. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – A fine day and thawing a very little. W. Mitchell came back from Jim Lee's in the morning and he helped me to draw a load of straw from D. Lyle's for the strawberries. Jennie and him went to Port Perry in the afternoon while I spread the straw. W. Wallace and wife called in the evening wanting to sell piano.

13 – Some rough and cold. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

14 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school and Mission Band. W. Mitchell at Jim Lee's.

15 – Quite a frost but was able to plough all day. Annie and Willie at school.

16 – Somewhat cool with a little snow sometimes. Plowing sod all day. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting; a fair turnout; Mr. McKay leader.

17 – A fine day. Plowing and finished, then put on storm windows and doors and put up parlour stove. Annie and Willie at school. W. Mitchell came back from Jim Lee's having finished his job of draining.

18 – A little snow in the afternoon. With W. Mitchell's help drew in the corn and finished covering strawberries. Annie and Willie at school. John Michie and Robert Akhurst called in the afternoon.

19 – A very nice day. Went to Marshall O'Neill's, two trips, for drain tile (422) and then, under W. Mitchell's directions, worked at draining. Alex and Mrs. Gordon and Wes and Mrs. Luke here for tea and the evening.

20 – A fine day. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached an extra good sermon.

21 – A fine day. At the ditching all day with W. Mitchell. We were working where the brush was put in and it was very muddy. Jennie and James visiting at Akhurst's. Annie and Willie at school.

22 – A beautiful day. At the ditching all day with W. Mitchell. Got another load of tile. Jennie and James at Port Perry. Annie and Willie at school.

23 – A fine day but rain in the evening. Got another load of tiles from M. O'Neill; 830 in all. At the draining with W. Mitchell. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A very fine day. Went over to Jim Lee's in the morning for a road scraper. At the draining and filling up holes, W. Mitchell helping. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – Scraping water runs in the fields and on the side of the road, W. Mitchell helping. Jennie house cleaning. Annie and Willie at school. Rain in the afternoon.

26 – A little snow but a fine day. All day scraping water run on the road south of red gate, W. Mitchell helping.

27 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached.

28 – Colder with raw wind from the E. Helped W. Mitchell to hitch up Topsy colt for the first time. Drew some rails on the sleigh and she went very well. Sharpened Jim Lee's saw in the afternoon and cut a little wood when hail and rain came on which turned to snow in the evening. Jennie at Gordon's to see how the baby was which is sick. Annie and Willie at school.

29 – About 8 or 10 inches of snow on the level and a little sometimes during the day. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Little doing. Ground axe in forenoon.

30 – Rather a fine day. W. Mitchell drove Annie and Willie to school. Went to Port Perry with Jennie and James. At prayer meeting in the evening with W. Mitchell. Mr. McKay leader.

DEC. 1 – Pretty cold. W. Mitchell drove Annie and Willie to school. Bagged up 12 bags of oats and in the afternoon, with

W.M., hitched up Fly and Topsy and took oats to Port Perry but did not get them home. This is the first time Topsy was on the road. Splendid sleighing.

2 – Pretty cold. W. Mitchell drove Annie and Willie to school while I went down to John Michie's. Both went to Port Perry in the afternoon for meal.

3 – A fine mild day. With W. Mitchell's help buried two big stones in the forenoon and cut some wood in the afternoon. Henders called wanting to sell apple trees.

4 – A fine day but cold. At SS and church with Annie, James and W. Mitchell. Mr. McKay preached. Miss Eva McGill of Port Perry gave a solo. Willie had a cold and Jennie stayed at home with him.

5 – Zero in the morning but a very fine day. W. Mitchell drove Annie to school and in the afternoon we drew in the wood in the yard. Jennie washing and oiling the kitchen floor.

6 – 4 below zero in the morning and a very nice clear day. In the afternoon, with W. Mitchell, went for a load of wood for the church from Holdershaw's woods. Went by W. Rennie's and came home by Saintfield. Splendid sleighing.

7 – 8 below zero in the morning. A little snow from the SW in the afternoon. Sharpened Jim Lee's saw in the forenoon and took it home in the afternoon. W. Mitchell went also. W.M. drove Annie and Willie to school. At prayer meeting in the evening with W. Mitchell and Annie, Mr. McKay leader.

8 – Snowing most of the afternoon. W. Mitchell drove Annie and Willie to school then hitched up Topsy to the cutter for the first time and she went very well. Peter Leask called and hired W. Mitchell for a year for \$2.40 and washing, to start next Monday.

9 – Below zero in the morning and pretty sharp all day. W. Mitchell drove Annie and Willie to school. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, went to preparatory services in the church. Rev. Mr. --- of Cannington preached.

10 – Below zero in the morning. Split wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with W. Mitchell to Port Perry. Drove Topsy in the cutter, the first time she was to Port Perry single.

11 – Below zero and wind from the E made it pretty cold. Went alone to communion at Wick. Not quite as many out as usual. In the afternoon Annie and Willie went over to Jas. Lee's and Annie repeated to Mrs. Lee the Shorter Catechism for the Assembly's diploma. This is her birthday (11 years of age). In the evening went with Annie, Willie and Willie Mitchell to church. Mr. McKay preached. C. McKague gave a solo. James on the sick list.

12 – James put in rather a bad night so I got up at 5 am and went to Port Perry for the Dr. Dr. D. Archer came and pronounced the trouble bronchitis. Drove Willie Mitchell and his trunk over to Peter Leask's for dinner. Willie at school. Inspector Walks visited the school. We think James is some better in the evening. A beautiful day.

13 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and called to see J.M. Real who has been sick but is now better. Did little but the chores and sit with James who is some better. Jennie washing.

14 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and did a few chores. Stayed with James (who is out of bed again) while Jennie went to W.F.M.S. meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's; a good meeting. Mrs. D. McDonald elected president, Mrs. Jas. Lee, sec.

15 – A decidedly bad day. Snowing and drifting all day and colder. None at school. Made some berry carriers and did the chores.

16 – Below zero most of the day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Making berry carriers the rest of the time, except when I was in the house.

17 – A fine day and not so cold. Did chores and in the afternoon, with Annie and Willie, went up for the mail. Skating rink at Greenbank (the first ever made there) under the management of Stanley Stoven; opened tonight.

18 – A fine day and milder, thawing a little in the evening. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. G.A. McMillan, the superintendent, was absent and I had to act. Mr. McKay preached. Fred and Charles McKague, Mrs. G. Miller and Mona Leask gave a quartet.

19 – A fine day. Some snow in the afternoon. Drove Annie and Willie to school. At managers meeting in the evening. A beautiful night. [margin note: D. McMillan buried today].

20 – Wintery day with NW wind and drifting some. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Jennie went up to Greenbank in time to bring them home. Mission Band meeting.

21 – Below zero nearly all day with a cutting NW wind. Drove Annie and Willie to school, the last day before Christmas holidays. Making berry carriers. Got Christmas presents from Jessie Bell.

22 – A very nice day and much warmer. All hands went to Port Perry Christmas fair. Got home about 1 and in the afternoon, with Willie, went to Greenbank to post Christmas presents and get the mail.

23 – Warmer, almost rain, and snow in the afternoon. Did little but the chores. Jennie baking for Christmas.

24 – A very nice day. Jim Lee called in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Annie and Willie, went to Greenbank for mail.

25 – An ideal winter day, bright and clear but cold. 8 below zero in the morning. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask gave a solo.

26 – Snowing a little in the forenoon but quite mild. John Michie and his mother here for dinner. Jennie and Annie went up to J.M. Real's and called to see old Mrs. Akhurst who has been unwell. She thinks she is a little better.

27 – A fine mild day. Swept down the cobwebs in the stable and in the afternoon went down to Isaac O'Neill's. Jennie washing.

Ernest Phair called wanting to buy the colts. Roy Leask called asking us to dinner on Friday.

28 – Heavy snow from the E in the forenoon. Went to public school meeting (E. Lyle rode with me). A small turnout, only 17 there, and very quiet. J.M. Real was the retiring trustee and I was chosen to fill his place. In the evening attended annual SS meeting. Not very large turnout but it went off pretty well. Mr. McKay was in the chair. J.M. Real was chosen superintendant for next year; I assistant; Harvey Real, sec.; Stanley McMillan, asst. sec.; Jas. Leask, treas. The average attendance was 112.

29 – A fine day. A little snow towards night. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry market. Cleaned out pig pen in the afternoon.

30 – High wind through the night and all day from the NW. The snow drifting most of the time. Down to 10 below zero in the evening. Jennie making dress for Annie. We intended all hands to go to W.H. Leask's for dinner but the weather was too severe. No trains on RR today.

31 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's in the forenoon and to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. John Michie called for his mail. Jennie baking etc.

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JAN. 1 – A fine day and thawing towards night. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. An extra large turnout as there was no SS at the Methodist church. Election of teachers in SS which passed off rather better than usual as all the classes appear to have got teachers. I was chosen for my old class and Jennie for J.M. Real's class.

2 – Thawing all day until almost evening when it turned cooler. Norman Lyle called in the morning. Went with Jennie, Willie and James to W.H. Leask's for dinner and stayed until about 4:30. Annie went to Annie Gordon's birthday party. This should have been municipal election day but the council went in without a vote. Alex Leask, reeve; J. Mark, deputy reeve; and McIntyre, Dobson and Goode, councillors. Rev. C.O. Johnson lectured in the Methodist church tonight.

3 – Colder with a little snow in the afternoon. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Jim Lee called. Jennie washing. At Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon cutting wood. Clarence O'Neill called to ask me to a wood cutting bee tomorrow. The roof of the west wing of the church sheds has fell in.

4 – 12 below zero in the morning and clear. Drove Annie and Willie to school and in the afternoon took 10 bags of oats to Port Perry mill but did not get them home. Brought up lumber to make platforms in school house.

5 – Very rough with high W wind and drifting all day. Drove Annie and Willie to school in the sleigh and took the lumber up for school platform. Did little but the chores. We intended to go to Alex Leask's for tea but on account of the weather and roads did not go.

6 – Snowing a little from the E nearly all day and pretty cold. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for meal. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Jennie making dress for Annie. Port Perry races which should have come off yesterday are on today.

7 – A fine day and milder. Cleaned out hen and pig house in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew in some wood and then with the children went to Greenbank for the mail.

8 – Rain in the afternoon. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

9 – A decidedly rough day. High NW wind and drifting all day. Annie and Willie did not go to school. James Lee called and took away the young kitten. R. McKnight⁴⁰ of Port Perry died suddenly this morning.

10 – A fine day and much milder. Drove Annie and Willie to school but did not get further than Sam Dusty's as the roads were drifted full in some places. Willie Rennie and Mrs. here for the afternoon.

11 – Soft in the morning. Rain in the afternoon and snow in the evening. Drove Annie and Willie to school. In the afternoon Jennie went to W.F.M. meeting at Greenbank. James went with her to the school. In the evening went to annual congregation meeting in the church. A fair turnout. Mr. McKay in the chair. Alex Leask, G.A. McMillan, A Akhurst, and John Michie elected managers and Alex Boe to fill out Jas. McMillan's time. J.M. Real and I put in to get choir leader. James Miller and J.M. Real to canvas congregation for manse fund.

12 – A fine day and mild. Drove Annie and Willie to school and called in to J.M. Real's to talk over choir matters. In the afternoon went over to W. O'Neill's (Mrs. Mark went with me) and got Mrs. Willie O. and Miss Annan's promise of help in the church choir.

13 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and called at J.M. Real's. Then brought A. Akhurst down and he helped me to kill a pig. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, went to Port Perry to Robert McKnight's funeral which was held in the town hall, which was more than full, and Rev. Mr. Cameron gave an address which was a masterpiece of eloquence. Called on Dr. D. Archer and got a bottle of medicine.

14 – A nice mild day. Cut up the pig in the morning. Clarence and Irene O'Neill called. Edna Gordon here in the afternoon.

15 – A fine day. A little more snow. All at church and SS. Three new members in choir J.M. Real; Mr. W. O'Neill and Miss Annan.

16 – A very fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. R. Cragg called after dinner on his way to Port Perry. Annie at Mission Band. At church manager's meeting in the evening. All there but Harrington and Alex Boe. No disquieting question came up.

17 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. No school in the afternoon. The children at Irene Butcher's funeral. Norman Lyle here in the evening.

18 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and drew 1 load of pole wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Cutting wood in Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie and James at Isaac O'Neill's. Jennie at prayer meeting in the evening.

19 – Somewhat rough and stormy. Jennie drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Drew 2 loads of wood in the afternoon from Jim Lee's swamp.

20 – A fine day and warmer, snowing some in the afternoon. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Called at Jim Lee's. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon.

21 – A high NW wind and colder. Drew a load of poles from Jim Lee's swamp. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Annie up to Gordon's in the forenoon and Edna and Annie Gordon here in the afternoon.

22 – A fine day. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. McCague bros. gave a duet.

23 – A fine day. Went for two loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon and cutting in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A very fine day and a little inclined to thaw. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Jennie and James went to Port Perry. Annie and Willie at school.

25 – A fine day. Went for load of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon. Splitting wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at school. At prayer meeting in the evening. Not a very big turnout. Mr. McKay leader. Choir practice after.

26 – A little snow and foggy. Did some chores. Annie and Willie at school. Irene O'Neill here getting dress that Jennie is making for her fitted on. Mrs. A. Gordon called.

27 – Foggy and a little rain sometimes and thawing. When I went to the stable in the morning I found old Jess mare dead and in the forenoon with Norman Lyle's help drew her down into his swamp. She was nearly 22 years of age. Annie and Willie at school. Cutting wood on Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon.

28 – A high NW wind and much colder. Went for load of wood to Lee's swamp in the forenoon. Willie and James went with me. Cutting wood in swamp in the afternoon. Annie at Akhurst's and Willie at Thomas'. Irene O'Neill came for her dress.

29 – Mild and thawing some with a little rain. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached. Diplomas for attendance given out in SS.

30 – A perfect terror of a day. Very high NW wind and a little snow and the temperature going down. Nothing doing but Jennie making quilt. Calmed down in the evening.

⁴⁰ Robert McKnight – town constable and street commissioner for Port Perry.

31 – Fine day and pretty cold. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Jennie washing. In the afternoon went with Jennie and James to Port Perry. Farmers Institute meeting at Greenbank.

FEB. 1 – Went for load of wood to Jim Lee's swamp. Mr. and Mrs. McKay came about 4 pm. They then walked over to James Lee's and came back for supper. I got ready to go to prayer meeting but the weather turned rough and I did not go. Annie and Willie at school. Went down to Isaac O'Neill's in the forenoon.

2 – Pretty cold day and some rough. Drove Annie and Willie to school and split wood in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon and broke axe handle. Mrs. James Ewin died this morning.

3 – Somewhat rough and cold. SE wind. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Bagged up 12 bags of oats and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Got Topsy colt shod for the first time.

4 – Snow through the night and drifting some in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning for the meal; Annie, Willie and James going with me. Russell Thomas here a little while. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to Mrs. Jas. Ewan's funeral. There was quite a number at it. Rev. Mr. Cameron conducted the services. We left the children with Mrs. John Michie. Snow again in the evening.

5 – About 6 below zero in the morning and very sharp all day. All hands at SS and church. J.M. Real was not present and I had to act as superintendent. The new piano used for the first time. Rev. Mr. Cameron of Port Perry preached, this being anniversary at Wick and Mr. McKay and he exchanged pulpits.

6 – A perfect terror of a day. Snowing and blowing all the day from the E. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the one pig which got out of the sleigh at W. Tummond's and had quite a job getting it in again. Weighed 290 lbs @ \$7.00. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Annie has sore throat. David Perkins died about noon today.

7 – Weather better. Went to Greenbank for mail in the afternoon. Annie and Willie did not go to school. In the evening all went to Alex Leask's for tea and spent the evening. A fine night.

8 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and called at J.M. Real's. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's. James went with her to school. At prayer meeting in the evening. Not a very large turnout. Mr. McKay leader.

9 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and then to Mrs. Carnegie's to see Mary who has been unwell. Helping Jim Lee to cut cedar for shingles in the afternoon. Annie stayed at Weston Phoenix's all night.

10 – Some snow and drifting some but not so very cold. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon and with Jim Lee went in the afternoon to James Graham's sale. There was a big turnout and good prices.

11 – A fine mild day. All hands went to Port Perry in the forenoon.

12 – A fine mild day, almost rain in the afternoon. All at SS and church, Mr. McKay preached.

13 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Helping Jim Lee in the afternoon.

14 – A high raw wind from the east and snowing and drifting in the afternoon and evening. Drove Annie and Willie to school.

15 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Somerville, D. McArthur and John Lee. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. McKay did not come; there was 11 there. May Beare married.

16 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank and then went for load of wood to Jim Lee's swamp. Cutting wood in the afternoon.

17 – Rain through the night and morning which kept Annie and Willie from school. Cleaned out pig and colt pens and went down to John Michie's for 2 little pigs. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Thawing some all day. Colder towards night.

18 – A fine day. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to R. Branning's sale on the town line between Reach and Brock. Quite a good turnout and good prices. When I was away Edger Horne called and then Archey Black and wife called bringing Alma Black of Manitoba. Alma stayed here.

19 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Willie, James and Alma Black. Mr. McKay preached. Alma B. went to J.M. Real's for tea.

20 – A fine day but raw. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Alma Black down to John Michie's for tea.

21 – A little below zero in the morning. Willie went to school. Annie at home on account of a cold. Drew one load of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Wes Real called in the evening and took Alma Black to the skating rink at Greenbank.

22 – Willie at school. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon. G. Real brought Alma Black back and I drove her over to W. O'Neill's (Mrs. Mark going with us) in a big snowstorm.

23 – Drove Willie to school and went on to Greenbank for mail. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon.

24 – A fine day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Went over after dinner to see N. Lyle but he was not at home.

25 – A fine day and the snow going fast in the afternoon. Split some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Annie and Willie to Port Perry. Assessor J.M. Real called.

26 – A fine day and thawing; some rain about noon. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

27 – Drove Annie to school and went on to Greenbank. Willie did not go on account of a cold. High NW wind all day. Split wood in woodshed.

28 – A fine day. Annie and Willie at school. Cutting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon at session meeting in the church. Mrs. John Michie and baby here for dinner and tea. Jennie is making a dress for her baby.

MAR. 1 – Rather rough and stormy all day. Annie and Willie at school. Cutting wood most of the day. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. There was not a very large turnout. Mr. McKay was not there and it fell to me to lead. No choir practice and there were few out.

2 – Cut wood in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon to Sunday school convention. There was a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. Delve of Seagrave and Mr. Hapenny, Provincial SS sec., were the principal speakers which were good. Mr. Murray in the chair. Alma Black came back from her visit to Mara and went down to John Michie's for tea but came back for the night. Annie and Willie at school.

3 – A very fine day. Annie and Willie at school. Sawing wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon at preparatory service. Rev. Mr. Symington of Beaverton preached. Andrew Miller and Margaret Miller united with the church and John Michie's and Albert Stone's babies were baptised. Alma Black went down to John's to a party at James Armstrong's.

4 – A very fine day. Went in the forenoon to Albert Stone's woods for a load of wood for Mrs. Walker and cut wood in the afternoon. Alma Black came back for dinner. Bessie and Edna Gordon here in the afternoon. Willie at W. Thomas's.

5 – A very fine day and cold in the morning. Went with Jennie to communion at Greenbank. There was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. Mrs. Mark came home with us and she and Alma Black went over to Jim Lee's for tea.

6 – A fine day, about 3 inches of snow through the night. Drove Annie and Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Cutting wood the rest of the day. Jennie washing. Alma Black visiting at Albert Akhurst's in the afternoon and went in the evening with John Michie to an oyster supper at Frank Dobson's.

7 – A fine day with E wind. Cutting wood all day. Annie and Willie at school.

8 – A fine day. Cutting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove Alma Black to Port Perry on her way to Oshawa and home. James went to Port Perry with me. Jennie went up to W.F.M.S. with James Lee and Ida. Annie and Willie at school. In the evening went to prayer meeting, 14 out. Mr. McKay leader. No choir practice.

9 – A fine day and thawing, rain in the evening. Annie and Willie at school. Went with Jennie and James with 12 bags of oats to grind. Cutting wood in the afternoon.

10 – Mild and thawing all day and snow going fast. Cut wood in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for the meal. Roads getting pretty bare in places. Annie and Willie at school.

11 – Thawing most of the day. Children had fine time skating in the morning. Cutting wood most of the day. Jennie visiting at Akhurst's and Annie at Gordon's. Thunder and lightning about 10 and 11 o'clock (the first of the season) but not much rain.

12 – Some rain during the forenoon. Jennie sick all day with grippe (we suppose). At SS and church with Annie, Willie and James. Mr. McKay preached. He gave us a talking to about not turning out to prayer meeting.

13 – A very fine day. Annie and Willie at school. Jennie in bed all day with grippe or sore throat. Cutting wood.

14 – Cutting wood most of the day.

15 – A high NW wind most of the day and much colder towards night. Drove Annie and Willie to school in the buggy (first time of the season) and went on to Donald Ianson's and bought a cow for \$62.50. Cutting wood in the afternoon. Annie at Mission Band.

16 – 4 below zero in the morning and a terrific wind from the NW all day and dust in abundance. Annie and Willie did not go to school. Not much doing. Splitting wood awhile in the wood shed. Jennie much better.

17 – Drove Annie to school and with Willie went to Donald Ianson's for cow. Cut wood in the afternoon. Alex Gordon and wife called in the evening on their way home from Jim Lee's.

18 – A very fine day. Cutting, splitting and piling wood all day. W. Mitchell here in the evening, the first time since he went to P. Leask's. He got his hair cut.

19 – A fine day. All at SS and church with the buggy. Mr. McKay preached. McCague brothers sang a duet. A snow shower just after we got home from church.

20 – A fine day. Splitting wood most of the day. Jim Lee came along and I went with him over to Norman Lyle's. Annie and Willie at school. W. Beare called. He was wanting to hire Sandy Mitchell who is expected here in a few days.

21 – A fine day. Splitting wood most of the day and finished the job. All hands at D. Lyle's for supper and to spend the evening. Mr. S. Dusty and wife, W. Thomas and wife, and A. Akhurst and wife were there also.

22 – Some rough towards night; snow. Went to Port Perry principally to meet Sandy Mitchell but he did not come. But about 9 o'clock pm he came with Willie Mitchell and Peter Leask's horse and buggy. He put in the horse and stayed all night. Annie and Willie at school. Tapped some maple trees and was down to John Michie's.

23 – Pretty cold, rough and winter-like. Drove Sandy Mitchell over to James Leask's where he hired for \$18.00 for first month and \$20.00 after. Did little but the chores. Annie and Willie at school.

24 – A fine day but pretty cold. Helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school. E. Barrett called. He was wanting to hire Sandy Mitchell but he was too late.

25 – A very fine day. Pruning apple trees most of the day. Marshall O'Neill called.

26 – A fine day. Alex Mitchell and I walked to SS and church while the rest drove in the buggy. Mr. McKay preached. Alex Mitchell went with John Michie for tea and stayed all night as it was very dark.

27 – Rain through the night and off and on during the day; very heavy about noon and some thunder. Annie and Willie at school. A. Mitchell came up from J. Michie's and then went to James Leask's to start work. Repairing berry crates and boiling down maple sap.

28 – Quite cold with high NW wind all day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Repairing berry crates.

29 – Everything quite hard frozen again. Annie and Willie at school. Drew off brush from the orchard and manure. S. Sleep called wanting to buy cow but did not sell. Jennie and Annie at meeting in church to decide about Sunday School anniversary. Not many out; decided to have one.

30 – Some snow in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry market in the forenoon. Jennie quilting. Annie and Willie at school.

31 – Cold raw day with high NW wind. Annie and Willie started for school but Willie turned back with earache. Moving turnips in root house in the forenoon and called to see old Mrs. Akhurst in the afternoon. Jennie quilting.

APR. 1 – Quite cold with high NW wind. Pruning apple trees most of the day. Jennie visiting at John Michie's in the afternoon. Edna and Annie Gordon here playing.

2 – A fine but cold day with high wind. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

3 – A fine day. Jennie washing. Drew off brush from the orchard and moved fence south of the strawberry patch. Annie and Willie at school but they got out at noon as the teachers were going with the Methodist choir to Port Perry to get their picture taken. Willie stayed at W. Thomas' all night. Went to church managers meeting in the evening. The manse question was discussed and it was decided to offer Wick all our claim on the manse and buildings and pay 48 per cent of salary.

4 – Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground and home again. Annie and Willie at school. Rain from the SE in the afternoon.

5 – Big rain through the night but cold; some more rain in the forenoon. Went down to John Michie's in the morning. Annie and

Willie at school. Pascoe Luke and Mrs. Isaac O'Neill had a row over a horse, pig and cattle deal.

6 – Rain in the morning and again in the evening. Some thunder in the afternoon. Boiling maple sap. Jennie making SS curtains. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at school.

7 – A fine day but pretty cool. Went down to John Michie's in the morning and in the afternoon, with John, went up to the church and put up the poles for the curtains in the SS. Annie and Willie at school. James Lee called in the forenoon.

8 – A very fine day. Cleaning out berry bushes in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping Jim Lee to cut wood. Jennie making curtains for SS.

9 – A very fine day. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

10 – A beautiful day. At the berry bushes all day. Jennie washing and pruning currant bushes. Boiling sap. Annie and Willie at school and Mission Band.

11 – A very fine day. Scuffled the berry bushes in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with James, went to Port Perry. Jennie making night gowns. Annie and Willie at school.

12 – A nice day. Plowed in orchard in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to bee shingling the church shed that fell in with snow last winter. Jennie went to W.F.M. meeting at D. McDonald's (a big meeting). Annie and Willie at school and James stayed at the school while Jennie was at meeting.

13 – A fine day. A little rain towards night. Planted potatoes and raspberry bushes in the orchard. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning and met Mrs. J. Bell and Mabel, Willie and Gordon. Annie and Willie at school. Alex Leask and George Real called getting subscriptions to independent telephone company.

14 – Good Friday. Rain in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to Greenbank to the store. Annie and Mabel at John Michie's. Mrs. Jas. Lee called.

15 – Cold with snow flurries and high wind in the afternoon. Putting up fence S of strawberry patch in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee to put up fence in the afternoon. Annie and Mabel Bell at Gordon's most of the day.

16 – A very hard frost which did not get out all day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie, James and Mabel Bell. Curtains used in SS for first time. Mr. McKay preached. C. McCague sang solo.

17 – A very hard frost in the morning. Made bars S of strawberry patch and in the afternoon started to plow strawberry land, the first plowing for Topsy horse. Sam Dusty called to settle up account. All hands including Mary Bell and family at Alex Gordon's for supper.

18 – Frost in the morning. Plowing the strawberry land and finished. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here most of the day playing. Sandy Gordon called.

19 – A fine day. Plowing all day the sod that was drained last fall. Jennie and Mary Bell sewing. Mrs. Mark and Nellie O'Neill called. They got some berry bushes. At choir practice in church in the evening. Practice for SS anniversary.

20 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and cultivating N field in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Conlin called and bought big cow. Jack and Boe called later. Annie and Mabel up at Gordon's.

21 – Finished cultivating N field and got Norman Lyle's seeder to sow it in the afternoon but there was several showers of rain between 11 and 2 o'clock and I did not start it but cultivated some. Annie, Willie and Mabel at practice at the church for SS anniversary. Jennie washing and sewing.

22 – Somewhat cool with E wind. Sowed and harrowed the N field. Annie and Mabel Bell at W.H. Leask's practising singing. Jennie, Mary Bell and the four boys visiting at Jas. Lee's.

23 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

24 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 10 bags of oats. Jennie went with me, also Mabel Bell who went home. Annie, Willie and James at school, the first day for James.

25 – A very fine day. Cultivating all day and broke the tongue of the cultivator. Annie, Willie and James at school. Jennie and Mary Bell at John Lee's in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Sowed the hill field. Jennie and Mary Bell washing. They went up to Akhurst's in the evening. Mrs. A. Akhurst called and John and Mrs. John Michie called in the evening. Annie, Willie and James at school.

27 – A very fine warm day, the most spring-like day. Took big cow to Port Perry. Mr. Lyle taking a steer along. Jennie drove out, bringing Mary Bell and boys on their way home. Harrowing in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and James at school. Mrs. Mark called.

28 – A fine and quite warm day. Took 6 bags of oats to John Michie's and got them changed and then got Norman Lyle's drill and sowed the SW field which finishes the sowing, then plowed the garden. Jennie housecleaning. Annie, Willie and James at school.

29 – A fine day and very warm for the time of year. Harrowing nearly all day. Jennie cleaning up door yard etc.

30 – Several warm showers during the day which is making things grow fine. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask sang solo.

MAY 1 – Several showers during the day; thunder about 4 o'clock. Jennie drove the children to school and went on to Greenbank. Got the shawl from Scotland. Cleaned out rotten turnips; cleaned the pig house and fenced some and nursed sore eyes. Jennie went after Annie as it was raining. She was at John Michie's with the mail in the evening.

2 – A great drop in temperature with high wind all day. Finished fence south of strawberry patch and plowed piece of land and in orchard. Annie and Willie at school. Half used up with sore eyes.

3 – Ground white with snow in the morning and cold all day. Drove Annie and Willie to school. Fencing in the swamp fields most of the day. W. Wallace of Toronto called in the evening.

4 – Still pretty cold. Fencing in the forenoon. Cultivating strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Annie, Willie and James at school.

5 – A fine day. Planted potatoes in orchard and fixed fences in the forenoon and rolled new grass in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Arbour day. Annie, Willie and James at school and then at practice for anniversary and they did not get home until after 7 o'clock.

6 – A very fine day. Rolled the N field in the forenoon and in the afternoon worked at the berry bushes while Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry. In the evening went to choir practice in the church.

7 – All at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached on the reign of peace. Went over to Norman Lyle's in the evening; he has a sick colt.

8 – A very fine warm day. Planted corn and beans in the orchard in the forenoon and rolled grain in the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning. Annie, Willie and James at school and Willie and James at Mission Band. Mrs. Alex Gordon here in the evening.

9 – A very fine warm dry day. Rolled the hill field in the forenoon and harrowed strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning woodshed. All the children at school.

10 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and got some (100) strawberry plants from Mr. Kellet and planted strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at J.M. Real's. All the children at school. John Michie called in the afternoon. Beef ring started today.

11 – Planting strawberries all day. Jennie digging the plants. Children all at school. J.M. Real called on his way to Port Perry to consult about SS anniversary. Irene O'Neill here for supper. A very high SW wind and a terrible dust. Thunder about 7 pm but only a little rain.

12 – Another terrible day of wind and dust. Planting strawberries; Jennie digging the plants; until about 5 pm when my wrist gave out. Children at school. Anniversary practice after.

13 – Quite cold in the morning. At strawberries and finished planting about 3. At choir practice in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Frost in the morning. All but Jennie at SS and church (Jennie has sore eyes). Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached.

15 – A very fine day, a little rain after dinner and in the evening. Spent most of the forenoon down at O'Neill's looking at her fruit trees. Jennie washing. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Children all at school. Planted 6 apple trees.

16 – A little drizzle of rain during the afternoon and evening which is doing much good. Plowed potato ground and the little plot near

the pump. Mr. W. Akhurst called and Mrs. John Michie to get a coat cut for their baby. Mr. and Mrs. D. Lyle moved to Uxbridge.

17 – A fine day. Went for the beef taking the children to school, then planted corn in the little plot near the barn pump. In the afternoon drilled up for potatoes. Jennie making dress for Irene O'Neill. At choir practice in the evening. Lightning on the way home.

18 – Thunder shower through the night. Drawing out manure on potato land. G.A. McMillan called with some berry bushes. Jennie dressmaking. Mr. A. Gordon and Bessie and Edna called in the evening. Children at school. Took Fanny colt to Jim Lee's for pasture.

19 – Very warm day, several thunder showers went round but only a few drops of rain here. Planted potatoes and scuffled strawberries first time. Jennie making dress for Annie. Children at school. Jew pedlar from Blackwater called.

20 – Very warm day. Drawing out manure all day. Sharpened saw for Mrs. Phair. Annie went down to John Michie's with mail. Irene O'Neill here getting her dress fitted. A terrible evening of thunder and lightning but little rain here.

21 – A fine day but very warm. All hands at SS and church. This being SS anniversary Sunday there was a full house. Rev. Dr. Robertson, general secretary of Presbyterian SS, was the speaker. The children sang. All out again in the evening and again a full house. Mr. Robertson preached. Miss McGill of Port Perry sang a solo.

22 – Jennie went to Greenbank for groceries in the morning taking the children to school. Drew out 4 loads of manure and plowed some. Very warm growing weather.

23 – Another terrible night of lightning and heavy rain. A fine day but pretty warm. Plowing land for corn. Jennie baking for anniversary. Mrs. John Michie here in the afternoon getting coat made for her baby. Children at school.

24 – A beautiful day. When we got up we saw that the Ianson cow had one of her teats nearly torn off. So I went to Port Perry and got vet Coates who sewed it up. In the afternoon Annie, Willie and James walked up to SS anniversary while Jennie and I went later. There was a pretty fair turnout but not as many as some years. Miss McGill of Port Perry; Miss Root of Toronto; F. [McCanny]; and the Leask trio of Greenbank gave the programme. Took in about \$145.00.

25 – A very fine day and much cooler. Took the beef ring heifer down to John Michie's and got her weighed (730 lbs), then harrowed, rolled and sowed corn but seed run out and, with Willie, James and Annie, went to Greenbank for more. Got supper at anniversary social (not many out).

26 – A very fine day. Finished planting corn and then drew out manure the rest of the day. At school trustee meeting at Richard Cragg's at Greenbank. Children at school.

27 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day. Moved the cook stove out. John Michie's horse died last night.

28 – A very warm day but got cooler towards night. All at SS and church. Rev. Mr. McCullah preached; Mr. McKay preached at Marsh Hall.

29 – Very much cooler and fine day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie housecleaning pantry. Children at school.

30 – A very fine cool day. Finished drawing out manure and then scuffled and in the afternoon plowing. Jennie housecleaning the cellar. Children at school. James Lee called in the evening to warn about road work.

31 – Rain from about 1:30 to 3; some thunder. Plowing turnip land. Children at school.

JUNE 1 – A fine day and quite cool. At road work helping to fill dirt in the forenoon and drew one load of gravel from G.A. McMillan's pit in the afternoon. Jennie at Port Perry market. Children at school.

2 – A fine cool day. Drew 2 loads of gravel in the forenoon and hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Children at school.

3 – A very fine day. Hoeing in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning the parlour. Henry Thomas here playing. Annie at Gordon's.

4 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Miller of Bolsover at SS. Mr. McKay preached. Norman Lyle called in the evening.

5 – Dull and foggy all day; some thunder in the E in the evening. Took 2 pigs and 1 cow to Sleep of Seagrave in the morning, John Michie helping. Whitewashed kitchen ceiling and helped to paper. Jennie housecleaning. Annie and James at school. Willie has sore leg.

6 – A fine day. Helped Jennie to paper the kitchen in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. In the evening at session meeting in the church. Children at school.

7 – Dull day and a little rain about 7 pm. Plowing all day. Jennie housecleaning. Children at school.

8 – A fine warm day. In the forenoon went to Port Perry with Jennie. Plowing and harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning the parlour. Children at school.

9 – A fine day; quite a lot of thunder after supper but no rain here. Harrowing in the forenoon. Jennie washing. At preparatory service with Jennie in the afternoon. Not many out. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached. Mrs. W.A. Leask and W. Hill received into membership. Children at school. Had first strawberries of the season for supper.

10 – A very warm day. Rolled turnip land until about 10:30 when a thunder shower came up but there was not a great deal of rain. In the afternoon all went to public school picnic in Beare's woods and

Anthony Well's field. Quite a crowd out and a good time. A terrific thunder storm in the evening but not a great deal of rain. Several barns burned.

11 – Pretty warm day and another terrific thunder storm about 5 pm. Went with Annie to communion at Wick, Mr. McKay preached. All at church in the evening; Mr. McKay preached. The Leask trio sang.

12 – Drilling up for turnips. Another thunder shower about 1 o'clock and again at 5 o'clock. Started to sow turnips but rain came on. Children at school and Willie and James at Mission Band and got wet on their way home. R.T. Harrington, census taker, here all night. Mrs. Harry Bewell buried today.

13 – Much cooler with misty showers sometimes. R.T. Harrington spent the morning taking the census. I then sowed turnips. Scuffled in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry with the first strawberries. Took syndicate heifer down to John Michie's to get her weighed, she went 800 lbs. Children at school.

14 – A fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the waggon for berry boxes but only got 1000 instead of 4000 as expected. Made calf pen in orchard and scuffled corn in the afternoon. John Michie sowed his turnips. Children at school. At SS meeting in the evening, 6 present, decided to pay \$50.00 on piano.

15 – A fine day. Helped Jennie to pick strawberries in the morning, then she took them to Port Perry. Drilling up in the afternoon. Children at school.

16 – A beautiful day. Finished drilling turnips in the forenoon and sowed them in the afternoon and picked strawberries. Jennie washing and oiling the kitchen floor. Children at school.

17 – A beautiful cool day. Went to Port Perry in the early morning with berries, then all hands drove to Wes Luke's, Sonya. Alex Gordon, wife and Edna and Annie. Got home about 7 pm. Crops look pretty good.

18 – A very fine day. All at SS and church. Mr. Bailey of the Dominion Alliance preached. Choir small. All at Port Perry at church in the evening. The Orangemen were out to the Methodist church. The Greenbank Band played and Mr. Leitch preached his farewell sermon, but we went to the Presbyterian church.

19 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to pick strawberries all day. Les and Mrs. Lamb came before dinner and got berries. Mrs. John Michie and Jean here for supper. In the evening took the syndicate heifer to Greenbank, Willie going with the rig. Had a school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's. Called at Andrew Miller's on the way home. Andrew is very low.

20 – A very fine day. High wind in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry with berries, then Jennie went to Greenbank with berries while I churned. Hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Children at school.

21 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. Beast went 20 lbs over. Then plowed the land near the berry patch and sowed it with buckwheat. Jennie at W.F.M.S. at Alex Boe's.

Children at school. Mrs. G. Baird called for berries. In the evening went to meeting at Port Perry on reciprocity by Mr. Fowlk and Hon. Mr. Fisher. There was a full house.

22 – This is coronation day in London. A very fine day. Plowed buckwheat land in the forenoon. Jennie; Vera Cragg; Maud Cragg; and Jennie Gordon picking berries. I helped in the afternoon. In the evening went with the 150 boxes of strawberries to Wick festival. Peter Leask and Willie Mitchell here in the evening.

23 – A fine day but very cool for the time of year, some little rain but not enough to do any good. G. Bark and Mrs. VanNess of Myrtle came for berries before we had breakfast. Finished plowing and then sowed the buckwheat and scuffled. Children at school and got a school picture taken.

24 – Another fine day. Hoeing in the forenoon and moving fence in the swamp field in the afternoon. Jennie picking berries. Mrs. John Michie; Mrs. Dusty; Jennie Gordon; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mrs. W. O'Neill; Mrs. Roy O'Neill; and Miss Annand here in the afternoon for berries and Mr. and Mrs. G. Hadden here in the evening for berries. Annie at school special in preparation for entrance exam. Willie and James at W. Thomas'. Andrew Miller died this morning.

25 – A fine day. All at SS and at the Methodist SS anniversary services in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. McKay and Rev. Mr. Laidlaw of Epsom were the speakers. There was not as many out as some times. On the way home John Michie's horse bolted over J.M. Real's fence leaving the buggy half way over the fence. Nothing broke but the harness.

26 – A fine day. Threatening rain several times and a little shower between 8 and 9 in the evening. Took Annie to Port Perry in the morning to the entrance examination. Jennie; Maud Cragg; Mrs. A. Akhurst; and Jennie Gordon picking strawberries. Miss Simpson; Mrs. John Leask; Geo. Till; R. Baird; Joe Baird; Mrs. B. Cragg; Roy O'Neill; and Mr. and Mrs. Firman for berries. I was helping in the afternoon. Willie and James at school.

27 – Warm; some thunder showers went round in the afternoon but no rain here. Spent most of the day picking small strawberries for home use. W. Real; Mrs. [?]; Mrs. Till, and Maggie and Mary Blair called. Willie and James at school.

28 – Very much cooler. Hoeing corn most of the day. Jennie picking berries in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry for Annie who has been at the entrance exams. At Greenbank in the evening to school trustee meeting. G. Till; Garnet Wright; Mrs. Jas. Rennie; Mrs. Jas. Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Rev. McKay; and Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald called for strawberries but most of them did not get any. Willie and James at school, the last day until after holidays. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Mary Dusty picking berries in the afternoon.

29 – Another fine cool day and no rain. Went to Port Perry market in the morning with Willie and James. Jennie and Maud Cragg picking berries all day. I helping in the afternoon. Mrs. J.M. Real and Mary here for berries.

30 – A warm day and no rain. Scuffled corn and potatoes in the forenoon and in the afternoon patched the roof of the house. Jennie went to Greenbank in the evening for the mail and she had hardly started when Mary, Helen and Douglas Patton came. They had walked up from Port Perry as we had not got her letter. Mrs. John Michie and Jean here in the afternoon picking strawberries.

JULY 1 – A very warm day, perhaps the warmest this summer with a dry NW wind. Cut thistles on the roadside and pasture in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Annie, Willie and Helen Patton, went to Methodist SS anniversary. Jennie and Bessie Gordon here in the forenoon picking berries.

2 – Another terrible hot day; over 90 in the shade; 101 at Toronto. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. Rather small attendance at SS. Mr. McKay preached. McKague bros. gave a duet.

3 – Another terrible hot day, the hottest yet and everything is withering up. Unless rain comes soon the crops will be nothing. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon and putting Paris Green on potatoes in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening. Only 5 managers out. R. Baird and John McCullery from Wick congregation were there in reference to manse. No action taken as there were so few out.

4 – Jennie drove Mary Patton to the early train at Port Perry on her way home. Another terribly dry day but not quite so warm. Finished Paris Greening potatoes and some other little jobs.

5 – Another very hot day, up to 92 about 2 pm when there was some sharp lightning and a fine little shower but it did not last long enough to do any good. There was thunder all around most of the afternoon but no more rain. Did a few odd jobs. Jennie washing.

6 – Was much surprised to wake up at 5 am to hear it raining. Some sharp lightning and a good shower which will do a lot of good but too late for some things. After breakfast went over to see Jim Lee who got hurt yesterday at John Somerville's raising by a stick falling on his shoulder. He is not badly hurt but had a narrow escape. Then, with Jennie's help, pumped out the well at the house. Paris Greened potatoes (2nd time) in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. Annie and Helen Patton at Greenbank for mail. Irene O'Neill here for dinner.

7 – A very fine clear day. Helping Jim Lee to hoe turnips all day. Mrs. John Michie called in the evening for some castor oil for the baby.

8 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went to Port Perry in the morning for turnip seed as the first sown has not come up. Then redrilled over 40 drills and sowed Greystone seed, also seeded some places in the part that was left where there were misses. Annie and Helen at Greenbank for mail.

9 – Another very hot day. All hands at SS and church. Rather small attendance; Mr. McKay preached. James Lee and Ida called in the evening and got a feed of strawberries, the last of the season. Thunder to the N most of the afternoon but no rain here.

10 – Very warm and close in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning for corn to sow where the turnips did not come up, then cultivated the drills down. A little after 1 o'clock we had a heavy thunder shower or more correctly 3 or 4 showers. The second was terrific with wind and hail which flattened the grain badly and blew down a maple tree across N. Lyle's lane near the barn pump. Water standing in pools in many places. Dan McDonald called asking hands for barn raising tomorrow.

11 – Got N. Lyle's seed drill and sowed corn where the turnips did not come up. Fixed fences rest of the day. Jennie sewing. Annie and Helen Patton went for the mail. Another heavy thunder shower about 2 pm. D. McDonald's raising.

12 – A beautiful clear cool day. Scuffling all day. Jennie washing. Edna and Annie Gordon here most of the day. Mrs. Gordon also called.

13 – Another nice day. A lot of thunder after dinner and a small shower. Jennie, with Willie and Douglas Patton, at Port Perry market. Hoeing turnips and other jobs. Willie at Greenbank for the mail. Cecil and Mona Leask called about raspberries.

14 – Paris Greening potatoes in the forenoon and with Annie and Helen went to Port Perry in the afternoon with raspberries. Heavy thunder shower about 8 pm. and again about midnight.

15 – A fine day. Finished potatoes and hoed strawberries. Annie and Helen went for mail.

16 – Rain through the night and morning and again from about 10 to middle of afternoon. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and James. Mr. McKay preached. Rain again before midnight.

17 – Rain all the morning and again about 4 pm. Put in some window glass in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon. At managers meeting in the evening. A special meeting to consider the manse question where it was decided not to make an advance in the previous offer, namely 58% of ministers salary. Annie, Willie and Helen at Mission Band and got wet on their way home. Mrs. R. Cragg and Wilmot and Mrs. Mark called in the afternoon.

18 – A fine day. All hands picking raspberries and Mrs. John Michie. I then took a case to Port Perry and shipped it to E. Stone, Toronto. James went also. Cleaned out hen house in the afternoon. After supper all hands went down to the creek at the bridge to fish. Got a few small fish.

19 – Got Norman Lyle's mower and cut the strawberry patch and the orchard in the forenoon. It looked so much like rain that I did not cut in the afternoon. Rain came a little at about 3 and another heavy thunder shower between 6 and 7. Mrs. W. Real came for berries but did not get any today. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting in the church.

20 – A very fine day. Cut the hay field with N. Lyle's mower. Jennie, Annie, Helen and Mrs. John Michie picking raspberries. Mrs. W. Real and Mona Leask called for berries. Baptist social at A. Rodd's tonight.

21 – Dull in the morning and a few drops of rain but cleared up and was a very fine day. Got John Michie's horse rake and with John's help drew in 8 loads. Not so bad a crop for this year as hay is very poor about here.

22 – A very fine day. Raked hay field in the forenoon and with John Michie's help drew in the rest of hay. Mrs. John Michie here helping Jennie to pick berries. Annie at Greenbank for mail.

23 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. A better turnout since the hot spell.

24 – Some rain through the night but cleared up in the morning. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and heard that Annie has passed the entrance examination. Plowing old strawberry patch in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie helping Jennie to pick berries. Roy, Cathleen and Lucell Leask came for berries.

25 – A cool day with high NW wind and some rain flurries. At road job drawing dirt on 10th concession all day. Jennie washing. Willie at Greenbank for mail. Annie and Helen at Gordon's.

26 – A fine cool day. Went for the beef in the morning and scuffled turnips, plowed and harrowed old strawberry patch. Annie got entrance certificate. W.H. Rundle called selling fruit trees. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie picking berries.

27 – A very fine day. Scuffled turnips, potatoes and strawberries and hoed. Jennie went to Port Perry market with Willie and Douglas in the forenoon and, with Annie and Helen, went to G.A. McMillan's and Greenbank.

28 – A fine day and pretty warm. Repairing binder canvas in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with James, went to Port Perry for some more repairs. R. Cragg called in the evening to consult about hiring teacher.

29 – A fine day, some little showers the latter part of the afternoon. Hoeing turnips most of the day. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie picking raspberries. E. Lyle called to get two pitch forks handled.

30 – Pretty warm day, some rain in the afternoon and thunder. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. Mark called in the evening.

31 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing turnips (mostly Grey-stones) all day. Jennie washing. Annie and Helen at Post Office in the afternoon. News of General Dominion election on 21st September. Reciprocity is the question.

AUG. 1 – Hoeing turnips most of the day; very warm. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie picking berries. Mrs. Mark and Jean Michie called after dinner.

2 – Another pretty warm day. Jennie went to Greenbank with Douglas in the morning. After dinner started to cut the north field. Afterwards John Michie, who has been cutting for Jim Lee, came and put on his one horse. We expected a big time with Topsy colt but she did not do so bad. Crop very poor. A second growth has come up which is quite green. Went to Greenbank in the evening to school trustee meeting. We think we have secured Miss Armstrong of Brookville as teacher.

3 – Some rain through the night and foggy in the morning. John Michie came up in the morning but did not get started until after 10. Used John's binder and finished the N field before dinner and in the afternoon at the SW field. Very close and warm. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here in the afternoon.

4 – Another fine day but pretty warm and close. John Michie and horse and binder cutting oats. Wet in the morning and did not get started until about 10.

5 – Another very warm day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie and Helen and with John Michie's help cut oats and finished cutting about 3:30. John then took his binder home. Jennie, Willie and Douglas went for the mail after supper.

6 – Warm day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Just before church there was a heavy thunder storm with some vivid lightning which struck and burned Mrs. Webster's barn on the 10th concession. It also struck and burned a shock of oats in Ed Lyle's north field. All hands over at Jim Lee's in the evening.

7 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoed turnips 1st time and finished, then strawberries. Jennie washing. Annie and Helen at John Michie's.

8 – A fine day and pretty warm. Cooler at night. Hoeing and cutting thistles etc. Jennie washing. Willie went to Greenbank for the mail. Willie's birthday (10 years old). Norman Lyle started to cut.

9 – A fine day. Scuffling in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee to draw in in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at missionary meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's. The boys at J. Michie's.

10 – A fine day and pretty warm. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee in the afternoon. Annie and Helen at A. Akhurst's at a girls party. Rain and thunder about 11 pm.

11 – Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon and fixing line fence in the afternoon. In the evening all hands at band concert at G. Lee's. A pretty good crowd. Teddy Piggott of Toronto was the star. Rather chilly evening.

12 – Finished fixing line fence in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee to draw in in the afternoon.

13 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Archie McMillan gave a short address in SS. Rev. Mr. Steel of Glenarm preached, Mr. McKay being away on his holidays. Just before supper Barbara and Willie Smith came and stayed all night.

14 – A very fine day. James Lee helping me to draw in oats all day. Mrs. Mark called after dinner. Barbara and Willie Smith left for home in the afternoon. Annie, Helen and Willie at Mission Band meeting in the church.

15 – James Lee came over in the morning and we drew in until about 10:30 when a little shower stopped us. Started again after dinner and drew in until night. Cool afternoon. E. Lyle threshing.

16 – A fine day. In the forenoon, with Jennie's help, drew in 2 loads of oats which finishes harvest but the rakings. In the afternoon helping Jim Lee to finish harvest. Mrs. John Michie called.

17 – A very fine day. Got N. Lyle's horse rake and raked all the stubble and drew it in after supper. Jennie washing. Annie and Helen went for the mail.

18 – Jennie, Annie and Helen went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I and the boys did some cleaning up in the lane. In the afternoon started to plow down the piece of buckwheat S of the berry patch but a light thunder shower came on and I then hoed strawberries. Annie and Helen at Edna Gordon's birthday party. Cool evening.

19 – A very fine day. Plowing old strawberry patch 2nd time. Went to Greenbank after supper. Annie and Helen visiting at John Michie's.

20 – A very fine cool dry day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. J.A. Miller gave an address in SS. A student of Queen's preached. Mrs. Mark called in the evening.

21 – A beautiful day. Plowing and harrowing most of the day. Mr. Grose of Raglan here for dinner.

22 – Plowing all day. Willie went for mail. A few drops of rain about 5 pm.

23 – A very fine day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning with the boys and got two little pigs. Plowing the rest of the day. Mr. Henry of Port Perry, Massey Harris agent, here for dinner. Mr. John Mark, deputy reeve, called to see about board to the men who are to put up new bridge on sideroad over Nonquon creek. Mrs. John Michie called on her way home from Jas. Lee's.

24 – A very fine day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the morning and got buggy tires set and got boarding place at Mr. Henery's for Annie at High School at \$2.50 per week. Children at John Michie's while we were away. In the afternoon went with Willie and Douglas to Greenbank.

25 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie preserving crab apples.

26 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day. Annie went for the mail.

27 – All hands at SS and church. J.M. Real was not there so I had to act as superintendant. Mr. Smith preached. A little rain on the way home.

28 – Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Had to quit about 4 o'clock on account of rain which is badly needed. Jennie washing. Willie went for mail and got wet on his way home.

29 – A very fine day and pretty cool. Harrowing in the forenoon and scuffled strawberries and hoed while Jennie went to Greenbank with hens. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here in the afternoon. Went down to the creek where they have just started to build a new cement and steel bridge.

30 – A fine cool day. Frost in the morning. Went for beef and took crate of hens to McCague's. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie preserving crab apples. Mrs. John Michie and Jean called in the afternoon.

31 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Went down in the afternoon to see them building the new bridge. Not getting along very fast.

SEPT. 1 – A fine day. Plowed until about 3 pm when I went to Port Perry by the east road on account of building new bridge, for Mary Patton who came on the 5:30 train. While I was away John Horn came with his corn cutter and had nearly all the corn cut (in field N of barn) when I got home. John Michie helped him out. He stayed all night.

2 – Got up early and Jennie drove Mary, Helen and Douglas Patton to Port Perry on their way home to Buffalo. Rain in the forenoon. Very dark and thunder but not very heavy rain. Jennie stopped at Billy O'Neill's until the rain was over. Plowing in the afternoon. Norman Lyle had a runaway while breaking colt in the waggon.

3 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached. All went down to see the new bridge work in the evening.

4 – A fine day. Drawing off corn all day. Jennie washing. Annie down at John Michie's keeping the baby. At Greenbank in the evening.

5 – Got up early and Jennie drove to Port Perry with Annie to High School (1st day) and I to go to Toronto Fair. Got to the fair about 10 and stayed until after the evening performance which was spoiled by rain which came on about 5 pm. Stayed at James Mason's all night. The Coldstream Guards Band was the attraction for me. Jennie also brought home Jessie Bell from Port Perry. The boys stayed at John Michie's.

6 – At the fair all day and got to Port Perry on the last train. Jennie and James were at Port Perry to meet me. Willie and James at school.

7 – Cool day with E wind and threatening rain but did not come. Finished drawing corn in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Willie and James at school.

8 – A fine day and pretty cool in the morning. Took up the beans while Jennie went to Greenbank taking Willie and James to school. Plowing in the afternoon until about 4:30 when I went as far as [Trummond's?] to meet Annie from Port Perry school. Crossed the creek on a raft.

9 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon helping Mrs. John to make pickles.

10 – A very fine day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached.

11 – Scuffled and hoed strawberries while Jennie took Annie to Port Perry school. She went by Gibson's Mill and came home by the east road as the swamp bridge is still on the way. Plowing in the afternoon. Thunder and a little rain about 4:30. Willie and James at school. Another terrific thunder storm about 10 or 11.

12 – A fine day and pretty cool. Finished plowing the hill field and part of the corn patch. Jennie washing. Willie and James at school.

13 – A fine day. Plowing corn stubble and finished and drew off some stones. Mr. S. Henry and general agent called to sell me a Massey Harris binder but did not do so. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church and got tea at Mrs. Walker's. Willie and James at school. In the evening at session meeting in hall in behalf of Fred Fowke⁴¹. The hall was crowded. A. Leask in the chair. The speakers were Mr. Fowke; Mr. Eaton; Mr. Mohray; Mr. Veapond and Mr. Haycraft. A grand meeting.

14 – Nomination day. A hard white frost in the morning. Did little in the forenoon but help in with the cook stove. Harrowing the hill field in the afternoon. Went down to see the men building new bridge. They have got the N pier nearly finished. Jennie and Jessie Bell picking up fallen apples. Willie and James at school.

15 – Raining a little in the morning and dull all forenoon. Willie and James did not go to school. Hoed strawberries in the forenoon and after dinner, with Willie and James, went to meet Annie; the high school having a half holiday on account of the Port Perry fair. The bridge men have just finished the north pier. Drew some wood to burn big stones in the hill field and in the evening fired it.⁴²

16 – A very fine day. Drew away the big stone in the hill field that was burned last night and several other stones. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, cut the buckwheat which is very dry and shelled out badly while cutting. Willie went for the mail.

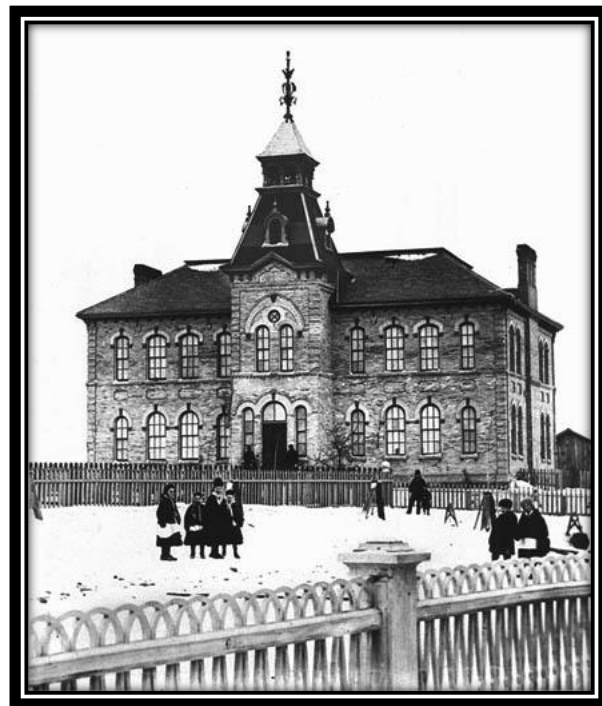
17 – A very fine day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

18 – A very fine day. Jim Lee came before I was out of bed and wanted me to go to Roy O'Neill's to thresh in place of John Michie who is to cut Jim's buckwheat so I went. Got done at Roy's before dinner and then to Isaac O'Neill's and finished him at 3:30, then went down to the bridge. They have just finished putting on the steel. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry High School. Willie did not go to school as he took sick, so James went alone for the first time. Had a short talk with Mr. Fowke who was down to see Norman Lyle. Mr. F. thinks his election is sure.

19 – A dull morning and some showers in the forenoon. Shocked up the buckwheat and threshed the beans. Threshing at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon. James at school. Willie not very well.

20 – A fine day. Threshing until noon at A. Akhurst's and finished. Did some odd jobs in the afternoon. In the evening went with Jennie to prayer meeting; the first meeting held since spring. It was decided to start something in the shape of a guild; Mr.

McKay president; vice presidents Mona Leask; Laura Baird; Stanley Real and Miss Watson (teacher).; W. Hill, sec.; and Arthur Gordon, Treas. A fair turnout. Willie and James at school.



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21 – Election day for the Dominion House. Went up with Jennie in the morning taking Willie and James to school and voted for Fred Fowke as MP. In the afternoon got N. Lyle's mower and cut the corn sown where the turnips failed to grow. Not much of a crop. Rain came on before I got it cut. Medicine man called. Mrs. A. Gordon called in the evening. Drove to Greenbank in the evening to hear the election news, which proved to be very bitter to take as Smith is elected by a large majority and the government completely snowed under on the reciprocity question.⁴³

22 – Dull foggy morning but turned out a fine day. At Norman Phair's helping to fill his silo and got all the corn in by about 4:30; Mr. Walkers machine and W. Taylor's engine. Willie and James at school. Jennie went to meet Annie. Smith has a big blow out at Port Perry tonight but did not go to it.

23 – A beautiful day and very warm. Digging potatoes all day; the children picking them up. Jessie Bell and Annie went for the mail in the evening.

24 – A fine day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Bob Ledingham was present. John Michie and wife here for supper.

⁴¹ Frederick Luther Fowke (1857-1939) Liberal representative of Ontario South in the House of Commons from 1908-1911.

⁴² Burning stones – farmers would build a fire around large rocks until they cracked into pieces they were able to draw away.

⁴³ The reciprocity question most probably referred to setting up free trade with the United States.

25 – Rain through the night and morning. Drove Annie to High School. Went by the east road and did not get home until nearly dinner. Digging potatoes alone in the afternoon. Jessie Bell went up for the mail. Willie and James at school.

26 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Jessie up to Gordon's for dinner and the afternoon. Mrs. Mark called in the evening. Willie and James at school.

27 – A rainy day most of the forenoon so the boys did not go to school. Swept out the grainery and plowed in the afternoon. Jennie and Jess making dress for Jennie. At Guild meeting in the evening; about 30 out; Mr. McKay leader. Laura Baird and I took the topic.

28 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Jennie and Jessie making dress.

29 – Rain through the night from the E and drizzly most of the day. At Phair's threshing (Milton Stone's machine) and finished about 3:30, then moved to Jim Lee's. Jennie drove Jessie Bell to Port Perry on her way home and brought home Annie. Boys at school. Preparatory services in the church but did not get to it. Jennie Gordon seriously ill.

30 – A very fine day. Threshing at Jim Lee's and finished about 10, then they moved to the Whetter place which Phair's work this year and we finished there at dark. Edna Gordon and baby Gordon here in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie called.

OCT. 1 – Rain all forenoon from the E. Jennie went up to see Jennie Gordon who is some better. At communion at Greenbank; Mr. McKay preached. On account of the rain there was a small attendance.

2 – A fine day. Scuffled strawberries etc. while Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry High School and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, finished digging potatoes. Boys at school.

3 – Picking apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, then drew in the 2 loads of buckwheat. Mrs. Mark and Jean Michie called. In the afternoon helping Jim Lee to draw and thresh his buckwheat but they did not get started to thresh until about 4 pm and rain came on and made things bad so the job is not finished. Boys at school.

4 – Heavy rain through the night with thunder. Went over and helped Jim Lee to thresh the rest of the buckwheat that was got in yesterday and then the machine moved to John Michie's. They went by the 10th concession to the side road and up to John's. Threshed there from 11:30 until near dark. Edna and baby Gordon here in the afternoon. Boys at school.

5 – A very fine day. Threshing at John Michie's and finished about 9:30. They then moved here and finished about 4:30. They had got about half way between our gate and E. Lyle's when engine broke down and they left the whole outfit on the road. It will likely take two days to get it repaired. Boys at school.

6 – Plowing until about 11 when it started to rain from the SE. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. It rained heavy all the time which turned to snow (the first of the season); a miserable

day. Went over the new bridge for the first time. Jennie making clothes for James. Boys at school and got wet on their way home.

7 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie making suit for James. Annie went for the mail.

8 – A very fine day. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Jas. Lee and wife called in the evening. A beautiful moonlit night.

9 – A very fine day. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry while I picked apples. Helping Jim Lee in the afternoon to draw in his buckwheat and finished about 4:30. Richard Cragg called. He is going on a crutch having hurt his ankle by falling from an apple tree. Jennie down to John Michie's. At church managers meeting in the evening. A beautiful night. Boys at school.

10 – A very fine warm day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. Boys at school.

11 – Rain through the night. Picking apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon took load of apples to evaporator at Port Perry. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Greenbank. Boys at school. At prayer meeting in the evening.

12 – A fine day. With Jennie's help packed 4 barrels of apples for Mrs. Laidlaw, Winnipeg, and picked apples in the afternoon. We shook the Ben Davis apples as they were badly bruised with hail. Boys at school.

13 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon while Jennie washed and churned. Both at Port Perry in the afternoon with load of apples to evaporator and brought Annie home. Boys at school.

14 – A very fine day. All day at Jim Lee's helping him to draw in corn.

15 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Laura Baird played the organ, 1st time. In the evening all went to church at Port Perry; Mr. Cameron preached. Left Annie at Port Perry.

16 – A very fine day, foggy in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Picking apples in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Boys at school.

17 – Went to Port Perry in the morning with load of apples for evaporator; 42 bags, 3300 lbs. at 45 cts per 100 lbs. Rain started when I got unloaded and rained all the way home and all afternoon and evening. Boys at school. Jennie went after them in the rain.

18 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Rev. Mr. McKay and wife called on their way to Jas. Lee's about 5 pm. Willie at school. James not very well in the morning. All at social evening in the church; a pretty good turnout and went off all right.

19 – A beautiful day. Plowing sod all day. Tax collector, Crozier, called. Boys at school.

20 – A fine day. Foggy in the morning. Plowing until about 2:30 when I went to Port Perry for Annie. Jennie finishing her new dress.

21 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Annie laying around sick all day.

22 – All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Very dull in church and rain came on when we got out and on the way home.

23 – Some little rain flurries in the afternoon. Plowing sod all day. Boys at school. Annie not well enough to go to High School. Jennie making dress for Annie.

24 – A little rain in the morning but a fine day. Plowing sod all day. Boys at school. Annie at home, some better, but not fit to go to High School.

25 – A fine day. With Jennie's help took in the potatoes (2 heaping full waggon boxes). After dinner Mrs. Jas. Lee came over and I drove over to Lee's for a load of turnips that Jim gave me. Annie went with me. Then drew in corn. In the evening, with Annie, went to prayer meeting, about 20 out; Mr. McKay leader. Boys at school.

26 – A fine day. With Jennie's help drew in the rest of the corn in the forenoon. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Children topping turnips. No school as there is a teachers convention.

27 – Ground white with snow in the morning and pretty cool all day. Finished plowing sod and then at potato ground and buck-wheat. Boys taking in wood pile. Jennie washing.

28 – Hard frost in the morning and pretty cool all day. Went with Annie and Willie to Jim Lee's and brought home the Fanny colt which has been pasturing there during the summer. Then got John Michie's horse rake and raked up the late corn which was cut over a month ago and drew it in after dinner, Jennie helping. Then topped turnips. Annie at Gordon's. Willie up for the mail.

29 – Somewhat cool all day. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached a Thanksgiving sermon.

30 – Thanksgiving day. All hands started about 9:30 am for Columbus. Roads good, but it was rather a raw ride. Got to James Smith's about 12 and got dinner and stayed until about 4:30 (saw and heard Jessie Smith's new piano), then drove to W. Kerr's at Brooklin and stayed until about 6:30 when we all went to the W.F.M.S. social in the Presbyterian church. There was a full house and a splendid supper. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Mr. Stephens of Toronto and he did fine. His subject was British Columbia. A singer and a reciter from Toronto were also there. I did not think much of the singer but the reciter was good. Then went back to James Smith's. A very dark and rainy night. Annie Mason and children were there also. Norman Lyle did the chores while we were away. Annie stayed all night at Kerr's to take the morning train to Port Perry school.

31 – Rain through the night. Annie Mason started for home by the morning train and we started about 9. A dull foggy day and very raw which grew worse as we got near home until it was raining which continued through the afternoon. Got home about noon. Did some odd jobs in the afternoon.

NOV. 1 – A hard frost in the morning. Topping turnips and finished. In the afternoon raked up the tops and drew two loads to cover the strawberry patch. In the evening Jennie went to prayer meeting. Snowing from the east.

2 – Cold wintery day; ground covered with about 3 inches of snow which did not thaw any all day. Went over to Jim Lee's in the morning and got 2 little pigs. Norman Lyle called in and stayed for dinner. Plowing in the afternoon awhile. Boys at school.

3 – Some warmer and the snow nearly all gone by night. Drew off the turnip tops in the forenoon and spread some of them while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

4 – Hard frost in the morning. Drew out straw for strawberries and then harrowed up turnips and got in 5 loads; Jennie and children helping. Very poor crop. John Michie called.

5 – A fine day but dull. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

6 – Jennie took Annie to Port Perry school while I finished spreading the covering on strawberry patch, then went to John Michie's for load of turnips. Went for another load after dinner. Then, with Jennie's help, drew in 5 loads of Greystone turnips. It was raining all the time and we worked until about 3:30. By that time we had got pretty well soaked. Boys at school. They got wet on the way home.

7 – Rain several times during the day, especially in the forenoon. With Jennie's help drew in 7 loads of turnips (5 load of Greystones) which finishes the job. 17 loads in all, the poorest crop ever grown on the place as far as I can remember. Plowing in the afternoon. Boys at school.

8 – Plowing all day. Boys went to school but came home again as Miss Watson is sick and not able to teach. Jennie went for dinner to Mrs. Walker's and stayed for women's missionary meeting.

9 – A fine day. Threshing at E. Lyle's in the forenoon, then plowing until about 4, when the machine (W. Taylor's) moved to Norman Lyle's and threshed there until dark. Boys at school. Jennie house cleaning parlour and downstairs bedrooms.

10 – Heavy rain through the night and morning. Threshing at Norman Lyle's and finished about 2 pm when I went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. Jennie visiting at C. Gordon's in the afternoon.

11 – A fine mild day. Plowing all day in the orchard principally. Put up parlour stove at noon. Thunder shower about 10:30.

12 – Heavy rain through the night and all forenoon. All at SS and church. Drove up in the face of a snowstorm. Not many at SS; Mr. McKay preached. C. McKague gave solo. Colder towards night and freezing.

13 – Very high cold wind through the night and most of the day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and did several little jobs in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning kitchen. Willie at school and Mission Band. Things frozen up hard.

14 – Some warmer. Drawing manure on next years strawberry patch. Jennie washing. Boys at school. E. Lyle got the lend of waggon. Snowing a little in the evening.

15 – Snow through the night, about 3 inches. Did nothing but the chores as I was somewhat on the sick list. Willie at school. Mrs. John Michie and little Jean here in the afternoon. Jennie at prayer meeting in the evening.

16 – Colder. Did not get out of bed until about 10 and not out of the house all day. Completely used up. Jennie did the chores. Norman Lyle came in and stayed for dinner. Willie at school.

17 – Rather a bad day. Completely laid up with lumbago or something, not able to turn in bed. John Michie called on his way to Greenbank and in the afternoon they left Jean here while they went to Port Perry. They brought Annie home. A very stormy afternoon.

18 – Another rather bad day. Snowing and raining a good part of the time. Not able to turn myself in bed. Jennie doing the chores. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here in the afternoon.

19 – John Michie's rig took children to Sunday School while I and Jennie had to stay at home as I was hardly able to walk alone. This is the first time I have been absent for over 8 years.

20 – Mild day. John Michie drove Annie to Port Perry and Willie went to school. Not able to do anything all day. Norman Lyle, Jim Lee and J.M. Real called to see me. Willie reports a small school as there is measles in many houses.

21 – Mrs. Mark came up and stayed with me while Jennie went to Port Perry and saw the Dr and he came out about 4 o'clock and pronounces my trouble inflammatory rheumatism in a mild form. Mr. E. Boe called to see me. School closed on account of measles.

22 – A beautiful morning and cold. John Michie called. He came up to milk heifer that has just come in and is a very bad kicker. Norman Lyle called in the evening and then Willie and Alex Mitchell and stayed until about 10. Willie went to Greenbank for mail.

23 – Not so cold. Rain and sleet in the afternoon. John Michie came up to milk the heifer. Tom Watson of Epsom who, with others, are overhauling Luke's stables called for bread.

24 – Fine day. Thawing and colder. Not able to be out. John Michie went for Annie. R. Cragg and wife called on their way home from Port Perry.

25 – Snowy and rough. Robert Akhurst called and stayed for dinner. Mrs. A. Gordon and Mr. McKay called.

26 – A very fine day. Annie and Willie sick with measles and James was the only one out to SS and church. He went up with Mrs. Mark. John Michie and mother and Jim Lee and wife called after church and Albert Akhurst and wife in the evening.

27 – Thawing. Annie in bed all day. Barbara Walker came and stayed all night and J.M. Real called.

28 – Rain in the forenoon. Willie and Annie sick with measles. Barbara Walker stayed all day. Mr. S. Henry called. Sandy Mitchell here all afternoon and Jim Lee called. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon which was very dull and foggy.

29 – Colder and very fine day. Barbara Walker washed in the forenoon and Jennie drove her home in the afternoon. Annie some better. Willie has the measles out well today.

30 – Cold day. E. Jamison and another man called and talked up telephone. Willie in bed all day. Annie able to be up.

DEC. 1 – Colder and snowing some. J. Michie came up and cleaned out the pig house and put on the storm windows. Mr. Boe called. Think I am a wee bit better. Norman Lyle called.

2 – Blustery day. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Do not think I am quite so well today but was able to shave myself.

3 – A fine day. James was again the only one able to go to SS and church. He went up with John Michie.

4 – Snowing a little. Had a bad night and legs worse today. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. After 1 o'clock before she got home. Topsy horse ran away in the evening but came back again.

5 – A fine day. Feeling quite a bit better. Jennie killed 2 chickens and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Mr. Grose of Raglan called just before dinner but did not stay for dinner. John Michie called on his way home from the mill and his horses nearly ran away. Maggie Miller died this morning.

6 – A very fine day. Put in the best night since laid up. J.M. and Stanley Real called in the morning and Mrs. Jas. Lee in the afternoon. John Michie brought us a load of coal from Port Perry. It was dark before he got here. James in bed all day with measles but they have not come out much yet.

7 – A beautiful mild day. Jennie got the grates in the stove and started coal fire. R. Cragg called to talk school teachers. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and Irene called.

8 – A very fine day. James put in a pretty bad night and was in bed all day. Jas. Blair Jr., Maggie Blair and Edith Blair called and John Michie and his mother called. Was outdoors a few minutes for the first time. Felt some better but very weak. Maggie Miller buried today.

9 – Rain through the night and thawing all day and lots of mud. James in bed all day. John Michie called before dinner and Alex Gordon about 4 pm. He reports Arthur, Jennie and Bessie sick with the measles. Jennie cooking. Fleet Beare is having a birthday party today.

10 – Mild day. Jas. Lee called in the forenoon. James in bed all day. Annie and Willie went up with John Michie to SS and church. Rev. Mr. McCullah preached a Bible Society sermon.

11 – Thawing and raining nearly all day. Had a bad night with right foot. Could not put it to the ground. Annie's birthday (12 years old). John Michie drove her to Port Perry to High School but

they consulted Dr. Barry. He did not think it advisable for her to start so soon after having the measles so she came home again. James out of bed. This the general Provincial election day. The candidates here are Calder and Sinclair. Was not able to get out to vote the first time that I remember since I ever had a vote. [margin note - Sinclair elected].

12 – Dull mild day. Foot better. John Michie called in the morning. Have not heard all day how the election went.

13 – A very fine mild day. Ground covered with snow in the morning but all away before night. Ernest Phair called before dinner. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's. Mark went up with her. J.M. Real called when she was away.

14 – Another mild day. Feeling a little better but weak. Jennie killed 3 chickens in the forenoon and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie went with her. R.T. Harrington called and Willie Mitchell and stayed all night.

15 – Mild day, snow on ground. Jennie and Willie Mitchell took down and cleaned kitchen stovepipes to try to get better draught for coal which does not burn well. John Lee and Mrs. Jas. Lee called before dinner. Willie Mitchell went over to Jim Lee's in the afternoon and hired with him for two weeks. John Love called about 5 pm and stayed and talked until about 9. Feeling a little better today.

16 – Wind from the E and some more snow and almost rain. Willie Mitchell went with the waggon to Peter Leask's and brought his trunk here. He went to Port Perry in the afternoon and to Greenbank in the evening. Norman Lyle called and stayed most of the afternoon.

17 – A fine day. Willie Mitchell and the children at SS and church. Mr. Wilkie, returned missionary to India, preached a long sermon.

18 – Colder. Willie Mitchell drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning and went to work for Jim Lee in the afternoon. Ernest Phair brought us over some wood for the box stove. Went up as far as the barn today, the first time in nearly five weeks.

19 – A fine day. James Smith came a little after noon and stayed overnight. Feeling a little better but very slow. Had a great talk with Jas. Smith.

20 – A beautiful clear and sharp day. John Michie and little Jean called in the forenoon and J. Smith went down with him but came back in time for dinner and started for home about 1 pm taking the gramophone for a school concert at Dryden's where Jessie Smith is teaching. J.M. Real called before dinner and Richard Cragg after and gave me the news of hiring the new school teachers; Miss Tool and Miss Warren. Rev. Mr. McKay called and Willie rode up part way to Greenbank with him for the mail. Cecil and Hugh Leask also called.

21 – Raw E wind which turned to a little rain drizzle in the afternoon. Willie Mitchell came over from Jim Lee's and went to Port Perry in the afternoon, this being Christmas fair day. Did not get home until about 11 pm.

22 – Foggy in the morning and rain in the afternoon. W. Mitchell came from Jim Lee's after dinner as it was too wet to work. Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry for Annie. Mrs. John Michie called. In the evening W. Mitchell and Annie and Willie went to Christmas tree in church. They report a fine time; a good crowd although a dark night. My class made me a present of a purse and \$6.00.

23 – Colder day. W. Mitchell at Jim Lee's in the afternoon. Did not get up in time in the morning. John Michie took 10 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got them ground. Got out as far as the barn. Children got catching gloves from Aunt Jess.

24 – A fine day. All but me at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

25 – A very fine day. All hands went down to John Michie's for Christmas dinner. W. O'Neill and Nellie were there also. Stayed the afternoon and for supper and came home in the evening. J.M. Real appears to have called while we were away.

26 – A raw E wind most of the day. Jennie washing. John Michie called. Went up as far as the barn. W. Mitchell went to Jas. Lee's.

27 – Albert Akhurst and John Michie came and killed a pig for us. Pretty rough in the afternoon. Snow flurries often. Jack Beare's windmill blown down. Annual SS meeting but no one from here.

28 – Rough cold wintery day, high NW wind and drifting. Jennie busy cooking and cutting up the pig. Norman Lyle called in the afternoon, W. Mitchell in the evening.

29 – Colder, down to near zero in the evening. Went in the cutter with W. Mitchell in the afternoon to Greenbank for the mail. Called at John Lee's. Jennie making head cheese. Had to take the fields most of the way up to the 11th concession.

30 – Somewhat raw E wind. Willie Mitchell hitched up the sleigh and got a load of dry wood from A. Akhurst. In the afternoon went with W. Mitchell to Port Perry. Pretty good sleighing.

31 – At SS and church with W. Mitchell, Annie and Willie. Election of teachers in SS. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Rain in the afternoon but colder again at night.

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JAN. 1 – A fine day and some cold. John Michie, wife and Jean and Mrs. Mark here for dinner and tea. In the afternoon went up with John to vote for councillors. Voted for Alex Leask for reeve; McIntyre for deputy and John Stone for council. (All elected). Willie Mitchell went to Methodist church concert in the evening.

2 – A very fine day. After dinner drove over with W. Mitchell to Jim Lee's to see about wood but he was not at home. Edna and Annie Gordon called and then our Annie went up with them. Russell and Henry Thomas here playing with Willie. Jennie making me a nightgown.

3 – A fine day. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry and I went with them and then by train to Brooklin. Got dinner at W. Kerr's and Willie Smith came over after me. Willie at school. 2 new teachers.

4 – At Jas. Smith's all day. At prayer meeting at Brooklin with J.S. Mrs. Mark here helping Jennie to sew.

5 – Went with Jas. Smith to Oshawa with the buggy and went through the McLaughlin works. A very cold day coming back. Mrs. Mark here helping Jennie. W. Mitchell went to Port Perry for Annie.

6 – Cold, down below zero. W. Mitchell at Port Perry.

7 – Very cold day. At Brooklin SS and church; Mr. Haig preached. G. and W. Holliday sang duet. This is communion at Wick but no one from here at it or at the meeting in the evening.

8 – Took train at Brooklin for home. W. Mitchell drove Annie to Port Perry and I drove the rig home while he stayed at Port Perry to look for a job. Willie at school.

9 – A very stormy day especially in the evening. Snow drifting badly. Jennie washing.

10 – Very stormy; drifting from W and below zero nearly all day. Annual church meeting was to be tonight but it did not come off. Cut some wood in the woodshed; the first work that I have done since laid up.

11 – Very cold. Below zero all day. Helped some with the chores and helped to open out gaps. Jennie went for the mail in the afternoon.

12 – Below zero all day; 16 below in the morning; clear day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie.

13 – Cold and clear; 20 below zero in the morning and below all day. John Michie called in the morning. Went to Greenbank for mail in the afternoon with Annie and Willie. Willie Mitchell, who has been working at the new post office drain at Port Perry all the week, came back in the evening.

14 – A fine day. All at SS and church but Willie Mitchell. Mr. McKay preached. [margin note – Miss Baker takes poison].

15 – Cold day. Drove Annie to Port Perry and Willie Mitchell to work. Jennie washing. All afternoon trying to thaw out the house pump but did not succeed. John Michie brought load of wood.

16 – High wind and very cold through the night and all day; below zero most of the time. Trying all day to thaw out house pump but did not succeed. Charles Gordon's sale day. Did not see anyone except our own family.

17 – Milder day. John Michie came up in the forenoon and we took out part of the house pump and got it thawed out. He went to Gibson's mill in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats and got them home again. Willie went with him. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. Annual church meeting tonight but did not go.

18 – Raining a little most of the day and the snow going. Willie at school. Helping at the chores.

19 – Colder again and drifting. Willie started for school but got into water and wet his feet and came back. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie.

20 – Fine day. Cut some wood in the forenoon and went to Greenbank for the mail in the afternoon. Called at R. Cragg's and saw for the first time the new school teachers.

21 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. The choir had a meeting and chose Mona Leask as leader for this year.

22 – A nice mild day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and just got home when Mr. and Mrs. W. McMillan and Mrs. George Michie and her two children came in the sleigh and had dinner. Jennie went with them as far as A. Akhurst's (whose mother is very unwell) and to John Michie's. Just before dark William Smith came with team and sleigh and stayed all night. He is come for a load of timber for Mr. Groat of Brooklin. The timber is the old barns that stood over the swamp what we used to call hard-scrabble. Willie at school.

23 – Some snow through the night and a little sprinkle most of the day. Got some colder at night. Willie Smith left about 10 am. Willie at school. Jennie cut her finger when cutting a fish. Skating carnival at Greenbank.

24 – A fine day. Jennie washing. Willie at school. Did chores.

25 – Cold; 16 below zero in the morning. Willie at school. Topsy colt ran over to Phair's. I went over as far as Jim Lee's and bought some wood. Topsy kicked Jim Lee's dog. John Michie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for some coal for us but he could not get anything but pea coal so he took what he got home for his own use.

26 – Very cold; 20 below in the morning. Went over and had a visit with Norman Lyle in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie.

27 – Another clear cold day; below zero most of the time. Sprayed cattle in the forenoon for lice. Went with Annie to Greenbank in the afternoon for mail.

28 – A fine day. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mona Leask sang solo. When we got home Willie Mitchell was here. He had walked out from Port Perry. He was here all night.

29 – 16th anniversary of our wedding. Snow from the E, then hail and almost rain. Drove Annie and W. Mitchell to Port Perry in the morning. At church managers meeting in the evening. W.H. Leask chosen chairman; R. Michie, sec; Jas. Leask, envelope sec.; Alex Leask, treasurer. Charles Gordon moved to post office at Scugog Island today.

30 – Snowing a little in the forenoon. Willie at school.

31 – Somewhat cold and drifting some from the NW. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon and got ½ ton of coal. Could not get more as there is a coal famine. Willie at school.

FEB. 1 – A very fine day. Willie did not go to school as he has a cold. Spent the forenoon in visiting Isaac O'Neill and John Michie. W. Mitchell came up from Port Perry just at dinner time and in the afternoon we drew three loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Snow pretty deep in swamp.

2 – A fine day. Helped W. Mitchell to draw 3 loads of wood from Jim Lee's. Jennie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Willie Mitchell went over to Jas. Leask's to see his brother Alex. Farmers Institute at Greenbank but did not go.

3 – Cold day. Sharpened buck saw for Ed Lyle and helped Willie Mitchell to draw wood from Jim Lee's. Edna and Annie Gordon here playing.

4 – Pretty cold drifting day. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh (the first time for years). Mr. McKay preached. McKague bros. and W.H. Leask and wife gave a quartet.

5- Cold day. Drove Annie and Willie Mitchell to Port Perry (broke the road on the way). There was nothing doing at the post office drain so W.M. engaged with Carnegie Bros. to get timber in the bush. Willie and James in bed all day with the cold. Jennie making dress for Annie.

6 – Snowing a little most of the day. Did little but the chores. James in bed all day. Willie not at school, had bad earache in the evening. W. Phoenix called assessing. We had just got to bed when James took earache and we worked with him about 2 hours before he got asleep.

7 – John Michie came up for Jennie about 4 o'clock in the morning and about 7 a girl baby was born to them⁴⁴. Dr. Mellow of Saintfield was in attendance. Jennie came home about 10 and went back again in the afternoon. James better and able to be up. Snowing and blowing from the SW. Cleaned the separator.

8 – Cold and stormy in the afternoon. Drove Willie to school and went on to Greenbank for the mail, the first we have had since Friday. Jennie washing, baking and ironing.

9 – Cold; 8 below zero in the morning. Drove Willie to school and then Jennie drove down to John Michie's and helped to wash and clean up. Then in the afternoon, while it was 4 below and blowing and drifting from the NW, she went to Port Perry for Annie.

10 – Coldest yet; somewhere about 26 below zero in the morning and never higher than about 10 below all day. Did the chores and had a hard job to keep warm in the house. Jennie making dress for Annie. Jim Lee called in the forenoon on his way to John Michie's.

11 – Below zero in the forenoon and a fine day. Annie and Willie went down to John Michie's to see the baby. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay spoke on church union. C. McKague gave a solo.

12 – Cold; 8 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Pretty good roads. Jennie washing. She went down to John Michie's in the afternoon and washed for them. John here in the afternoon sharpening saws for Jim Lee.

13 – A beautiful clear day and not so cold. Willie at school. In the afternoon took 10 bags of oats to Gibson's mill but did not get them home.

14 – A very fine day. Went for a load of wood to Jim Lee's in the forenoon and tarred the small apple trees as the wild rabbits are barking them. In the afternoon drove by way of Gibson's mill (and got the meal) with Jennie and James to Greenbank. Jennie went to the F.M.S. meeting and I to session meeting. Willie at school.

15 – A fine day and mild. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's. Cleaned out pig house in the afternoon. Willie at school. Ed Ward's sale this afternoon.

16 – Fine mild day and almost thawing. Jennie went down to John Michie's to help wash. She then went to Port Perry for Annie. Cut some wood in the afternoon. Willie at school.

17 – A fine mild day and thawing a little. Willie at W. Thomas'. All the rest at W. McMillan's at Saintfield principally to see Mrs. G.W. Michie who is leaving for her home in the NW in a few weeks. Roads pretty bad with pitch holes. Got home about 6 pm.

18 – A fine day and mild; thawing a little. Annie, Willie and James down to John Michie's in the forenoon to see the baby. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached again on church union. Had a tip out in our own field on the way home.

19 – A nice day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and buck sawed wood. Jennie washing. In the evening at church managers meeting. A special meeting to consider the manse question. Decided not to go any further than the first offer. Willie at school and Mission Band. Mrs. T. Guller died in Uxbridge. Thawing.

20 – Colder with raw NW wind. Drew home 4 loads of wood from A. Akhurst's. James sick most of the day. Peter Leask called to get his axe that has been here for some time. Willie at school.

21 – A terrible day of snow and wind from the E. Went to Port Perry in the morning to see the Dr. about James who was sick all night. The Dr. did not come out but I went as far as W. [Tunamons?] about 5 o'clock and telephoned to him how he was doing. He seems to be some better.

22 – High wind all night but in the morning it was from the NW which blew a gale all day; drifting badly and colder. All roads blocked; no trains. Norman Lyle here most of the afternoon. James in bed all day and quite a bit better.

⁴⁴ Mary RUTH Michie, b. 7 Feb. 1912, d. 15 Mar. 1990.

23 – Much warmer and calm. Shovelled out the gaps and called in to see Mrs. Akhurst in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. James better. No trains today. Roads very heavy.

24 – Mild day; thawing some. Cutting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon at W. Petty's sale which went off pretty well. Willie at school. Annie at Gordon's. Jennie remaking Annie's dress. Railway trains again in the afternoon.

25 – A mild thawing day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Best of Beaverton preached.

26 – Snow from the E then hail. About 2 pm there was a peal of thunder, a very strange thing as just before it was snowing and drifting. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie. Willie at school. James sick again. Wick anniversary tonight.

27 – Another very rough cold day and drifting from the NW all day. Not much doing. Jennie making pants for the boys. James better.

28 – A fine day. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon Mrs. Mark was here getting a waist made. I went up to Greenbank in the forenoon and cut some wood in the afternoon. In the evening at meeting at church to consider church union but only 4 were there; Mr. McKay, Jas. Miller, Alex Leask and I, so we had a little talk and came home. Alex Gordon, S. Dusty and W. Petty made a three cornered move today. Also 3 weddings: Ethel McDonald, Donald McArthur and Jennie Clyde.

29 – A beautiful day. James was bad again through the night and Jennie took him out to the Dr. who says it is appendicitis. Drew the last of the wood which I bought from A. Akhurst. Alex Mitchell came about 4 pm. He has left Jim Leask's for good and is planning to start for the NW next week. John Michie and all the family at Jim Lee's for supper and Mrs. G. Michie called here in the evening looking for Mrs. Mark. A beautiful evening.

MAR. 1 – A beautiful day. Cut some wood in the forenoon while A. Mitchell went over with the sleigh to James Leask's for his trunk. At Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Jennie baking. James in bed all day. He appears to be some better but he was bad for a short time last night.

2 – About zero in the morning and sharp all day. Cut some wood in the forenoon. A. Mitchell went for the mail in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. James in bed all day and Jennie stayed at home with him. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and Alex Mitchell. Mr. McKay preached. W. Mitchell came at noon from Carnegie's camp and then went over to see Roy Bryant and stayed with W. O'Neill all night.

4 – About 12 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and waiting until noon for Mary Bell and Gordon; the train being very late on account of snow. In the afternoon went for ½ ton of coal. Willie at school. James out of bed in the afternoon. W. and Alex Mitchell came in the evening and stayed all night. Willie has hired with Joe Burton to manage his farm for \$37.00 per month and Alex is going to Griswold.

5 – Below zero in the morning and a bright day. W. Mitchell and Alex took A. M.'s trunk to Seagrave and put it on Roy Bryant's car bound for Manitoba. Willie Mitchell stayed on the way back at P. Leask's. Willie at school. Spent most of the afternoon writing up church books.

6 – Below zero in the morning. Drove Willie and Alex Mitchell to Port Perry in the sleigh on their way to Manitoba. Went down and visited Mrs. John Michie and I. O'Neill. While I was away Hugh Leask came for 3 sacks of potatoes and Rev. Mr. McKay called. Willie at school.

7 – A beautiful day and thawing some. Cutting wood most of the day. John Michie called and Mrs. Mark to get waist fitted. James had several short pains during the day. Willie at school. Jennie sewing.

8 – A very fine day; snowing a little in the evening. Cutting wood in the forenoon and at preparatory service in the church in the afternoon; Mr. McKay preached. I then drove to Port Perry for Annie. Willie at school. Mrs. Mark here for dinner getting her waist finished.

9 – Colder and drifting from the NW. Split wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Willie, took 10 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got them home again. We tried to go by the 10th concession and got as far as Whetter's barn but had to turn back and we went through by Weston Phoenix's and round by Greenbank. Roads pretty heavy. Irene O'Neill here getting a pinnie made.

10 – A very fine day. At communion at Greenbank with Jennie and Willie. A pretty good turnout; Mr. McKay preached.

11 – A very fine day and thawing some. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school and making some clothes for Mary Bell. At the wood pile all day. Willie at school.

12 – Snow during the night and forenoon. At the wood most of the day. Jennie making waist for Mary Bell. Willie at school.

13 – A very fine day. At the wood most of the day. Jennie and Mary Bell sewing. Willie at school. George Love's sale today. In the evening at session meeting to count the ballots on church union. The result was 97 for union and 9 against.

14 – A fine day and thawing some. At the wood. Jennie making dress for Mary Bell. Willie at school.

15 – Snow through the night and all day from the E. A terrible day of snow. I think more snow than anytime all winter. Jennie and Mary Bell dressmaking. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Roads very heavy.

16 – A fine day. Cut some wood in the forenoon and went for the mail in the afternoon. Jennie and Mary Bell dressmaking.

17 – A very fine day and thawing a little. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh. James Lee and Ida here for tea also Herb and George Bratley, who stayed all night.

18 – Snow settled quite a lot during the night and thawing all day. Hitched up the sleigh and took Mary Bell and Gordon and Herb

and George Bratley to Port Perry on their way home and Annie to school. Cleaned out calf pens. Jennie cutting mat rags.

19 – A fine day and thawing a good deal. At the wood pile. Jennie washing. Willie at school.

20 – Colder in the morning but a fine day. Cutting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with the sleigh for coal and got 1500 lbs. Willie at school and Mission Band.

21 – Snowing and drifting most of the day from the E especially in the forenoon. Helped Jennie to pick over and bag up potatoes in the cellar.

22 – Somewhat rough and cold. Drove Willie to school and went on to Greenbank. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie.

23 – A mild day and thawing a little. At the wood pile part of the day. Jennie making a pinnie for Irene O'Neill who was here most of the day. Annie at Alex Gordon's. W. Phoenix and William Love called to get me to sign a quit claim deed of the old school site west of Greenbank.

24 – A very fine day but pretty cold. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh); Mr. McKay preached on 'not to worry'. Jennie at Mrs. Walker's during church time.

25 – A very fine day and thawing a little in the afternoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and brought George Lane home for dinner. Jennie and James visiting at John Michie's in the afternoon. Willie at school. Cutting wood in the afternoon.

26 – A fine morning; snowing in the afternoon. Took 11 bags of potatoes to W. Money, Port Perry, and got \$1.50 per bag. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called and bought 2 pigs. Willie at school.

27 – A fine day. Drove Willie to school and went on to Greenbank expecting to bring down Barbara Walker but she was not very well so did not come. Went to Gibson's mill in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. At guild in the evening and took the topic with Allie Dusty. Jennie making dress for Annie.

28 – Thawing fast all day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with two hogs and got \$7.75 per 100. In the afternoon went to Port Perry for Annie. Willie at school. Jennie half sick with cold in head.

29 – Colder in the morning but thawing later. Pruning apple trees in the forenoon. Went to Greenbank for mail after dinner.

30 – Thawing some. Rain in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached on foreign missions. Decided to hold a SS anniversary on May 24th.

APR. 1 – Frozen hard. Took Annie to Port Perry school (pretty good sleighing). James Lee came over in the afternoon and I sharpened his saw. Jennie washing. In the evening went to church managers meeting but only 4 turned out and no meeting was held. Brought Barbara Walker home with me. Snowing in the evening. Willie at school.

2 – Did not thaw very much all day. At the wood most all day. Jennie and Barbara Walker hooking mat. I went over to Jim Lee's for mat hook. Willie at school.

3 – Pretty cold day; thawed very little; snow many places higher than the fences. Went up to Sam Dusty's to get pair of shoes mended. Cutting wood rest of the day. Jennie and Barbara Walker hooking mat. Willie at school.

4 – Milder and thawing more. Cutting wood in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Mabel Bell came up from Brooklin on the morning train and came home with us. Jennie and Barbara Walker hooking mat. Drove Barbara home in the evening. Sleighing getting poor. Willie at school.

5 – Good Friday. The most spring-like day of the season and thawing fast all day. Finished cut wood pile in the forenoon and tapped some maple trees in the afternoon. Had to shovel the snow away from each tree. Jennie finished mat and churned.

6 – Another mild day and the snow going fast. Fixed the clock in the forenoon and let off some water in the afternoon. John Michie called in the forenoon. Annie and Mabel Bell making aprons.

7 – Easter Sunday. Rain through the night and until about 11 am when it snowed for awhile, then turned cold with a high NW wind. Nobody out to church on account of weather and roads. All went down to the swamp in the afternoon to see the water which is higher than I ever remember seeing.

8 – Cold day. Snow did not thaw very much all day. Went up to S. Dusty's for shoes but he had not mended them. I then went on to Greenbank for mail. Willie Petty tried to go to Port Perry but had to turn back on account of water over the road. Cutting threshing wood in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Mabel.

9 – Snow through the night and some through the forenoon. Went down to John Michie's and settled up with him for the year. Jennie making dresses for Mabel and Annie.

10 – Thawing some most of the day. Pruning apple trees. Jennie making dress for Mabel. Annie and Mabel went to Greenbank for the mail. Boiled maple sap (1st time) in the door yard. Jim Lee called.

11 – Snow in the night and morning which disappeared about noon. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Jennie dressmaking. Mrs. O'Neill, Clarence and Irene called in the forenoon and Mrs. John Michie and children and her Mary visiting here in the afternoon.

12 – A mild day and thawing. Finished pruning orchard in the forenoon and helping to dig snow on the road in the afternoon. Edna and Annie Gordon here playing.

13 – A fine day. Drew brush out of the orchard in the forenoon. Sharpened saws for Phair's and about 4 o'clock hitched up and started to plough strawberry land, the first work on the land that has been done in these parts as far as I know.

14 – Rain in the forenoon and most of the afternoon. At SS and church with Annie and Mabel Bell. Drove the buggy for the first time. Roads very bad. Mr. McKay preached.

15 – A fine day. A thunder shower during the night. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie and Mabel Bell on her way home. Roads very bad. Plowing in the afternoon. A. Akhurst came for setting of eggs. Jennie visiting at Jas. Lee's. Road washed out badly on hill. Thunder in the afternoon and evening but no rain here. [margin note: Steamer Titanic went down, 1635 lost].

16 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and planting potatoes in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie called.

17 – A fine day; frost in the morning. All day at raspberry bushes. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Mrs. McMillan's. Willie at school and Mission Band. A. Akhurst called for some eggs. Just got word of the terrible disaster; the loss of the Titanic.

18 – Heavy rain through the night; a dull day. At berry bushes all day. Norman called and I bought 3 bags of corn meal from him.

19 – A fine day; colder towards night. At berry bushes in the forenoon and letting off water in the afternoon. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry for Annie.

20 – Frost in the morning; a fine day. Took straw off strawberries. Willie and James at John Michie's. Annie not very well. Norman Lyle called in the evening.

21 – A fine spring-like day. Annie in bed all day with sore throat. Jennie, Willie and James at SS and church while I stayed home with Annie. Mr. McKay preached. James Lee and wife called in the evening.

22 – A spring day. Several small showers. Drew manure on garden and strawberry patch and plowed garden. Annie in bed all day. Willie at school.

23 – Snow through the night and very wintery. Willie at school. Annie laying around half sick. Plowed strawberry patch in the afternoon. In the evening Topsy mare sick and Jennie went up to Norman Phair's and telephoned to vet Coates. A. Akhurst came down. Coates got here about 10:30. He says a light touch of indigestion.

24 – Rather raw and cold. Did several small jobs in the forenoon and with Jennie's help cleaned up some seed oats in the afternoon. Willie at school.

25 – A very fine spring day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Cultivated in field N of barn in the afternoon. Willie at school. Alex Gordon and wife called in the evening.

26 – Took steer to Port Perry, Willie helping. Jennie and James came part way to meet us. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Rain in the afternoon.

27 – Cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon got N. Lyle's drill and sowed part of field N of barn (the first of the season). A high wind and got very cold towards night. Annie at W. Leask's practising for SS anniversary. James somewhat poorly.

28 – Frozen quite hard in the morning. James in bed all day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. Mr. McKay preached.

29 – A fairly fine day but pretty raw in the morning. James had rather a bad night. Drove Annie to Port Perry school then finished sowing field N of barn and harrowed it. James out of bed in the forenoon but back again in the afternoon and very sick. Willie at school. He appears to be taking the trouble Annie and James have had.

30 – A beautiful day and warm. Harrowing, cultivating and sowing. Jennie gardening. Willie and James in bed in the forenoon.

MAY 1 – A very fine warm day. Sowing and harrowing all day. Jennie walked to Greenbank and went with Ethel Miller and Mrs. J.M. Real to the Presbyterian W.F.M. at Uxbridge. She did not get home until about 9 pm. Mrs. Jas. Lee called with parcel from Eaton's.

2 – A fine day. Harrowing and cultivating. Jennie making Annie dress. Mrs. Alex Gordon called in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Cultivating in the forenoon and tying up berry bushes in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Mrs. A. Gordon went with her.

4 – A fine day. Sowed the SW field which finishes sowing for the season. Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail.

5 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church (Annie walked). Mr. McKay preached.

6 – A fine warm day; some rain through the night. Took Annie to Port Perry school in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Willie and James at school (first day for James this season). Jennie sewing and gardening.

7 – A fine warm day. Harrowing in the forenoon and cultivating strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Willie and James at school. Thunder in the evening but no rain here.

8 – A fine day. Drilled up and sowed mangolds where the strawberries were last year. Rolling hay field in the afternoon. Several thunder showers went round but only a few drops here. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at J.M. Real's. Willie and James at school. Mr. Akhurst brought the first beef of the season. D. Cragg and wife called for some berry bushes. Jennie at Gordon's for dinner.

9 – Rain through the night and in the afternoon. Sowed grass seed, cleaned out drain that was blocked, took off storm windows and other jobs. Jennie washing. Willie and James at school. Mrs. Alex Gordon, Arthur Gordon and Olive Real here in the evening for a bag of apples.

10 – A beautiful day. Went down to I. O'Neill's and got 12 apple trees and planted them and in the afternoon, with Jennie, went to Port Perry for Annie. Willie and James at school and anniversary practice.

11 – Warm and a little drizzle in the afternoon. Rolled the field N of barn and Willie and Annie rolled most of the field W of house in

the afternoon. Jennie making white dress for Mabel Bell. Planted more potatoes in the orchard.

12 - All hands at SS and church; Rev. Mr. Edmonson, Home Mission Superintendent, gave a rousing address. Rain in the forenoon and on the way home from church.

13 - Drove Annie to Port Perry and met J.M. Real and arranged for printing anniversary bills. Rain a little most of the forenoon and getting colder. About the middle of the afternoon it turned to snow. A decidedly bad day. Jennie sewing. Willie and James at school.

14 - Frost in the morning but turned out a very fine day. Planting strawberries. Jennie digging plants. Got 13 rows planted. Willie and James at school.

15 - A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and then planted strawberries; Jennie digging the plants, and finished the job; 24 rows. Willie and James at school and Mission Band. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the evening while John was at choir practice.

16 - Drew out 4 loads of manure when it started to rain from the E and continued until about noon. The high wind blew over 2 places of the fence by the road which had to be fixed. Then at the manure. Jennie washing. Willie and James at school.

17 - Rain all day until about 4 pm. Not much doing. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Norman called in the afternoon.

18 - A fine day; some thunder in the afternoon but very little rain here. Drilled up and planted potatoes, Willie and James helping, and planted corn in the little plot near the barn pump. Jennie making Annie white dress. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the afternoon to anniversary practice.

19 - Quite cool day. All hands at SS and anniversary service. Rev. Mr. Symington of Beaverton preached; a good turnout; children sang. At church in the evening with Willie. Mr. S. preached again; a splendid sermon and a packed house. Annie Leask and Miss Ferguson of Sonya; Wes Real; John Whiteford and Fred McKague helped the choir. John Michie left his girls here while he and wife were at church.

20 - Heavy rain through the night and until about 9. Took big pig to Port Perry. Annie went with me but she was late as we were waiting for the rain to quit. Heavy rain with thunder again started about 3 pm. Things terribly soaked now. Jennie housecleaning the downstairs bedrooms.

21 - Rain again through the night and almost without ceasing until about 4 pm. Things terribly soaked. Pulled down fence E of the orchard. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Norman Lyle came over for a visit and stayed for dinner.

22 - Drove Willie and James to school and went on to Greenbank. It started to rain before I got to the school and continued all forenoon. Water running and standing everywhere. In the afternoon drew off the fence E of the orchard. Jennie washing.

23 - A fine warm day and no rain. Ploughed where the fence was E of the orchard in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Eva and Gertie Henry came home with us. Mrs. John Michie and Jennie Gordon called. Willie and James at school.

24 - A great deal of thunder through the night but not much rain here. The afternoon turned out fine with high NW wind. Planted potatoes on place where fence stood E of orchard in the forenoon and in the afternoon all at SS anniversary; a fairly good turnout. Those that took part were the Leask trio; Fred McKague; Charlie Rennie; Miss Tool and Miss Buch. Proceeds \$115.00.

25 - A beautiful day. Scuffled raspberries and strawberries and hoed. Mr. Henry called and took his girls home. Jennie and Willie down to John Michie's. After social tonight but did not go.

26 - A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Annie went with A. Akhurst. Mr. McKay preached.

27 - Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Drew out manure in the afternoon. John Michie came for the drill to sow his mangolds. Mrs. A. Gordon made a hurry call for eggs. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Thunder shower between 6 and 7.

28 - Drawing out manure in the forenoon. After dinner Fly mare had a colt. I went down and got John Michie's Lark and got one load out when a heavy thunder shower came on and another still heavier about an hour later. John Michie and wife left their children here while they went to Port Perry. Jennie housecleaning. Willie and James at school. James Lee called in the evening.

29 - Got one load of manure out in the mud when it started to rain from the NE and I got pretty well wet. The rain continued more or less (mostly more) all day and the ground is one mud puddle; water running everywhere. Jennie over to James Lee's to see Mrs. Lee who is unwell. Boys not at school.

30 - Heavy rains through the night; cleared up in the morning and turned out a fine day. Spent most of the forenoon letting off water and plowed in the afternoon; pretty muddy. Jennie housecleaning.

31 - A beautiful day. Drew out 3 loads of manure and then plowed until 3 when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Jennie washing. Willie and James at school.

JUNE 1 - A very fine day and warm. Finished plowing corn land and harrowed it. Jennie cleaning cellar. John Michie called.

2 - All hands at SS and church. A Mr. Groves (I think) gave an address for the Ontario Alliance. Rain about 12 and off and on all afternoon and evening.

3 - Rain through the night. Scuffled potatoes in the orchard and cultivated corn land and in the afternoon got N. Lyle's drill and sowed corn. Took John Michie's horse home. Jennie papering big room upstairs. This is the King's birthday and there is no school. Big time at Port Perry.

4 - A fine cool day. No rain. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and hoed strawberries. Jennie churning and sewing. Willie and James at school.

5 – A fine day and quite cool. Scuffled and hoed nearly all day. Jennie at quilting at Mrs. Walker's at Greenbank. Willie and James at school.

6 – Rain the fore part of the forenoon. Did some small jobs. Drew out manure for turnips in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Boys not at school.

7 – Rain in the morning; afterwards a fine day and quite cool. Drew out manure until 3 pm when I went to Port Perry for Annie. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

8 – A fine cool day. Drawing out manure all day. Willie and James at W. Thomas' in the afternoon.

9 – A fine day and quite cool. All at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Cameron of Port Perry preached. All over at Jas. Lee's in the evening. Abe Cragg and wife were there.

10 – A fine cool day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school, then drew out manure until dinner. Plowing in the afternoon. Willie and James at school. Norman Cragg buried today.

11 – A fine day; the warmest for some time. Plowing turnip land. Boys at school.

12 – A fine day. Harrowing turnip land in the forenoon and drilling up in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Moved the stove out in the evening. Jim Lee called.

13 – A fine day and quite cool. Drilled up in the forenoon and sowed turnips in the afternoon. Run out of seed and got some more from N. Lyle. Jennie housecleaning the kitchen. Boys at school.

14 – A very fine day. Drew out manure until 3 pm when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Jennie finished cleaning kitchen. Boys at school.

15 – Drawing out manure in the forenoon in a drizzling rain most of the time and finished the job. Plowing awhile in the afternoon until rain came on in earnest and continued until night. Children went down to John Michie's with hen and chickens and got wet coming home.

16 – A fine day; the most summer-like day for some time. Mrs. J. Michie called to get advice about her baby who is not very well. All hands at SS. No church service as Mr. McKay has not yet returned from the assembly. Willie, James and I went to Baptist church; Jennie to Methodist SS and Annie went to A. Gordon's. All down to J. Michie's in the evening. Jas. Lee and Ida were there also.

17 – A fine day and cool. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and plowed the rest of the day. Jennie washing, oiling the kitchen floor and visited at A. Akhurst's. Boys at school.

18 – A fine day and very cool. Harrowing and drilling for turnips until about 3:30 when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie who came home as the room is needed for entrance exams. Florence Lee came with them and stayed for supper. Finished hoeing man-golds. Les Lamb and wife and boy George here for dinner. Mrs. John Michie called in the evening.

19 – A fine day and cool. Went for the beef in the morning, then finished drilling and sowing the turnips. Boys at school. Annie at public school on a visit. All the children at Mission Band. Mr. Grose of Raglan here for dinner.

20 – A very fine day and a little warmer. Plowing all day for buckwheat. Jennie sewing. Boys at school. Albert Akhurst called in the evening.

21 – A beautiful day and a little warmer. Plowing and harrowing all day. Boys at school. Jennie making dress. Annie took chickens down to J. Michie's. Sidney here in the evening.

22 – A beautiful day and warm. Spent the forenoon with Annie and Willie planting corn where there is gaps and many there are. Scuffling in the afternoon. In the evening went with Annie and Willie to Greenbank. Jennie making dress. Willie Leask went under an operation and is in a critical condition.

23 – A very fine day. All at SS and church. Mr. McKay gave an account of his trip to Edmonton to the assembly meeting. James Lee and wife here for supper. Sidney Canning here in the evening.

24 – The warmest day of the season. At road work all day. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry. Willie and James at school. The last day for James before the holidays. Jennie drove to see Mrs. R. Somerville who is very ill. Norman Lyle and Sidney Canning here in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. At road work in the forenoon and cultivating buckwheat land in the afternoon. Jennie washing and after dinner she went to D. Cragg's and S. Dusty's looking for strawberry pickers. She got to Cragg's just before the marriage of Luella Cragg to a man named Donald Duff from New Ontario. She got supper at S. Dusty's. Young [Turner or Thurner?], the Jew, called. Willie at school. Frank Dobson's barn raising today.

26 – A very fine day. Took Fanny colt to E. Lyle's for pasture. Sowed, harrowed and rolled buckwheat and fixed fence along the road. Jennie sewing. Willie at school. Had the first strawberries of the season for dinner.

27 – A beautiful day. Hoeing all day. Jennie and James picked strawberries and Jennie took them to Port Perry (the 1st) and brought Annie home, the school being closed for holidays. Willie at school. Mrs. J. Michie called in the evening. Willie A. Leask died this morning.

28 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Hoeing and fixing line fence in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Willie A. Leask's funeral. A very big turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. Willie at school and got promoted to the Sen. 2nd class. Mrs. Gordon and Edna called in the evening.

29 – A fine day and warm and dry. Scuffled the corn in the forenoon while Jennie and the children picked strawberries. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with berries but sold them all to Mrs. Thummins. Jennie and Annie at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie and Bessie Gordon called, also W. Petty.

30 – A beautiful day and quite cool. All at SS. Jennie went to see Henry Love who is very ill; the rest to the Methodist SS anniversary services. Revs. Mr. McKay, Forde and Jordon of Stouffville were the speakers. George Fowlie and Mary Lamb here for supper.

JULY 1 – A beautiful day. Paris greened potatoes in orchard and picked berries. Jennie and the children; Mrs. O'Neill; Clarence; Irene and Billy Lewis at the berries. Mrs. John Michie and boy Empringham at them for a little while. W. Real; Mrs. G. Baird; Ray Dusty; and Willie Hill called for berries. After dinner went to Greenbank and got James Miller's waggon and then took 4 crates of berries to Port Perry to ship to Peterborough. Methodist SS anniversary but did not go. Edna and Annie Gordon here most of the day.

2 – Another very dry warm day with no sign of rain. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 pigs (the only ones on the place) and bought an old horse rake for \$5.00. Out again in the afternoon with berries. Annie went with me. Maud Cragg; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Mame Dusty; Minney Lyle and Sidney Canning picking berries. Jennie preserving. Jas. Dusty came for Annie and Mame as their mother was taken suddenly ill.

3 – Another warm day; some thunder to the north but no rain here. Hoed corn while Jennie; Maud Cragg; Vera Cragg; Mrs. Les Lamb and children; and Mr. McClintock of Manchester; Jennie Gordon; Mrs. Akhurst; Sidney Canning were picking berries. Finished picking at noon. I then went to Greenbank for the mail and bread. Henry Thomas and Laura here playing. Mr. Hatley and another young man came for berries for Wick festival tomorrow night.

4 – Hoed corn and finished at noon. Jennie washing. At about 2 o'clock a heavy thunder storm set in which drenched things pretty well and it was badly needed. N. Lyle; E. Lyle and John Michie came for a feed of strawberries. A lot of thunder to the north in the evening but no more rain here. Mr. Blake Cragg and Mrs. W. and A. Boe called for berries but did not get any; and Mr. Raines for to see about berries for festival at Saintfield but I did not promise him any. E. Lyle, A. Akhurst and Mr. Hope, agent for the Fagen home, called to get a feed of berries.

5 – A big day at the strawberries. Mrs. Van Ness, son and daughter; Maud Cragg; Vera Cragg; Mrs. Gordon and Jennie; Sidney Canning; Mame Dusty; Mrs. Akhurst picking and several called for berries. Went to Greenbank with a crate and to Port Perry with a load. A big thunder storm came on about 2 o'clock and stopped the picking.

6 – A fine day and very warm but no rain. Picked a few boxes of berries and went to Port Perry with 2 crates, one for Peterborough and one to Mr. Brock. Mr. Gordon; Mrs. Akhurst; Mame Dusty and Sidney Canning finished picking the berry patch. I then drove them home with their berries. Stemming berries in the afternoon while Jennie preserved them. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the afternoon picking. Mr. Swanick came for berries about 5:30. Went to Greenbank with the children in the evening. John Michie called in the evening.

7 – Another warm day. All hands at SS and church. J.M. Real took my class while I acted as superintendant. Rather small turnout. Mr. McKay preached.

8 – A very warm day. Heavy thunder to the N about 2 pm and all the afternoon but no rain here. Strawberry picking was the order of the day. Maggie Blair; Maud Cragg; Vera Cragg; Mame Dusty; Mrs. Gordon and Bessie; Mrs. A. Akhurst; Sidney Canning; Olive and Florence Lee and others picking and finished about 2:30. Quite a number called for berries including a man for the 1200 boxes for the Pinedale party. Went to Port Perry with berries. Willie and James went with me. In the evening drove Maggie Blair home and went to the church for managers meeting but only 4 were out and no meeting. Saintfield berry festival tonight.

9 – Very warm; a splash of a shower about 2 and thunder showers locally most of the day. Scuffling nearly all day, potatoes, turnips and corn. Jennie picking and preserving berries. Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. O'Leary called and got berries and Mr. McCullah and Mrs. McDonald did not get any.

10 – Another very warm day with heavy thunder around most of the day. A shower about 3 and again about 7. Hoeing turnips part of the time. Mrs. P. Leask here for berries. Maud Cragg picked some for herself. Jennie and Annie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. A Mr. Shaw selling lightning rods called and stayed during the storm. Then Amos Rodd came about berries. Mr. Mark Howsam brought back the berry crates from the Pinedale and Wick strawberry festivals. Mrs. D. Cragg brought us some rhubarb.

11 – A fine day and some cooler. Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Mame Dusty; Jennie and Bessie Gordon; and Sidney Canning picking strawberries. John Rennie; --- Baird, and Mrs. Frank Dobson came for berries and after supper Jennie took some to Greenbank. About 9 o'clock Mrs. Wes Luke and [Perel?] Ewin from Sonya called.

12 – A cooler day. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry with berries while I hoed turnips. Jennie and Bessie Gordon; Mame Dusty; and Sidney Canning picking berries. In the afternoon at preparatory services in the church; a small attendance. John Michie got his baby girl baptized. Wilbert, James, Keith and Bella Lee joined the church. Rev. Mr. McCullah preached. A little shower just as the service was over. While I was at the meeting three men put lightning rods on the barn. They cost \$32.00. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here playing.

13 – Dull in the morning. Several showers in the afternoon. Hoeing turnips until the rain came on. Jennie doing housework. After early supper went with Willie and James for the empty berry crates. Annie at Akhurst's. Mrs. W. Real called for berries.

14 – A very fine day. At communion service at Wick with Jennie and James. Mr. McKay preached. Annie and Willie were at John Michie's. At church in the evening with Annie and Willie. Mrs. John M. left her children here while at church.

15 – Warm and close with thunder most of the day. About 3 a bad looking storm came up but there was only a few drops here. It then turned much cooler and the evening was quite chilly. Took James Miller's democrat home in the morning and hoed turnips the rest of

the day. Mrs. Gordon; Mrs. W. Luke; Jennie Gordon and Sid Canning picking berries. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Gordon stayed for dinner. Mame Dusty here all day helping Jennie to cook for the SS class supper in the evening which was quite a success, about 40 being here. They stayed until about 11:30. Those that were here were Peter Leask and wife; A. Akhurst and wife; J. Michie and wife; Nelson Baird and wife; George, Eva, Cecil, Hugh and Mona Leask; Stanley and Olive Real; James, Mame and Allie Dusty; James Lee; Laura Baird; Charles McKague; Ethel Miller; Lilly O'Neill; Willie Rennie and wife; Harry Guy; James Blair Jr.; Campbell and Minnie Stone; Roy McDonald; Donald McArthur and wife; Willie [Cafeley or Capeley?]; --- Baird.

16 – A very fine day. Scuffling in the forenoon. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning up after the party and picking berries. She went with Willie and Annie to Greenbank in the evening with some berries. Mrs. Jas. Lee here for tea.

17 – A beautiful day and not too warm. Turnip hoeing all day. Jennie picked some berries and went to Port Perry and sent them to Mary Bell at Brooklin. Annie at Mission Band in the afternoon. Jennie and children at John Michie's in the evening with the dishes she had at the class party.

18 – Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and scuffling mangolds and corn until rain came on about 3 o'clock. Jennie washing.

19 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips most of the day and scuffling. Jennie went with Mame Dusty to visit Mrs. Willie A. Leask.

20 – A fine day and somewhat dull. Paris greened potatoes in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon. At Port Perry in the evening. Jennie picking and preserving strawberries.

21 – Rain started about 4 am and a heavy downpour lasted until about 9. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

22 – A fine cool day. Hoeing turnips and finished the first time. Jennie washing. Annie at Greenbank for mail. Jennie and Bessie Gordon picking strawberries; about the last of them for the season. Mrs. John Michie also picking.

23 – A fine cool day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon and helping E. Lyle to cut his Alsace clover in the afternoon. Jennie picking and preserving cherries. Annie went for the mail. Sold Donald cow to Cawker. Boys took in a little firewood.

24 – A very fine cool day; somewhat dull in the morning. Went for the beef in the morning with Willie and James. Then got Norman Lyle's mower and cut the strawberry patch and half of the hay field. Jennie preserving cherries and picking black currants. Jennie and Annie at prayer meeting at Mrs. Walker's at Greenbank. Mr. Brown called wanting berries for the festival at Rodd's.

25 – Scuffled turnips 2nd time in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with the boys, turned hay and as we were hitching up to rake it up, it started to rain. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry and brought Margaret Bell of Winnipeg and Willie Bell of Brooklin.

26 – A fine day and cool. Went with the waggon to Port Perry for Margaret Bell's trunk. Willie went with me. Shook out hay and

raked it up, the boys helping. Jennie and Margaret picking and preserving cherries and black currants. N. Lyle cut his rye, the first harvest work that I know of.

27 – A very fine cool day. John Michie came up and helped to draw in the hay that was cut and finished at noon. Cut the rest in the afternoon with N. Lyle's mower. Annie at Akhurst's in the afternoon.

28 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. M. Bell; Annie and Willie walked. Mr. McKay preached. George Miller addressed the SS.

29 – Heavy thunder shower towards morning which soaked the hay that was cut. Took Donald cow to Port Perry in the morning. Willie drove down in the buggy. We expected to meet Jessie Bell but she did not come. Turning out hay in the afternoon while Willie raked what was drew in on Saturday. Margaret Bell went to Port Perry and got Jessie Bell on the 5:30 train.

30 – A beautiful day and cool. Scuffled turnips in the morning then raked up the hay and in the afternoon John Michie helped and drew in 7 loads which finishes the haying except rakings. Annie at Greenbank for mail and at Akhurst's. Jessie Bell dressmaking. R. Cragg called about school matters.

31 – Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon while Willie raked the last of the hay field. Drew it in after dinner, then scuffled corn and mangolds. A little shower about 6:30. Jennie, Jessie Bell, Margaret Bell and Mame Dusty picking berries for Baptist social.

AUG. 1 – A fine day. Plowed the old strawberry patch in the forenoon. Hoeing in the afternoon. Marg and Jess and Jennie picking berries and Jennie took 100 boxes to Greenbank for the Baptist social tonight. R.T. Harrington called after dinner selling things. Some local thunder showers going around but only a few drops here.

2 – A fine day. Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon and hoed corn in the afternoon. Jennie, Jessie, Marg and Mame Dusty picking berries. Jennie and James went to Port Perry with a crate of berries for Mrs. Lamb of Toronto. Mrs. R. Cragg and Wilnot called in the afternoon. A little rain about 1 pm.

3 – A fine cool day. Marg Bell drove Jessie B. to the morning train at Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. Scuffling turnips and hoeing corn and potatoes. Marg and Annie went for the mail in the afternoon. John Michie and wife went to Port Perry and left their children here while they were away and got their supper here on their way home. David Lyle of Uxbridge called.

4 – Some little showers. All hands at SS and church. Marg Bell; Annie and Willie walked and we were some late. Rev. Mr. Wesley of Sunderland preached, Mr. McKay being at Sunderland preaching. The pulpit vacant, Mr. W. is leaving. Willie and James got stung with wasps in the pasture field.

5 – A fine day and quite cool. Hoed most of the day cleaning out old strawberries. Jennie, Marg and Mary Dusty picking berries all

day. John Leask Jr. came for berries and stayed for supper. Mrs. Smith came for berries. Mr. W. Akhurst and Mr. Edwards called in the forenoon.

6 – A very fine day and a little warmer. Took 2 crates of berries to Port Perry to ship to Toronto and met sister Annie Black at the station. Hoeing strawberries the rest of the day. Annie B. and Marg Bell picking berries. Jennie and Annie B. at James Lee's in the evening. Roy O'Neill and wife called for to see about berries.

7 – A very fine day. Drove Marg Bell, Willie Bell and Annie to Port Perry to the train on their way to Newcastle. Marg, Jennie, Annie Black and Mame Dusty picking berries. Hoeing most of the day. Annie Black and Jessie B. at John Michie's for the afternoon. Jennie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening with berries. Mrs. W. Real called for berries. Annie Black got a letter from her home saying they had been hailed out badly.

8 – Rain through the night and all through the forenoon until about 1 o'clock. Did little but clean out the pig and hen house. Jennie and Annie Black went over to Willie O'Neill's for tea. When they came home John Leask was here for berries but did not get any. He took Annie Black home with him.

9 – Jas. Lee came after Jennie about 3:30 am and she came back for an hour or two then went back until the middle of the afternoon when she came home for awhile, when Jim came again in haste for her and she did not get home until morning. Mrs. Lee got a daughter. Mrs. Dusty and Mame picking berries in the afternoon. Spent most of the day fixing the fence on the concession. Some little showers in the afternoon and heavy rains in the evening.

10 – Fearful rain all through the night and everything very wet. Jennie came home from Jim Lee's and I drove over to James Leask's and got Annie Black. In the afternoon went to Greenbank and got 12 cement tiles for the road. Willie and James went with me. Went to Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Dusty and Mame here in the afternoon picking berries. Jennie and Annie B. picking and preserving berries. A little rain about 4:30.

11 – Rain most of the day off and on. We all got ready for church but it was raining about starting time so Jennie and James did not go. J.M. Real was not there so it fell to me to act as superintendent. There was a small attendance. Mr. McKay preached. Annie Black and Jessie B. went to Mrs. Walker's for the night. They are going to Mara tomorrow. Went over with Jennie and the boys to Jim Lee's in the evening and saw the new baby.

12 – Very little rain today. In the morning, with Willie, hunted up the cattle in Norman Lyle's swamp, then went down to J. Michie's and then picked berries. Afternoon went with John Michie to a bee to clean up the graveyard on the 12th concession. Those present were Jas. Leask; Jas. H. Leask; Peter Leask; Robbie Leask; Jas. Blair; Nelse Baird; W. Hall; John Michie; and I. and D. McArthur. Jennie; Mrs. S. Dusty; Mame Dusty and Mrs. A. Akhurst picking berries.

13 – A fine day and no rain. Went to Port Perry in the morning with berries, then scuffled turnips 3rd time and strawberries. Jennie washing and picking and preserving berries and getting up her

topic for the W.F.M. meeting which is to be held at Mrs. D. McDonald's tomorrow. Miss Gertie Stovin called in the evening for berries but did not get any. E. Lyle threshing his Alsace clover.

14 – A very fine day. Got up at 4 am and drove Jennie to Port Perry on her way to excursion to Niagara Falls. She is to join Annie, Margaret Bell, Mabel Bell and Helen and Douglas Patton at Brooklin. Willie and James went with me to Port Perry. Hoed turnips in the forenoon. Mame Dusty here until after dinner. In the afternoon, with horse, was helping John Michie to cut oats. The boys were there also. Just as we were started to John's a man called and got dinner. He says he was looking for work.

15 – A very fine day. Helping John Michie to cut from 9 to 5, then went to Port Perry for Jennie, Margaret Bell and Annie. Mame Dusty here all day picking berries and Mrs. Dusty in the afternoon. Drove Mame Dusty home after I got home from Port Perry. Annie and Jessie came from the north.

16 – A beautiful day. John Michie came up in the morning with his binder and cut the field N of the barn and finished about 4 pm. He then went to Jim Lee's. Jennie drove Annie and Jessie Black to Archie Black's on Scugog. Marg picking berries. Boys down at John Michie's.

17 – Hoeing turnips, 2nd time, all day. Started to rain about 6:30 pm. Marg making dress for Mary Patton. Annie went for the mail. Boys at John Michie's after supper.

18 – Rain through the night and some in the afternoon. All but Marg at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. Russell Wallace of Toronto sang a solo.

19 – A fine day and harvesting going on all around. Hoeing turnips, 2nd time, and finished the job. Jennie and Marg Bell picking berries and dressmaking. Annie and Willie at Mission Band.

20 – A very foggy morning and harvesting was late in starting. John Michie came up with horse and cut the SW field while I shocked it up. Marg Bell dressmaking.

21 – A very fine day though somewhat dull. John Michie came up and we cut the field W of house and finished about 3:30. We then went down to John's and cut until about 7. Marg Bell dressmaking. Annie at Akhurst's. Willie went for the mail.

22 – A little rain in the morning. Helped John Michie at cutting oats from 9 to 5 and he finished cutting. Jennie and Annie started for Port Perry about 4 pm but discovered that 5 cattle had got out of the swamp field so they drove around to John's and after getting supper, Annie came home while Jennie and I went on the hunt. We found them over near Tim Cragg's house and 2 in Phair's pasture. Rain came on while on the road and we took shelter in Jim Lee's barn. Marg Bell milked the cows. Willie at John's during the rain.

23 – Several quite heavy showers and cool. Hoeing strawberries all day and finished. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Marg Bell dressmaking.

24 – Not so bad looking in the morning but there was rain before noon and after. Harrowed old strawberry patch. In the afternoon went to Greenbank for the mail and while there a heavy thunder shower passed over while I took shelter in the hall shed. Took the stove in from the woodshed.

25 – A high wind during the night and a fine day and no rain. All at SS and church. Marg and Annie walked. Mr. Mann of Woodville preached. Marg stayed at J.M. Real's for tea and Willie and I went for her after supper. Jennie, Annie and James at Jas. Lee's and I went for them after.

26 – Spent most of the day setting up oat shocks and many of them were growing. Got done about 3 o'clock and at 5 a terrific thunder storm came up with a very high wind which blew them all over again and blew down one of the maple trees between the house and barn. It was very dark at supper time and the lamp was lit. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the afternoon getting a dress fitted.

27 – A very fine cool day and no rain. Set up shocks again. Trimmed up the tree blown down yesterday. Reconstructed piece of line fence and other things. Jennie and Marg down to John Michie's making dress for Mrs. M. Annie at Greenbank for the mail.

28 – Went for the beef in the morning. Willie went with me. We then drew in 2 little loads of oats (the first of the season) but it was in poor order. After dinner Jennie, Margaret Bell and Annie went to Port Perry. While they were away it started a fine drizzle of rain. When they came home we drew in one more load while it was raining. Willie and James at W. Thomas' playing. Marg packing up to start for Winnipeg tomorrow.

29 – A very fine day and no rain. Got up early and took Margaret Bell to the morning train at Port Perry on her way back to Winnipeg. Then finished hoeing strawberries. After dinner threw out some oat shocks and went over to Jim Lee's to offer him help to draw in but he thought it was not very fit so I came home and with the boys help drew in 3 little loads. Edna and Annie Gordon, Marie Akhurst, Laura Thomas and Gertie Phoenix here playing.

30 – A beautiful day. James Lee helping all day to draw in oats. Annie went for the mail and did not get home until after six and there was word from Jessie Bell saying she was coming on the six train. I started to go to Port Perry for her but met her in the swamp walking. Jennie making pants for Willie.

31 – A little rain through the night and morning. Went over to Jim Lee's to draw in but it was not fit so I went to Port Perry for Jessie Bell's trunk. At Jim Lee's in the afternoon drawing in.

SEPT. 1 – Thunder shower about 3 am and again about 6 and more later on. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

2 – Foggy and warm. Heavy thunder shower about 11:30 and a little rain in the afternoon. Set up oat shocks in the forenoon while Willie raked the field W of the house. Put in the tile across the road about directly west of our house in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. S. Henry of Port Perry came and stayed for

tea. Annie at S. Dusty's and went to Port Perry with Mr. Henry to start High School tomorrow. Jess Bell making coat. Jennie washing and churning.

3 – Got up early and Jessie Bell drove Jennie, the boys and I to Port Perry to the morning train on our way to Toronto fair. Got to the grounds about 10:30 and stayed until the fireworks at night, then by car to Mrs. Jas. Mason's and stayed all night. Big crowds and a great show. The Scots Guards band and Bessos of the Barn band was the chief attraction in the music line. The Siege of Delphi was shown at night. No rain but threatening most of the day.

4 – Jennie and the boys stayed at Mason's and about the city while I went to the fair. Met them at Eaton's at 4 o'clock and I and the boys came home while Jennie stayed. Jessie Bell met us at Port Perry.

5 – Jim Lee came over in the morning to see about drawing in. Threw out the shocks in the SW field in the forenoon and helped Jim Lee to draw in in the afternoon. Just as we got off the last load about 6:15 a thunder storm started and there was quite a rain and much lightning.

6 – Very warm and thunder between 4 and 5 pm but no rain here. Scuffled the strawberries in the forenoon and in the afternoon set up the sheaves that I threw out yesterday. In the evening went to Port Perry for Jennie and Annie. Young Jessie Bell who came up from Brooklin on the morning train also came with us. Mrs. Ralph Somerville died.

7 – A beautiful cool day with drying NW wind and no rain; the finest day for quite awhile. Plowing most of the day. After supper drew in a load of oats. Willie burst the load. Annie and Jessie Bell Jr. went for the mail.

8 – A very fine day. At SS with Jennie, Annie and Jessie Bell Jr. James did not go as he was not very well. Mrs. Ralph Somerville's funeral was held. There was a large turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. In the evening I drove Annie to Port Perry for school tomorrow and attended the Presbyterian service which was held in the basement as they are painting the church. Rev. Mr. Richards, a retired Methodist minister, preached and a good sermon it was.

9 – Another very fine day. Jim Lee came over and helped to draw in the last of the oats. Finished about 2 pm. I then went over and helped him to finish about 6 o'clock. Jennie and Jessie Bell Jr. at Greenbank in the afternoon. Boys at school.

10 – A fine day and very warm. Raked part of SW field and drew it in which finishes harvest. Plowing in the afternoon. Jessie Bell dressmaking. Boys at school. Jennie washing.

11 – A little rain in the morning but soon cleared up and a fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Jessie Bell Jr. at missionary meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's; a quilt on hand. Boys at school.

12 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jessie Bell Jr. went for the mail. Boys at school. Mrs. John Michie called in the afternoon.

13 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Intended to go to A. Akhurst's threshing in the afternoon but did not hear the whistle so did not go but hoed strawberries while Jennie and Jessie Bell Jr. went to Port Perry for Annie. This is Port Perry fair. Jennie, Annie and Jessie Bell Jr. at Jim Lee's in the evening.

14 – A beautiful day. Threshing at A. Akhurst's in the forenoon and about an hour after, then at Norman Lyle's (W. Taylor's machine). Jessie Bell and Jennie dressmaking.

15 – At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, James and Jessie Bell Jr. Rained most of the way going and about all the time while there and heavily while coming home. Mr. McKay preached. Willie did not go as he was not very well.

16 – A very fine day. Threshing at Norman Lyle's in the forenoon and at James S. Lee's in the afternoon and finished him. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school. Boys at school. Willie at Mission Band practice.

17 – A fine day. Cut track round corn in the morning and plowed awhile then Norman Lyle came with his corn binder and cut a little before dinner. Finished in the afternoon, then drew some of it to the fence side. Boys at school. Jessie Bell Jr. went down to John Michie's for bread.

18 – Rain in the early morning. Plowing all day. Mrs. A. Gordon and Jennie Gordon here for tea. Boys at school. John Michie came with beef. He was at the beef ring meeting last night and drew No. 3. The ring to start on the 3rd week in May next year.

19 – Heavy thunder shower about 5 in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon and drawing off corn in the afternoon. Boys at school. Willie came home covered with the hives. Jessie Bell Jr. at Gordon's for bread.

20 – A little rain through the night. Plowing in the morning, then Jennie took Jessie Bell Jr. to Port Perry on her way home and brought Annie home. Then in the afternoon went with Jennie and Annie to preparatory service in the church; Rev. G. Millar of P.E.I. preached. Mrs. [Oxatley?] joined by certificate. After the Mission Band held a meeting. James at school. Willie not very well.

21 – A fine day. Drawing corn in the forenoon and finished the job. In the afternoon got N. Lyle's mower and with Jennie's help cut the buckwheat which appears to be a pretty good crop. Edna Gordon here for supper.

22 – Went with Jennie to communion service at Greenbank. A pretty good turnout; Mr. McKay preached. Heavy rain started about 5:30 and continued through the evening.

23 – A terrible rain through the night. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie to school and met Lizzie Perrin on the train and brought her home. In the afternoon, with John Michie, helped Norman Lyle to cut the buckwheat and corn that we bought from him. The mower was almost mired in the mud some places. Boys at school. Jessie Bell dressmaking. A very fine evening.

24 – Rain through the night and all day. It kept up a sort of a fine drizzle from the S. Plowed until about 11 by which time I was

getting pretty wet. Cleaned out pig house and grainery in the afternoon. Norman Lyle called for a visit. Boys at school. Jennie went after them.

25 – Drove Lizzie Perrin to morning train at Port Perry. Water over the concession almost up to the front axle of the buggy. Plowing the rest of the day. Boys at school. Jessie Bell making lining for Jennie's fur coat.

26 – Plowing all day. Rain about 8 in the morning. Boys started to school but turned back when the rain came on. Jessie Bell making silk dress for Jennie.

27 – A fine day and no rain. Plowed until 3 pm when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and took Jessie Bell's trunk. Turned the buckwheat which was growing where it lay on the ground. Boys at school. Jessie Bell making Jennie's dress.

28 – Dull all day and almost at the point of raining anytime and started about 6 pm and drizzled through the evening. Drove Jessie Bell to Port Perry in the morning to the train on her way home to Rochester. Willie and Annie harrowed the field west of the house twice over. Dug the early potatoes in the orchard and Jennie and the children helped to pick them up; about 20 bags; a good crop.

29 – Rain most of the night but turned out a fine day but pretty cool. All hands at SS and church. Children's day service.

30 – Rain about 11 and some in the afternoon and evening. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and then went to Manchester with road list. Called at Les Lamb's. Digging potatoes in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Cutting off green corn for canning in the evening.

OCT. 1 – Rain off and on all night but turned out a fine day but pretty cool. Plowing in the forenoon and digging potatoes, Jennie helping. Got in about 20 bags, good crop. Jennie making bread, chili sauce and canning corn. Boys at school.

2 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping, and got in 31 bags which finishes the job; a very good crop. Boys at school. Mr. David Lyle of Uxbridge called.

3 – A fine day with a little rain about 5 pm. Scuffled strawberries and turned buckwheat in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Finished the SW field. John Michie called. Jennie making pickles. Boys at school.

4 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew home the corn that grew among the buckwheat at Norman Lyle's and cut what was left of the corn near the barn pump. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

5 – A beautiful warm day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in some buckwheat but did not finish. Annie at Akhurst's. Henry Thomas here in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie left Jean here while she went to Greenbank.

6 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. All at Port Perry in the evening and at Presbyterian church; a stranger preached. Their church looks very nice being newly painted inside. We left Annie at Port Perry for school.

7 – A very fine day with high NW wind. With Jennie's help drew in the last of the buckwheat in the forenoon. In the afternoon John Michie helped me to draw over the buckwheat which we bought from Norman Lyle (2 little loads). Mrs. John and children also here. At church managers meeting in the evening. All were present. The Wick manse question was up, no action taken. Boys at school.

8 – A very fine day. At the mangolds all day and got them all in; 8 loads. Jennie washing. Boys at school. About 8 pm. Rev. W.A. McKay came and stayed all night.

9 – Mr. McKay left for Jim Lee's about 9 am. Plowing the rest of the forenoon. Rain started about noon and continued all afternoon. Jennie intended to go to W.F.M. meeting but the rain stopped her, but she went to meet the boys at school. Throwing back mangolds in the root house.

10 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. No school; teachers convention at Port Perry. A. Akhurst brought Annie home from school. Jennie and children picked up the down apples. R.T. Harrington here for dinner. He was taking orders for different articles.

11 – A dull day and threatening rain several times. Went to Greenbank in the morning to get the buggy wheel fixed but did not get it done, then plowed until about 11 when I went to E. Lyle's and helped to thresh until dark (W. Taylor's machine). Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought out Jessie Smith who had been attending the teachers convention.

12 – Very heavy thunder shower between 1 and 2 am. A very high wind most of the day. Threshing at E. Lyle's and finished about 9:30, then at Sam Dusty's. The high wind made it almost impossible to make a straw stack; thought they would have to quit. Jennie, Annie and Jessie Smith at Greenbank in the afternoon.

13 – Cool and a little rain about 12:30. All at SS and church. I walked. Annie went with A. Akhurst and Jennie, Willie, James and Jessie Smith in the buggy. A Mr. Best, a student, preached a very good sermon. John Michie, wife and children here for tea.

14 – A beautiful day. Took Annie and Jessie Smith to Port Perry in the morning. Got home and just hitched up to plow when Norman Lyle came over and wanted me to go for him to W. Thomas' threshing so I threshed from about 10 am until 6 pm. Boys at school. Jennie making dress for herself.

15 – A very fine day but quite cool. Threshing at W. Thomas' and finished a little before 5 pm. Jennie at quilting bee at E. Lyle's. Boys at school.

16 – A beautiful day. Quite a hard frost in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon and picking up fallen apples in the afternoon. Boys at school. Mrs. John Michie brought her baby and left her here while she went to Port Perry.

17 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with a load of apples to the evaporator and in the afternoon, with Jennie, picked and packed 3 barrels of apples for Winnipeg. In the evening at school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's. Engaged Miss Toole

again until next midsummer at the rate of \$600.00 and Miss Warren for a year for \$450.00. A beautiful evening. Boys at school.

18 – A very fine day. Picking apples with Jennie in the forenoon and in the afternoon took them to the evaporator. Jennie went with me. Brought Annie home. Boys at school. Rain in the evening.

19 – Rain through the night. A fine day. Plowing mangold and potato ground. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Children at W. Thomas'.

20 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Kenney here in the evening. [Note: prior to this in the diary Robert noted Sidney's last name as being Canning].

21 – A beautiful Indian summer day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning. Drew out manure the rest of the day. Boys at school.

22 – Plowing in the forenoon and a little while after dinner. A little drizzle of rain most of the afternoon and evening. Picked over some of the potatoes in the cellar as there is a great deal of rotten potatoes this fall. We only found about half a dozen in an hour picking. Boys at school. Jennie went down to John Michie's.

23 – Rain most of the night and until about 9 am; cool day. Plowing sod. Boys did not go to school. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. Got word that Rev. J.M. Cameron is dead.

24 – Plowing sod until about 10 am when a cold rain from the N came on and continued until about the middle of the afternoon. Plowed awhile after the rain ceased. Jennie making shirts for me and the boys. Boys at school.

25 – Dull day and threatening rain often and some drizzly mist. Plowing sod in the forenoon. Went to Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Boys at school. In the evening all hands at W.F.M. thank offering social in the church. A fairly good turnout; Rev. Mr. Rohold of the Toronto Jewish Mission gave a very interesting address and Andy McPhail of Uxbridge sang. \$28.75 was the proceeds.

26 – A fine day and no rain. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and the children, finished picking the apples.

27 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. James Lee and baby came in for tea and Jim came over for them later. Sidney Kenney here in the evening.

28 – Thanksgiving day which was spent by working all day. Plowing in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon, Jennie and the boys helping. Annie at A. Gordon's in the afternoon. The Methodist League have a chicken pie social.

29 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. At Phair's in the afternoon helping to draw corn. Jennie baking. Boys at school.

30 – Colder with high NW wind. Harrowed out turnips in the forenoon and drew in in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Got in 7

loads. Willie at school. James did not go as he has what appears to be a ringworm on his cheek.

31 – A very fine day. Drew in one load of turnips when John Michie brought word that the threshing machine was coming after dinner so I had to warn the hands while Jennie and James went to Port Perry for meat etc. She took James to the Dr. and got some stuff for the ringworm on his face. The machine came and started to thresh about 2:30 and worked until dark. James Blair Jr. stayed all night.

NOV. 1 – Rain through the night and until about 9 am so we could not thresh until then. Finished about 2 pm. They then started for John Michie's. They decided to go around by the 10th concession. They got along all right until going in John's lane when they got bogged in the mud twice and spent all afternoon getting out. Threshed about half an hour. Jennie and James went to Port Perry for Annie. She then came down to John's to help get the supper.

2 – A quite hard frost in the morning which did not thaw out all day. Threshing at John Michie's and finished about 4:30 pm. They then moved to Isaac O'Neill's. Jennie and the children were also there.

3 – Pretty cold day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Ground white with snow in the morning.

4 – Pretty cool day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning. Just got home when Mrs. Joyce of Sutton came and in the afternoon Jennie and her were visiting at John Michie's and Sam Dusty's. Willie at school. Drew in 7 loads of turnips alone. W. Whiteford came down with a made over democrat buggy which I bought for \$20.00.

5 – A very fine day. At the turnips all day; the boys helping all day and Jennie in the afternoon. Got in 12 loads. Mrs. Joyce left after dinner for Mrs. Phair's and Alex Gordon's. I drove her up to Mrs. Walker's in the evening. This is U.S. presidential election day. The candidates are Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson. [margin note: Wilson elected president of U.S.].

6 – At turnips, Jennie and the boys helping. Got in 9 loads. Rain came on about 3 pm and we had to quit. Rain in the evening and very dark.

7 – Rain through the night made the ground so wet that nothing could be done on the land. Filled in some washouts on the road hill and several other little jobs. Boys at school.

8 – Some frost in the morning. At the turnips; Jennie helping; and got in 8 loads which finished the job. Got done about 3 pm. I then drove to Port Perry for Annie. Water quite deep across concession. Boys at school.

9 – Rather a fine day. Plowing until about 3 when, with the boys, I went to Greenbank for the mail. Took W. Whiteford 2 bags of potatoes. Annie at A. Akhurst's.

10 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Ford of Baptist church preached on Bible Society work.

11 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school then scuffled strawberry patch. Jennie washing. Boys went to school but Miss Warren, their teacher, was sick so they came home again. In the afternoon, with Jennie and the boys help, drew in some of the corn.

12 – Drawing in corn in the morning, Jennie helping, and finished the job. Boys went to school but came home again as Miss Warren is still on the sick list. In the afternoon went to Mrs. Adam's sale on Lot 13 on the 7th concession. It started to rain a little before I got there and quite hard most of the time the sale was going on and all the way home. Came home by the 8th concession, a road I never travelled before. A pretty good turnout and cattle went high.

13 – Great rain through the night and off and on all day from the E; a very dull dreary day. Threw back the turnips in the root house and got the young cattle tied up. About 1 o'clock Clarence O'Neill came up to tell us that old Isaac had just died. I went down with him and with Marshall O'Neill, David Cragg and John Michie helped to lay him out. John Michie brought the mail.

14 – Clear in the morning but soon got dull and most of the afternoon it was sprinkling rain. Spreading straw on strawberry plants in the forenoon and drawing out more straw in the afternoon; boys helping. Jennie down to Mrs. O'Neill's in the forenoon.

15 – Pretty cold day. Spread the last of straw on strawberry patch in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, at Isaac O'Neill's funeral. Not a very large turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. Went to graveyard with John Michie while Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry for Annie. Freezing hard.

16 – Hard frost in the morning. Put on storm doors and windows. Children taking in firewood in the forenoon. Helping Jim Lee to draw in corn in the afternoon. Annie at Greenbank for mail.

17 – Pretty cold day and hailing a little sometimes. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

18 – Frost in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Plowing orchard in the afternoon. Jennie washing and down at John Michie's making a dress for Jean. Boys at school.

19 – A very fine day. Plowing sod (water pretty deep some places). Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. The Bell telephone men putting up poles on the road by this place.

20 – A very fine day. Plowing sod most of the day. After dinner went up to W. Thomas' and helped to raise the superstructure over his new pig house. Jennie at W.F.M.S. meeting at the church and stayed at Mrs. Walker's for the evening when I and the boys went to the guild meeting which was fairly well attended. After the meeting had a talk with Mr. McKay on the manse question. Boys at school.

21 – Another beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school.

22 – A beautiful day. Drove boys to school and Jennie as far as A. Gordon's and went on to Greenbank and got another seat put on

the democrat which took all forenoon. Plowed awhile after dinner and then drove to Port Perry for Annie.

23 – A fine day and somewhat raw. Plowing all day. Jennie half laid up with sore throat.

24 – Started to snow from the E and continued all day; a nasty day. Jennie did not go to church as she had a sore throat. All the rest there; Mr. McKay preached. A managers meeting after.

25 – Snow through the night and drifts with NW wind. Drove Annie to Port Perry school (roads very bad). Did not do much in the afternoon. Norman Lyle called and got 11 pullets and brought over a rooster. Boys did not go to school. A winter-like day.

26 – Boys at school. Did some little jobs in the forenoon and put tar paper around little apple trees in the afternoon. Jennie making pants for James. Norman Lyle called and got 4 hens.

27 – Cold day and snowing sometimes. Drove the boys to school and cleaned up the shop in the afternoon.

28 – A fine sharp day. Cleaned out hen and pig houses and a number of other little jobs. Willie at school. James did not go as he had a pain in his stomach. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill and Irene called. Jennie sewing.

29 – A fine day; some snow in the evening. Drew in what was left of the wood pile and did some other chores. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and took 3 sacks of potatoes to go to Mary Bell. Boys at school.

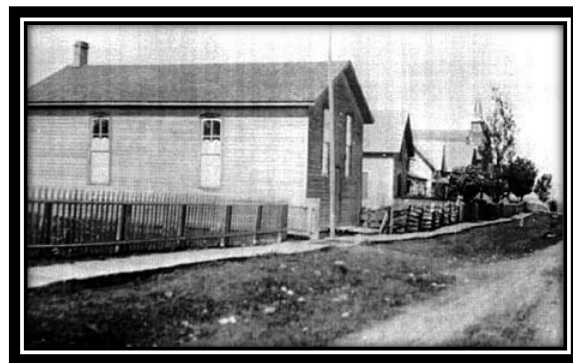
30 – Rather fine day. Cleaned out colt's pen and a few little jobs. After dinner the children went to W.H. Leask's to practice for the Christmas tree. They drove over in the cutter which is the first time they ever were away from home with a horse alone. Irene O'Neill came up and Jennie made her a dress (nearly). The telephone men put up the wires along our road today and Mrs. Phair, E. Lyle; A. Akhurst and John Michie got phones in.

DEC. 1 – A fine mild day; thawing a little. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

2 – Rain in the morning. Waited to see if it would cease but started late to Port Perry with Annie. Did some chores in the afternoon. In the evening (a very dark night) at special managers meeting in the church to again consider the manse question. John Herren and R. Baird were there from Wick. A settlement looks more probable. Did not get home until after 12. Irene O'Neill here in the afternoon and Jennie making her a dress.

3 – Some frost in the morning and a fine day. E. Lyle came down in the morning and wanted me to put in cement tile across the road near A. Akhurst's gate which he was to do as road work so I put them in. At farmers institute meeting in the Temperance Hall. Not many out. Professor Shaw was the speaker and was good. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

4 – A very fine mild day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Jennie sewing.



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5 – A beautiful mild day; a little frost in the morning. Plowing all day. Mary Dusty here getting Jennie to cut out a dress for her. Ethel Miller and Olive Lee called, they were collecting for the Bible Society. John Michie bought from James Lee a heifer for next year's beef ring for \$26.00. Boys at school.

6 – Plowed in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie while I walked to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Jennie and Bessie Gordon united with the church and James S. Lee's and Tom Claght's babies were baptized. Boys at school.

7 – A little snow on the ground in the morning and a little frost. Plowing most of the day. Some colder towards night.

8 – Mild in the morning but got very cold and rough with high NW wind. Went alone to communion at Wick. Not out at night on account of the rough night.

9 – Cold day with high NW wind. Drove Annie to Port Perry school (roads pretty rough). Cut down some dead trees in the orchard and drew them to the wood shed. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Norman Lyle here for dinner.

10 – Got up early and met Mary Dusty at the head of our road at 5 am and she drove Allie Dusty and I to Blackwater; then by train to Lindsay to attend conference on SS work. Was disappointed with result as there was so little time left to that end. R. Baird; Nellie Beaton and Mr. McKay were there from their congregations. Jim Dusty came to Blackwater for us (pretty dark night). Boys at school. High SW wind.

11 – A fine day. Went over in the morning to see Jim Lee, then S. Sleep came and stayed for dinner and bought old Ned cow. Bagged up 12 bags of oats and took them (on the waggon) to Gibson's mill but did not get it home. Took Jennie up to W.F.M. meeting at Jas. Miller's. This is the annual meeting. Mrs. R. Real was chosen president. John Michie and A. Akhurst just finished putting partitions across the church sheds. John Leask and wife moved today to James Blair's to spend the remainder of their days if they are content to stay there. Boys at school.

12 – Snowing some several times during the day. Went to Gibson's mill for the meal in the morning. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon with yarn for Mrs. Walker to knit. Boys at school.

13 – Snowing a little sometimes. Drove the boys to school and called at J.M. Real's. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie.

14 – A fine mild day. Spent the forenoon visiting Norman Lyle and Mrs. I. O'Neill. Jessie Michie called to see us. She, with her mother, returned from the NW yesterday. Edna Gordon and the children spent the forenoon skating on the pond in the swamp field. In the afternoon went with Willie to cow sale at Port Perry but did not buy any. Annie at Christmas tree practice in the church.

15 – A fine mild day; a little rain sometimes. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Dickie of Toronto preached.

16 – A fine day. Took Ned Bones cow to Seagrave. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry school and then drove to meet me. In the afternoon got 2 little pigs from John Michie and ground the axe. At managers meeting in the evening. Boys at school.

17 – Somewhat raw with E wind. Cutting wood for E. Lyle on the Luke place near the sideroad. Jennie at Alex Gordon's all day making the girls dresses. Boys at school.

18 – A very fine day and thawing some. Cutting wood for E. Lyle. Jennie at Gordon's making dress for Bessie. Boys at school. In the evening went with Jennie and the boys to Guild meeting in church. Went up to R. Cragg's before the meeting and had a talk on school matters. An after meeting to choose SS helps for next year. A pretty good turnout.

19 – About 5 inches of snow on the ground and somewhat rough in the forenoon. Boys did not go to school. Did some little jobs. Bessie Gordon here in the afternoon getting her dress finished. Arthur called for her on his way home from Port Perry.

20 – A very fine day. Making hand sleigh in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and the boys, went to Port Perry Christmas fair. A big turnout. Everybody from those parts there. Brought Annie home. Henry Love died.

21 – A very fine day and snowing a very little sometimes. Working at hand sleigh in the forenoon and in the afternoon at bee at church cutting the logs that have lain behind the church for some time. Got it all cut up. The children at practice at the church for the Christmas tree.

22 – Somewhat cold and rough. All hands at SS and church. This was Henry Love's funeral and the church was full. Mr. McKay preached. Rev. Mr. Ford was also present.

23 – A fine day. In the morning went with Jennie to the church and helped to decorate for Christmas tree. Got home about 1 o'clock. All hands at Christmas tree in the evening. The basement was packed and it went off all right. My class gave me a fine wicker rocking chair and Jennie's class gave her a fruit set. Proceeds about \$21.00.

24 – A beautiful day. Spent all day with James Leask canvassing the congregation for minister's stipend. Started at A. Akhurst's then up to new road then to the 12th concession, then east, and got

dinner at W. Rennie's. Then west along the 14th and got as far as D. McDonald's when night came on.

25 – A beautiful day and a very quiet Christmas here. Finished hand sleigh in the forenoon. Jim Lee and his father called. John Michie, wife and children here for dinner. Then Jennie and Mrs. John went to Greenbank for the mail. A parcel came from Jessie Bell with watches for the boys.

26 – A very fine day. Walked up in the forenoon to the public school meeting. There was a very small attendance. R. Cragg, the retiring trustee, was re-elected. Jim Burns, who has been living for several years in the NW, was there. Got dinner at J.M. Real's and in the afternoon, with James Leask, did some more canvassing for church funds. Went on the 11th and 12th concessions west of Greenbank and then to Jas. Blair's where we got supper, then home. Jennie and the children went to Port Perry. They got an express parcel from Marg Bell of Winnipeg which turned out to be a small electric motor.

27 – A fine morning but got somewhat rough during the afternoon. Met James Leask at the new road and we canvassed the village for church funds and finished the job about 2 o'clock. Got dinner at John Lee's. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here most of the day.

28 – A very fine day. Cutting wood for E. Lyle in the swamp all day. Children did most of the chores.

29 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maitland and two sons and several other visitors were present.

30 – Snowing a little most of the day. Cutting wood in the woodshed. About 1 pm John Michie, who went to Port Perry with the sleigh for his mother and Jessie, brought Aunt Mary Slemen and Mabel of Port Hope. Annie and Willie drove to Mission Band meeting at Mrs. McMillan's. In the evening went with Jennie to annual Sunday School meeting. Not a very large turnout. J.M. Real was re-elected superintendent.

31 – A fine day and thawing a little. Cutting wood all day for E. Lyle in the Luke's swamp. Annie at A. Akhurst's most of the day. Alex Gordon and wife called for a bag of potatoes.

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JAN. 1 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood for E. Lyle in Luke's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon hitched up the sleigh and took all the family and Aunt Mary Slemen and Mabel to Greenbank for the mail and came home around by the 12th concession.

2 – A very fine day. Cutting wood for E. Lyle all day. Annie at Gordon's. Henry Thomas here in the afternoon. Thawing some.

3 – Drove Aunt Mary Slemen and Mabel to Port Perry on their way home. James went with us. Took the democrat as the sleighing is somewhat thin. Started to snow a little before we got

to Port Perry and coming home it was pretty bad, which continued all afternoon and evening. Cut some wood in the woodshed. Jennie sewing.

4 – Colder and somewhat rough. Took 12 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got them ground. Roads some drifted.

5 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church (drove sleigh). Mr. McKay preached. Choosing teachers in SS.

6 – Rain through the night and pretty soft and slushy. Drove the boys to school and went on to Greenbank to vote for councilmen. Voted for McIntyre for reeve and Stone, Baird and Bowles for council. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school while I put new bottom in washing machine. Colder towards night.

7 – Snowing from the E during the forenoon. Towards night it turned to hail. Boys did not go to school.

8 – Pretty cold day. Drove the boys to school and on to Greenbank for the mail. Cutting wood for E. Lyle in Luke's swamp in the afternoon and finished the job. In the evening at congregational meeting in church. Not a very large turnout. \$55.00 to the good in funds. Managers elected for 3 year term: Jas. Leask, Alex Gordon and R. Michie and for 2 year term: Alex Boe, Nels. Baird and W.H. Leask. Choir leader left to the session to appoint.

9 – About 8 below zero in the morning, the first zero weather this winter so far. Jennie drove the boys to school. Cutting own wood in Luke's swamp all day.

10 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp all day. Boys at school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Got word that Andrew Gordon died yesterday.

11 – A fine day but thawing; snow quite soft. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Jennie and the children went for the mail in the afternoon.

12 – A cold rough day. Drove all hands with the sleigh to SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Not as many out as usual.

13 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. At church manager's meeting in the evening. Was put in for church treasurer. Boys at school.

14 – A very fine day. Kept in the house a good deal as I have a cold. Jennie also half sick with the cold. Boys at school.

15 – A mild day and raining towards night. A little before 5 o'clock in the morning Roy O'Neill and Allie Dusty came after Jennie as Mrs. Roy was sick. She did not get back home until about 1 o'clock. About 11 am a daughter was born to Mrs. O'Neill. Jennie then went to the W.F.M. meeting at the church while I went over to see Jim Lee who is laid up with neuralgia. Boys at school and afterwards at Mission Band.

16 – Soft and snow thawing fast. Boys at school. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Jennie washing.

17 – Soft day and thawing all day. Drove the boys to school and then to Greenbank for mail. In the afternoon drove to a cow sale at Seagrave but did not buy any, then drove to Port Perry for Annie and did not get home until after dark. Road a glare of ice except some places where it is bare ground.

18 – A little rain in the morning which turned to snow which continued most of the day and made good sleighing again. Colder towards night. Did little but the chores.

19 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

20 – Somewhat soft and very heavy rain started about the middle of the afternoon which turned to snow in the evening. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the forenoon. Threshed the beans in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie went for them through the rain.

21 – Colder. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp. Jennie and Maggie Blair drove back to visit Mrs. McKay at the manse and did not get home until about 9:30. Boys at school.

22 – A fine day and somewhat cold. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp most of the day. Bought a cow from Mrs. O'Neill for \$50.00 and a load of straw. Boys at school. Sidney Caney [Canning?] came here in the evening. A beautiful moonlit night.

23 – Snowing a little from the SE in the morning which turned to rain in the afternoon. Cleaned up some oats in the forenoon for Jim Lee, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Norman Lyle visited in the afternoon.

24 – A beautiful day. John Michie took pig to Port Perry with one of his own. Went up to Akhurst's in the forenoon to get Albert to come to help kill a pig. He came in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Jas. Blair Sr. and Jas. Blair Jr. called to buy colt but did not do so. Boys at school.

25 – A beautiful day. Helped Jennie to cut up pig. Willie went up to Lyle's and got Ed's skates and we skated in the fields until noon. After dinner the children and I went down to the swamp and skated down as far as the 11th concession. The ice was in fine shape for skating. Jennie baking bread.

26 – A fine day and thawing fast in the afternoon which is making the sleighing poor. All hands at SS and church. Dave McMillan, who has just returned from the NW, was at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached to an unusually full church.

27 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Took the cutter but the sleighing was not very good. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie washing and at Jim Lee's. Boys at school.

28 – A fine day and colder. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp and finished the job. Boys at school. Jennie making head cheese. E. Lyle threshing red clover.

29 – Pretty cold with E wind. Drove boys to school and went on to Greenbank. Cut down tree at NW corner of woodshed in the

afternoon. Jennie making quilt. 17 years married today and we celebrated by some oysters for supper.

30 – A very nice day and thawing a little in the afternoon. Willie at school. James did not go as we were afraid he was going to have an attack of appendicitis but it did not come to anything. Went to Gibson's mill with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. Sleighing not very good. Mrs. Mark here in the afternoon and tea. Alex Gordon and wife called for a bag of potatoes.

31 – Heavy rain in the forenoon but turned cold towards night. Went for Annie with the democrat in the afternoon; wheeling fine. A. Akhurst and Jas. Lee called after dinner. Willie at school. In the evening, with Annie and Willie, went down to John Michie's and had a sing with Jessie. Dave McMillan was there also and appeared to be staying all night. Alfred Butt was buried at Prince Albert today. He died in the hospital at Toronto.

FEB. 1 – Cold, about zero all day, with high NW wind. Did little but the chores. Jennie baking.

2 – A pretty cold rough day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Not so large a turnout.

3 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Did some little jobs in the afternoon.

4 – Somewhat rough and cold. Willie at school. James had an ear ache last night and did not go to school. Barbara Walker came down in the morning to get a waist cut out. She went home after tea. Cut some old rails behind the barn.

5 – A very cold day with high W wind. Did some jobs in the shop. Willie at school. Jennie finishing new dress.

6 – A very cold rough day. High W wind and clouds of dust. Did little but the chores. Boys did not go to school. Jennie finished making her blue silk dress.

7 – Another rough windy day and dust galore and pretty cold. Drew one load of poles from Luke's swamp but it was so rough and icy. Went for Annie in the afternoon. Boys at school.

8 – Another rough day; high wind and snow blizzards. Put lice powder on the cattle in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with the boys skating on the creek. Norman Lyle and James Lee called.

9 – Some snow through the night and a rather fine day. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh). Mr. McKay preached. George Burns and his bride of Alberta who is down on his honeymoon was present.

10 – Very cold; 13 below zero in the morning. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry. They went to Dentist Murray and got two of Annie's teeth filled. Boys did not go to school as it was too cold. Drew 5 loads of wood poles from Luke's swamp near the side road in the afternoon. J. Lee called for some oats for seed.

11 – Milder in the morning but got colder and very rough in the afternoon. Drew wood poles until about the middle of the afternoon when it got too rough. Boys at school. John Michie and

wife here in the evening, the principal thing to make arrangement for Jessie's wedding which is to come off on the 19th of this month.

12 – Cold; about 8 below zero in the morning, and did not get above zero all day. Drove the boys to school and went after them and did the chores. Norman Lyle called in the afternoon.

13 – Very cold. Jennie drove the boys to school. In the afternoon went to Greenbank with Jennie; she to the W.F.M. meeting and I to a session meeting which lasted most of the afternoon. The Mission Band met also. We all got supper at Mrs. Walker's and in the evening went to a lecture with views by Rev. Mr. Dickey on his life in the Yukon. There was a fairly good turnout and the lecture good.

14 – Not so cold. Drew 3 loads of poles from Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. She ran against the line fence at the gap and broke the cutter and she had to get Norman Lyle's while I spent the afternoon mending cutter. Boys at school.

15 – Rough with a little snow from the E. Finished fixing the cutter. Jennie baking and cleaning. S. Sleep of Seagrave and --- Fishley came in the afternoon and bought the Fanny colt for \$185.00 and took her away.

16 – A very fine day. Some below zero in the morning. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Pugh, a student, preached.

17 – A fine day and pretty cold. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning. While I was away Billie Lewis and Clarence O'Neill came for the load of straw which was part of the price of the cow which I got from Mrs. O'Neill. Irene O'Neill also called selling blueing. Jennie churning and washing in the forenoon and at John Michie's in the afternoon helping to bake for Jessie's wedding. Boys at school.

18 – About zero in the morning but a beautiful clear day. Drove the boys part way to school and drew into the woodshed the old posts behind the barn. Jennie all day at John Michie's baking for the wedding tomorrow. Little Daisy cow had calf.

19 – A beautiful day and quite mild; a little rain in the evening. Drove the sleigh to Port Perry in the morning (the boys going with me) to meet the train and brought home Barbara Smith, Russell and Lottie Wallace and our Annie. Jennie down at J. Michie's helping to get ready for the wedding. In the afternoon all hands at Jessie's wedding. Dave McMillan and her were married about 3:30 by Rev. W.A. McKay. Jean Michie and --- Beare acting as flower girls. About 65 sat down for supper and in the evening some more young people came in and dancing was kept up until after midnight. Everything went off without a hitch.

20 – Got up somewhat late and drove Annie to Port Perry. Jennie going down to J. Michie's to help clean up. J.M. and Dave McMillan brought home the chairs and things that were down there. Barbara went down for tea and Dave brought her back.

21 – Somewhat fine day with a little rain in evening. Boys at school. Took Barbara to station and brought Annie home. James Lee and Ida and the baby here for dinner. Jim went home and came back for Ida and stayed for supper.



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Jessie Rowena Michie, b. 13 Mar. 1886, d. 20 Nov. 1970,
married 19 Feb. 1913**

22 – Rain and hail through the night and a good part of the day. Made a pair of whiffletrees and did the chores. Boys skating part of the time.

23 – Very cold and rough with high NW wind. Nearly zero all day. All hands at SS and church. Not as many as usual out; Mr. McKay preached.

24 – A fine day; about 8 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning. Drawing wood from Luke's swamp in the afternoon and finished the job. Willie at school. James was not very well. In the evening at pie social in the hall for S. of T. A nice little crowd and lots of fun. Help from Prince Albert Division on the program. Jas. McKitrick had his phonograph. A very fine night.

25 – A fine clear day. Zero in the morning. Fixed the sleigh in the forenoon and cut some wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

26 – A very fine day. Fanned up load of oats, Jennie helping, in the forenoon and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Boys at school.

27 – A fine day. East wind and some raw. Fanned up load of oats in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Boys at school.

28 – A very fine day. Almost on the sick list with a cold. Helped Jennie to fan up some oats in the morning. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys at school. In the evening Jennie and children went to concert in the hall for the piano fund of our SS. Sonya orchestra present and 2 plays were given.

MAR. 1 – Snowing a little sometimes. Cut some wood in the shed. Alex Gordon and wife and Edna and Annie came in the forenoon for a bag of potatoes. The girls stayed all day. Jennie scrubbing and baking.

2 – A very rough day with high NW wind. All hands at SS and church. Not quite as many out as usual; Mr. McKay preached.

3 – Snowing from the W off and on most of the day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Dave McMillan and Jessie here for dinner. They left about 2 o'clock. Jim Lee called in the forenoon and Norman Lyle was here most of the afternoon and for tea. Boys did not go to school.

4 – A very fine day. Boys not at school. Drove to the manse at Wick in the morning and left my horse and Mr. McKay drove to Blackwater then by rail to presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Got supper at the manse on the way home. Got home about 10 o'clock. Dave McMillan and Jessie left for the west today. Woodrow Wilson inaugurated President of U.S. today.

5 – A very fine day. Cut some wood in shed. John Michie called. Went to Gibson's mill in the afternoon and got the meal home. Boys at school. Jennie sewing. Party at W. O'Neill's.

6 – A very rough stormy day with high NW wind. Did little but the chores. Cut a little wood. Boys not at school.

7 – About 10 below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Willie O'Neill and John Michie came for 6 bags of potatoes. Boys not at school.

8 – A fine day, somewhat raw. Cut some pole wood. Jennie and the children went to Greenbank for the mail. S. Sleep called. Roy O'Neill called for potatoes but he did not get them as they were not picked up.

9 – Rain in the forenoon and thawing all day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. At SS it was decided to have an anniversary on May 24th.

10 – A fine day, thawing in the afternoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Picked up potatoes for Roy O'Neill in the afternoon. Boys at school.

11 – A fine day and thawing in the afternoon. Drew home a cord of wood from E. Lyle's in the forenoon and in the afternoon at W. Baird's sale near Blackwater. A big turnout. Roads getting bad.

Roy O'Neill came for his potatoes. The assessor, Mr. Johnson called. Boys at school and came home with wet feet as there is water across the road.

12 – Hard in the morning but thawing most of the day. Boys at school. Fixing manger in horse stable in forenoon. Mrs. Isaac O'Neill called. In the afternoon drove Jennie to W.F.M. meeting in the church. I intended to go to Greig's sale but it was delayed and the roads were so bad (the sleighing being nearly all gone) that I did not go further than Greenbank. Spent most of my time at Mr. Miller's. Mission Band meeting after the W.F.M. meeting.

13 – Rain in the morning and thawing all day. Made water wheel for the boys. Helped Jennie in the afternoon to pick over potatoes. Boys not at school.

14 – A very mild spring-like day. Boys not at school. Helping Jennie to pick over the potatoes. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Water in the swamp very high. Opening out the road in the afternoon. Thunder and lightning before midnight and a little rain.

15 – Rain off and on during the forenoon. Norman Lyle came over and got his buck saw sharpened. He was over to Seagrave last night and had a serious time coming home as the water was over the road. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for the mail. Roads very bad. Jennie making Annie a dress. Cook, the soda water man of Port Perry, lost one of his horses in the water on the 11th concession bout 9 pm.

16 – Cold rough day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Went down to the sideroad after supper to see if the water had abated and found that it had. Mrs. John Michie called in the evening.

17 – Pretty cold in the morning but got warmer. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Some water over the road on the sideroad. Cut some wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

18 – A fine day and thawing with high wind. Boys at school. Cutting wood most of the time. Jennie visiting at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day. Cutting wood most of the day. Boys at school. Mrs. James Lee and baby here in the afternoon. She was getting Jennie to help her to cut out a dress. Jim came after her and stayed for supper.

20 – A fine spring-like day. Cutting wood. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie and brought home Mabel and Gordon Bell. Boys at school.

21 – Good Friday. Rain in the forenoon and until about 2 pm with terrific wind from the SW, which later turned to NW. It blew off the roof of the hall sheds. Cut some wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. The attendance was small; Rev. Mr. Konkle of Sonya preached. Mrs. D. McArthur, Mrs. R. Horn, Claude Horn and Mono Horn were received. Roads very bad. Jennie making Mabel Bell a dress.

22 – A fine day but pretty windy. Cut wood most of the day. Jennie baking and scrubbing. Annie and Mabel Bell at Gordon's.

23 – A raw E wind which turned to a fine rain from the S towards night. Went with Jennie to communion at Greenbank; Mr. McKay preached. Not as many from Wick as usual.

24 – A terrible rain through the night and some in the forenoon with high wind. Cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Mabel Bell. Had a time with a kicking cow in the evening.

25 – Rain through the night and most of the day. There was a slight drizzle from the E which froze as it fell. Cut some wood in the afternoon awhile. Jennie sewing for Mabel Bell.

26 – Everything covered with ice. It thawed a little in the middle of the day but not enough to bring much of the ice down. Did little but the chores. Annie and Mabel Bell went to Greenbank for the mail. Jennie sewing for Mabel.

27 – About 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground in the morning and a little more came in the forenoon and quite rough in the afternoon. Did little but the chores. Jennie sewing for Mabel Bell. Bob Akhurst of Cannington here most of the afternoon and for supper.

28 – A fine day. Cut some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with the waggon to Gibson's mill with 12 bags of oats and got them home. Willie went with me. Jennie washing, churning and baking. Weston Phoenix's boy came for a bag of potatoes.

29 – A very fine day and thawing but not enough to take away all the snow. Cutting wood most of the day. Went down with Jim Lee and cut out a tree across the road at the first creek. Jennie making Gordon Bell's pants. Annie and Mabel Bell at J. Michie's. Alex Gordon and wife called to get a bag of potatoes.

30 – A very fine day and thawing all day. All hands at SS and church. Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell walked. Roads very bad. Mr. McKay preached on the budget. Mrs. John Michie called in the evening.

31 – A fine day with high NW wind. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and took Mabel and Gordon Bell on their way home. Jas. S. Lee here in the afternoon helping me to cut wood. Willie started to school but got into a water hole and got his feet wet and turned back. Albert Akhurst and Norman Lyle called in the forenoon.

APR. 1 – Pretty hard frost in the morning and a very high blustery NW wind all day. Boys at school. Splitting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping Jim Lee to cut wood. Jennie at John Michie's helping his Lizzie to make a dress.

2 – A fine day. Drawing rails and stakes and wood in the sleigh in the forenoon it being frozen hard. Drover Sleep called and bought the heifer. In the afternoon at Jim Lee's cutting wood. Jennie also went over and helped Mrs. Lee with her dress. Boys at school. In the evening all at Greenbank. Jennie and the boys at prayer meeting. I at R. Cragg's to talk over school matters. A very dark night and bad roads.

3 – Rain and snow through the night. Started to rain just after dinner and continued all afternoon and evening. Did little but the chores. Jennie at Mrs. Lee's dress. Boys at school.

4 – Rain through the night and part of the forenoon. Boys did not go to school. Splitting wood in the forenoon and spent most of the afternoon making dam in the swamp field for a swimming pool while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Roads very bad.

5 – Frozen in the morning and a fine day. Finished splitting wood and sawed some more. Jennie Gordon called in the afternoon. Fixed some fences. Jennie baking.

6 – Pretty cold and windy. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

7 – A fine day. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school while I took fat heifer to Seagrave. Jennie came to Seagrave for me. At raspberry bushes in the afternoon and at church manager's meeting in the evening. Roads very bad. Boys at school.

8 – Hard frost in the morning and a very fine day. At berry bushes in the forenoon and helping Jim Lee to cut wood in the afternoon. Alex Leask and wife at Jim Lee's for tea. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

9 – A beautiful spring-like day. All day at berry bushes. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church. Boys at school. Jennie at Jas. Lee's in the forenoon finishing Mrs. Lee's dress.

10 – Raw E wind, rain after dinner and again towards evening. At the berry bushes except when it was raining. Boys at school. Allie Dusty here most of the day getting a coat cut out and fitted.

11 – A fine spring-like day. At berry bushes in the forenoon and went to Port Perry for Annie in the afternoon. Willie at school. James not well all day. Mrs. I. O'Neill here in the afternoon getting dress cut. J.M. Real and Stanley here for some potatoes.

12 – A fine day. In the forenoon cultivated part of the orchard and planted 3 rows of potatoes. At the berry bushes in the afternoon (scuffled them). James Lee and his man Arthur Chapman, just out from Yorkshire England, came for a waggon load of turnips. James on the sick list, also Jennie not very well, also myself.

13 – A fine spring-like day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Very bad roads.

14 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and in the afternoon finished planting raspberry bushes and took the straw off the strawberries, Willie and James helping. Jennie sewing. No school today as Miss Warren's father is very ill.

15 – A beautiful spring day and quite warm. Mr. Akhurst came down in the morning to tell of wood bee at church. W. Taylor's rig did the cutting and there were men enough to finish the job. Making hen coops in the barn in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Willie at school.

16 – A beautiful day. Finished hen coops, plowed the garden and pruned some apple trees. Jennie sewing. Boys at school and Mission Band.

17 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure in the strawberry patch in the forenoon and plowed it in in the afternoon. Jennie sewing.

Boys at school. A. Akhurst was getting a window put in the S end of his house.

18 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure on potato land in the forenoon and pruning orchard in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. A thunder storm in the evening.

19 – Much colder with high NW wind. Drew out manure on potato land (Willie helping) in the forenoon and plowed it under in the afternoon. Jennie making Annie a dress. Mrs. A. Gordon came for a bag of potatoes.

20 – A very hard frost in the morning and continued cold all day with high NW wind. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. He also took my class in the SS, the first time he ever did so.

21 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and plowed in the afternoon just W of the house. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Boys at school.

22 – A fine day, spring-like. Plowing and filling in furrows all day. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. Sawing machine at E. Lyle's in the afternoon.

23 – A fine warm day; a few sprinkles of rain in the forenoon. Cultivating all day. Jennie quilting and making garden. Mr. McKay came for dinner. Boys at school. Made a raft in the evening at the pond in the swamp field.

24 – A very warm spring day. Got N. Lyle's seed drill and sowed the field NW of the barn. Jennie making garden. Boys at school. They went into the pond in the swamp field naked after they came home which is early for the season. Alex Gordon and wife called on their way home from Port Perry. Mrs. Gordon wanted to see Jennie but she did not as Jennie was working in the garden. The wood cutters that have been working at E. Lyle's moved to Phair's at noon.

25 – A fine day and quite warm. Harrowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon tied up berry bushes and other things while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. [Pearl?] Ward buried at Greenbank today.

26 – A fine day. Fixing fences while Willie harrowed and cultivated. After dinner took 12 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got it back. Jennie making dress for Annie. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the afternoon. Thunder in the evening to the SE, no rain here.

27 – Rain through the night and all the day, more or less. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

28 – Annie sick through the night. Took her to Port Perry school but somewhat late. Got 6 apple trees and planted them in the afternoon and some other jobs. Land too wet to work. Boys at school.

29 – A very fine day. Cleaning rotten turnips out of root house in the forenoon and cultivating strawberry and potato patch in the

afternoon. Broke cultivator tongue. Jennie washing and putting in garden. Boys at school.

30 – A very fine day. Fixing fences in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew out 5 loads of manure on the mangold patch and ploughed it in. Jennie washing. Boys at school. All at prayer meeting in the evening. Mr. McKay was leader and spoke on Dr. Livingston.

MAY 1 – A beautiful spring day. Sowed the field W of the house (not any too dry). Jennie housecleaning the pantry. Boys at school. James Lee, wife and baby called in the afternoon for draining tools.

2 – A beautiful and warm day. This being Arbor Day the boys did not go to school. Willie harrowed while I fixed fences. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. In the afternoon Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry for Annie while I did some chores.

3 – A very warm day and the trees could almost be seen leafing out. A little thunder to the S about 1 pm but no rain here. Willie finished harrowing field W of house while I did some small jobs. Cultivating hill field in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie. Children at practice for SS anniversary at Greenbank.

4 – A beautiful warm day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. All went down to John Michie's in the evening.

5 – A very fine day and quite warm. Took Annie to Port Perry school and cultivated the rest of the day. Jennie washing and housecleaning wood shed. Boys at school. Mrs. A. Gordon and Edna called in the evening for a bag of potatoes.

6 – A fine day with high NW wind in the afternoon with much dust. Cooler towards night. Sowed the hill field which finishes for the year. Jennie housecleaning the cellar. Boys at school. Mrs. Mark and little Jean called in the afternoon.

7 – Quite cool all day. Willie harrowed the hill field twice while I planted corn in the little plot near the barn pump and hoed raspberry bushes. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Jennie and the boys at prayer meeting.

8 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Willie rolling most of the day while Jennie and I planted strawberries; got in 14 rows. James at school. Nearly laid up with pain in back.

9 – Decidedly cool all day. Boys not at school. Started in the morning to plant strawberries but it was so cold that we quit until after noon. Worked at it most of the afternoon. Willie and James drove to Port Perry for Annie, the first time they ever drove alone. Conlin, the drover, called and bought cow.

10 – A very hard frost for the time of year and cold all day with high NW wind. Did nothing as I am completely used up with lame back. Jennie making dress for Annie. Boys at W. Thomas' in the afternoon. Annie at Greenbank for the mail.

11 – Another hard frost in the morning. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

12 – Frost again in the morning. Took cow to Port Perry while Jennie drove Annie to school. Boys at school. In the afternoon drilled up for mangolds and potatoes and sowed mangolds. Jennie bagging up seed potatoes and cleaning cellar. John Michie called.

13 – A little rain in the night and cool all day. With Willie's help planted the potatoes and some corn in the orchard. Jennie making suit for James. James at school.

14 – A beautiful bright day. Scuffled raspberry bushes and finished planting strawberries. Mrs. John Michie here for dinner. She was getting Jennie to help her to make over a dress. A Frenchman selling dress goods here for dinner. Boys at school. Norman Lyle and Flossie Midgley of Seagrave married today.

15 – Rather a raw E wind and a few drops of rain a few times. Drawing out manure for corn. Jennie washing and churning. Boys at school.

16 – Although a cool E wind was blowing all day there was a thunder storm from the E during the night. The rain was needed. Drawing out manure in the forenoon. Fixing fence in the afternoon while Jennie and James (who did not go to school) went to Port Perry for Annie. Alex Gordon came for potatoes. Mrs. O'Neill called. Willie at school.

17 – A fine day. Willie rolled field W of house while I fixed the stoop sill. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Children at Greenbank to practice and Mission Band. Jennie making dress for Annie. Clarence O'Neill and Billy Lewis came for 3 bags of potatoes. Rain in the evening.

18 – Several little thunder showers from 12 to about 3 but little rain here. All hands at SS and SS anniversary services. Not a very full house in the afternoon on account perhaps of the uncertain weather. Mr. Best, student, spoke and did very well. The children sang. All hands out again in the evening, a packed house. Mr. Best preached again; a splendid sermon. Mrs. D. Archer of Port Perry sang two solos.

19 – Near frost in the morning and quite cool all day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and drew out manure the rest of the day. Jennie housecleaning the kitchen. Boys at school.

20 – A very fine day. Plowing corn land all day. Jennie papering kitchen. Boys at school.

21 – Finished plowing corn land and started to roll the hill field but rain came on from the SE and I had to quit. Jennie washing and churning. Boys at school. Beef ring started. Norman Lyle brought his wife over to his house today.

22 – A very fine day. Harrowed the corn land and rolled it, then rolled the hill field. Jennie finished cleaning kitchen. Boys at school. Cecil Phair called for some strawberry plants. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. C. McLean called in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Made lane back to the long field for pasture in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Eva and Gertie Henry came back with her. Jennie baking for anniversary. Boys at school.

24 – A beautiful day. Got Norman Lyle's drill and sowed the corn and harrowed the potatoes. In the afternoon all hands, including the Henry girls, at SS anniversary tea and concert. There was not quite as large a crowd as sometimes. The concern was given by Russell and Joe Wallace and Three Friends from Toronto and was all right. \$120.00 was taken in.

25 – Another very fine day and quite cool. All hands at SS which was held in the church as the basement was not cleaned up. Mr. McKay phoned that he would not be down on account of illness so there was held an impromptu sing service. The Toronto Friends doing the singing.

26 – Quite a frost in the morning and a beautiful day. Jennie drove Annie and the Henry girls to Port Perry school while I scuffled and some other jobs. S. Dusty called to get Jennie to get some things at Port Perry but he was too late, however they telephoned to her at Port. Drawing out manure the rest of the day. Boys at school.

27 – Raw E wind and threatening rain all day and a little rain sometimes. Drawing out manure. James Ward called and took insurance on the buildings etc. Jennie at Methodist Missionary meeting at E. Lyle's. Boys not at school as it was raining about the time they should have started. Jim Lee called.

28 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and brought home the buggy which has been at W. Whiteford's since last fall getting painted. Then helped Jennie paper ceiling of parlour. Then plowed the turnip ground. Mrs. John Michie called. Boys at school.

29 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day and finished the job. Jennie washing, churning and painting. Boys at school. Norman Lyle came over for some potatoes but did not get any.

30 – A beautiful day and cool. Plowing until 3 o'clock when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie while I went down to John Michie's to see him about pasturing the colt. Boys at school.

31 – A very fine day. Finished plowing turnip land and harrowed corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Willie, went to Greenbank for cement tile for road and hoed strawberries. Took Fanny colt to John Michie's for pasture. Annie not very well.

JUNE 1 – A fine day except some little showers towards night. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. No girls in choir.

2 - 10 – Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school and I to the morning train to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at Toronto. Got there all right and put up at Annie Mason's during all the meetings. The congress and assembly meetings were held in Massey Hall which could not hold all at several of the meetings. Great speakers and enthusiasm. The General Assembly started on Wednesday evening and met until Saturday noon. In the afternoon a reception by the city council at the University quadrangle and a large crowd attended. Sunday morning at Cook's Church when Rev. John McNeill preached. In the afternoon attended Riverdale Sunday School, Rev. J.A. Miller's church, and in the evening at St. Andrews church. Monday at assembly meetings again. The question of church union is the burning question and has not come to a

vote yet. Jennie and the children came to Port Perry for me but I was not there. Monday morning started for home. Jennie and Annie met me at Port Perry. Willie at school all week and James missed 2 days. Annie home on Friday from school until after holidays. Harrowing turnip land on Tuesday afternoon. All hands over at Norman Lyle's in the evening. My brother George whom I have not seen for 13 years and uncle were in Toronto while I was and he attended most of the meetings.

11 – A beautiful day. Scuffling in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Richard Real's. Boys at school.

12 – A very fine day and some warmer. Working all day at turnip land. Brother George of Griswold Manitoba came about 3 o'clock. He walked up from Port Perry. Boys at school.

13 – A fine warm day. George and Annie went to Port Perry for his suitcase while I scuffled. At turnip land in the afternoon. George went down to John Michie's and Willie O'Neill's. Boys at school. Moved the stove out.

14 – A fine warm day. Drilling up for turnips and sowed them. George hoeing strawberries.

15 – Warmer. All hands at SS and church. A Mr. Allan of Alberta, who has been attending the general assembly, preached. During the service two heavy thunder showers with some sharp lightning. Sidney Kenny here in the evening.

16 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and drilled up the rest of the turnips in the afternoon. At Jim Lee's, Lyle's and Akhurst's in the evening warning them out to road work. George hoeing strawberries. Jennie washing. Boys at school. John Michie came for turnip drill.

17 – A very fine day. Harrowed the corn. Finished sowing the turnips and plowed some of buckwheat land. George hoeing. He went up to S. Dusty's in the evening and while there word came that Ray had got hurt while playing football at Seagrave. Jennie ironing. Boys at school. Had first strawberries of the season for breakfast.

18 – A beautiful day. At road work all day putting dirt on the concession in the swamp. George had the horse and buggy away visiting at Jas. and Alex Leask's and J.M. Real's. Boys at school and Mission Band. Annie also at Band. Walked to Greenbank to school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the afternoon.

19 – At road work for about 2 hours when rain came on and we had to quit until after dinner. At road work again in the afternoon and after supper put in tile across road S of E. Lyle's gate; A. Akhurst helping. George away most of the day visiting. Boys at school.

20 – Raining a little a good part of the day. Plowing in the forenoon. At preparatory services in the church. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. Alex Boe got their baby baptized. Jennie at John Michie's helping her with a dress. Boys at school. Went up to the road and, with A. Akhurst, put in tile crossing after supper.

21 – A beautiful day. Plowing and scuffling in the forenoon. George hoeing. Hoeing corn in the afternoon while Willie harrowed. About 4 pm Will Leask and wife and Roy came and stayed until about 10 pm. Quite cool in the evening. Willie Petty called.

22 – Another very fine day. Went with George to communion at Wick; Mr. McKay preached; not many out from Greenbank. Stayed for dinner at John Beaton's and took in the service at Greenbank on the way home. Jennie and the children walked up.

23 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to see Mr. Henders. Cultivating buckwheat land in the afternoon. George hoeing corn. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Willie at school. Jennie and I went up to Dusty's to see Ray who is in bed with injured leg. Dr. Henders of Saintfield came for strawberries for the party tomorrow evening.

24 – A fine warm day. Scuffled corn in the forenoon. Jennie and Annie picked some strawberries and then took them to Port Perry. George cutting thistles. Willie at school. Afternoon hoeing corn. Annie and James went with Mrs. Mark down to the creek and got a few fish. George went off somewhere with horse and buggy. Mrs. A. Akhurst called.

25 – Quite warm all day. Hoeing corn and finished then scuffled some. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at Methodist Women's Missionary meeting at Mrs. Phair's. Willie at school. Sidney Kenny here in the evening. Rain in the evening a little.

26 – A very warm day. Some rain through the night. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie and Annie picking strawberries and I helping. Took them to Port Perry; one crate to Brock's and 2 to Peterborough. George came back from his visit to Wick just before dinner. He went up to A. Gordon's in the evening. Willie at school.

27 – A fine day. Thunder shower about 2 in the morning. Sowed the buckwheat and fixed fence on the concession. George cutting thistles. Willie and James at school, the last day before holidays and the last day for Miss Toole and Miss Warren. Jennie churning and ironing. She went down to John Michie's in the evening. Willie has been promoted into the 3rd book and James in the 2nd.

28 – A very fine day and not so warm. Jennie; Mary Dusty, Mrs. John Michie; Annie and I all day at the strawberries. John Michie called with the buggy and took home a crate of berries. Edna Gordon and Annie and Marie Akhurst and Willie Petty called for berries and Jennie took some to several people at Greenbank; then preserved the rest and it was after 10 pm when she got through. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with berries and they took George on his way back to Brooklin.

29 – Quite a warm day. All hands at SS and at Methodist SS anniversary services. Mr. Bamforth, Mr. Ford and Mr. McKay were the speakers. Not as full a house as sometimes.

30 – Another warm day. Scuffling and hoeing in the forenoon and fixing fence on the 10th concession in the afternoon. Jennie washing and ironing. W. Akhurst and Mr. Edwards called in the forenoon. Gertie Phoenix, Edna and Annie Gordon called in the evening for berries, and Frank Fairbrothers in the afternoon.

JULY 1 – A fine day and very warm. Helping to pick strawberries nearly all day. Jennie; Mrs. John Michie; Mary Dusty and Annie picking. Mr. Edwards called and James Lee's wife and child called in the evening.

2 – A fine day and not so warm. Paris greened the potatoes. Jennie, Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty picking strawberries. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with berries and after dinner to Greenbank for the mail; then Jennie and James went to Port Perry with berries and then I went to Port Perry to the 8 pm train and met George and Eunice. A beautiful evening. Mr. Braden of Saintfield called for berries. John Michie called.

3 – A very fine day. Scuffling corn in the forenoon and hoeing corn in the afternoon. George hoeing strawberries. Mrs. H. Hickman here picking berries for herself and stayed for dinner. We had just finished dinner when Mrs. Jas. Stone and May Stone of Wick came and got dinner and then picked berries. Eunice at Greenbank in the afternoon with Mrs. Mark and in the evening Jennie, Eunice, and Annie went to Greenbank.

4 – Quite warm. Scuffling turnips in the forenoon. George cutting thistles. Jennie; Mrs. John Michie; Mrs. W. O'Neill; Mary Dusty and Annie picking strawberries. W. Beaton came for some and Miss Simpson from Wick. She stayed for dinner. About 2 o'clock a thunder storm came up and it continued a nice rain until about 5. J. Michie came for his wife and Jim Dusty came for Mary. Miss Simpson stayed for tea. George and Eunice at Jim Lee's in the evening.

5 – A pretty warm day. Hoeing turnips all day. George hoeing. Mrs. O'Leary; Mrs. W. Real; Mrs. Gordon; and Mary Dusty called for berries. Thunder in the evening. Eunice and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Willie and James went to Greenbank for mail.

6 – A fine day but got very cool towards night with high wind. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached on the congress lately held in Toronto. Mr. McKay leaves tomorrow for Nova Scotia. Eunice stayed for tea at J.M. Real's.

7 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips most of the day, George helping. Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty here helping Jennie to pick strawberries. A number called for berries: Mr. Gorrill; Mrs. D. McDonald; Jas. Rennie; John McCully and wife; Mrs. A. Boe; and others. Annie and Eunice at Greenbank in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening.

8 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day, George helping. Jennie washing. Mrs. T. Swanick called for berries and stayed for dinner. Eunice at Dusty's in the afternoon and evening.

9 – Went for the beef in the morning, then scuffled the turnips. George hoeing turnips. Hoeing until about 4 pm when a thunder storm came up. Jennie washing. George and Eunice at W. O'Neill's in the afternoon. Eunice and Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon.

10 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips, George helping, and finished about 4 pm. Jennie and Mary Dusty picking strawberries. In the evening went with Annie and Willie to garden party for the Baptist church at Mrs. Gregg's. Eunice went with Jim Dusty. George went as far as Greenbank with us.

11 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. George away somewhere for dinner. Hoeing in the afternoon. Jennie and Eunice away to W. McMillan's and Willie Rennie's. Had vet Coates up to Whitey cow.

12 – Spent most of the forenoon Paris greening potatoes and about 11:30 rain came on and rained heavy for awhile. George down at John Michie's, also Eunice. At 12:30 I drove them to Port Perry (through the rain) to the train on their way for home. There was quite a big Orange walk at Port Perry and I took it in before I came home. James Lee, wife and girl here in the evening.

13 – A fine day and pretty cool. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Duggan for the Alliance preached.

14 – A very fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Hoed potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie, Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty picking strawberries which will be the last of any account for the season. Annie at Greenbank for the mail. Arthur Chapman, Jim Lee's man, called in the evening.

15 – A beautiful day. Went two trips to Mr. Henders, Port Perry, for 2 loads of manure for strawberry patch. Jennie washing and churning, children helping.

16 – Another very fine day and some warmer. Made two trips to Port Perry for manure for strawberry patch. Jennie and children picking cherries. Mrs. Les Lamb and George Lamb and Annie Masters' little girl here for dinner.

17 – A fine day and pretty warm. Scuffling corn, strawberries and potatoes. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Picking cherries in the afternoon and, with the children, at Greenbank in the evening.

18 – A beautiful day. Picked cherries and cleaned out old strawberries. Jennie preserving, and in the afternoon picked strawberries for the last time; Mrs. Norman Lyle helping her. Annie and Willie went down to J. Michie's for sugar.

19 – A very fine day. Got Norman Lyle's mower and cut the strawberry patch and the orchard and in the afternoon, with the scythe, cut what was left and some fence corners. Jennie preserving. At school trustee meeting at D. McDonald's in the evening. Willie went with me as far as Greenbank.

20 – Several loud thunder showers went round and quite a shower about 6 pm. All hands at SS and church; Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached.

21 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning and in the afternoon raked up and drew in the hay in the orchard and strawberry patch, the boys helping. Jennie washing. Annie at Mission Band. Went down to John Michie's in the evening to see him about helping to harvest the hay. Mrs. John Leask died at 9 pm.

22 – A very fine day. Helping John Michie with his hay all day. Edna and Annie Gordon, Marie Akhurst and Laura Thomas here playing.

23 – Close and warm. Paris greened some potatoes and plowed old strawberry patch. About 2:30 a wild thunder storm came up but there was not a great deal of rain here. There was some more rain in the evening. Nelson Baird's sale today.

24 – A very fine day. Scuffled turnips 2nd time in the forenoon. Jennie and Annie picking raspberries for Methodist lawn social at G. Lee's tonight. In the afternoon, with Jennie, attended Mrs. John Leask's funeral at Jas. Blair's. There was a large turnout. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge conducted the services. When we got home, Eva and Gertie Henry and their uncle Mr. Little of Toronto were here and stayed for supper. In the evening Willie Caffley came in with some of his gramophone records and we had music. Jennie used up with a cold in her head.

25 – A beautiful day. Got Norman Lyle's mower and cut the hay which is pretty light crop in some places. Boys at John Michie's for bread.

26 – A beautiful day. Hoed strawberries in the morning, then raked up and drew in hay. John Michie came up after dinner but Arthur Chapman from Jas. Lee's exchanged with him as John was wanted by Jim to make a cement trough. Annie at Greenbank for the mail.

27 – A very warm close day with high SW wind. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. On the way home thunder was heard to the N and about 6 o'clock there was a heavy rain which continued during the evening. A wild night.

28 – Very warm day, the warmest of the season I think. Threw out the hay cocks and hoed in the forenoon. Scuffled turnips and went to Port Perry with berries in the afternoon. Jennie, Mary Dusty and Mrs. A. Gordon picking berries all day and picked 158 boxes. Ray Dusty, who is now able to be around, and Marie Akhurst here for tea.

29 – A very fine but warm day. John Michie came up and finished the hay drawing at noon. Went to Port Perry with crate of berries for Mrs. Frank Wells, Lindsay, while Willie raked hay field. Drew in rakings after supper. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie picking berries nearly all day. Mrs. R. Cragg and Mr. and Mrs. White called for berries.

30 – A fine but warm day. Hoed turnips, the boys helping, in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with John Michie, went to Manchester to the nominations to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Johnston and Baird. We got there too late. There were 7 nominated. Jennie, Mrs. A. Gordon, Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty picking berries. Jennie, Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. W.H. Leask and girls called for berries.

31 – A fine day and very warm. All day at E. Lyle's helping him draw in his Alsace clover. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry in the morning. Children at the creek fishing in the evening.

AUG. 1 - A beautiful day. Scuffled the berry patch and hoed turnips in the forenoon and helped Norman Lyle to hoe turnips, 1st time and very weedy. Jennie, Mrs. Gordon, Mary Dusty and Mrs. John Michie picking all day at the raspberries; about 170 boxes. Annie and Willie went over with some berries for Mrs. Jas. Lee but they were not at home so they brought them home again. Arthur Chapman cut his foot.

2 - Another beautiful day. Helping Norman Lyle to hoe turnips in the forenoon. Annie and Willie went to Greenbank in the morning. Hoeing turnips, 2nd time, in the afternoon, boys helping, and finished. Jennie preserving raspberries.

3 - A fine day. A little sprinkle of rain about 2:30. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached.

4 - A beautiful cool day. Cleaning out old strawberry patch in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries. Jennie, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty picking berries all day and picked 175 boxes. Les Lamb, wife and George came about 4 pm. Jim Lee called for berries. Annie went for the mail. Ray Dusty came down for Mary. E. Lyle cutting barley and oats.

5 - A very fine day. Cleaning out old strawberry patch all day. Jennie washing, ironing, churning, baking and scrubbing, also preserving. Annie and James went to Port Perry with a crate of berries but did not get there on time for the train. Mrs. Smith and Mabel McMillan and the McMillan baby came over with some blackberries.

6 - A very fine day. All day fixing the pig house floor. Mrs. John Michie and Mary Dusty picking berries. Annie went to Port Perry alone for the first time. Jennie preparing for the SS class social in the evening which came off good. About 45 sat down to supper and all appeared to have a good time. Among those present were Peter Maitland and 2 sons and Nelson Baird came all the way from Oshawa in his auto. He took us out for a ride, the first I ever had in an auto.

7 - A very fine day. All day hoeing strawberries. Jennie, Mrs. John Michie, and Bessie Gordon picking berries. Mrs. Swanick and Mrs. Graham called for berries. Willie drove Mrs. John M. home, the first time he drove the horse alone on the road.

8 - A fine day but close evening with a high SW wind. Hoed in the forenoon while Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry. Scuffled the turnips, 3rd time, in the afternoon. Annie at Gordon's. R. Cragg and wife called while we were at supper. All hands over at Norman Lyle's in the evening.

9 - A little drizzle of rain off and on during the forenoon. Cleaned out hen house and hoed in the forenoon and in the afternoon helped John Michie to cut oats east of his barn with horse.

10 - A very fine day and quite cool. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached.

11 - A beautiful day. Helping John Michie to cut (with horse) in the forenoon and then he came and cut our field NE of barn. Mr. S. Henry of Port Perry, who was going to Joe Stone's, brought

Mrs. Henry here and she stayed until evening. Mary Dusty, Bessie Gordon, (Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon) and Jennie picking berries; 76 boxes. This will be the last of any account.

12 - A very fine day. Jim Lee called in the morning to see John Michie about cutting. John, with his binder, cut field W of the house. He finished about 3:30. He then went to Jim Lee's. Annie at Greenbank for mail. Boys went down to John's in the evening to get bread from the baker but the baker did not come.

13 - A very fine day. The decree went forth that the cistern must be cleaned out as the water is bad, so I went to Greenbank and got 132 bricks from the ruins of Wallace's store. Willie and James went with me and I spent most of the day making a larger inlet, and hoed some. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie and children to the W.F.M. meeting at Mrs. D. McDonald's. Annie at J. Michie's in the evening. Sidney Kenney called in the evening. Jennie washed in the forenoon.

14 - A very fine but warm and smoky day. John Michie came up with horse and we cut the hill field, finishing at 5 o'clock, which finishes the cutting. Jennie ironing and other things.

15 - A very fine day and very warm and smoky. Helping John Michie to cut oats all day. Jennie picking berries. Annie at Greenbank for the mail.

16 - A very warm day; about 90 in the afternoon. Helping John Michie to draw in oats until about 5 o'clock when a thunder storm came up and it rained off and on until about 8. There was much vivid lightning. Annie was at Akhurst's and Jennie had to go after her. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the forenoon. R.T. Harrington's barn struck by lightning and burned, and 2 or 3 others to the SE.

17 - Another very warm day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Wesley, late of Sunderland, preached. A male choir. All over at Jas. Lee's in the evening.

18 - Another very warm day with E wind and very smoky. Helping John Michie to cut wheat and oats and finished his cutting about 5 o'clock. Annie at Mission Band at Greenbank.

19 - A very fine day and cooler. Drawing in oats all day, John Michie helping. Jennie went to 8 pm train to meet Jessie Bell and Willie Bell.

20 - A very fine day. Helping John Michie to draw in oats while Annie and Jessie Bell went for the beef. In the afternoon had Arthur Chapman helping to draw in oats. The tire came off one of the waggon wheels.

21 - A very fine day. Arthur Chapman came over from Jim Lee's and we drew in the last of the oats and finished harvest at noon. In the afternoon helping A. Akhurst to draw in while Jennie, with James and Willie Bell, went to Port Perry. In the evening, with Annie, Willie and Jessie Bell, at the band concert at W. Real's. There was a pretty good turnout. The star was Mr. White of Toronto. Fred McKague sang and Alethra Barrett recited. About an average in quality. We had just got home when there was quite a splash of a shower.

22 – More rain towards morning and in the forenoon and everything well soaked. After dinner got out the old gang plough and ploughed some in the field NW of barn. Thundering most of the afternoon which turned to a terrific storm about 7 pm. Jennie sewing for Jessie Bell. Mrs. John Michie and girls here while John went to Greenbank to get his horse shod.

23 – Lots of rain through the night. Gang ploughing in the forenoon and helping Sam Dusty to thresh in the afternoon. Crops turned out well. Annie and Jessie Bell at Greenbank in the afternoon. Jennie sewing.

24 – A fine day and quite cool; a little splash of rain about 11 am. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Wesley preached but I did not agree with all he said.

25 – A beautiful day. At Dusty's threshing and finished about 9 am. Jim Dusty had to go for A. Akhurst's ladder before Sam and I could get off the straw stack. The rest of the forenoon was spent in relaying the brick in the pig house that the pigs dug up yesterday. Gang plowing in the afternoon. Jennie and all the children down at the bridge fishing and had good success. Norman Lyle and John Michie drawing in.

26 – A fine day. A splash of a shower about 1 o'clock. Gang plowing all day and finished the field NW of barn. Jennie sewing. Willie went down to John Michie's for bread.

27 – A very fine cool day. Spent the day in making, with Jennie, a trip to Charles Gordon's, Scugog. We had a very pleasant visit. Got there about 12 and left for home at 5. Quite a lot of grain out yet.

28 – At E. Lyle's threshing all day until quite dark and finished, Annie and Jessie Bell at Greenbank in the forenoon with hens. Jennie sewing. Thunder and rain in the evening.

29 – Cool day and some rain in the evening. Hoed strawberries while Willie harrowed in the forenoon. Gang plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Jessie Bell at Greenbank for mail. Jennie making Jessie B. a dress.

30 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing most of the day while the boys gang plowed in the field W of the house. Jennie making dress for Jessie Bell.

31 – Another very fine day. All hands at SS and church (boys walked). Mr. McKay, who is just back from his trip to Nova Scotia, preached.

SEPT. 1 – A beautiful day (Labour day). Threshing all day at Albert Akhurst's (W. Taylor's machine) and got done about 5:30. A good turnout. Boys gang plowing most of the day. Jennie making dress for Jessie Bell.

2 – A very fine and very warm day. Threshing at John Michie's and finished at about 2 pm. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school and then helped Mrs. J. Michie with dinner. Boys at school, first day. Miss Warren and Miss Stoven teachers. Finished gang plowing field west of house.

3 – Thunder in the early morning but no rain here. Very warm day until towards night when the wind turned to the E and it almost rained. Drew a load of stones to fill hole in the road on hill and brought home load of wood from fence along 10th concession. At James Lee's threshing in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

4 – A little rain through the night and a very fine day. Threshing at Jas. Lee's and finished about 10 am; then at Mrs. Phair's the rest of the day. Jennie sewing. Mrs. Gordon and Bessie; Mrs. Mark and Russell Thomas called.

5 – A very fine day and very warm. Threshing at Phair's and finished at noon. Then scuffled and hoed strawberries while Jennie and Willie Bell went to Port Perry for Annie. She took Mrs. John Michie and children to the train on their way to Agincourt. Boys at school.

6 – A beautiful and pretty warm day. Hoeing while Willie harrowed and in the afternoon with the boys drew two loads of drain tile from Roy O'Neill's (425 3 inch and 125 2/12 inch). E. Lyle called to borrow some bags.

7 – A very warm day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. In the evening took Annie to Port Perry and Willie Bell on his way home to take the train in the morning. Jessie Bell went with us and all attended church. Mr. West preached, the first time that I heard him.

8 – A very fine day. Thunder and a little rain through the night. All day putting in drain tile in the field W of house. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Boys at school.

9 – A very fine cool day. All day at drain and did not get on as far as yesterday. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

10 – A very fine cool day; quite a hard frost in the morning. At drain all day. Jennie and Jessie Bell at W.F.M. meeting at Greenbank. Boys at school. W. [Caffley?] and Russell Thomas called in the evening.

11 – A beautiful day; quite a hard frost in the morning. All day at drain. Went down to tile yard after dinner and got 200 more tiles. Jennie sewing. Boys at school.

12 – A very fine day. At the drain most of the forenoon while Willie harrowed. In the afternoon went with Willie, James, Jessie Bell and Sidney Kenney to Port Perry fair. There was a good turnout. The principal attraction was to be an airplane flight but it did not fly although the machine was there. Brought Annie home.

13 – A high NW wind, lots of dust and quite cold. Harrowed in the morning and then Norman Lyle came with his corn binder and cut the corn and finished about 3 pm (the first he has cut this year). I then drew in a load to the stable. Jennie sewing. Annie went to Greenbank with Mrs. N. Lyle for the papers. Moved in the stove.

14 – A fine day and very cool. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. Mark called after supper.

15 – Frost in the morning and a very fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie. In the afternoon E. Lyle came

with Norman's binder and cut the buckwheat and I shocked it up. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Mrs. John Michie called to see about making a dress.

16 – A fine day. Drove to the manse at Wick and left horse and Mr. McKay drove to Blackwater and then by rail to Lindsay to Presbytery meeting. The attendance was rather small. The chief business was Mr. Michener of Sunderland's resignation. He was only placed there in February. A little rain in the evening. Got home about 11. Boys at school. Jennie sewing.

17 – Almost rain in the morning. Putting in drain across the NE corner of SW field. After dinner rigged up to draw corn but rain came on. Jennie and Jessie Bell went over to visit Mrs. Jas. Lee but she was not at home. Boys at school. Some thunder to the NW towards evening.

18 – A very fine day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning to see about a lump that is on the colts leg. Then finished the drain. In the afternoon drew off corn and put it along the fence. Jennie sewing. Boys at school.

19 – A very fine day. Drawing off corn in the forenoon. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and took Jessie Bell to the station on her way home. I worked all afternoon shocking up Norman Lyle's buckwheat while he was cutting corn at A. Akhurst's. Boys at school.

20 – Finished drawing off the corn in the forenoon and plowing corn stubble in the afternoon. Children cleaned up the shop. Sidney Kenney came for some crab apples.

21 – Some rain through the night and off and on through the day. All hands at SS and church. Jennie visited at Mrs. Walker's and Jas. Miller's.

22 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Plowing corn stubble in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

23 – A very fine day. Finished plowing corn stubble in the forenoon and digging potatoes in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Boys at school. John Michie, wife and Jean here in the forenoon for crab apples to send to Manitoba.

24 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Mr. O'Neill borrowed the democrat.

25 – A fine day. All day at potatoes, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Mrs. O'Neill and Irene called in the evening.

26 – With Jennie's help drew in the buckwheat and just in time as rain came on as we were taking off the last load but it did not amount to much. Digging potatoes in the afternoon. Boys at school. Willie came home at noon and went with Jennie to Port Perry for Annie. Willie Caffley⁴⁵ called in the evening to see Annie about the studies in the high school as he intends to start soon.

27 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon, boys helping, and finished the job. Most of the afternoon spent in

picking and packing crab apples to send to Manitoba. Jennie preserving pears. Willie went with John Michie to Gibson's mill. Jim Ward called wanting to sell [aprons?].

28 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Children's day. Service conducted by Mr. McKay. Mrs. John Michie called in the forenoon.

29 – A beautiful day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and took box of apples for Annie Black, Manitoba. Then went to Weston Phoenix's and got road scraper. In the afternoon scraped out water run in the SW field. Jennie washing in the forenoon and visiting at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon. Boys at school.

30 – A beautiful day. All day drawing muck from the hole in the swamp field to the strawberry patch and other places. Boys at school. Mr. McKay came for tea. Left his horse and went over to Jas. Lee's and stayed all night. Mrs. John Michie called after dinner.

OCT. 1 – A beautiful day. Drawing swamp muck in the forenoon and plowing buckwheat stubble in the afternoon. Mr. McKay came back from Jas. Lee's and left about 9 am. John Michie came to borrow the cultivator. In the evening all at Greenbank. Jennie and the boys to prayer meeting and I to beef ring meeting. Drew no. 2 ticket. Boys at school. E. Ferguson's burned out.

2 – Dull foggy morning, almost like rain. Plowing until about 9 when it started to rain in earnest and continued until near noon off and on and it was badly needed. Plowing again in the afternoon, then went up to the schoolhouse to meet the other trustees about repairing fence, woodshed, etc. Jennie making pickles. Boys not at school as the teachers are at teachers convention.

3 – A very fine day. Finished plowing buckwheat stubble in the forenoon. Jennie and the boys picking up apples and in the afternoon went with Jennie and the boys in the waggon to Port Perry with apples to evaporator and brought Annie home. In the evening Willie Caffley came down with his gramophone and played until after 11 o'clock. Albert Akhurst, wife and Marie, also Arthur Chapman, were in.

4 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie making dress for Annie. Willie went for mail. Norman Lyle borrowed 3 bags of oats.

5 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. James preached. Mrs. John Michie called in the evening.

6 – A fine day and very warm. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and plowed the rest of the day. Jennie washing and ironing. Boys at school. Went to Greenbank in the evening to church managers meeting but only Alex Boe and I turned up so there was no meeting.

⁴⁵ Editors note: The name 'Caffley' has been spelled in several different ways in the original

text... 'Cofley', 'Cafeley' 'Caffeley' are used. I have transcribed whichever version Robert used each time.

7 – Another fine and very warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and picked the apples in the afternoon, Jennie helping part of the time. Boys at school.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie making Mrs. John Michie's dress and she and the children were here most of the day. Jennie and the boys at prayer meeting in the evening. Jennie had the topic.

9 – A fine day and very warm. Plowing all day and in the evening drove over to W.H. Leask's to practice two pieces for the W.F.M. social. A beautiful night. Jennie making Mrs. J. Michie's dress. Boys at school.

10 – Another very warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon walked to preparatory service at the church. Mr. Watts of Oakwood preached. Amos Stone, Verna Stone and Mabel Real joined the church at this time. Jennie making dress in forenoon and at Port Perry for Annie in the afternoon. Boys at school.

11 – Plowing in the forenoon. Rain started at dinner time and continued all afternoon. Cleaned out pig house and grainery. John Michie and E. Lyle called. Jennie finished Mrs. John's dress and started one for Annie. Boys topped mangolds in the forenoon.



Log pig house at Robert's farm, undated photo

12 – A very fine day but cool. At communion at Greenbank. An unusually good attendance. Mr. McKay preached. C. McKague sang solo. Jennie did not go as she had a bad cough. Willie went with me.

13 – A good deal colder. Plowing most of the day. Annie did not go to Port Perry in the morning as Jennie was making her a dress. Jennie drove her down at noon. Boys at school.

14 – A very fine day. Drew in the mangolds, 3 loads, in the forenoon. After dinner picked apples for awhile, Jennie helping, then

went with team and waggon to Phair's to help them fill their silo. Boys at school.

15 – A beautiful day. At Phair's helping to fill silo and finished about 3 pm. Picking apples rest of day, Jennie helping. Boys at school.

16 – A beautiful fine warm day. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping. Boys at school

17 – A fine day until about 5 pm when it started to rain a little from the SE and continued during the evening. Picking apples all day, Jennie helping in the afternoon. She was all forenoon churning. John Michie, wife and children came up for 2 barrels of apples. Boys at school. Intended to go to J.M. Real's to practice for W.F.M. social but waited until too late for the rain to clear. Jim Dusty called and Norman Lyle for a bag of oats.

18 – Quite a heavy rain just before daylight in the morning. Cooler through the day. Plowing most of the day. Jennie cleaning up house.

19 – Somewhat cold and raw with E wind. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached a thanksgiving sermon. A little rain in the evening.

20 – Thanksgiving day. Almost or altogether raining most of the forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon. Did a few odd jobs in the forenoon and with the boys went to Jim Lee's swamp and got a load of threshing wood. In the evening Sid Caney came down and we had a musical evening with Willie Cafeley's gramophone.

21 – The first snow of the season. Snowed off and on most of the forenoon but did not lay any time. Went to Greenbank in the morning taking the boys to school. W. Taylor's threshing machine came from Dusty's and got into the barn before dinner and threshed us out by working until after dark. Jennie cooking for the threshers. Those here were Norman Lyle; E. Lyle; John Michie; A. Akhurst; Jim Dusty; Arthur Chapman (for Jas. Lee); and Cecil Phair. Made a doubletree for E. Lyle in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Threshing at Norman Lyle's and finished a little after dinner. Plowing rest of day. Jennie washing and visiting at John Michie's. Boys at school. In the evening, with Jennie and the boys, attended the W.F.M. social in the church. A very dark night and some rain but there were a few out. Rev. Mr. Miller of the Methodist church spoke of his work among the foreigners of British Columbia. Collection \$21.00. Lu O'Neill and Margaret Ward married.

23 - A fine day. Went down to John Michie's for two apple barrels and with Jennie's help packed them for Mr. Laidlaw of Winnipeg and spent the rest of the day picking the last of the apples and finished the job.

24 – Started to rain about 8:30 in the morning and continued nearly all day. Plowed awhile in the morning but had to quit for the rain. Intended to go to Port Perry with load of evaporator apples but took the buggy for Annie. Roads muddy. Boys at school. Jennie churning. Jas. Lee and Irene O'Neill called.

25 – A fine day. Plowing E of the orchard all day. Willie went with John Michie to Gibson's mill and Greenbank. Mrs. John Michie and Ruth called in the afternoon.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Miss Clarahue, a returned missionary from India, spoke and gave a splendid address.

27 – Somewhat dull morning. In the forenoon went with Jennie and Annie in the waggon to Port Perry. Took 2 barrels of apples for Winnipeg and 15 bags to evaporator. Topping turnips in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Boys at school.

28 – Heavy rain in the morning and most of the forenoon. Jennie drove the boys to school and went on to Greenbank while I did some little jobs. Harrowing out turnips in the afternoon. Norman Lyle came over to borrow the democrat.

29 – Rather a dull day and almost rain sometimes. Drawing in turnips all day, Jennie helping; got in 14 loads. Boys at school.

30 – A fine day but cool. All day drawing in turnips, Jennie helping; got in 13 loads. Boys at school.

31 – A very hard frost which did not thaw out in some places all day. Topped the last of the turnips in the forenoon and harrowed them after dinner. Jennie then went to Port Perry for Annie while I cleaned out hen and pig house. Boys at school. Willie Cafelly called in the evening and sharpened 2 razors.

NOV. 1 – Somewhat cold and windy all day. Drawing in turnips, Jennie and the children helping; drew in 17 loads, which finishes the job. 44 loads in all.

2 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Willie and James walked. Mr. McKay preached on turning swords into ploughshares. Special collection in SS for Knox College Missionary Society.

3 – Rather dull and raw day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. In the afternoon drawing in corn, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Some rain in the evening. Willie Caffley started to high school today.

4 – Some hail in the morning and several hail and snow flurries during the day. Plowing in long field (sod) all day. Boys at school.

5 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie sewing. Boys at school.

6 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie's help, drew in the rest of the corn. Mrs. John Michie and children called. Boys at school.

7 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie and brought Barbara Smith from the station. Jennie cleaning and baking. Boys at school.

8 – Rain all forenoon. Did a number of inside jobs. Plowing in the afternoon. Barbara and Jennie down to John Michie's for supper.

9 – A terrible day of rain from the NE all day. At SS and church with the children. J.A. Miller preached on his works to strangers.

A small turnout; only 42 at SS. [margin note: Terrible disaster on the lakes, especially Lake Huron].⁴⁶

10 – High wind through the night and snow in the morning. Drove Barbara to train for home and Annie to Port Perry school. Plowing awhile in the afternoon but it got rough and stormy with snow. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Mrs. Mark left for Saskatchewan.

11 – Quite cold and wintery all day. Plowing sod all day and nearly finished (long field). Boys at school.

12 – Hard frost in the morning but thawed out during the day. Finished plowing sod and plowed some in field W of house. Monet's men brought 20 apple barrels. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at Alex Leask's. Boys at school. Teachers had a big row with Frank Fairbrother.

13 – Dark dull morning. John Warren, Mr. Woodley and Mr. --- came to pack apples but it started to rain. Cleared up about 10. We all went to work and took all the apples into the barn. They then packed a few barrels while I plowed. Boys at school.

14 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry for Annie in the afternoon. Gave Willie Caffley a ride home. Apple packers (3 men) here all day. Boys at school.

15 – A very fine day. In the forenoon drew turnip tops to cover strawberries, boys helping. In the afternoon took 19 barrels of apples to Port Perry. Willie went with me. Two men packing apples and finished with lantern.

16 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached on Home Missions. John Michie, wife and family called in the evening.

17 – A fine day. Got up early and took the last of the apples (18 barrels) to Port Perry, Annie going with me. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, picked up the cull apples in the barn. Mr. John Michie and children picking some for themselves. Went down to John Michie's for the Fanny colt which has been pasturing there during the summer. Boys at school.

18 – Very dull day, especially in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning with evaporator apples and did some little jobs in the afternoon. Jennie making me a smock.

19 – A terrible day of rain. Cleaned out pig and calf pens and hung gate into orchard at the house and some other jobs. Jennie went down to John Michie's to telephone about going to Toronto tomorrow. John Michie called in the afternoon. Boys did not go to school. All hands went to Greenbank in the evening to prayer meeting through the darkness and rain, but there was no meeting. Buggy wheel played out just as we got home.

⁴⁶ Two weather systems met over the Great Lakes and there was a storm that lasted more than sixteen hours continuously with waves at least 35' high. 235 people lost their lives. Eight large freighters sank, mostly in Lake Huron.

20 – A fine day. Drove Jennie to Port Perry on her way to Toronto. Took 12 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got it ground in the afternoon. Boys at school. Mary Dusty came down and milked the cows.

21 – Some rain through the night; a very fine day. Mary Dusty came in the morning and stayed all day. Plowing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry for Annie in the afternoon. Boys at school.

22 – A fine day and almost like summer. Drawing out manure on next years strawberry patch. Mary Dusty went home but came back near night and stayed all night. S. Sleep called.

23 – Much colder with high NW wind; rain through the night. Mary Dusty went home after breakfast. At SS and church with the children. Had Jennie's class in with mine at SS. Mr. McKay preached. John Michie came up and helped to milk the cows.

24 – Several snow flurries during the forenoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and met Jennie on her way home from Toronto and Newcastle. Plowing in the afternoon. Boys at school.

25 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Fire away to the NW in the evening.

26 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and drawing out manure for strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie killing and dressing chickens. Boys at school. All at prayer meeting in the evening. Leaders of the topic were Jennie Gordon, Edgar Leask and Mr. McKay. Jas. Lee, wife and baby called.

27 – Quite a hard frost which never thawed out. Plowed the piece manured yesterday which finishes plowing for this season. Jennie went to Port Perry market while I put on storm windows and some other little jobs. Boys at school.

28 – A very fine day. Drew out straw to cover strawberries in the forenoon and spread it in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

29 – Rather dull day. Spent all day doing small jobs principally putting in glass and putting windows. Jennie making dress for Annie.

30 – A very fine mild day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. Norman Lyle called with the mail about noon.

DEC. 1 – Jennie had to finish Annie's dress before she started to school so I did not get her in time for the forenoon session. Harrowing sod in the afternoon, a very rare thing for this time of year. It was as warm today as June. Boys at school. Fairbrother's family are moving away today to Niagara.

2 – Rather dull most of the day. Harrowing and drawing of stones. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

3 – A fine day. Spent all day relaying the pig house floor which was dug up yesterday. W. Akhurst here in the afternoon getting his hair cut. Sidney Kenney; A. Gordon and Mrs. O'Neill called. All at prayer meeting in the evening; Mr. McKay leader. Boys at school.

4 – A fine day. Jennie all day at Gordon's helping to make dresses for girls. Patching the shingling of the house roof. Boys at school.

5 – A beautiful mild summer-like day. All day deepening a part of the drain put in last fall. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

6 – A very fine day. Finished deepening drain in the forenoon, the boys helping. In the afternoon started to fit in window sash into the west upstairs windows but found they were not the right size, then puttied up the E windows. Children at Greenbank practicing for Christmas tree.

7 – A fine day and a good deal colder towards night. All hands at SS and church; Rev. Mr. McKay preached on Bible Society work.

8 – A very rough wintery day especially in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Got window sash changed and fitted them in in the afternoon. Jennie making coat for Willie. Boys started for school but turned back at A. Akhurst's.

9 – Not quite so cold. Did some little jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Jim Lee's with the waggon for load of wood and a load of cedar sticks from the swamp field. Jennie washing and churning. Mrs. John Michie called to get some aprons cut out. Boys at school.

10 – A fine day. Spent most of the day helping Jennie to pick chickens. All at prayer meeting in the evening. Laura Baird and Mr. McKay were leaders. Boys at school.

11 – Fine day but pretty cold. Went to Port Perry market with Jennie and James. Willie at school and went to W.H. Leask's for supper and Jennie, James and I also went for supper and had a musical evening. Willie stayed all night. A beautiful clear night.

12 – A very fine day. Put glass in new upstairs windows and went to Port Perry for Annie. When I came home Robert Akhurst and wife were here and stayed for tea. Jennie washing woodwork of kitchen and oiling the floor. Boys at school.

13 – A very fine warm day. Went to W. O'Neill's in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 12 bags of oats to Gibson's mill and got them ground. Children at Greenbank to practice for Christmas tree.

14 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. --- of Woodville preached. All went to John Michie's for supper.

15 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Spent most of the afternoon counting up church accounts. Jennie at John Michie's quilting a quilt for Mrs. O'Neill. Boys at school. John Michie came up in the evening and brought his wife and girls and left them here while we went to church managers meeting in the church.

16 – Dull day and almost raining most of the day. Drove to the manse at Wick and left horse there and Mr. McKay drove to Blackwater and by train to the presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Got supper at the manse on my way home. Boys at school. Christmas fair day.

17 – A very fine mild day. Got John Michie's buggy and Jennie and Maggie Blair canvassed the congregation for Christmas presents for J.M. Real and Mr. McKay. She was not very well pleased with the result. Spent most of the day putting up upstairs windows.

18 – Quite cold all day. A little snow through the night. Did some small jobs about the barn. Mrs. James Lee and Olive Real here for tea. Boys at school.

19 – A beautiful day. All hands at Port Perry fair in the afternoon. A large turnout.

20 – A beautiful mild day. Jennie went over to W.H. Leask's for a Christmas goose. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Children at practice in the church and to Mission Band.

21 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Saw dandelions in bloom.

22 – A fine day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie washing and dressing goose. Boys at school. Went to Greenbank in the evening to school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's. Called at R.T. Harrington's, Mrs. Walker's, and got buggy wheel at Whiteford's.

23 – Jennie and Maggie Blair went to Port Perry and got a chair \$9.00 as a present for J.M. Real. They went with the democrat but it started to snow about 10 o'clock and before they got back there was sleighing. I drove Maggie Blair home with the cutter and still it was snowing; about 8 inches deep.

24 – A nice day; almost rain towards night. Did some odd jobs. All hands at Christmas tree in the evening. There was a full house and everything went off very well. Mr. McKay presented chair to J.M. Real. About \$15.00 taken in. James sang a piece alone.

25 – A nice mild day. Spent a very quiet Christmas. Sidney Kenney was here for dinner and supper.

26 – Much colder day. Went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church; Mr. McKay preached.

27 – About 8 below zero in the morning but a bright winter day. Drove to Greenbank in the afternoon with the children.

28 – A fine day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Wick; Mr. McKay preached. Not as many as usual from Greenbank. We went by Greenbank and came home by the side road; sleighing rather thin. All hands at the Methodist service at Greenbank in the evening (special); Mr. Wellwood of Sunderland preached.

29 – Some colder. Jennie washing. Drove to Port Perry in the afternoon with the children and in the evening all hands at annual Sunday School meeting. There was a fair turnout. The pull was electing a superintendent and did not succeed.

30 – A beautiful day. In the afternoon took 14 bags of oats to Gibson's mill (boys going with me). Mill not running. Jim Blair takes possession tomorrow. Edna and Annie Gordon and Marie Akhurst here most of the day. John Michie, wife and children, and Misses Aggie and Margaret Forfar called a few minutes.

31 – A very fine day. Went to public school meeting; not very large turnout. Was re-elected trustee. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon for the meal, boys going with me.

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JAN. 1 – About zero in the morning and a fine day. Ed Lyle called in the morning to tell us that Mr. W. Petty died suddenly just as the new year came in. All hands at John Michie's for dinner and tea. W. O'Neill and wife and Margaret and Aggie Forfar were there also.

2 – A fine day but rather raw. Did the chores and went down to N. Lyle's swamp to see a wood lot that he wants to sell. Annie at Gordon's. Jennie churning.

3 – Snowing a little most of the day from the E. Went down to N. Lyle's and bought firewood lot. In the afternoon went with Jennie to W. Petty's funeral. There was a good turnout. Mr. Balfour conducted the services.

4 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Started as superintendent of SS.

5 – A very fine day and pretty sharp in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and in the afternoon down to Norman Lyle's swamp to cut wood but James Leask and wife came and stayed to tea. We counting up the church account books. Jennie washing. Willie at school. James did not go as Miss Warren is sick.

6 – A very fine day but rather raw. All day cutting wood in Lyle's swamp, James also. Willie at school.

7 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Lyle's swamp all day. Willie at school. James started to go but heard that Miss Warren was still unable to teach. Went to annual congregational meeting in the evening; a fair turnout and things went off fairly well. Alex Leask, John Michie and Jas. Baird elected managers. \$102.00 on hand.

8 – Some more snow through the night which helped the sleighing. Drove Willie towards school and called at Alex Gordon's and we went up to the church and hired Mr. Cutler as caretaker of the church. Cutting wood in the swamp in the afternoon.

9 – Cutting wood in Lyle's swamp in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Almost raining in the afternoon. Boys at school. In the evening at Hydro Electric meeting in the hall at Greenbank. There was a full house and a very good address about the proposed Radial railroad and power.

10 – I think the coldest day this winter. Spent most of the day cutting and splitting wood in the woodshed. Mr. Sleep called.

11 – About 6 below zero in the morning and very cold all day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. J.M. Real and I changed places in the SS; he taking the superintendent place and I back as teacher in the corner class.

12 – Cold and rough NW wind. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and spent the afternoon making out church report for printer. Boys

did not go to school. Below zero most of the day; 14 below when we went to bed.

13 – Somewhere about 30 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than 14 below all day. 18 below when we went to bed. Kept in the house most of the day. Boys not at school.

14 – About 16 below zero in the morning but got warmer as the day passed. A little snow from the SW in the afternoon. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting at the church and got supper at Mrs. Walker's. Visited at Norman Lyle's in the afternoon.

15 – Quite mild all day. A little snow in the morning. Went to Seagrave with pig for S. Sleep and brought home a load of coal. Got coal started in the stove. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Stanley Real and Laura Baird married today.

16 – Quite mild. Cutting wood in Lyle's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie I went to Mrs. Petty's sale. There was a largest crowd that I have seen for a long time at a sale and things went very well. Snow from the E all afternoon. Boys at school.

17 – Colder and drifting especially in the afternoon. Went with the boys up to Mrs. Petty's for picture frames bought at the sale yesterday. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon and got the meal home.

18 – About 8 below zero in the morning but a very fine day. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh). Mr. McKay preached.

19 – Drove Annie to Port Perry; took the sleigh and got some lumber to put partition upstairs in the house. After dinner went over to N. Lyle's to see him about the wood lot in the swamp as P. Luke has forbidden me to take any wood off. Then went to Greenbank to borrow Mr. Miller's matching planes. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

20 – Snowing a little most of the day from the E and quite rough towards night and in the evening. Spent the day putting partition upstairs. Boys at school. Jennie went for them and found the roads nearly blocked with snow.

21 – Colder and drifting some all day. Working at partition upstairs in the forenoon and at managers meeting in the church in the afternoon. John Michie brought his wife and family up and I rode up to the meeting with him. Mrs. M. was getting a dress cut out. Boys not at school. Roads through the fields and snow very deep.

22 – A fine day. All day at the partition upstairs. Boys not at school.

23 – A fine day and got quite soft towards night. Went with Jennie to John Michie's and got 85 lbs of pork from him at 12 cts per pound. The rest of the day at the partition upstairs. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys not at school.

24 – Rain through the night which settled the snow pretty well but got colder towards night. Finished the upstairs job in the forenoon and went for the mail in the afternoon. Annie went with me as far as Gordon's.

25 – Pretty cold but clear day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

26 – Some more snow through the night and a fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Putting a cupboard under the E. chimney in the house in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Alex Gordon drove his wife, Mrs. Charles Gordon and Mrs. S. Dusty here and they stayed for tea.

27 – Soft day; rain in the evening. Finished the cupboard upstairs and painted the new room. Towards evening went over to N. Lyle's to help in with Mrs. Lyle's piano. Jennie making house-dress. Boys at school.

28 – Thawing all day. Did some jobs in the shop and cleaned out the pig house. At guild meeting in the evening; Mr. McKay in the chair. Harvey Real and I had the topic. Very small meeting. Boys at school.

29 – Snow going rapidly all day. Put on old newspapers on the new partition upstairs. Jennie down to John Michie's in the afternoon. W. Henders called. Boys at school.

30 – Colder. Spent the forenoon visiting Mr. O'Neill. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

31 – Not so cold but a very rough day with hail and snow from the E. Painting upstairs most of the day.

FEB. 1 – Rather rough but not so very cold. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

2 – Milder. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Helping Jennie paper room upstairs in the afternoon. Boys at school.

3 – Mild and thawing most of the day. Helping Jennie all day to paper room upstairs. Boys at school.

4 – Quite a bit colder and somewhat rough. Helping Jennie to paper upstairs. Boys at school.

5 – A beautiful winter day. Took 14 bags of oats to Blair's mill but did not get anyone there. Jennie cleaning upstairs. Boys at school.

6 – Colder and very rough in the afternoon with snow from the E. Went to Blair's mill for chop in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie.

7 – Rain through the night but it turned cold and in the afternoon it was very rough and snowing from the NW. Painted the stair. Jennie baking.

8 – A little below zero in the morning but calm, but before long it was blowing strong from the W and rough. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

9 – Four below zero in the morning and a high WSW wind all day. It did not get very far above zero. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Boys did not go to school. Jennie knitting mitts.

10 – Below zero in the morning and hardly got above all day. Boys at school. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at Jim Lee's in the afternoon. Did little but the chores.

11 – 20 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than about 10 below all day. Boys did not go to school. In the afternoon drove with Jennie as far as the new road. She driving on to W.F.M. meeting at W.H. Leask's and I to session meeting in the church. A full meeting of session and a big women's meeting.

12 – Another terrible cold day; 24 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than about 8 below. Did the chores and visited at Norman Lyle's in the afternoon. Boys not at school. R. Branton buried.

13 – Another very cold day; 12 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than about zero all day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys not at school.

14 – About zero in the morning but got warmer but rough. Went to Greenbank for the mail in the afternoon. Called at John Lee's, J.M. Real's and Alex Gordon's. John Michie and wife went to Port Perry and left their girls here while they were away.

15 – About 8 below zero in the morning but got warmer and a fine day. Walked up to the 11th concession and met J.M. Real and we went to Wick church to visit their Sunday School, James Leask, superintendant and teacher of bible class. We came back to J.M.'s for dinner and then to SS and church (Jennie and the children drove up); Mr. McKay preached from the same text that Robert Leask preached from at the opening of the church.

16 – About zero in the morning and pretty cold all day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. In the afternoon at John Michie's and Mrs. O'Neill's. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

17 – Pretty cold in the morning but a very fine day. Boys at school. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and got a load of coal; 2175 lbs. John Michie here in the afternoon helping to cut apple trees in the orchard. Mrs. John and girls here also.

18 – A very fine day. Took the boys to school and went on to Greenbank and brought Barbara Walker home with me and Jennie and her quilted a quilt. John Michie here in the afternoon cutting apple tree wood. Party at E. Lyle's tonight. It is said that Joe Phoenix and [Peril?] Real were married in Toronto today.

19 – A fine day; colder towards night. Drew in the woodshed the wood out of the orchard. Jennie and Barbara Walker quilting. Jennie drove her home after supper. Boys at school.

20 – A little below zero in the morning but a beautiful day. Split wood in the woodshed most of the day. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

21 – A fine day but pretty cold. Split wood in woodshed in forenoon. After dinner drove Jennie and James to Port Perry on their way to Brooklin. Cow sale at Port Perry.

22 – A pretty cold rough day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie; Mr. McKay preached.

23 – About 15 below zero in the morning and very little above all day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and brought Jennie and James home from Brooklin. Willie at school. W. Akhurst called in the afternoon to get his hair cut and for some things we got for him at Port Perry. Alex Gordon and wife called on their way home from Port Perry. She was wanting help with a waist to go to Allie Dusty's wedding.

24 – Below zero in the morning but a beautiful clear day. Boys at school. Arthur Gordon called on his way to Port Perry to say that his mother was not able to come to get her waist made. About 11 W.H. Leask and wife came and stayed until about 5 pm. They came principally to talk church choir and we threshed it out pretty well.

25 – A very fine day. Took oats to Blair's mill but there was no one there. A notice on the door said the mill will not be running until Thursday afternoon on account of the bursting of a steam pipe, but there may be at least another reason as Jim is getting married to Allie Dusty today. Drawing off brush from the orchard in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

26 – A very fine day and thawing some. Went down to J. Michie's and telephoned to P. Luke of Epsom about wood lot but could not understand him but he promised to come over next week. Over at W. O'Neill's in the afternoon. Marshall O'Neill is rebuilding bridge across Nonquon on 11th concession. Boys at school.

27 – A very fine day and thawing quite a bit. Went to Blair's mill in the forenoon for the meal (no one at the mill). In the afternoon drove over to Epsom to see P. Luke about wood lot but he was not at home. I then drove to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. Sleighing going.

28 – A fine day and thawing. Cutting wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Willie and James went over to Jim Lee's to see about getting wood. Annie at Gordon's in the afternoon. Boys making windmill.

MAR. 1 – Colder and very rough especially towards night; high NW wind. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. George Lee lost his third horse today with some mysterious disease.

2 – A terrible high wind all night and all day from the NW with a little snow which was blown into heaps. Drove Annie to Port Perry but not in time for school in the forenoon. Cutting wood in woodshed in the afternoon. Jennie quilting. Boys not at school.

3 – Pretty cold in the morning but a fine day and thawing some. Cleaned out hen house and fixed some doors. Jennie quilting. Willie at school. W. Phoenix called.

4 – A very fine day. Drove cutter to Jim Lee's swamp and cut wood; home to dinner; and back again in the afternoon. Willie at school. Jennie finished quilt. J.M. Real got his arm broke today by getting it caught in his windmill.

5 – Went with Jennie in the sleigh to Port Perry market and to get the horses shod. When we got home Mrs. Gordon was here and

Jennie helped her in the afternoon to make a waist. Drew two little loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Boys at school.

6 – A little snow from the E nearly all day. Boys did not go to school as they have the cold. Over at W. O'Neill's in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew two loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Alex and Mrs. Gordon here most of the afternoon getting Mrs. G's waist finished. Did not go for Annie as she is going over to Scugog with her roommate Veta Platten.

7 – Snowing a little in the morning but a fine day. Picked over turnips in the root house in the forenoon and, with Willie, drove to Greenbank for the mail. Called at J.M. Real's to see him as he got his arm broke a short time ago. He is doing well. When doing the chores we saw that the little red cow was sick. Willie and James went down to John Michie's and phoned for vet Coates of Port Perry who came up in about an hour and pronounced it indigestion.

8 – A pretty cold stormy day. All at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Had a little choir practice after service.

9 – A fine day but cold. Drove to Port Perry to meet Mary Bell and Gordon. Jennie washing. Boys not at school. Afternoon at Jim Lee's swamp cutting wood. Jennie and Mary Bell sewing. The third night of Queen Esther concerts at Port Perry tonight.

10 – A fine day. Drawing and cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie and Mary sewing. John Michie and family called in the afternoon. Boys at school. In the evening all hands at Greenbank to the Ten Nights In a Barroom in the hall; a packed house and it was pretty well done. W. Phoenix; Blake Cragg; Vera Cragg; Irwin Bagshaw and wife; Ernie Salter; L. O'Neill; Frank Dobson; --- Real and --- were the actors.

11 – Another fine day but very cold. Cutting wood in Lee's swamp. Jennie and Mary sewing. Willie at school. James started but turned back owing to cold.

12 – A very fine day. Drew two loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp and cut wood in the afternoon. Mary Bell and Gordon at Jim Lee's in the afternoon. Boys at school. Assessor Johnston called and got dinner here.

13 – A beautiful day and thawing a little in the afternoon. Drew 3 loads of wood from Jim Lee's. John Michie came up with some butter and went with me to the swamp and cut some wood. Jennie and Mary and Gordon Bell went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. The churn broke down and we got Norman Lyle's. Mr. W. Akhurst called, also Norman Lyle.

14 – A very fine day and thawing quite a bit in the afternoon. Drew 2 loads of wood from Lee's swamp in the forenoon. Went to the mill in the afternoon but did not get the meal home. Went by Greenbank for the mail. Boys went with me. Pascoe Luke called just after dinner.

15 – A fine day and thawing. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh). Mr. McKay preached on giving. Choir practice after.

16 – Thawing fast all day. Took 2 pigs to Port Perry in the morning; got 9 cts. Took Annie to school. In the afternoon went to

Blair's mill for the meal, then to Jim Lee's swamp for 5 telephone poles. Water rising in the swamp and roads getting muddy. Jennie and Mary Bell sewing. Boys at school and they came home wet as the water is across the road.

17 – Thawing all day. Drove the boys including Gordon Bell to school and went on to Greenbank. Cleaned out pig house in the afternoon. Jennie and Mary sewing.

18 – Snowing all day and very rough towards night. Did little but the chores. Fixed the churn. Jennie making Mary Bell a dress. Boys not at school.

19 – Another all rough cold drifting day. Did the chores and visited awhile at Norman Lyle's. Mary Bell in bed most of the day sick. Willie had a bad time with earache during the night. Boys not at school.

20 – Very cold day. Went down to see the road in the morning, then to Greenbank for mail. In the afternoon Jennie drove Mary Bell and Gordon to Port Perry on their way home and brought Annie home. The boys at John Michie's while I went to wood cutting bee at the church. Rode up with John Michie. Alex Leask's sawing rig; and cut all that was drawn up.

21 – A fine day but not very warm. In the forenoon went with the children skating on the flats by the Nonquon. A fine ice it was. Pruned apple trees awhile in the afternoon. Miss Irma Bartuous here for tea.

22 – A fine day. All hands at SS. We had no service as Mr. McKay was ill. We went to the Baptist service; Rev. Mr. Ford preached. Not a very large congregation.

23 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry with the cutter; not very good sleighing. Helping Phair's to cut wood in the afternoon (Alex Leask's machine). Jennie washing. Boys at school. R. Flewell and Net Barrett called collecting for help for G. Lee who has lost 3 horses lately.

24 – A very fine day and thawing quite a lot. Helping Phair's to cut wood in the forenoon and finished. They then moved here and cut until 6 pm. Alex and Robbie Leask; E. Lyle; Norman Lyle; John Michie and Cecil Phair were the help. Boys at school.

25 – Finished cutting wood here about 10 then moved to N. Lyle's and finished cutting his about 3; then to John Michie's and we had to quit. Jennie dressmaking and she was down to J. Michie's in the afternoon. Boys at school and came home pretty wet. Norman Lyle and wife called in the evening.

26 – A soft day. Mud everywhere. Helping John Michie to cut wood and finished about 3:30. Jennie sewing. Boys not at school. 12 little pigs came; 5 alive at night.

27 – Mild day. Split some wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to church for session meeting. Did not stay for preparatory service (Mr. Dodds of Sonya preached) but went on to Port Perry for Annie. Veta Platten came home with us. Roads very muddy; water up to the front axle of buggy on sideroad. Boys not at school.

28 – A fine day; a little frost in the morning. Splitting and piling wood most of the day. Annie and Veta Platten at John Michie's. Jim Lee called. A little white dog came and stayed around.

29 – A fine day. At communion at Greenbank with Annie and Veta Platten; Mr. McKay preached. Not a very large turnout as the roads were very bad. After dinner Clarence and Irene O'Neill and the 4 Brisco girls came and took away the dog that was here last night.

30 – Rain in the morning and most of the forenoon. Drove Annie and Veta Platten to Port Perry school; roads very bad. Piled wood in the afternoon. Jennie making herself a coat. Boys not at school. Ordered a telephone at Port Perry.

31 – A very fine day. Took 15 bags of oats to Blair's mill; went by way of Greenbank. Got Alex Gordon to go up to see Mr. Bedam about church caretaking but he did not wish to do it. I then went on and let the job to James Miller to fill out Mr. Cuttlers term for \$38.00. Went back after dinner for the meal. Mrs. James S. Lee here getting dress cut and stayed for tea.

APR. 1 – A very dull day with rain off and on most of the time. Finished piling up the firewood. Jennie washing, churning, baking and some other things. Boys not at school. We had rather a bad night with Willie with earache and James with a cough.

2 – Snow most of the forenoon. Went down to John Michie's and made a settlement for work etc. for the last 2 years. After dinner went down again for a telephone pole and telephoned to vet Coates who came about 3:30. He gave the heifer a dose and in an hour or thereabouts she was dead. Got Norman Lyle to help to skin her. Jennie making coat. Boys not at school. Pruned apple trees.

3 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and cold all day. Drew the dead heifer to Lyle's swamp and Norman and I opened her; then wheeled out rotten turnips out of the root house. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

4 – Somewhat cold with several little snow flurries. Most of the day pruning orchard. Mrs. Phair and Mrs. Bryant called in the afternoon. In the evening went with Annie to choir practice in the church.

5 – Pretty cold windy day. All hands at SS and church. After supper Jennie and James drove Annie to Port Perry. Mrs. Jas. Lee called while they were away.

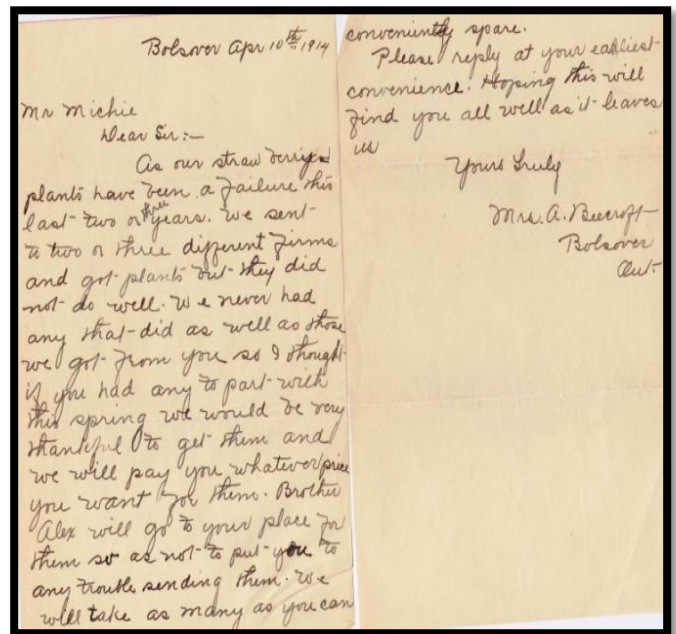
6 – A very fine day. Pruning apple trees most of the day. About 9 am three men came; one of which was Nate Carr and another (the boss) was named Lincoln; and they put in our telephone. They finished about 4 pm. James at school. Willie on the sick list. In the evening at church managers meeting in the church.

7 – A very fine day. All day in orchard pruning and drawing away the brush. Hitched on to the cultivator and rooted a piece in the orchard for potatoes but the frost was not out. This is the first spring work that I know of. James at school. Willie not well. Jennie quite sick towards night. John Beare buried at Greenbank today.

8 – A fine day but not very warm. Nearly all day cleaning out raspberry bushes. Jennie not able to do much but lay on the lounge. Boys at school.

9 – Cold with several snow flurries. At berry bushes in the forenoon and went for Annie in the afternoon. Waited for the 5:30 train for Mabel and Willie Bell. Boys at school. Jennie quite a bit better today.

10 – Pretty cold in the morning. All day at raspberry bushes and finished cleaning them out and burning the brush. Jennie making coat for Annie. At choir practice at S. Dusty's in the evening. Good Friday.



11 – A fine day but still quite cold. Scuffled berry bushes in the forenoon while Jennie and Mabel Bell went to Port Perry. They went by John Michie's to get some things and on the way home Mrs. O'Neill's dog jumped at Fly and she broke the whiffletree of the buggy. In the afternoon went with John Michie to bee at church to finish cutting the firewood.

12 – A very rough day with high NW wind. All hands at SS. Willie, Annie and Mabel walked. Mr. McKay preached. Church smoky.

13 – A very hard frost in the morning but a very fine day. Drawing out manure all day, Willie helping. Jennie washing.

14 – Pretty hard frost in the morning but a beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day, Willie helping. Jennie making dress for Mabel. Annie and Mabel at Gordon's in the afternoon. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called and bought steer for 8 cts per lb minus \$2.00.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing all day potato and strawberry ground. Frost not very well out yet. Jennie sewing for Mabel. Annie, Mabel, Willie and James at Mission Band at the church.

16 – A little rain in the morning and spitting a little most of the forenoon. Plowing all day. Jennie dressmaking.

17 – A very fine warm day; like summer. Willie cultivated the field NW of barn and about 4 o'clock I started to sow it; the first of the season. Jennie making muslin dress for Mabel. About 7 o'clock the calf choked with a turnip; We got over Norman Lyle and then phoned for vet Coates, but before he got here the calf was all right.

18 – A very fine warm day. Sowing oats in the forenoon and finished the field. Willie harrowed it while I went to E. Barrett's sale. He has sold his farm to Ernest Phair. There was a good turnout at the sale and things went very well. Jennie dressmaking.

19 – Boys walked to SS and got wet with rain. Jennie and I drove later. Annie and Mabel got ready but did not go as a little rain came up when it was time to start. Mr. McKay preached. Choir practice after service.

20 – A little rain off and on most of the day. Drove Annie to Port Perry, also Mabel and Willie Bell on their way home. Harrowing and plowing in the afternoon. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Boys at school.

21 – A fine day. Plowing and cultivating all day. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

22 – High wind and pretty cool. Cultivating most of the day. Boys at school. Mr. Porteous called in the afternoon.

23 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Got Norman Lyle's seeder and sowed the SW field. Boys at school.

24 – A fine day. Cultivated N field in the forenoon. Went to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats, then uncovered strawberries while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

25 – A little drizzle of rain most of the day. Willie harrowed the SW field while I did some chores. After dinner went to Blair's mill for the meal. Irene O'Neill here in the afternoon getting dress made.

26 – A fine day but rather cool. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Laird; sec. Of the finance board, spoke on the budget. An after meeting of the session and board of management. Decided to canvas the congregation.

27 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Plowed the garden and several other jobs in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning bedrooms upstairs. Boys at school. Norman Lyle called to telephone.

28 – A very fine warm day. Sowed the N field which finishes the sowing, then harrowed. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school.

29 – Rain from the E most of the day. Most of the day helping to pick potatoes in the cellar. Boys not at school. James not very well. Irene O'Neill here in the afternoon. In the evening, with Willie, went to prayer meeting. An after meeting decided to canvas the congregation for missions.

30 – A fine day. All day harrowing. Jennie housecleaning and painting. Willie at school. James some better.

MAY 1 – A very fine day. Moved the fence from the lane N to the long field in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie and the boys, went to Port Perry with 19 bags of potatoes.

2 – A beautiful day. All day helping Jennie to paper upstairs bedrooms. Boys went up to Alex Gordon's for the mail.

3 – A beautiful fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Nels Baird, wife and boy were up from Oshawa in his auto.

4 – A fine day. A few drops of rain in the forenoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Got 3 apple trees. Rolling grass field in the afternoon. Jennie putting in garden seeds. Boys at school.

5 – A very fine day. Rolling all day. Jennie papering boys room upstairs. Boys at school.

6 – A fine day. A nice warm rain in the evening. Rolling, cultivating, drilling up and sowed mangolds. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school.

7 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Boys at school. At a meeting at A. Akhurst's in the evening about the division of the telephone line. Settled satisfactorily.

8 – A beautiful day. Took the fat steer Joe to Port Perry. Went with John Michie who took 3 cattle. Jennie drove down for me and we brought Annie home. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Boys at school.

9 – A beautiful day. Willie rolled the N field while I tied up raspberry bushes and some other little chores. In the afternoon went to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. Went to Greenbank for mail and had a long talk with T.E. Cragg. Jennie making dress for Annie.

10 – A fine day. A few drops of rain about noon. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. All over at Norman Lyle's in the evening.

11 – A fine day. Took Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Boys at school.

12 – Rather raw and spitting rain from the E most of the day but did not amount to much. Cultivating corn ground. Jennie housecleaning the pantry. Mr. O'Neill called in the afternoon. Boys at school.

13 – A very fine day. Drilling up for potatoes in the forenoon. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. In the afternoon out canvassing with Alex Gordon for church budget. Called at Jim Lee's; Mrs. O'Neill's; John Michie's; W. O'Neill's; S. Dusty's; and W. Thomas'. In the evening at prayer meeting. Dr. Henders gave an address on health hints. The three other pairs of canvassers reported quite an improvement on last year. Jennie at W.F.M. meeting in the afternoon and with the boys at prayer meeting.

14 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie cleaning the cellar. Boys at school. Arthur Chapman came over for the roller for Jim Lee.

15 – A very fine cool day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon while Jennie cleaned the cellar. John Michie and his girls came up with butter to send to Agincourt. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie while I hoed the raspberry bushes. Boys at school. In the evening Jennie and the children went down to the bridge to fish but only got two mudcats.

16 – A beautiful day. With the children's help planted the potatoes and some horse corn, etc. Jennie housecleaning. Annie at Mr. Porteous' in the afternoon. Albert Beacroft and Alex Gordon called for strawberry plants.

17 – A beautiful fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

18 – A very fine day and quite warm and dry. It looks as if it was in for a long dry spell. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. In the afternoon planting strawberries; Jennie digging up the plants. Boys at school.

19 – A very warm dry day. Rolled the corn ground then got Norman Lyle's drill and sowed the horse corn. Planting strawberries in the afternoon; Jennie digging the plants. Boys at school.

20 – Another very warm dry day. Planting strawberries; Jennie digging the plants. Very dry and not very hopeful of them growing. Boys at school. W. Akhurst called. A. Akhurst brought the beef, the first of the season.

21 – Another very warm dry day. Got John Michie's horse and went with the waggon to G. Lee's. Scuffled and some other chores while Jennie went to Port Perry and brought Annie home. Boys at school.

22 – A little rain, hardly enough to make the roofs drop before dinner and a sort of mist during most of the afternoon; a good deal cooler. Drawing out manure all day. Boys at school. Jennie making dress for Annie.

23 – Cool day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and finished. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon with the boys and got our rural mail box. Jennie making dress for Annie. A. Akhurst; Mr. O'Neill and Irene O'Neill called in the forenoon.

24 – A fine day and somewhat dull. All hands at SS and church. A student named Patton preached. I walked home after SS to watch the mare and a colt came about 8 pm. Sidney Kenney here in the evening. Mr. McKay was away at Gamebridge. Mona Leask had an operation for appendicitis about midnight.

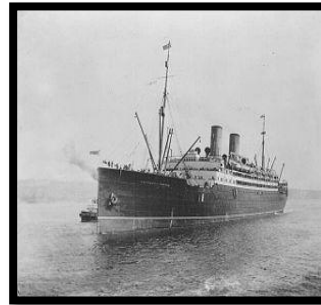
25 – Some rain in the forenoon and thunder about 11 am but did not come here. Afternoon fine. Spent until about 2 o'clock trying to get the colt to suck. Ray Dusty; Norman Lyle and John Michie called. Jennie washing. In the evening all hands drove down to the bridge to fish but did not have much success. The mosquitoes were very bad.

26 – A very warm day. Annie went to Port Perry with Albert Akhurst while I helped to move out the stove and whitewashed the kitchen. After dinner, with Albert Akhurst, put up our rural mail boxes on the 11th concession. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. About 8 pm. a terrific storm came up; the biggest hail I think I ever saw. It broke 5 panes in the north kitchen window.

27 – Another thunder shower about 10:30 but no hail. Harrowed the corn with one horse and hoeing. Jennie churning and baking. Boys at school.

28 – A beautiful day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Jennie got a call to John Michie's about 1 pm and soon after another baby girl was born.⁴⁷ I went to Greenbank and got Barbara Walker to come here to keep house while Jennie takes care of Mrs. John. All hands down to John's in the evening. Boys at school.

29 – A fine day. Made hen coops in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys at school. News of the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence River; 1000 drowned.⁴⁸



EMPRESS OF IRELAND

30 – A very fine day. Fixing fence on the concession in the forenoon. Drove Barbara Walker home in the afternoon and brought her back, then put in the glass that was broken in the hail storm. Annie went down to J. Michie's.

31 – Cooler. All hands, but Jennie who is at John Michie's, at SS and church. Mr. S. Farmer of Port Perry gave an address to the school instead of the regular classes. Mr. McKay preached. Choir practice after. A little rain about 1 pm and thunder in the evening.

JUNE 1 – A very fine and cool day. Fixing fence at concession in the forenoon. Plowing turnip land in the afternoon. Barbara Walker washing and churning. Boys at school. In the evening, with John Michie, took the beef heifer to Greenbank. Boys went with us. First day of the rural mail delivery from Seagrave. W. Stovin is the carrier.

⁴⁷ Olive Beatrice Michie, b. 28 May 1914, d. 12 Feb. 1981; m. Robert William Brown.

⁴⁸ The Empress of Ireland was in a collision with the Norwegian collier Storstad under foggy conditions in the early hours of 29 May 1914. 840 passengers and 172 crew members lost their lives.

2 – A very fine day. Plowing most of the day. Boys at school. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and daughter called just before supper but they went on to Jim Lee's.

3 – A fine day but somewhat dull. Went to Greenbank in the morning for the beef. Our beast turned out 19 lbs over. Plowing in the afternoon. In the evening, with the boys, went to Sunday School meeting to devise a plan to finance the school but not enough came to do any business but Mr. McKay had a communicants class of seven. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and child called in the forenoon. This is the King's birthday and there was a big time at Port Perry; an old boys reunion. Norman Lyle came over for a few potatoes to finish planting.

4 – Very like rain from the E all forenoon but it did not amount to much. Plowing most of the day. Took Fanny colt down to John Michie's for pasture. Boys at school. Barbara Walker and Annie at John Michie's in the afternoon.

5 – A very fine day. Plowing and harrowing turnip ground. Boys at school.

6 – A very fine day; a little frost in the morning. Did some chores while Willie and Annie harrowed and rolled the turnip land. Drove Barbara Walker home after dinner, then scuffled in orchard. Jennie came home about 5 pm.

7 – Some thunder in the forenoon and about 1 pm but no rain here which is much needed. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Kenney here in the evening.

8 – A very warm day; about 88 in the shade. Scuffled corn in the forenoon and made window screen in the afternoon. Jennie washing, ironing and churning. Put some water on the strawberries after supper; they are withering up. Boys at school.

9 – Another terrible warm dry day and no sign of rain. Went with Jennie to Greenbank store. Scuffled potatoes and drew water for strawberries. Boys at school. Jennie making dress for Annie.

10 – Another terrible dry day but cool. Cultivated buckwheat land and then drilled up 32 turnip drills and sowed them, although there is little prospect of them ever coming up. At the school house in the evening to trustee meeting. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. Mrs. A. Gordon, Arthur and Lex, also Mrs. O'Neill and Irene here in the evening.

11 – Another very warm dry day; no sign of rain; things withering up. Plowing buckwheat land most of the day. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. Mr. O'Neill and Irene here in the evening for a hen.

12 – Another very dry day with high NW wind but much cooler; no sign of rain yet. At road work. Drew 2 loads of gravel from G. McMillan's pit. Hoed mangolds and sawed wood. Jennie sewing. Boys at school.

13 – Another terrible dry day with NW wind; no sign of rain. Watered strawberries and hoed mangolds while Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry. They also took Barbara Walker to the train on

her way to Oshawa to see her sister Mrs. J. Horn. They had a fracas with a broken shaft on the buggy. Drilled up a few more turnip drills and sowed them in the afternoon.

14 – Another very dry day with no sign of rain but not so very warm. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. The Englishman that works at Woon's sang a solo part and did it well. Jennie and Annie at John Michie's in the evening. Sidney Kenney here in the evening. Amos Stone died.

15 – A high N wind all day and much dust and quite cool, cloudy and a few drops of rain in the evening. Drew 2 loads of gravel from G. McMillan's pit for road work. Got N. Lyle's drill and sowed 18 more drills of corn, watered strawberries in orchard. Jennie washing and churning. Boys at school. Sidney Kenney here in the evening while we were away at Seagrave Anniversary. After we went to bed there was a little shower but not enough to make the roof run.

16 – Another terrible dry day with high N wind and quite cool. Sowed and harrowed buckwheat land. Jennie sewing. John Michie came up for the turnip drill to sow his first turnips. He brought Jean and Ruth and they stayed all afternoon. Boys at school. Amos Stone's funeral.

17 – Another terrible dry day and much warmer. No sign of rain except that the wind was sometimes in the SW. Cultivated, sowed and harrowed buckwheat. Jennie sewing and picking berries. Charles Gordon here for dinner. Boys at school. Annie and the boys at Mission Band.

18 – Another terrible dry day with SW wind. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon; took 24 boxes of strawberries, the first sold this season. Scuffled the corn second time. Some clouds came up in the evening but it was the same old story; no rain. Boys at school.

19 – Cloudy in the morning. Drew water on the strawberries until about 10 when it started to rain a nice mild shower and continued a little drizzle until about noon. A grand rain and very welcome as things were suffering very much. At preparatory services in the church with Jennie. Rev. Mr. Black of Sunderland preached. 9 new members received: Dorothy Markwick; Henry Leask; Hugh Leask; Alex Real; Leslie Real; Fred Real; Harry Guy; Oswald Love; and Gordon McDonald. In the evening went with Annie to choir practice at S. Dusty's. Boys at school.

20 – Quite a hard frost in the morning but it did not appear to do any damage. Drilled up the last of the turnips and sowed them. John Michie brought the drill home. Hoeing in the afternoon. Clarence and Irene O'Neill came for the turnip drill. Eva Leask, Mary Dusty and E. Lyle called for strawberries.

21 – Went with Jennie to communion at Wick. A little rain on the way home and a little dropping most of the afternoon. All hands at church in the evening; Mr. McKay preached.

22 – A fine day. Helping Jennie, Annie, and Mary Dusty to pick strawberries. Took 150 boxes to Greenbank for the Saintfield festival. Boys at school. Jas. Blair Jr. and wife called in the evening.

23 – Picked a few berries and, with Annie, took them to Port Perry; one crate going to Peterborough. Rolled buckwheat and hoed in the afternoon. Rain all the way home from Port Perry; very warm in the afternoon. Jennie churning and washing. [Minnie?] Lyle called for some berries and Mrs. John Michie, Jean and Ruth here in the evening. Strawberry festival at Saintfield and a beautiful evening.

24 – A fine day; a little shower about 3 o'clock. Hoeing corn nearly all day. Jennie at Methodist women's meeting at Mrs. Phair's. Miss G. Stoven and Miss Warren, the school teachers, came home with her and stayed all night. I went to political meeting at Greenbank in the evening. Mr. [Linclar or Sinclair?] was the speaker; a fair turnout. I had the honor of being chairman.

25 – A very fine day (too fine). Hoed corn most of the forenoon. Jennie; Mary Dusty; Jennie Gordon; Sid Caney and Annie picking strawberries. I helped in the afternoon and went to Port Perry with 3 crates to [?]. E. Lyle called in the afternoon; Mrs. John Michie and W. Taylor in the evening, also Mrs. Jas. Blair Jr. Annie drove the school teachers and the boys to school.

26 – A very fine day. Helped Jennie and Mrs. Dusty to pick strawberries in the forenoon. Annie took some to Port Perry. Boys at school in the forenoon; closed for holidays. In the afternoon all hands at Union Sunday School picnic at Bert Beron's grove on the town line. There was quite a good turnout and a good time. Mrs. O'Leary and Mr. Kennelly came for berries when we were away.

27 – Threatening rain a little sometimes but no rain. Hoeing in the forenoon and scuffling in the afternoon. Jennie picking berries most of the day. Mrs. W. Real; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Gordon and Arthur; Mrs. John Michie and girls called for berries. Norman Lyle borrowed the buggy.

28 – All hands at SS and Methodist SS anniversary. A fair turnout. Mr. McKay and Mr. Partridge of Uxbridge were the speakers. Raining a little when we came out and continued most of the night which will do a lot of good.

29 – Ontario election day. Rain off and on most of the day especially in the afternoon. Went up to Greenbank to vote before dinner. Did little all day. Calder and Sinclair running; Calder elected.

30 – A very fine cool day. Helping pick strawberries. Jennie; Mary Dusty; Jennie Gordon; and Nellie O'Neill picking. Annie took crate to Port Perry to ship to Mrs. Frank Wells, Lindsay. Several parties called for berries.

JULY 1 – Dull day and a few drops of rain in the afternoon. Went for the beef in the morning, boys going with me. Annie at Gordon's all night. At Methodist SS anniversary with Jennie and the boys. A fair turnout and programme. The Port Perry male quartet was the principal thing. Mrs. W. Real called for berries.

2 – A heavy rain in the morning. Scuffling in the forenoon and picking strawberries and hoeing in the afternoon. Mary Dusty and Miss Hopper picking berries. James Rennie and R. Braden called for berries.

3 – A very fine day. Scuffled the corn and turnips. Mr. McClintock and Mrs. Les Lamb here most of the day picking strawberries. Mary Dusty and Jennie picking. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought Eva and Gertie Henry home with her. Jim Dusty came down for Mary. Mrs. John Michie and girls called at the berry patch.

4 – A very fine day. At Port Perry in the forenoon and at Blair's mill in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. Boys went with me. Mrs. Gordon called for berries. Jim Dusty, Sam Dusty and George Leask called in the evening. Man repaired telephone.

5 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Dodds of Sonya preached as Mr. McKay was at Mrs. Oxtoby's funeral. Jennie, Annie and the Henry girls at the Methodist church in the evening; it being Rev. Mr. Rowland's first Sunday in Greenbank. While they were away Mr. and Mrs. Forfar; Mrs. John Michie, Jean and Ruth; James Lee, wife and girl called for a feed of strawberries.

6 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Paris greened the potatoes in the forenoon. Picked strawberries. Jennie; Mary Dusty; Eva Henry picking all day. Mr. John Michie called after dinner. Annie and the Henry girls went to Greenbank with berries.

7 – A very fine day and warm. Picking berries and churning in the forenoon. Hoeing in the afternoon. Willie and James went to Greenbank with berries for McKague's. J. Swanick came for berries. Jennie preserving.

8 – A fine day and very warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie washing and at W.F.M. meeting at Greenbank. A back pedlar from Damascus here for dinner. Roy and Cathleen Leask here most of the afternoon. Sidney Kenny here in the evening.

9 – A very fine and warm day. Cleaned out the strawberry patch in the orchard. Jennie; Mary Dusty; Jennie Gordon picking strawberries. The children and the Henry girls at W.H. Leask's for supper.

10 – Very warm day. Hoeing turnips most of the day. Mary Dusty here in the forenoon helping cook for the evening. Annie and Gertie Henry went down to John Michie's for dishes. In the evening the annual SS class gathering was held. About 60 were present including Rev. W.A. McKay and all appeared to enjoy themselves. Music by Mr. Cook. A beautiful evening. After midnight when it broke up.

11 – Another very warm dry day. Spent the forenoon greening the potatoes, 2nd time. Helped Jennie to pick strawberries in the afternoon. Annie drove the Henry girls home in the afternoon and brought from the train Willie Bell.

12 – A fine warm day. A little sprinkle of rain towards night. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Mr. McLean and boys and Mrs. John McLean of Brougham called in the forenoon.

13 – A fine day. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie washing and picking strawberries, probably the last picking for the season. Alex Lee's barn raising today. Did not get an invitation.

14 – A fine day and very warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie picking black currants. Children all at Mission Band at the church. Norman Lyle came over to telephone for the Dr. for his wife.

15 – A fine and very warm day. Hoeing turnips and finished. Hoed corn. Norman Lyle came over about 8 am and telephoned for the Dr. and again about 2 pm. Jennie went over in the forenoon and again after dinner and stayed until after 6. A baby girl was born about 5.

16 – Another very warm day; looked like rain in the evening. Got Norman Lyle's mower and cut the hay and the strawberry patch. Map agent from Whitby called.

17 – A fine day. A few drops of rain at noon. Raked up hay in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry with Annie who is going to Platon's on Scugog for a few days. Drew in 4 loads of hay in the afternoon, Albert Akhurst helping.

18 – A fine cool day; a little drizzle in the evening. Drew in the rest of the hay in the forenoon, John Michie helping; and in the afternoon helping John Michie to finish his haying. Jennie preserving black currants and rhubarb.

19 – A very fine cool day with high wind. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached.

20 – Another dry day but not very warm. Got N. Lyle's mower and cut the hay in the orchard, then scuffled. Drew in the strawberry hay in the afternoon. Jennie and the boys picking raspberries in the forenoon and preserved them in the afternoon. Old man Dusty was buried today.

21 – A little rain about 9 am but it was soon dried up; rain is badly needed. Plowing old strawberry patch and hoeing. Jennie washing. Mary Dusty here picking black currants. Boys at Greenbank in the afternoon. Norman Lyle and Mrs. A. Gordon called in the evening.

22 – Another dry day but not so very warm. Cleaning out old strawberries most of the day. Jennie picking berries in the afternoon. Got word that the army worm⁴⁹ is over at James Leask's and locality.

23 – Rain in the forenoon and a sort of a drizzle most of the afternoon which was very much needed. Finished plowing and harrowed old strawberry patch. Drove up to S. Dusty's with Willie to see the army worms work near W. Thomas' woods. Not so many as I expected to see but the rain has quietened them.

24 – Somewhat dull and cloudy but no rain. Scuffled turnips in the forenoon. Albert Akhurst brought Annie home from Port Perry. Jennie and Mary Dusty picking berries all day and I was helping them in the afternoon. Annie and Willie Bell at Port Perry with berries. Peter Leask and wife called in the evening for berries.

25 – A very fine day. Finished scuffling turnips in the forenoon. Jennie and Mary Dusty finished picking berries at noon. Mrs. Dusty came for Mary. Annie and Willie Bell went to Port Perry in the morning with berries. Hoeing in the afternoon.

26 – A very fine day but pretty warm. All hands at SS and church. Mr. ---, the Dominion Alliance man, preached a good discourse.

27 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Went to Port Perry again with the waggon for 7000 shingles for the house at \$4.00 per 1000. At W.H. Leask's in the evening to have a practice for a concert on Scugog. A little rain in the evening and a pretty dark night.

28 – A very fine day and quite cool in the evening. With the help of John Michie we shingled the S side of the house. Jennie and Mary Dusty, and in the afternoon Mrs. Dusty and Jessie McCorkdale, picking berries for the Methodist Ladies Aid social at G. Lee's. Sidney Kenney here in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Shingling N side of house, John Michie helping. Boys wheeling away old shingles. Jennie picking berries in the afternoon. Annie and Willie Bell at Greenbank in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. Finished shingling house in the forenoon. Jennie and Mary Dusty picking berries. Annie went to Greenbank for Barbara Walker to stay while Jennie and I went to Scugog. We started about 4 o'clock and got to Charles Gordon's for supper, then to the Centre Church to the ice cream social. There was a nice turnout. The Leask trio sang and I was in for 3 pieces. We got home at 1 am.

31 – Another fine day. Scuffling and hoeing most of the day. At Greenbank in the evening for binder twine. Jennie, Mary Dusty and Jessie McCorkdale picking berries in the afternoon. James Baird died.

AUG. 1 – A fine and pretty warm day. Hoeing turnips second time most of the day, the boys helping. Willie and James went to Port Perry to the six train and met Jessie Bell of Rochester.

2 – A very fine day and warm and dry. John Michie, wife and family came up at noon and he went with Jennie to James Baird's funeral. I was one of the bearers; the others were William McDonald; Edley Stone; John McCully; Alex Leask and J.M. Real. Mr. McKay conducted the services which were held in our church. A very large turnout. Could not all get in the church. Sidney Kenney here in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. At John Michie's all day with horse cutting oats. Jennie, Jessie Bell and Mary Dusty picking berries.

4 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Cutting at John Michie's until about 10, then moved up here and cut until almost 7 pm. Jennie and Willie Bell at Port Perry in the afternoon. Mr. W. Akhurst called in afternoon getting his hair cut.

5 – Another very warm dry day, no sign of rain. Went for the beef in the morning, then cutting oats, John Michie helping. Peter

⁴⁹ Army worms would wreak havoc with crops, eating everything in an area and then moving on to the next food source.

Maitland and Willie Rennie called wanting to sell a piano. News that Britain has declared war with Germany.

6 – Another terrible dry warm day. John Michie came up and we finished cutting about 3 pm, then I went to John's and helped him. Jennie and Jessie Bell picking berries all day. Norman got lend of democrat.

7 – Another terrible hot dry day. Helping John Michie cut oats. Jennie and Jessie Bell churning and preserving.

8 – Another terrible hot dry day. Spent most of the day cutting marsh grass down near the creek, the first time I ever did so. Annie and Willie Bell went to Port Perry in the forenoon. No sign of rain.

9 – Another terrible hot dry day with high SW wind which scorches things up. All hands at SS and church. Jessie Bell and Annie walked up and the boys walked home. No sign of rain.

10 – A wee little rain through the night and another dry day but some cooler. Went with Willie for marsh hay cut on Saturday, then for the rest of the day helping Norman Lyle to draw in grain.

11 – A fine day and quite cool with high N wind. Norman Lyle helping me all day drawing in oats. Drew in field NW of barn and the long field; 10 loads. Word came that George Lee's youngest boy Horace was found dead in the hay mow this morning. He had been in the habit of taking fits.

12 – Another dry day and cool. Drew in the SW field, Norman Lyle helping. Finished about 3 pm which finishes the harvest except rakings. Then went to Norman's and helped him to draw in. Jennie went to Horace Lee's funeral. She went with Mary Dusty. Willie raking in the afternoon. Mrs. George Baird was also buried today.

13 – A fine day. A little rain about 1 pm but not enough to do any good. Helping Norman Lyle draw in and finished about 11 am. Hoed and some other jobs in the afternoon. Willie raked long field and drew in rakings. Jessie Bell and Jennie dressmaking. Sam Dusty threshing.

14 – Quite a fine rain through the night which was very badly needed. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jessie Bell and Annie on their way to Newcastle. Hoeing strawberry patch in the afternoon. Expected to be at Ed Lyle's threshing but the engine needed repairs. Mrs. E. Boe died.

15 – A very fine day and cool. At Ed Lyle's in the forenoon threshing (Howsam's machine). Fixing fence and some other jobs in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. James and Alex Boe called wanting me to act as one of the bearers at their mothers funeral tomorrow. John Michie and wife called in the evening and left their children while they went to Greenbank.

16 – A fine morning. Left home at 12 and Willie went with me to Mrs. E. Boe's funeral at Greenbank. Service was held in the church by Mr. McKay and a pretty good turnout. Being one of the bearers, we went to Prince Albert where she was buried. The other bearers were George Wallace; Jas. Blair; J.M. Real; D. McDonald;

and W. Phoenix and Edgar Leask drove. It started to rain about 1 pm and poured all the way to Prince Albert and back. Letcher was the undertaker.

17 – Started to plow in the N field but had to quit as a thunder shower came up. A fine rain. Plowing again in the afternoon.

18 – Between 3 and 5 in the morning there was a thunder storm and a great downpour of rain which soaked things pretty well, and another little shower at 1 pm. Plowing all day in the N field. Jennie washing. Jennie and the boys at Norman Lyle's in the evening.

19 – Plowed in the N field until about 9:30 when a telephone message came saying that Jessie Bell, Annie, and Helen and Douglas Patton were at Port Perry. Willie went for them and got back about noon. Plowing in the afternoon. Warm and close. E. Lyle was saying that his oats that are cut are growing in the sheaf.

20 – Plowing until about 11 am when rain came on. Rain the first part of afternoon and did not hitch up but hoed some. Jessie Bell and Jennie sewing. War news is that a great battle is on in Belgium, also that the Pope is dead⁵⁰. Greenbank band concert to-night, no one went from here.⁵¹

21 – A great night of thunder and rain. Between 1 and 3 am very heavy rain. A fine day. Plowing all day in the N field. Jessie Bell and Jennie sewing. Annie and Helen Patton at John Michie's in the afternoon. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Mrs. Wes Luke here for tea. War news: the Germans have captured Brussels in Belgium.

22 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Plowing all day. Jessie Bell went down to John Michie's after dinner for the paper and Mrs. John and the children came up with her. The children here had a great day down in the pond splashing. Jennie and Jessie Bell sewing.

23 – A fine day. Looked like rain but no rain came. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church (the boys walked). Mr. McKay preached on the war. No war news today.

24 – A fine day and cool. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Gang plowing in the afternoon. Annie and Helen Patton went to Greenbank. Jennie and Jessie Bell sewing. Mr. McKay came in the evening and stayed all night. War news: A great battle in Belgium between the Germans and the French and British. Japan declares war on Germany. Russia claims successes.

25 – A beautiful day. Mr. McKay left about 9 am. Plowing rest of day. Jennie and Jessie Bell sewing. The children had a big day picnicking down at Norman Lyle's spring. War news: The Germans appear to have driven the Allies back in Belgium. Russian successes claimed. Canadian contingent getting ready to go to the front.

26 – A beautiful fine day. Willie and Douglas Patton finished gang plowing and harrowed while I hoed berry bushes. Jennie washing.

⁵⁰ Pope Pius, 2 June 1835-20 Aug. 1914.

⁵¹ 'Battle of Liege' ran for 12 days from Aug. 5-16th, the first land battle of the war.

Jessie Bell sewing. John Michie brought the beef. War news not at all good except that the Russians appear to be gaining ground.

27 – A very fine day. About 8:30 am, with Jennie, started for Brooklin taking Willie Bell home. We got there about noon and got dinner at W. Kerr's. Jennie went over to [?] while I went up to the town and saw J. Whiteford. We went over to Jas. Smith's in time for supper, after which W. Stokes took us for an auto ride to Brooklin and Columbus. We then called at Stokes' and had a sing. Mr. Hallet was there. War news: The great ship Kaiser William de Goss⁵² sunk by British. Jessie Bell keeping house at home. [margin note: Willie Carnegie shoots Frank Whitfield].

28 – A fine day. We drove down to Frank Bratley's passing a wreck on the CNR where there were 5 cars off the track. Got to Frank's about 11 and got dinner there. The new electric RR has made a bad mess of their place. Started for Oshawa about 2 o'clock. Called at Nelson Baird's and he took us for an auto ride down to the lake. Got back to Jas. Smith's about 6:30 and stayed there all night. No news; Russians advancing.

29 – Rain through the night and morning but cleared up and we started for home where we arrived about 1 pm. Rain more or less all afternoon and so did not do much. When we got to Port Perry we heard that Willie Carnegie shot Whitefield's boy last Thursday and is to be taken to gaol today. War news: Four German war ships sink near the mouth of the Elbe. Germans pushing on towards Paris.

30 – All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Rev. J.A. Miller addressed the Sunday School. Quite a heavy rain during service. War news: 2000 British trapped and nearly wiped out.

31 – Jessie Bell and Douglas Patton went to Port Perry in the morning while I scuffled the strawberry patch. Harrowing and plowing in the afternoon until about 4 when a thunder shower came on. Jennie making boys pants. War news: Russians captured Koningsberg.

SEPT. 1 – Plowing and harrowing in the forenoon. Rain came on about noon and continued most of the afternoon; very heavy between 3 and 4. Jennie and Jessie Bell sewing. Boys started to school. Jim Dusty and Alex Gordon called in the evening to buy 2 year old colt but did not come up to my price. War news: French claim a victory.

2 – Hoeing strawberry patch most of the day. A little rain about 2 o'clock; cooler in the evening. Jennie washing and canning corn. Jessie Bell sewing. Boys at school. Annie and Helen Patton at John Michie's in the afternoon. War news: Russians claim a great victory over Germany and Austria. A great battle on in France between the Germans and the French and British.

3 – Rain about 3:30 and thunder. Hoeing and fixing woodshed door. Boys at school. Annie and Helen Patton at John Michie's. Jennie making pickles. Jessie Bell sewing. War news: Russians

win a great victory over Austria. Germans still advancing on Paris. Turkey said to have declared war on Russia.

4 – A fine cool day. A few drops of rain after dinner. Fixing garden gate and the line fence between Norman Lyle and our place. Boys at school. Mrs. O'Neill called; she was looking for a lost heifer belonging to Willie Carnegie. War news: German advance on Paris appears to be somewhat checked. Report that Russian troops have been landed at Aberdeen, Scotland to help the allies in France.

5 – A very fine cool day. Bagged up some oats (10 bags) and took them to Blair's mill; boys went with me; but did not get it home. Went after it after dinner and that was about all I did. After supper Annie and Helen Patton went to Port Perry to meet Mary Patton and a man names Root from Buffalo. War news: Germans almost passing Paris. Russians advancing.

6 – At church and SS with Jennie and our children and Helen Patton. Mr. McKay preached on the war. A heavy rain about 1 to 3. War news: it is reported that 100,000 of the allies and 150,000 Germans were killed in the battle just closed.

7 – Cool and almost rain several times. Got up early and Willie drove Mary, Helen and Douglas Patton and Mr. Root to Port Perry to the morning train on their way home to Buffalo. Fixing line fence near the 10th concession and finished the job. Jennie washing. Jessie Bell sewing. E. Lyle called to see about corn cutting. He has, with E. Jennison, bought a new corn binder. Mary Dusty called for butter. War news: not of very much importance.

8 – A fine day and pretty cool. Took Annie to Port Perry to start high school again. Alex Real also starts. While I was away Jennie and Jessie Bell moved the stove in. Drew up the rubbish from the line fence to the house for wood and cut some. Boys at school. War news: The Germans being driven back.

9 – A fine day and pretty cool. Went for the beef in the morning taking the boys to school. Jennie went also to Mrs. Walker's about the knitting. John Lee came down with us to Jim's. Plowing 2nd time in the afternoon. E. Lyle goes to Port Perry for new corn binder. War news: Allies driving the Germans back all along the line.

10 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at John Michie's making a skirt for Elizabeth. Boys at school. War news: Germans being driven back. Another Russian victory.

11 – A very fine day. Plowing until about 3 pm when Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie while I scuffled strawberries. Boys at school. E. Lyle got corn binder set up at Norman's and cut his corn. E. Lyle called in the evening. War news: Driving Germans back.

12 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jessie Bell making herself a dress. War news: Germans still being driven back. Russians get a check.

13 – A beautiful fine day. At SS and church with the children. Jennie stayed at home to keep John Michie's baby while she went

⁵² The German vessel Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was sunk at the Battle of Rio de Oro.

to church. Mr. McKay preached. What is left of Mr. Harrington's class came into mine today. No war news.

14 – Another very fine day. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry school while I watched the sow (only two little pigs) and hoed. Plowing in the afternoon. Boys at school. A partridge flew through the N kitchen window breaking a pane of glass. Jessie Bell dressmaking. War news: Germans still being driven back and Russians advancing.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing until about 3 pm when E. Lyle came from John Michie's with the corn cutter and started at 15 minutes to 4 and cut the biggest piece of corn. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Germans still moving back.

16 – A beautiful day. E. Lyle finished cutting corn in ½ hour. I then took him to Weston Phoenix's. Drew off corn the rest of the day. Boys at school. War news: Germans still retreating but are expected to make another stand soon.

17 – A very fine day and very warm. All day drawing off corn. Mrs. John Michie and baby here in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: about the same as yesterday.

18 – A very fine day. Drawing off corn and finished in the forenoon. In the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. West of Port Perry preached. After service I drove Mr. West home and brought Annie home. Boys at school. War news: A great battle on.

19 – A beautiful day and pretty warm. Plowing corn stubble most of the day. War news: Great battle still on.

20 – A very warm and fine day. At communion at Greenbank with Jennie. A good turnout; Mr. McKay preached. Jas. Lee, wife and Ruby called in the evening. John Michie's girls here while they were at church.

21 – Another fine and very warm day. Took Annie to Port Perry school in the forenoon. In the afternoon had Norman Lyle cut the buckwheat. Boys at school. War news: Big battle still on; both sides appear to be exhausted.

22 – A fine day and very warm. Shocked up the buckwheat and then plowed until about 3 pm when I went to help Albert Akhurst to thresh (John Howsam's machine). Lightning in the evening but no rain. Jennie at John Michie's in the forenoon looking after things as Mrs. John is away on a visit to her birth place. Boys at school. Mr. W. Akhurst called in the forenoon. Another partridge flew through the N window breaking a pane of glass. War news: Big battle still going on. A heavy thunder shower about 11 pm.

23 – Some rain in the forenoon and about 2:30. Helping A. Akhurst to thresh and finished at 10 am. Plowing corn stubble the rest of the day. Boys at school. Jessie Bell dressmaking. War news: 3

British cruisers sunk by Germans⁵³. Allies claim a little advance in France. Russians claim another victory.

24 – A fine day and cooler. Plowing all day in the N field. Boys at school. Jennie Gordon, who is keeping house for John Michie, was here with Jean and Ruth for dinner and tea. Jennie and Jessie making the girls dresses. Roy O'Neill; D. Cragg; Mr. Brisco; and Mrs. I. O'Neill threshed today. War news: Allies drawing the Germans back a little. Russians have captured important town in Austria.

25 – Quite cool all day. All but Jessie Bell at Port Perry fair. Got there about 9:30 in time to be at the patriotic demonstration near the post office. Mr. Hutchison and Murray were the speakers. We got dinner at Mr. Henry's and then to the fair. There was a pretty good turnout. The great attraction was a [?] by women, which came off all right. War news: not much of importance.

26 – A fine day and pretty cool and dull. Plowing all day in N field. Jennie churning, ironing, baking, etc. Annie at John Michie's in the afternoon. War news: Allies claim to be driving Germans back a little in one place and the Germans gain a little in another.

27 – A fine day and pretty cool. All hands but Jessie Bell at SS. Mr. McKay did not come so there was no church service. Willie went up with Sidney Kenney to the Methodist SS rally in the forenoon and got dinner at G. Lee's. All hands over at Jim Lee's. No war news today.

28 – A fine day. Quite a hard frost in the morning. Took Annie to Port Perry school and met Mrs. J. Joyce who came up from Brooklin and brought her here. In the afternoon, with Norman Lyle, went to W. Carnegie's sale. We spent most of our time there collecting to help Mrs. O'Neill who lost a cow on the RR crossing last week. In the evening took Mrs. Joyce to Mrs. Walker's at Greenbank. Boys at school. Jessie Bell making apple jelly. Jennie washing. War news: Germans still being driven a little back.

29 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Norman Lyle, collecting for Mrs. O'Neill. We went as far back as Woon's, then to P. Leask; W.H. Leask; Jas. Leask; G.A. McMillan's; Alex Leask; G. Real; J.M. Ross and Greenbank. Got about \$21.00 in all. Boys at school. War news: Allies still holding their position.

30 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Hoeing strawberries in the afternoon while Jennie and Jessie Bell went to Mission Band meeting and to Dusty's; Walker's and Akhurst's. Boys at school. Jessie Bell and Willie at John Michie's in the evening while John went to beef ring meeting. Norman Lyle got their baby baptized this afternoon. War news: Reports of a victory for the allies but the story is not trustworthy.

OCT. 1 – A beautiful clear day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Jennie and Jessie Bell visiting at Akhurst's and Gordon's. Nothing new in war news. C. Whetter married.

⁵³ The Royal Navy cruisers were the Aboukir; Hogue; and the Cressy. Approximately 1450 sailors lost their lives.

2 – Another beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Hoeing strawberry patch in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon and for tea. She was getting a waist made I think. Mrs. N. Lyle and baby called. Boys at school.

3 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and drew in the buckwheat in the afternoon, the boys helping. S. Henry and Leonard here in the forenoon for snow apples and Roy and Cathleen Leask for some in the afternoon. Mary Dusty and Jennie and Bessie Gordon here for tea. War news: very little change.

4 – A very fine day. All hands including Jessie Bell at SS and it was rally day service. No war news.

5 – A very fine day and quite warm. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Plowing in the afternoon. Went with John Michie to managers meeting in the church. Mrs. John and children stayed here while we were away. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: nothing decisive.

6 – Another beautiful day. Spent an hour plowing in ruts in the hill on the road, then plowed until about 3 pm when Jennie and Jessie Bell went to W.H. Leask's for tea. Boys at school. War news about the same. The Allies have had to give way in one place.

7 – A very fine day. Jennie drove Jessie Bell and her trunk to Port Perry on her way back to Rochester while I cut wood. Plowing in the afternoon. John Michie here picking apples. Boys at school. Jennie at W.M. meeting at J.M. Real's in the afternoon. War news not very encouraging. Roy O'Neill moved to Port Perry today.

8 – Some rain in the forenoon. All day drawing gravel from W. Thomas' pit to the 10th concession near the side road and on the hill on our sideroad; 5 teams drawing. John Michie, wife and girls here in the afternoon for some apples. No school as teachers convention is on. Boys at Thomas' in the afternoon. War news still very scarce and not too good.

9 – Drawing gravel from W. Thomas' pit for next year's road work. Drew 6 loads to the hill. A thunder shower came on about 3 and lasted for an hour (I was in Thomas' stable). Jennie and the boys picking apples awhile in the afternoon. Annie came home with John Michie in the waggon. War news: Antwerp bombarded and is likely to be taken by the Germans.

10 – Rain through the night and in the morning. Went up to the school house to see the new [calsomining?], then to R. Cragg's. Plowing sod in the afternoon. Thunder shower between 6 and 7. Annie went to a SS class party at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's and on account of the rain did not get home but stayed all night at Mrs. McMillan's. Albert Akhurst and Marie came for 2 bags of Talmon Sweets. James making hen coop for the school fair. War news: Antwerp still holds out.

11 – A fine day and cooler. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached a thanksgiving and patriotic sermon.

12 – A very fine day. This is Thanksgiving and we celebrated it by all hands digging potatoes (the poorest crop for many years). Sidney Kenney here in the evening. War news bad. Antwerp has

been captured by the Germans but the Allies have made advances in France.

13 – Quite a cold day. Took Annie to Port Perry school and with Jennie finished digging potatoes in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news not very good. Russian cruiser sunk and they have had to retire in some parts.

14 – A little cold in the morning but a very fine day. Topped, harrowed out, and drew in mangolds (6 ½ loads); Jennie helping to draw in. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news not at all good.

15 – Picking apples, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon at Greenbank to a hydro electric railway meeting in the hall. Sir Adam Beck was the speaker⁵⁴. There was a fair attendance and a very good address. Boys at school. War news: Germans advance on Ostend.

16 – An E wind and misty and rainy most of the day. The boys drove up to the school house with their stuff for the school fair. James brought the rig home while I packed and picked apples. In the afternoon, with Jennie and James, at the school fair which was quite a success. A good turnout which would have been better but for the weather. A large exhibit. Willie got 2nd on mangolds and 3rd on his plot. James got 6th on his corn and 1st on the plot and 4th on hen coop. Annie came home with Mrs. R. Cragg. War news a little better. Austrian dreadnaught just finished; burned; and the Allies make some gains but the Germans are advancing on Ostend.

17 – Rain through the night and a very heavy shower between 6 and 7 in the morning. Plowing most of the day. Jennie making dress for Annie. Annie and the boys picking apples in the afternoon. Roy, Cathleen and Lucille Leask came for some snow apples. War news: British cruiser Hawk sunk by German submarine. Allies gaining a little in France.

18 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Smith of Bobcaygeon preached. Went over to visit Norman Lyle in the evening but there was no one there. No war news today.

19 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Annie and two barrels of apples for Winnipeg. Afternoon went with Jennie to Greenbank to vote for the Radial Railway by-law (voted for the RR), then picked apples, Jennie and the boys helping. Jim Dusty here in the forenoon for apples. Boys at school. War news somewhat better. 4 German torpedo boats sunk and Allies gaining.

20 – A very fine day. Foggy in the morning. Plowing all day. Mrs. S. Dusty called in the afternoon and Norman Lyle in the evening. Boys at school. War news: not much of importance. Radial Railway vote went strongly in favour.

21 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. Russell Thomas here in the afternoon for apples. Boys at school. Mrs. A. Akhurst here

⁵⁴ Sir Adam Beck (1857-1925) was a politician and founder of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

in the afternoon getting waist cut. War news: a fierce German attack but Allies hold.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. W. Akhurst here in the forenoon. Alex Gordon, wife and Lex here for apples and stayed for dinner. Boys at school. War news some better. Belgians doing some good fighting and Russians claim a big victory on the Vistula River.

23 – A very fine day. Plowing sod until about 2:30 and finished, then scuffled strawberries while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. William Leask and wife came for apples. S. Sleep called. Boys at school. War news: Allies holding and gaining a little.

24 – A very fine day and somewhat cool. Cleaning out grainery and pig house while Willie harrowed. Jennie making Annie a coat. Plowing in the afternoon. C. Love's two boys here for apples. J. Leask's threshing machine went down to Jim Lee's in the evening. War news: gains and losses on both sides.

25 – Quite a cool but fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached. Charley Blair of Ottawa and Jas. Watson of Clifford were there. G. Wallace sat with his wife. No war news.

26 – Cold raw day with some snow in the afternoon (the first of the season); freezing hard. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry school while I went to Jim Lee's threshing; finished about 3:30. They then moved to Mrs. Phair's and threshed until dark. Boys at school. James came home at first recess as Miss Warren was ill. War news: terrible battle in Belgium with no decisive result. Russians claim big victory.

27 – A very hard frost for the time of year and pretty cold until towards night when it got milder. Threshing all day until after dark at Mrs. Phair's and finished. Machine moved to Jim Gibson's. Boys at school but James came home as Miss Warren is still ill. War news some better. Allies holding; Indian troops distinguish themselves.

28 – A fine day and somewhat cool. Picking Ben Davis apples in the forenoon. Jennie washing. James drawing in wood. Willie at school. In the afternoon Jack Leask's threshing machine came about 2 o'clock and threshed until dark. Jack and Robbie Leask stayed all night. War news: Allies holding. A serious rebellion in South Africa under Gen. DeWitt.

29 – Finished threshing about 9 am. They then moved to N. Lyle's. Ernest Phair went in my place until noon and I until they finished about 4. Rained more or less all the time. They then moved to John Michie's but did not thresh. Willie at school. War news said to be satisfactory. Allies hold and gain some and even the Germans admit that the Russians have driven them back.

30 – A very fine day. Threshing at John Michie's and finished about 2 o'clock. Jennie and James helping Mrs. John. Jennie and James went to Port Perry for Annie. Willie at school. In the evening all hands at the women's missionary thank offering social. A very fine evening and a good turnout. Rev. Mr. McKay was the speaker of the evening. Those who took part were the Leask trio; Jennie Gordon; Mona Leask; Gertie Phoenix. War news: Turkey starts war with Russia. Allies holding their own.

31 – A fine day. Willie harrowing while I took Ben Davis apples. Jennie coat making. In the afternoon with the children picked the remaining Ben Davis' for the evaporator, then we topped some turnips. War news: Allies gain all along the line.

NOV. 1 – All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. When church was dismissed a thunder shower was on and we got some wet before we got home. No war news.

2 – Somewhat cool all day. Took Annie and a load of apples to Port Perry in the morning. Jennie washing. In the afternoon topped turnips. Mrs. O'Neill and Irene called in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Another British cruiser sunk in the Straits of Dover. Allies advance a little. Turkey in the fight for sure.

3 – All hands at turnips and got in 10 loads. A little rain after dinner. Mr. O'Neill and Irene came up to help with turnips. War news: Allies holding and advancing some places.

4 – A high wind most of the day. All hands at turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon Jennie went with Mrs. A. Akhurst and Mary Dusty to women's missionary meeting at Jas. Boe's while I and the boys drew in turnips; got in 10 loads. War news: British got a bad smash in naval battle in the South Pacific; also lost a submarine in the North Sea. Allies holding all along the line.

5 – A very disagreeable day with many little showers from the NW. With Jennie's help, finished drawing in turnips in the forenoon; 5 loads; 27 loads in all. Did some small jobs in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Allies advancing; Russians advancing.

6 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie down to John Michie's to keep the children while they were at Port Perry. They brought Annie home. Boys at school. Willie came home after dinner as Miss Stoven went home as her brother Stanley is very ill. James brought a rabbit home. War news: Allies still holding. Germans retreating before the Russians.

7 – A thunder shower in the forenoon. Went with the boys and 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got them ground. Brought Fanny colt home from John Michie's where she has been pasturing since June 4th. Stanley Stoven died this morning. War news: Allies holding and gaining. Russians driving Germans back. Japan capture the German city in China.

8 – A fine day but pretty cool. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. No war news.

9 – A very fine day. Annie went to Port Perry with Albert Akhurst. Drawing out manure and plowing berry patch for next year. Jennie washing. Jennie went with Mrs. Akhurst to Stanley Stoven's funeral. No school today. War news: everything looks better.

10 – A fine day until noon when it started to snow from the S and continued all afternoon. Drawing in corn, Jennie and Willie helping until about 2 o'clock. Jennie then went to Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church at E. Lyle's. War news about the same as yesterday.

11 – Rather cool day; snow did not all go away. Plowing in the forenoon. Went over to F. Bratley's in the afternoon. James not very well and not at school. Willie went to school but came home as there was no school. War news: The principal thing is the sinking of the German cruiser Emden which has sunk 24 British ships and the Konigsberg bottled up. Allies holding the lines.

12 – A fine day but cool. Jennie went to market at Port Perry while I raked up the turnip tops and in the afternoon, with Willie's help, drew some of them to cover the strawberry plants. James not at school. War news not so good. The Germans have captured Dixmude, an important point on the lines. A British gunboat sank by a torpedo.

13 – About 2 inches of snow fell through the night, then rain in the morning, which took away most of the snow. Colder towards night with high wind. Did quite a number of small jobs. Jennie finishing coat for Mabel Bell. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie. James S. Lee called in the afternoon. War news: Allies holding all along the line. Russians advancing.

14 – A fine day. Drew the rest of the turnip tops on the strawberry patch, Willie helping, then 3 loads of manure, then 1 load of corn. James Lee and Arthur Chapman came for the cutting box. War news better today. Allies reported to have retaken Dixmude. Russians advancing; 2 German submarines sunk.

15 – A decidedly bad day; rain all day from the S. At SS and church with the children. Mr. Bruce, a returned missionary from Homan, preached. No war news.

16 – A fine day and getting colder towards night. Went with Annie to Port Perry and brought back with me Barbara Walker. She came on the train from Oshawa. She stayed to dinner and Jennie drove her home. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Allies holding; Russians advancing. General Roberts dead.

17 – A very rough day with many snow flurries and high NW wind. Took in some of the wood into the shed and put up little stoves. John Michie called in the forenoon. Boys at school. War news: nothing of much importance.

18 – A little snow with high wind. Finished taking in the wood. Mr. Grove of Raglan called. Went over to Jim Lee's in the forenoon. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. In the evening at school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's while Jennie and the boys were at prayer meeting in the church. War news: nothing new.

19 – A fine mild day. Finished drawing in the corn, Jennie helping, and drew a load of buckwheat straw on the strawberry patch. Boys at school. War news: Allies holding. Boys got their money for prizes at school fair.

20 – Somewhat cold all day. Spread the straw on the strawberries and put up storm windows and doors. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Jim Lee brought over steer we bought for beef ring. John Michie called. Boys at school. War news: not very good; Germans driving Russians back at one place at least.

21 – A rather nice day. Spent most of the day relaying pig house floor. Edna Gordon here for supper and stayed all night. War news: Germans still driving Russians back. Allies holding in the west.

22 – Quite a snow storm in the morning and a little off and on during the day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. No war news. A little before midnight Jas. Blair Jr. came for Jennie as his wife was unwell.

23 – A pretty sharp morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Took the buggy but there were some cutters and sleighs on the road. Jennie did not get home until about 3 pm (a baby boy born at Blair's). Spent most of the afternoon relaying floor in pig house. Boys at school. War news: Russians claim to have checked the German advance in Poland. Allies holding in the west.

24 – Snow a little sometimes and quite dull all day. Did some odd jobs. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Russians driving the Germans back. Allies holding in the west. German submarine sunk.

25 – A fine day and the snow going fast. Did a few odd jobs and whitewashed the pantry. Jennie housecleaning. In the afternoon Jennie went with Mrs. J.M. Real to visit Mrs. Jas. Baird at Saint-field. Boys at school. In the evening at Richard Cragg's to a school trustee meeting to consider applications for teacher; nine in number

26 – Quite mild all day and snow nearly all gone. Put tar paper around the little apple trees and cleaned out drain mouths. Boys at school. W. Phoenix called. Norman Lyle digging potatoes. War news: Russians driving Germans back again in [Balaind?]. Allies advancing in the west.

27 – A fine day. Drew out some stones and plowed a little then went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. In the evening went with the boys to the church to see the war pictures by a Mr. Winchester of Toronto. There was a fair turnout and the speaking was good but the pictures were too dim. \$30.65 taken in; expenses \$17.50. War news: British battle ship blown up in the mouth of the Thames. Allies holding in the west. Russians claim victory.

28 – A very fine day. Put in some window glass and some other little jobs. Irene O'Neill up getting dress fitted. Boys down to John Michie's. In the evening at Sons of Temperance division which has not met for a long time. There was about 15 new members came in and it is hoped that it is to have a new start. War news about the same as yesterday.

29 – A beautiful day. At SS with the children. Jennie stayed at home to keep Mrs. John Michie's baby and Jean. After SS I went over to the Baptist church, it being anniversary there. The speaker was Mr. Percy who gave a recital of Elijah and the prophets of Bale and two others, which were very fine. John Michie and family stayed for tea. Jennie and Willie went to the Baptist in the evening.

30 – A muggy rainy day. Did little but the chores. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry. Boys at school. War news: very little to report.

DEC. 1 – A dull foggy day and quite mild. Plowing all day. Jennie washing and making dress for Irene O'Neill. Boys at school. War news about the same as the last few days.

2 – Another muggy foggy almost rainy but mild day. Plowing all day and finished the turnip field just W of the house. Jennie oiling kitchen floor. Irene O'Neill here in the afternoon for her dress. Boys at school. War news: The Germans holding in Poland. Dance in the hall at Greenbank.

3 – A very fine day. Freezing a little towards night. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon and pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Boys at school. Norman Lyle finishes digging potatoes I think. War news: Austrians capture Belgrade, Serbia. Heavy fighting in Poland; both claim victories. [Dew Wit?] captured in South Africa. Germans claim to have advanced about Diksmuide.

4 – A pretty cold raw day. Pruning apple trees in the forenoon. W. Akhurst called. Boys at school. In the afternoon went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church; Rev. Mr. Graham of Eldon preached. In the evening Jennie and the boys at Bible Society meeting in our church. Rev. Mr. Hassard was the speaker. War news: little of any importance.

5 – Cold raw wind from the E. Pruning apple trees in the forenoon while the boys went to Port Perry for Annie who did not come home yesterday as the high school concert was held last night. Veta Platten came with her. Edna Gordon called after dinner. In the afternoon went with 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got them ground. Jennie went with me to visit Allie Blair. War news: Things looking rather better.

6 – A very raw E wind all day. With Jennie went to communion at Wick church. Pretty good wheeling. In the evening at church with Annie, Willie and Veta Platten. Mr. McKay preached. John Michie and wife brought their children here while they were at church. No war news.

7 – Another raw day with E wind. Drove Annie and Veta Platten to Port Perry in the forenoon. Pruned apple trees awhile in the afternoon. Jennie visiting at Mr. Akhurst's in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Germans have retaken Lodz in Poland. Allies holding in the west.

8 – Another raw cold day with E wind. Finished pruning the orchard. Annie phoned at noon saying she needed another dress and Jennie went to Port Perry with it after trying all the neighbours by phone. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

9 – Did some little jobs in the forenoon. Jennie went to W.M. meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's. Snowing a little all afternoon from the E. Boys at school. In the evening all hands at Guild meeting in the church; Mr. McKay leader. Choir practice after. War news: what little there was; not very satisfactory.

10 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in woodshed in the forenoon and in the afternoon cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby here in the afternoon getting a dress cut for Ruby. Boys at school. War news: Three German war ships sunk in the

South Atlantic. Turks surrender near Persian Gulf and Serbians claim a victory. Reported that German bombs have been dropped on Dover, England.

11 – A beautiful fine day. Choring in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. War news: Another German war ship sunk in the South American naval battle. Reports that 3 German submarines have been sunk.

12 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp all day (took dinner with me). Children at Mission Band and Christmas tree practice at Greenbank. Miss Warren, teacher, and Vera Cragg here for tea. War news: nothing of much importance.

13 – A little snow in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church. Mr. Currie of Beaverton preached. No war news.

14 – A very rough cold day. Snowing in the forenoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Boys not at school. War news: little of importance.

15 – A very rough cold day with high NW wind. Most of the snow drifted into heaps. Did little but the chores. Boys not at school. War news: British submarine dived under mines and blew up Turkish warship. Serbians recapture Belgrade.

16 – Pretty cold all day. Opening out drifted roads in the forenoon and in the afternoon Albert Akhurst came down and we killed a pig. Jennie washing. Boys at school. In the evening at Guild meeting. Campbell Stone and I took the topic. A SS meeting after that about lesson helps. War news: little to report.

17 – A very fine day. Cutting up the pig in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Five German war ships bombard for an hour the coast of England. Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby attacked and a number killed. Russians appear to be retiring about Cracow. Serbians claim to have drove all the Austrians out of their country.

18 – A fine day. Shovelling out the roads in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry for Annie. Miss May Bruce, one of her girl friends, came home with her. Boys at school. Jennie making head cheese. War news: Russians being driven back. Raiding German warships escape.

19 – Rough and stormy in the forenoon, finer in the afternoon. Went with the boys to Christmas tree practice in the church; there was a good turnout and went off well. John Michie and wife left their children while they went to Port Perry. War news: Russians claim that the Germans overestimate their victory in Poland. Britain appoints new Sultan of Egypt.

20 – A fine winter day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached. Drove the sleigh for the first time; not very good sleighing. No war news.

21 – Rough with snow through the night and all forenoon and rough all day. Drove Annie and May Bruce to Port Perry in the morning with the cutter. Jennie washing. Boys went to school but

the furnace smoked so bad that they were sent home. Did little but the chores in the afternoon. War news: Reported but not confirmed that a British dreadnaught sunk in the North Sea. Allies gaining in Flanders.

22 – A decidedly rough snowy day. All hands at Port Perry Christmas fair in the afternoon. Drove the sleigh in a snowstorm. Sidney Kenney went with us. Quite a few there considering the day. Brought Annie home as the school has closed for the Christmas holidays. War news: little of importance.

23 – A fine day but cold; a little below zero in the evening. At Greenbank in the afternoon with Annie to church managers meeting and Annie to help to decorate for the Christmas tree, but there were only 4 managers present so there was no meeting. Jennie making Christmas cake. Christmas gifts came from Winnipeg. War news: Allies advancing in Flanders. Russians fighting desperately near Warsaw. [Margin note: Eunice Michie married].

24 – A fine day and cold; a little below zero in the evening. Did little but the chores. All hands at SS Christmas tree in the evening (drove the sleigh). There was a good turnout and it went off good. About \$17.00 was taken in. War news: Rather favourable but not much of importance.

25 – Below zero all day and clear and bright. Arthur Chapman and Sidney Kenney here for dinner and tea. War news favourable. First bomb dropped in England at Dover; no damage done.

26 – About 20 below zero in the morning but got warmer as the day went by and very clear. Annie and Willie went down to John Michie's to warm up the house for John, wife and family who have been spending Christmas at her folks at Agincourt. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. War news: not much of importance but of a cheerful tone.

27 – A fine day and pretty cold. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh). Instead of the regular lesson Rev. J.A. Miller gave an address on his work in Toronto. Mr. James preached at the church service. Edna Gordon came home with us and stayed all night.

28 – A good deal milder. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Willie went with me. Jennie making Annie a dress. War news: Allies claim to be advancing. Russians claim victories. British make naval attack on Wilhelmshaven but did not accomplish much. Got word of the marriage of Eunice Michie.

29 – Went to cut wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the morning taking dinner with me, but snow came on and I came home about 2:30 pretty wet. Jennie making Annie a dress. War news: little to report.

30 – Fine and cold. At public school meeting in the forenoon; about 14 at it. G.A. McMillan elected trustee in place of D. McDonald. Jas. Ewin and Alex Gordon called in the morning to buy colt. In the evening all hands at Sunday School meeting; a fair turnout and the usual discouraging things. I was chosen superintendant. All the other officers were re-elected. Funds \$10.00 behind.

31 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. War news: Allies advancing a little. Austrians get another smashing.

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JAN. 1 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie over to Jim Lee's to see Ruby who is sick. Snowing a little in the evening. Doings at Methodist church but did not go. Mr. Weir called towards night canvassing for council election. War news: Austrians appear to have got a good beating. Allies claim to have gained in Alsace.

2 – Drove to Blackwater to meet Miss Seahaven, our new public school teacher, and brought her to R. Cragg's. Roads quite heavy and drifting. Very rough and cold in the afternoon. War news: Another British war vessel sunk in the channel (the Formidable). Allies holding.

3 – Quite cold; about 8 below zero in the morning but a nice day. All hands at SS and church. It was election of teachers and three classes have yet to get them. Mr. McKay preached.

4 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning to vote for councilmen. Voted for John Stone for deputy reeve; W. Phoenix, Allan Goode and W. Weir for councillors, and won every vote. Called at some places in the village. In the afternoon drove Annie to Port Perry to commence high school tomorrow. Boys at school. James first day in Sen. room and Miss Seahaven's first day teaching. War news: Russians claim to be smashing the Austrians badly. Allies claim to be advancing in Alsace.

5 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie doing the noon chores. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: not much of importance.

6 – Cutting wood all day in Jim Lee's swamp. Dull all day and started to rain about the middle of the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie churning. War news: Russians have gained a great victory over the Turks.

7 – Heavy rain through the night and the snow greatly reduced but it got colder as the day advanced. Did little but the chores. Boys started for school but got their feet wet and came back. War news: nothing new.

8 – Colder. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Not very good sleighing. Willie Coffley rode up with us. War news: Italy issues an ultimatum to Turkey. Allies claim a little advance.

9 – A very fine day. All day cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp. Got phone call from Bella Gordon who is at W. McMillan's. War news favourable.

10 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Annie and Willie walked as the roads were icy. Mr. McKay preached. A large # (130). Mrs. John McKitrick has taken Alex Gordon's class. Jas. Blair's class has been merged with the young men of my class and a married men's class formed.

11 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Met W.H. Leask on the way home and had a talk with him and after dinner, with Jennie, drove over to Peter Leask's and got supper there. Boys at school. They went also to Peter's. Got home about 9. War news: nothing new.

12 – A fine day. In the afternoon went with John Michie and Arthur Chapman to church wood cutting bee at Woon's swamp. The bee was a good one; 22 men being at it; and cut all that was left of the lot. I stopped on the way home at S. Dusty's for supper. Jennie and the boys came up. Got home about 11:30. Willie at school.

13 – Another fine day. Cutting wood all day at Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie went to the W.F.M.S. at the church and stayed to tea at Mrs. Walker's and the boys and I went up to the annual congregational meeting. There was a fair turnout and the business went off pretty well. A. Akhurst; Alex Boe; and John Somerville chosen managers and A. Stone to fill out Jas. Baird's turn. Balance on hand \$80.00. Boys at school.

14 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the afternoon in Jim Lee's swamp. Boys at school. War news: not so good. Germans gain some in France. News of a great earthquake in Italy. Boys at school.

15 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and got hockey skates for the boys. Boys at school. War news: nothing new.

16 – A nice day. Put on the boys hockey skates in the forenoon and went to Blair's mill in the afternoon. Children at Mission Band. In the evening at S. of T. Division, there being a debate on hand. The subject was Education for Money. The money side won. There was quite a nice turnout. War news: nothing of much importance.

17 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Annie and Willie walked. Over a hundred at SS. Mr. McKay preached. A thaw and most of the snow gone.

18 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 pigs. Annie going with me to school. Cleaned out pig house in the afternoon. At church managers meeting in the evening. Alex Leask chosen chairman; A. Stone, sec.; John Somerville, Fin. Sec.; and I was rechosen treasurer. Boys at school.

19 – Another fine day. About six or eight inches of snow fell through the night which makes good sleighing. Drove the boys to school. Jim Lee brought over Bella Gordon who stayed to dinner and the afternoon and in the evening all went over to Jim Lee's for supper and spent the evening. Alex Gordon and wife were also there. Got home a little before midnight. War news: Russians claim to have given the Turks another beating.

20 – A very fine day. Drove the boys to school and at Jim Lee's swamp cutting wood. Jennie dressing chickens. War news: Zepelin raid on England, the first; did considerable damage.

21 – A fine day and much colder towards night. Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim

Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: nothing new.

22 – A fine day. Drew 4 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Annie came home with Ed Lyle. Boys at school.

23 – Another very fine day but cold. Drew 3 loads of wood from Jim Lee's. Jennie in bed all day.

24 – A very fine day. All but Jennie at SS and church. 112 at SS. Mr. McKay preached. Decided to have an anniversary.

25 – A big snow from the E during the night and most of the forenoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and in the afternoon went with Willie to W. Thomas' for some gravel for the hens. Boys not at school. War news: German war ship sunk. They were on their way to raid England but had to turn tail and run for home.

26 – A very fine day. Drew 4 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. War news: not much of importance.

27 – A beautiful day. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon at session meeting in the church. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

28 – A fine day and very cold. Drew 3 loads of wood from Jim Lee's. Boys at school. War news: not much of importance.

29 – A very fine but very cold day. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp and went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. War news: Fierce fighting in France.

30 – A very fine day and quite cold; about zero in the morning. Drew 4 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. John Michie called. War news: Germans fail to cross the Aisne.

31 – A fine day; snowing in the evening. All hands at SS and church (103 at SS); Mr. McKay preached. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry after supper.

FEB. 1 – A great snow through the night and drifting some all the day from the E. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Went after them from school. War news: 5 British merchant ships sunk by German torpedoes.

2 – Snowing and storming all night and the whole day and about zero all day. Huge drifts everywhere. Roads blocked; trains stopped; no mail; saw no one. Did nothing but the chores. Jennie making quilt. House pump frozen up.

3 – A very fine day. Spent the forenoon shovelling the snow in the gaps and in the afternoon went with Willie to a sale of furniture etc. of the late Amos Stone, Greenbank. While we were away Cecil and Mona Leask called. They have been storm stayed at Jim Lee's since Monday and upset in our field on their way home. Trains running but we got no mail today.

4 – A very fine day. Drove the boys most of the way to school and broke roads in the forenoon. At church reports in the afternoon. Jennie making quilt. War news: Turks defeated near Suez Canal.

5 – Mild with some rain and snow in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon went with John Michie to Frank Howsam's sale. There was a large turnout and prices of cattle good but horses not so good. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and brought Wilnot Cragg up this far and his father came here for him. Boys at school. War news: Turks again defeated at Suez Canal.

6 – Thawing a little most of the day. Drew 2 small loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp; went principally to break the road. John Michie and wife went to Port Perry and left their children here while they were away. Jennie hardly able to speak. War news: Russians claim to have beaten Germans with great loss.

7 – A fine day. All but Jennie at SS and church. Jennie kept John Michie's baby while they went to SS and church. There was 103 at SS. Mr. McKay preached.

8 – A fine day but colder and some rough towards night. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie quilting. Boys at school. War news: Turks beaten again at Suez Canal.

9 – About zero in the morning and did not get much above it all day. Did little but the chores. Jennie quilting. Boys at school. War news: Russians claim gains.

10 – Eight below zero in the morning but a very fine day. Made Norman Lyle a visit in the forenoon and in the afternoon took 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got them ground while Jennie went with Jim Dusty and a sleigh load of women to W.F.M. meeting at W.H. Leask's at which there was a large meeting. War news: Russians appear to be moving back in [Buckawana?].

11 – Thawing a little all day. Drew 4 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp; old stuff cut from the part cut last winter. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Russians claim victory.

12 – A fine day; thawing all day. Drew 1 load of wood and broke the sleigh tongue. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys at school. They had a valentine concert there. War news: Not much of any account but the Canadian War Tax announced.⁵⁵



Example of war tax stamps

13 – A very fine day. Drew 4 loads of old wood from Jim Lee's. War news: British make great air raid on the Germans. Russians being driven back from East Prussia.

14 – Thawing all day and some rain in the afternoon. Drove the sleigh and all hands to SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay

preached. Jennie Gordon sang in SS. Stewart Bratley, who has been at John Michie's, came up for tea and stayed all night.

15 – Thawing through the night and most of the day. Got colder towards night. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning; Stewart Bratley going with us on his way home. Jennie washing. Willie started for school but got his feet wet and turned back. John Michie called in the afternoon. Mr. Bell of the brickyard called in the evening. He was going home from E. Lyle's and lost his way. War news: Ottawa threatened with an air raid. Germans gain in France.

16 – A very fine day. Did very little but the chores. Boys at school. Jennie quilting. W. Akhurst called in the forenoon to get his hair cut. War news: little of importance.

17 – A very fine day. Visited at Mrs. O'Neill's in the forenoon and cutting wood in Jim Lee's swamp in the afternoon. Joseph Burton called about 1 pm. Jennie quilting at home in the forenoon and at John Michie's in the afternoon. Mrs. Alex Gordon called in the evening to get help to make Jennie Gordon a new dress to go to Minnie Stone's wedding next Wednesday. Boys at school. War news: not much of importance.

18 – A beautiful day. Drew 4 loads of wood from Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie all day at A. Gordon's dressmaking. Boys at school. Norman Lyle called for a loaf of bread. War news: Germans appear to be driving the Russians back in East Prussia. French gain some. This is the day that the German submarine blockade of Britain starts.⁵⁶

19 – A very fine day. Drew 2 loads of wood from Jim Lee's woods in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys at school. In the evening all hands went to the patriotic concert in the Methodist church given by Port Perry ladies called the Cross Roads Ladies Meeting. There was a fair turnout and I liked it fairly well.

20 – A beautiful day. Drew one load of wood from Jim Lee's and in the afternoon helping him to load some sawlogs. Children at Mission Band at Mr. McMillan's. Thomas boys came for apples. War news: little of interest.

21 – A very fine day and thawing most of the time. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

22 – A quite mild day and almost raining sometimes. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning while I went to John Michie's to help him cut his wood; Alex Leask's machine. They finished about 3 o'clock and then moved here and cut about 2 hours. Ed Lyle; Norman Lyle; Albert Akhurst; and John Michie helping. Boys at school. War news: Russians being driven back. Two British merchant ships sunk.

23 – Started to saw wood a little before 9 am and worked until dinner time when rain came on and continued all afternoon and

⁵⁵ The War Tax was used to defray the costs of war and were added to regular postage.

⁵⁶ The Germans announced that effective this date all approaching ships in the waters surrounding Britain, including the English Channel, would be considered targets

evening and the men went home. Albert Akhurst came for some apples. Boys at school. War news: Allies claim to be forcing the Dardanelles.

24 – Rain all night and the forenoon. Boys did not go to school. After dinner Alex Leask and Robbie came and we cut wood until about 5 when rain came on again and we quit. Stanley Doble and Minnie Stone married today. War news: Russians gaining ground again. Three more vessels sunk by Germans.

25 – Mild until near night when it began to freeze. Alex Leask did not come to cut wood. Spent most of the day piling up wood. Boys not at school. Jennie washing. War news: 4 more British ships sunk. The attitude of Italy is causing anxiety to Germans.

26 – Very cold rough day; high NW wind. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Boys not at school. Jim Lee called in the afternoon. War news: Outer forts of the Dardanelles forced. One more British ship sunk. Got a letter from W. Mitchell.

27 – A very rough windy cold day. Piled up some wood in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at the new road skating. War news: little of importance.

28 – A fine day but very cold with high NW wind. All hands at SS and church (100 at SS); Mr. McKay preached. Arthur and Jennie Gordon came down for music books.

MAR. 1 – Pretty cold but a very fine day. Jennie drove Annie to Port Perry school while Alex Leask's sawing machine finished cutting the wood. Finished about 10 o'clock; charged \$8.50. Repaired the cutter in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: British have advanced some distance in the Dardanelles. Prussians claim a victory in Poland.

2 – Cold and very rough with many snow flurries. Split and piled up some wood. Jennie washing. Boys at school. In the evening all at Alex Gordon's for supper and the evening and a very musical evening it was. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon; Miss Jackson and James McPhail were there. James got his hand bit with Gordon's dog. War news: Progressing in the Dardanelles. Russians advancing.

3 – Very cold and windy all day. Piled some wood. Boys at school. In the afternoon went with Jennie to the church; she to W.M. meeting at which they quilted 2 quilts and I to wood cutting bee which was well attended and finished up the job. After the wood was cut the women put up an oyster supper for all hands. I came home but Jennie and the boys stayed to a social evening given by the guild to which were invited the Methodist Epworth League. They report a big crowd and a good time. War news: little of importance. British declared a blockage of all German parts.

4 – A very fine day. Split wood while Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry to get them suits of clothes. In the afternoon went with the boys skating on the creek and flats. Went down as far as the 11th concession. War news: Russians still claim to be advancing. Allies getting nearer Constantinople.

5 – A fine day. Split some wood. Jennie baking bread. Boys at school. In the afternoon Jennie went down to John Michie's to

keep the children while they went to Port Perry. Annie came home with them. All hands at John Michie's for supper (oysters). War news: about the same as yesterday.

6 – Snowing from the E most of the day. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. Robert Akhurst here in the afternoon. He walked out from Port Perry. War news: 2 German submarines sunk. Food in the German army reduced.

7 – A very fine day. All hands at SS; 109 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

8 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school and in the afternoon went for a load of wood to Jim Lee's swamp. Jennie washing. Boys at school. W. Henders called and Stanley Baker who wanted to buy the colt. War news: Operations continue on the Dardanelles. Greece likely to enter war.

9 – A very fine day. Helping Norman Lyle to cut wood (C. Durward's machine) and finished about 2 pm; then split some wood. Boys at school. Jennie down to John Michie's in the afternoon and picking hens in the evening. War news: Allies advancing in the Dardanelles.

10 – A very fine day. Churned and split wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Jennie to the Reach, Port Perry and Scugog Sunday School convention held in our church. There was a very good turnout. Mr. S. Farmer was in the chair and the principal speaker was Miss Leany of Toronto. Jennie came home and the boys who were at school and did the chores while I stayed for supper which was served in the basement. Jennie and the boys came back to the evening meeting which packed the church. The speakers were Mr. Bamforth of Port Perry; Mr. Foley of Brooklin and Miss Leany. I was rather disappointed with the evening meeting. The Bethesda Quartet and the Port Perry orchestra furnished the music. E. Lyle and Miss N. Porteous were married by Rev. Mr. Rowland this afternoon. War news: Three more British ships sunk by Germans.

11 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market. Split some wood. Boys at school. Jennie made me a smock. War news: Another ship lost. German submarine sunk.

12 – A very fine day. Piled up some wood. Went to Port Perry for Annie. Met the 5:30 train and met James Smith who came home with us. Boys at school. Mrs. James Lee and Ruby here in the afternoon. War news: Little of importance.

13 – A fine day and thawing some. Spent the forenoon talking to Jas. Smith. After dinner Jas. Smith and the boys went down to John Michie's where James S. stayed for supper while I piled up wood. War news: Rather bad. A British cruiser sunk. A French ship sunk and the Russians being driven back. Italy's position causing uneasiness.

14 – A very fine day and thawing. All hands, including Jas. Smith at SS and church; 110 at SS. A committee appointed to report on a home department in the SS. Mr. McKay preached. William O'Neill and wife came home with us for supper.

15 – A fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry, taking James Smith on his way home. Jennie washing. Boys at school. In the afternoon tapped some maple trees along the lane. War news: Somewhat brighter. British and French gain; Russians make a stand. More British ships sunk.

16 – A very fine day and colder. Cut down 5 maple trees near the road that were dead and drew them to the house. Jennie visiting at Akhurst's in the afternoon. Boys at school. Assessor J. Johnson called. War news: German cruiser Dresden sunk off South America. Victories on the Western lines. [NOTE: There is a copy of this assessment notice in the photo section of this book].

17 – A fine day and cold. Cleaned out pig house and piled wood. Jennie making quilt. Boys at school. War news: Turks damage ship and kill a number of men in the Dardanelles. Russians claim success.

18 – A very fine day. Splitting wood most of the day. Jennie making quilt. Boys at school. Damascus pedlar here for supper and stayed all night. War news: 5 more British ships sunk.

19 – A very fine day. Took cow out to Port Perry. Went with Phair's who took out 5 cattle. Was to ride home with them but the horse got sick when about the 8th concession and Cecil went back to Port Perry and I walked home. Split wood in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: More cheerful. Russians winning.

20 – A fine day. The boys went over to Jim Lee's and got his saw and we cut the logs that I got at Jim Lee's since the rest was cut. Three of Charles Love's boys came for 4 bags of apples and stayed for dinner. War news: Bad for Allies; 2 British and one French battleship sunk and 2 more disabled in the Dardanelles.

21 – Somewhat rough with a little snow. All hands (but Annie who is visiting at Mr. Bruce's in Cartwright) at SS and church; 100 at SS. Mr. McKay preached.

22 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with Jennie for groceries. Boys at school. Boiling down maple sap in the afternoon. War news: Another British ship sunk. Zeppelin raid on Paris but of little account. Italy appears to be getting ready for war.

23 – A very fine day. Most of the time at the wood. Jennie washing, ironing and baking. Boys at school. War news: Przemyśl, after a long siege, surrenders 120 thousand men.

24 – A very fine day; looking like rain towards night. Whitewashing kitchen while Jennie pulled off the old paper. Piling wood and boiling sap in the afternoon. Mrs. Norman Lyle and baby here in the afternoon and Norman came over to supper. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

25 – A little rain off and on most of the day. Colder towards night. All day helping Jennie to paper the kitchen. Boys at school. War news: Big battle in the Carpathians.

26 – Cold and rough with high NW wind. At the wood in the forenoon. Jennie housecleaning. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie while I went (walked) to the church to preparatory services. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. D.

McDonald and Miss Alice May [Seehaver or Leehaver?] came in by profession of faith. Boys at school. War news: German submarine sunk. Russians claim victory.

27 – A very fine day. Went to Seagrave station in the forenoon for berry boxes and had quite a time getting them home as they were very poorly packed. Willie went with me. In the afternoon went with Willie to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats but did not get it home as they were sawing. Mrs. O'Neill, Clarence and Irene here in the afternoon. War news: Russians claim to be advancing.

28 – At communion service in the church with Jennie. Mr. McKay preached and there was a pretty good turnout. Annie and the boys went down to John Michie's and kept their children while they were at church. Sidney Kenney here in the evening. Snowing some in the evening.

29 – Rather rough and cold with frequent snow flurries. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie and also Florence Lee. A little water over the sideroad. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon for the meal, Jennie going with me as far as Jim Lee's. Jim Lee called and paid his church money. Boys at school. War news: French and Russians claim advances.

30 – Rather a cold blustery day. Splitting and piling wood most of the day. Willie at school. James did not go as he thought he was sick in the morning. Mr. Parrot, cattle dealer, called. Big row at school. Mr. Lawton was there. War news: 2 British ships sunk and many lives lost. Russians claim to be gaining.

31 – A fine day. Finished splitting and piling the wood. Jennie making quilt. Boys at school. N. Lyle called. At guild meeting in the evening with Jennie and the boys. War news: Not much of importance.

APR. 1 – A fine day. Making stoneboat. Jennie went down to John Michie's and kept the children while they were at Port Perry. Then she went to Port Perry for Annie and to the train and got Mabel and Gordon Bell of Brooklin. Boys at school. War news: nothing important.



Example of a stoneboat, c1900

2 – Good Friday. A little snow through the night and forenoon. Finished making stoneboat and cut wood in the woodshed. Jennie making Mabel a dress. No school. War news: 1 British and 1 French boat sunk by Germans. Big battle in the Carpathians.

3 – A fine day but not very warm. Cutting and splitting wood in the woodshed and finished the job. Jennie baking and making Mabel Bell a dress. Boys tried to burn the brush heap. War news: Russians gain. More Allied ships sunk. Herb Hook and Olive Lee married.

4 – A very fine day (Easter Sunday). All hands at SS and church (Annie and Mabel Bell walked). 108 at SS. Willie played the violin for the first time and did very well. Mr. McKay preached. Henry Leask; Les Real and Alex Real in the choir for the first time.

5 – A fine day but rainy and very dark in the evening. Did a few little jobs and boiled down sap. Jennie dressmaking. In the evening, with Annie, Willie and Mabel Bell, went to Greenbank to a drama in the hall by S. of T. members. There was a full house and the show went off very well. Mr. Anderson, Grand Worthy Patriarch was chairman. A box social followed. War news: little that was new.

6 – A fine day. Drew off the brush from the orchards and cultivated a little in the forenoon and drew manure on the strawberry patch in the afternoon, Willie helping. D. Boe and Hugh Jack called. Annie and Mabel did the washing. Jennie sewing. Mail did not come until near six o'clock. War news: French advance.

7 – A fine day. Drew out manure, Willie helping. Jennie sewing. Pretty well laid up with bad leg. In the evening went with Willie to Guild meeting in church. Afterwards there was a meeting about SS anniversary. A fair turnout. Then after that a meeting to organize open SS class. W. Caffley was chosen president; Edgar Leask, vice president; G. Leask, sec.; and Harvey Real, treas.

8 – A very fine day and the most spring-like this year. Cleaning out the raspberry bushes. Jennie and Mabel Bell went to Port Perry market and to see the Dr. about her leg. Sidney Kenney here in the evening. Pianoforte performed at Port Perry tonight. War news: Russians advancing.

9 – A fine day until about 6 pm when it began to rain some. Cleaning out the raspberry bushes all day. Jennie sewing. In the evening, with Jennie, went to Port Perry to hear the opera pianoforte given by the Port Perry choral society. It went off very well; a full house; and it was the 2nd night. Raining on the way home and very dark and deep mud many places.

10 – A fine warm day and several times a little rain. Cleaning out berry bushes and uncovering strawberries. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon putting a quilt together. Annie and Mabel Bell at John Michie's and then to Alex Gordon's for supper.

11 – A nice spring day. Thunder about 5 pm and a little rain. All hands at SS and church; 119 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

12 – Not a very fine day; almost rain sometimes. Went to Port Perry in the morning taking Annie to school and Mabel and Gordon Bell on their way home. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Willie at school. At managers meeting in the evening.

13 – A very fine day; frost in the morning. Finished cleaning out berry bushes and scuffled them. Boys at school. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and girl here in the evening and stayed all night. War news: Russians gain.

14 – A beautiful day. Mr. and Mrs. McKay left about 9 and then John Lee came for a visit so I did not do much in the forenoon. Uncovering the strawberry plants in the afternoon. Jennie went to

W.M.S. meeting in the church; 6 quilts were quilted. W. Phoenix called to take the church insurance. Boys at school. N. Lyle and Irene O'Neill called. Word came that Mrs. Blakely (Maggie Dusty) was very ill. War news: little new.

15 – Another beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and cultivating in field W of house. Jennie boiling sap and cleaning yard and churning. Boys at school. War news: German air raid on north of England.

16 – A somewhat misty and almost rainy day. Cultivated in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. War news: Another airship raid on England near London. Germans sink Dutch ship.

17 – A beautiful day. Got Norman Lyle's drill and sowed the field W of the house which went in good. Annie and the boys at Mission Band at the church. Irene O'Neill here for dinner. She was getting a dress made. War news: Turks defeated by British in Mesopotamia.

18 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 117 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

19 – A very fine day and quite warm. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Harrowing and cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Mrs. N. Lyle and Irene O'Neill called. War news: French advance.

20 – A beautiful day. Went to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. Cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning in the forenoon and at S. Dusty's in the afternoon. Dusty's got word by telegraph that Maggie was improving. Boys at school. War news: British win an advance. David Lyle and W. Beare called.

21 – A very fine day. Frost in the morning. Sowed field N of barn. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Boys at school. Jennie and the boys at Guild meeting in the evening.

22 – A fine day; a few drops of rain sometimes. Harrowing and cultivating. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school.

23 – A very fine day and quite warm. Cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Mrs. Chambers' (D. McDonald's sister) funeral. Walked up to J.M. Real's and went with him and acted as a bearer. She was buried at Wick. Got supper at Mr. McDonald's. Jennie at Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

24 – A very fine day and quite warm. Sowed the N field which finishes the sowing. Jennie at S. Dusty's making a waist for Mrs. Dusty who is going to the west next week. War news: Germans gain by deadly gas.⁵⁷

25 – Very warm day. A lot of thunder in the evening but not much rain. All hands at SS and church. 133 at SS. Jas. [H---?] sang. Mr. McKay preached.

⁵⁷ Chlorine gas spread rapidly and close to the ground, destroying respiratory organs which lead to slow death by asphyxiation.

26 – Another very warm day. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Harrowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing and housecleaning. Boys at school. War news: Many Canadians lost in great battle in France.

27 – Another very warm day. Plowed the garden and rolled the N field then harrowed it until about 4 o'clock when a thunder storm came up and there was a nice shower which was very welcome. Jennie housecleaning the cellar. Boys at school. Willie went over to Jim Lee's in the morning and got some suckers. Mrs. Dusty and Mrs. Akhurst left for the west. War news: Germans gain in two places in France. British land near the Dardanelles. Canadians doing fine.

28 – Another warm day. Rolling grass and oat fields all day. Jennie housecleaning the cellar. Boys at school. War news: Bitter German advance stayed and operations resumed at the Dardanelles.

29 – A fine day and some cooler. Plowing the potato and strawberry patches. Jennie churning and baking. Boys at school. War news: Advancing in the Dardanelles.

30 – Much cooler and a little rain in the afternoon and evening. Took O'Neill cow to Port Perry. Jennie drove down for me. Harrowing and cultivating potato and strawberry patches. Jennie sewing. Annie came home with Mrs. Cragg. Boys at school. War news: Active advance at the Dardanelles. Russians claim to have captured an important village.

MAY 1 – Rain through the night and a fine day. All day at the raspberry bushes. Jennie making Annie a dress. Children at anniversary practice at the church. Mrs. John Michie and baby called in the afternoon. Every bar room would have been closed today if Rowell had won the day last 29th of June.⁵⁸ War news: Great fighting on the Dardanelles.

2 – A fine day and quite cool. All hands at SS and church, 118 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Eva Leask sang a solo part in the choir, the first time.

3 – Quite a frost in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Jennie washing. Most of the afternoon helping Jennie to plant the garden. Boys at school. Went over with the boys in the evening and got some trees to plant along the road. War news: Germans sunk 5 vessels; 2 German destroyers sunk and 1 British destroyer.

4 – A very fine day. Planted shade trees along the road in the forenoon. Hoed raspberry bushes in the afternoon except the time I was talking to Mr. Sleep and a piano man from Toronto. Jennie housecleaning the spare bedroom. Boys at school. War news: Germans claim great victory over the Russians. Austria and Italy appear near a rupture.

5 – A very fine day. Rolled field N of barn. Boys took Peggy colt to John Michie's for pasture. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. In the evening all went to Guild meeting in the church. A school trustee meeting first. Jennie called to see Miss [Seehaven?]

who is ill. Some smarty took one of the lines of harness in the shed. War news: Not of much importance.

6 – A very fine spring day and things growing fine. Planted some peas, beans, corn and potatoes. Jennie housecleaning pantry. Boys at school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie who has the German measles.

7 – Started to draw out manure but got but one load out when it started to rain and continued off and on all day and things are growing fine. Fixed the north shop door in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. N. Lyle and John Michie called in the afternoon. Boys did not go to school as this is Arbour Day. War news: Russians being driven back. Allies gaining at the Dardanelles.

8 – When we got up we found that someone had been in the grainery and carried away the lock. This being one of several times that it has been entered so I, with Willie and Norman Lyle, spent most of the forenoon trying to track the thief. We tracked him east to the sideroad. Drawing out manure the rest of the day. Jennie making Annie a dress. Boys at anniversary practice in the afternoon. A good deal of thunder and some rain after 6 pm. War news: The great ship Lusitania sunk by German torpedoes and perhaps 1400 lives lost.

9 – Rain through the night and quite cool all day. All but Annie at SS and church; 120 at SS. The Englishmen gave a piece of music. Mr. McKay preached. When we got home we found that someone had been in the grainery again.

10 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. In the evening Norman Lyle and I lay in the barn until 12:30 watching for the grain thieves that have been visiting our grainery but we saw no one. Mr. O'Neill and Irene called. War news: Russians retreating and everything pretty blue.

11 – A very fine day. Planting strawberries, Jennie digging up the plants. Boys at school. After dinner went with the waggon to Jim Lee's for some corn stalks. War news: some brighter. French claim to be advancing. Jennie and the boys watched in the barn.

12 – A fine day. Planting strawberries in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon went to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats and got them ground while Jennie went to W.M.S. meeting at Peter Leask's. Boys at school. Rain in the afternoon and evening. War news: French claim quite an advance.

13 – A very fine day. A lot of rain through the night. Went to Greenbank with the waggon taking up Jennie and the new carpets for the church. Stayed and helped for awhile and got home at noon. Jennie, with Mrs. Blair and Mrs. J.M. Real, stayed all afternoon putting it down. Plowed for corn in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Somewhat brighter. Looks as if Italy is going into it. Roblin government in Manitoba busted.

14 – A very fine day. Went to Seagrave in the forenoon with Jim Lee's steer. The boys drove the buggy. Planting strawberries in the afternoon, Willie digging the plants, while Jennie and James went to Port Perry for Annie. Annie Gordon here for supper.

⁵⁸ Newton Rowell, Liberal Party House Leader, made abolishing the bars the main party platform in the election of 1914. His party lost the vote by a narrow margin.

Norman Lyle called in the evening. War news: British war ship the Goliath sunk, 500 lost. French claim a victory. Russians appear to be doing better.

15 – Quite a frost in the morning and cool all day. Planted strawberries and finished, the boys digging the plants, in the forenoon and Jennie in the afternoon. Boys at practice. Jean and Ruth Michie here while their Father and Mother went to Port Perry. W. Caffley called with war book. W. Akhurst called. War news: Russians claim some success. Italy in a turmoil.

16 – A very raw E wind which turned to rain in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church; 123 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. John McKittrick sang a solo. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Ed Lyle here in the afternoon watching for grain thieves but saw nothing.

17 – Pretty cool day. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Sowed some mangolds and drilled up for potatoes in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie all day at John Michie's making the girls dresses. War news: Quite a bit better. British make a good gain of a mill, also French gains. Italy has had a little skirmish with Austria.

18 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and cool all day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie at John Michie's making a waist for Mrs. John. Boys at school. War news: Italy on the verge of war. Zeppelin destroyed in France. Allies gain in the west.

19 – A fine day. Plowing corn ground all day. Jennie washing and painting. Boys at school. All hands at Guild meeting. Robert Burns was the subject. War news: little of interest.

20 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie papering north downstairs bedroom and painting. Boys at school. War news: Russians being driven back. Cabinet crisis in London. Italy to decide today what they will do.

21 – Harrowing corn land in the forenoon. Rain after dinner and through the afternoon. Went to Port Perry for Annie. E. Lyle had the buggy to go to Port Perry. Boys at school. War news: Italy takes the plunge.

22 – A very fine cool day. With the boys help, planted about half of the potatoes in the forenoon. After dinner got N. Lyle's seeder and sowed corn in the plot by the barn pump and then cultivated the corn ground in the field. Children at practice at the church. Jennie housecleaning and other things. War news: Advancing at the Dardanelles. Italy in great excitement.

23 – A little misty in the morning but a very fine day. All hands at SS. There was 163 present, probably the largest number in its history. Jennie Gordon sang a solo. Rev. Mr. Best of Toronto, late of Beaverton, preached anniversary sermon to a full house and the children sang. All hands again in the evening when Mr. Best preached again to a full house.

24 – A very fine day. Rolled the corn land and sowed most of the corn but the seed ran out. All hands at SS anniversary in the afternoon. A football match between British-born and Canadian boys resulted in a victory 3 to 1 for the British. The church was full at the concert which was good. Mr. D. Archer; Rev. Mr. Rowland;

R. Barker; and a reciter Miss Patterson from Toronto were the talent. Proceeds about \$160.00. War news: Italy declares war.

25 – A fine day but cool. Took Annie to Port Perry school. Finished sowing the corn and drew out manure in the afternoon. Alma and Jennie Perrin and their cousin Vina Perrin were here for dinner and stayed until about 4 o'clock. They are on their way to Muskoka on a visit to their uncle. Boys at school. All at after social in the church in the evening. There was not very many out. A little rain when we were there. War news: appears more hopeful.

26 – Quite cold and a high N wind. Went for the beef in the morning and brought John Lee down to Jim Lee's. Drawing out manure the rest of the day. Boys at school. Mrs. John Michie here in the afternoon getting horseradish ground. War news: Both Germans and Russians claim gains. The new coalition cabinet announced.

27 – Quite a hard frost in the morning which nipped things pretty well. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and scuffling and some other jobs in the afternoon while Jennie drove with Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. J.M. Real to W.M. meeting at the manse at Wick. Boys at school. War news: another British warship sunk at the Dardanelles. W. Graysmark called in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Finished drawing out manure. At school trustee meeting in the evening. Boys at school.

29 – A very fine day. With the boys help we planted the remainder of the potatoes in the forenoon. Plowing turnip land in the afternoon. E. Lyle had our democrat to Uxbridge. Boys at E. Lyle's in the afternoon. A man said to be killed in Greenbank today, drunk. War news: Italians advancing.

30 – A beautiful fine day. All hands at SS and church; 140 at SS. Rev. Mr. Steel of Glenarm preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

31 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Italians advancing.

JUNE 1 – A beautiful warm day. Went up to S. Dusty's in the morning and got 500 lbs of hay at \$1 per hundred. Plowing the rest of the day. Jennie went with Mrs. D. McDonald; Mrs. John Stone; and Mrs. J.M. Real in W. McDonald's auto to the W.M. meeting at Cannington. She had a big time and got home about 8 pm. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Zeppelin raid on London. Russians claim to have stayed German advance.

2 – A beautiful day. Plowing and harrowing all day. Boys at school. War news: Germans pushing the Russians back.

3 – A beautiful day. When I went to the stable I found that Fly had a colt. Hoed strawberries most of the day. After dinner we hitched up Fanny colt for the first time and she went very well. This being the King's birthday, there was no school. Sidney Caney here in the afternoon playing with the boys. A demonstration at Port Perry. Minney Lyle and Marie Akhurst called.

4 – A very fine warm day. Cultivating (with Fanny colt) in the forenoon and hoeing strawberries in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. War news not at all good. Germans recapture [Przemysl?]. Italians winning.

5 – A very fine and warm day. Harrowing and hoeing raspberry bushes. Moved the stove out. John Michie came up with his baby Olive and left her here while they went to Port Perry. War news: no better than yesterday.

6 – A fine warm day. All hands at SS; the attendance made a big drop to 102. As Mr. McKay is away at the General Assembly at Kingston there was no preaching service. Cecil Phair and W. Phoenix here while we were away at SS watching for the thief that has been stealing tools etc. lately but they saw nothing. W. Phoenix stayed to supper. In the evening Norman Lyle and I watched until near 12 but saw nothing, but in the morning we discovered that 8 more tomato plants were pulled. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry.

7 – Warm day. Got John Michie's horse Lark and took the big sow to Port Perry. She weighed 450 lbs. Repairing floor in pig house in the afternoon. Jim Lee, wife and girl here for tea. Boys at school. In the evening there was a splendid rain which was needed pretty badly. Norman Lyle called. Jennie washing. War news somewhat brighter.

8 – Quite cool all day. Finished the pig house floor in the forenoon and cultivating in the afternoon. Boys at school. Watched at the barn until after 12 for thieves but saw or heard nothing. War news some better.

9 – Quite cool all day. Rain just after dinner. Rolled turnip land in the forenoon and did some little jobs in the afternoon while Jennie went to W.M. meeting at D. McDonald's. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby went with her. John Lee also went home with them. Boys at school. War news about the same.

10 – Pretty cool day. Drilling up for turnips and sowed them after supper. Boys at school. W. Akhurst called. War news: French advance. Annie came home from school as there is exams in the other forms.

11 – Warmer with 2 fine showers. Finished drilling and sowing turnips. John Michie also sowed his. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. Scuffling berries and other things in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Blair's mill with oats and got them ground. Jennie oiled the kitchen floor. S. of T. picnic at Uxbridge today and E. Lyle and wife went and Sidney Caney spent the afternoon and evening here. W. Akhurst called. War news: Pretty good all along the lines.

13 – A warm day. A wild thunder storm came up about 7:30 pm but not much rain. All hands at SS and church; 130 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. He gave some account of the assembly meeting. When we got home we found that someone had been here and took away the robe but we found it in the berry bushes. W. Phoenix, we heard, was watching down at the swamp.

14 – A nice day. Went to Greenbank in the morning (taking the boys to school) to try to find the grainery key and to see W. Phoenix and did neither. Plowing buckwheat land in the afternoon. Jennie painting the buggy. In the evening Alex Gordon; Jas. Dusty and I watched at the barn for the thief but saw nothing. Some thunder but no rain here. War news fairly good.

15 – A thunder shower between 4 and 5 in the morning. Plowing until about 9:30 when it got too wet. S. Porteous had a visit. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with Annie who is to have exams for the next 3 days. Boys at school. Mary Dusty and Marie Akhurst called in the evening looking for strawberries and they got a few. War news about the same as last few days.

16 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning in place of John Michie who had to go to Port Perry with cattle. At road work in the afternoon and did all that was left as we did most of the drawing gravel last fall. Boys at school. Jennie making herself a dress. War news about the same as last few days. It is announced that the war is costing Britain \$15,000.00 per day.

17 – A very fine day. Plowing buckwheat land in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry to a Sunday School conference in the Methodist church. There was a small attendance. Mrs. John Michie came up after dinner and Jennie went back with her. Boys at school. Watched up at the barn but saw nothing. Cool evening. War news: Russians being driven back. French gaining.

18 – A fine day. Thunder in the evening but no rain here. Plowing and cultivating in the forenoon. Jennie churning. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie who finishes school for this term. Boys at school. Beaton and Robertson of Wick called to see about strawberries for their festival a week from next Tuesday. War news about the same as yesterday. One hundred years ago today since the Battle of Waterloo.

19 – A fine day. Sowed and rolled the buckwheat in the forenoon and scuffling potatoes and corn in the afternoon. Watched at the barn in the evening for the thief but saw none. War news: Russians still retreating. French and British gain a little.

20 – A very fine day. Discovered that someone had been here during the night and done some tricks and just before we went to church someone tore some holes in Willie's school plot of mangolds. All hands at SS and church; 121 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. W. Phoenix; Blake Cragg; Ernest Phair and S. Porteous watched while we were away but saw nothing. Phoenix, Cragg, and Porteous stayed for supper. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Scuffling corn and strawberries and some other jobs. Jennie making Annie a dress and washing. Boys at school. James got hit with a ball and they drove him home but it does not appear to be very serious. Norman Lyle called and Miney Lyle. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Russians still being driven back. French and British gain some.

22 – Some thunder after dinner but not any rain here. Did a few small jobs after dinner. John Michie, wife and girls came up to help me to take up the pump at the barn that has not been working

right lately. Boys at school. Mrs. S. Dusty and Mrs. A. Akhurst came home after their trip to the west. Word came that Aunty Real is dead. War news very much the same as the last few days.

23 – Very cold for the time of year with high NW wind and sometimes a few drops of rain. Went up to A. Akhurst's for pump sucker leather and got the news from the west from Mrs. A. who got home last night. Then, when I tried to put on the leather, I broke the sucker and had to go to Port Perry for a new one. In the afternoon went with John Michie to the church to take the things out of the basement as Mr. D. Sullivan has started to clean up the walls. Boys at school. War news very much the same.

24 – Very cold in the morning but turned out a nice day. Did some little jobs in the forenoon. Boys churning. In the afternoon all hands went to the Wick picnic in Horne's grove on the town line. There were quite a few out and a nice time. Annie's coat was taken out of the rig and not returned. Mrs. W. Real Sr. buried at Greenbank today. War news: Limburg recaptured by the Austrian Germans. French claim a small advance.

25 – A very fine day and some warmer. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Mr. Porteous called for a visit. Boys at school. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Mackintosh, the new minister of Lindsay, preached and gave a good sermon. James Herriot; John Love; Robbie Leask and Howard McMillan came in.

26 – A very fine day. Hoeing most of the day. Jennie, Annie and the boys and Mary Dusty picking strawberries, the first; 22 boxes. Annie and Willie went to Greenbank after supper with berries. War news: a little better looking.

27 – A beautiful fine day. Got up at 4 am to watch. Went to communion at Wick. Mr. James Miller went with me. A pretty good turnout from Greenbank. Stayed for dinner at Mr. Millers and went to the Methodist SS anniversary service which was not as good as has been. Boys were there also. Jennie and the children at the evening service. W. Phoenix, Blake Cragg and Mr. Porteous here watching but they saw nothing.

28 – A very fine day and warm. Cutting thistles on the roadside in the forenoon. After dinner went to McKagues with 20 hens. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries which is almost a total failure this year. Norman Lyle came after 20 hens. Boys at school. War news: nothing cheering. Russians still retreating.

29 – A fine and quite warm day. Fixing fences in the forenoon. Annie went to Port Perry with strawberries. In the afternoon, with Jennie, attended W. Wallace's funeral. There was a large attendance. Mr. McKay conducted the service. Boys at school which closes for the holidays. E. Lyle and wife and Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: nothing of much importance.

30 – A fine and warm day. Helping Jennie to pick strawberries in the forenoon. Fixing fences in the afternoon. Jennie at the church in the afternoon helping to scrub the basement. W. Greyswark; Fred Caldwell and Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Gloomy. Russians being driven back.

JULY 1 – Quite a warm day; much thunder in the afternoon but very little rain here. Hoeing corn in the forenoon. After supper all hands went to the Methodist SS anniversary concert. There was a full house. The programme was given by the band, assisted by a Mr. McKinnon, a reciter. The band played well but some of the rest was not of much account. \$205.00 taken in.

2 – Hoeing corn and picking berries in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Almost 11 am the Catholic church at Port Perry was struck by lightning and damaged. War news: little of interest.

3 – Went down with the boys and the democrat to John Michie's and got some plank and made a trough for the spring (Cecil Phair is putting in piping). It started to rain about 10:30 and rained and rained until about the middle of the afternoon and soaked things pretty well which was needed badly. Some very sharp lightning about noon. Jean and Ruth Michie here all day and stayed all night. Sidney Caney here for supper. Edna and Annie Gordon came for some strawberries. War news: little of interest.

4 – A very fine day. About 10 am someone called at the barn and took a few oats out of the box. Jennie stayed at home to watch while the rest went to SS and church; 121 at SS. Mr. McKay preached. Mr. Porteous here in the afternoon watching but saw nothing.

5 – A heavy thunder shower about 1 in the morning and several showers in the afternoon. Scuffling turnips and corn. Jennie washing. About 5 pm Mr. S. Henry came with his girls Eva and Gertie and got supper and the girls stayed all night. In the evening went to managers meeting but there was none held as only 4 turned out. War news: Russians still retreating.

6 – A very fine day. Hoeing and picking strawberries in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon taking the Henry girls home. James Allan called for berries. Mrs. John Michie and girls; Mary and Ray Dusty; and Eva Leask called. Mr. Watson of Seagrave came for berries in an auto. War news: about the same as the last few days.

7 – Scuffling potatoes, corn and strawberries until about 3 when it started to rain and continued all the evening. Jennie ironing and churning. Strawberry festival at A. Rodd's tonight was to be. War news: little of interest.

8 – Rain all through the night. About 2:30 am there was a noise in the hen coops and we found 4 dead chickens. Went to Greenbank with the boys in the forenoon for groceries. Helping Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie Gordon and Eva Luke called and George Clemens for berries. Killed skunk in hen coop. War news: little of importance. Terrible accident at Queenston Heights.⁵⁹

9 – A beautiful day. Scuffling corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon hoeing potatoes while Jennie and Annie went to Port

⁵⁹ Streetcar slid off tracks at Queenston Heights due to heavy rain and rolled down escarpment, killing 15 members of two Toronto churches who were attending a picnic.

Perry. Mrs. [?] called to get berries but got none. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: not much of importance.

10 – A beautiful day. Hoeing and scuffling and greening potatoes. Mrs. John Michie and children here in the afternoon for berries and Edna Gordon in the evening. The boys drove Jennie to Port Perry in the morning to the train for Bobcaygeon. War news: some better. The Russians are doing better.

11 – A beautiful day. All hands that were home at SS and church; 118 at SS. A special collection to pay for cleaning the basement brought \$17.45. Mr. McKay preached. He goes east for his holidays tomorrow. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

12 – A fine day. A little shower about 1 o'clock. Hoeing turnips all day. Alex Gordon and wife and Lex and E. Lyle here for berries. Annie picking strawberries most of the day and the boys in the afternoon. War news: Russians appear to be doing better. French gain some.

13 – A very heavy rain and some sharp lightning between 12 and 1. Hoeing turnips most of the day. War news: not much of interest.

14 – A fine and warm day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Jennie on her way home from Bobcaygeon. Jennie and Annie at W.M. meeting at S. Dusty's while I Paris greened potatoes.

15 – A fine day but close and warm. Some thunder to the SW but no rain here. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Mrs. John Michie and family here in the afternoon getting some berries. War news: Germans advance some in France.

16 – Hoeing turnips most of the day. A shower came up about 3:30 and again in the evening. Jennie picking and preserving black currants. Peter Leask and Ernie Grayswark called for some cherries. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news not very good.

17 – A fine and cool day. Hoeing turnips all day and finished except two drills that were replanted. Jennie preserving and baking. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry. John Michie, wife and family here in the evening.

18 – Rain about 4 am but a very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 112 at SS. The Dominion Alliance man Mr. McQuarrie preached. Collection \$27.60. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby here for supper and Jim came over after.

19 – Rain about 3 o'clock and most of the forenoon and a little shower or two in the afternoon. Tried to fix the cistern pump but found the pipe disconnected. Helped N. Lyle to grind mower knives. Hoeing strawberries in the afternoon. W. Akhurst called. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Not at all good. Russians being driven back.

20 – A very fine day. Hoeing all day. Jennie and the children picked the strawberry patch for the last time. War news: Russians being badly beaten.

21 – Several local thunder showers went round and some rain here about 2 pm and later. Scuffling turnips 2nd time. Jennie picking

and preserving cherries. Children at Mission Band. War news: Germans almost into Warsaw. Italians win.

22 – Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the morning. Scuffling in the afternoon. Rain after dinner and several local thunder showers went around. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Not very good. Saw the first harvesting of the season; Mr. Whitfield is cutting his peas.

23 – A fine day and no rain. Scuffled field corn for the third time. Jennie picking and preserving cherries. Got word that Annie has passed her departmental exams. War news: about the same as yesterday.

24 – Quite a little warmer and no rain although it looked like it several times. Did a little hoeing. Not feeling very well. The boys went to Greenbank in the forenoon for sugar. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon. War news: Warsaw still holds out.

25 – Rain in the early morning and again about 9 in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 109 at SS. Mr. Pilkey preached. Sidney Caney here for supper. All went over to Norman Lyle's in the evening.

26 – Rain in the morning and most of the forenoon. Annie and James went to Port Perry for parcel from Eaton's. Jennie washing. Paris greening potatoes. War news: Warsaw still holds out. Italians gain. A great disaster at Chicago; steamer Eastland turns turtle and 1000 drowned.

27 – A fine day and no rain. Finished greening potatoes. Jennie, Annie and Mary Dusty picking raspberries for the Methodist social at the parsonage tonight. Willie took them to Greenbank. Helping Norman Lyle draw in the hay in the afternoon. War news: not much that is new.

28 – Rain off and on several times. Hoed some and some little jobs. Jennie churning. Boys drawing in wood. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for Emma Black of Kenton Manitoba. War news: little of importance.

29 – A very fine warm day. Got Norman Lyle's mower and cut about half of the hay field and then (about 3:30) helped N. Lyle to draw in his hay. Emma Black went down to John Michie's. War news: Russians appear to be checking the German advance.

30 – A very warm day. Turning hay in the forenoon, the boys helping. In the afternoon raked it up and Norman Lyle came about 3 o'clock and we got in 3 loads. A little rain in the evening. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty and Emma Black picking raspberries; 104 boxes picked. Annie and Emma Black went to Port Perry with berries for Toronto. In the evening Annie and Emma went up to Dusty's. War news: Warsaw evacuated by the Russians.

31 – Some rain about 8 am. Did little in the forenoon. Mrs. W. and J.M. Real called for berries. After dinner cut 3 rounds with the mower when a thunder shower came on. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Warsaw left by the Russians. Germans drove the British back in one place.

AUG. 1 – A very warm day. A few drops of rain about 3 pm. All hands at SS and church; 121 at SS. G. Lee was present and gave a few words. Rev. Mr. Rowland preached. Emma Black went to Dusty's for supper. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

2 – A rather dull day; a few drops of rain several times. Cut the last of the hay in the forenoon and with Willie's help drew in one small load and the strawberry hay. Willie drove Emma Black over to W. O'Neill's after dinner. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty, Mrs. E. Lyle and Emma Black picking raspberries; 162 boxes. Willie and James went to Port Perry with berries for Toronto and brought home Mary Bell and Willie and Gordon. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Norman Lyle cutting his rye. War news: not good.

3 – A bad disastrous day. A high E wind all night and in the forenoon a little sprinkle but about noon it started for sure from the E with high beating wind which reached a climax about 4. The oats beaten down as it if had been rolled. Corn also down badly. Jennie washing. Willie and Gordon Bell went to Greenbank with berries. War news: a little brighter.

4 – Rain through the night and almost raining most of the forenoon and very dull all day. Went for the beef in the morning and a blue lot of farmers were there. Wilmot Cragg came down with me and stayed all day. N. Lyle called. Plowing the old strawberry patch in the afternoon. War news: little of importance.

5 – Foggy in the morning but cleared up and a fine afternoon. Finished plowing strawberry patch in the forenoon. Turning and raking up hay in the afternoon. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell; Mary Dusty; Mrs. Akhurst; Mrs. E. Lyle picking raspberries; 80 boxes. Hugh Leask and Jas. Blair called in the evening for berries. War news: little of importance.

6 – A fine day and no rain until about 9 pm. John Michie came up in the morning for berries and helped me to fix the barn pump. In the afternoon, with Norman Lyle's help, finished drawing in the hay; 5 small loads. Jennie, Annie and Mary Bell picking berries. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Warsaw occupied by the Germans. Tyson Lee came for berries after we had gone to bed. [Margin note: Manitoba election; Norris sweeps everything].

7 – Several showers during the day. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the morning. Raked the hay field in the afternoon but did not get it in as it was too wet. War news: little of importance.

8 – Several little showers during the day; some thunder. All hands at SS and church (the boys walked); 138 at SS. Alex Leask of Leaskdale was present and made a little speech. Mr. Arnold of Toronto preached. Jennie Gordon sang. Mary Bell went to Jim Lee's for supper and Jennie, Annie and Willie Bell went over for her in the evening. Sidney Caney here.

9 – No rain here but there was thunder to the E. Hoeing strawberry patch most of the day. Drew in the hay rakings which finishes the haying. In the evening, with John Michie's help, took the syndicate heifer to Greenbank. Willie drove up the rig. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell and Mary Dusty picking raspberries (112 boxes). Annie drove Mary Dusty home. Sidney Caney here 3 times. War news: Russians still going back. Germany is reported to have offered Russia peace terms but it was refused.

10 – A fine day and no rain. Hoeing strawberry patch. After dinner helped Norman Lyle to draw in 3 loads of rye which was not at all dry. Jennie preserving berries. Had a call from Mrs. O'Neill. War news: Rather brighter today.

11 – A fine day and no rain. Went for the beef in the morning and our heifer turned out 10 lbs short. Willie went up with me and stayed at R. Cragg's all day. Hoed strawberry patch most of the rest of the day. Jennie, Annie and Mary Bell at W.M. meeting at Alex Gordon's. Jim Dusty and Willie Caffley here in the evening arranging for a patriotic concert by the young men's class of the SS. War news: not at all good.

12 – Started to rain about 6 in the morning and continued until after dinner and everything is soaked as bad as ever. Did little but a few odd jobs. Jennie making headcheese. War news: a little gloomier than usual. Russians retreating all along the line.

13 – A fine day until about 1:30 when there was another heavy shower. Scuffling strawberries and turnips in the forenoon. Did little in the afternoon. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty and Mary Bell picking raspberries and Annie and Mary Bell went to Port Perry with some. John Michie came for some berries. Sidney Caney here in the afternoon. He is said to have left Ed Lyle's. War news: not much of importance.

14 – A fine day and no rain. Hoed some turnips in the forenoon. After dinner got Norman Lyle's binder and he cut part of the field W of the house. Could not cut on the N side on account of it being so badly lodged. Got supper and Norman heard by phone that 9 of his cattle had been taken to the pound by the railway men to E. Beare's. Willie went with him to bring them home. It cost him \$4.50 to get them out. Jennie and Mary picking and preserving raspberries. War news: not much of account.

15 – A little rain in the early morning and a thunder shower about 3 pm. All hands at SS and church; 128 at SS. Miss Robinson of Detroit sang a piece. Rev. Mr. Campbell of Pittsburgh preached. Mrs. D. Archer sang 2 solos.

16 – A day of rain; a little about 9:30. Norman Lyle came over and cut about 1 ½ hours before dinner, then after dinner there was a big shower and then a while after another one and again another thunder shower about seven and of course there was no harvesting. All but me down to the pond in the evening. Jennie and Mary Bell washing in the forenoon. War news: little of interest. Great storm yesterday at Oshawa and neighbourhood.

17 – A fine cool day and no rain. Did a few jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon Norman Lyle came up and finished cutting the field W of the house and then started the field NE of the barn which is very badly lodged but got along not so bad. Jennie, Annie and Mary Bell picking berries. War news some better.

18 – A very fine cool day. Shocking oats all day while Norman Lyle cut. He finished the field NE of the barn about 2:30, then went home to cut some for himself. Did a pretty good job considering the state of the grain. Jennie and Mary Bell went to Greenbank to visit John Lee. War news: Transport Royal Edward sunk in the Aegean Sea and 100 lives lost. Russians still going back.

19 – A very fine cool day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Helped Norman Lyle to draw in 2 loads of rye. Hoed and scuffled turnips. Jennie dressmaking. Jennie, Annie and Mary Bell at Akhurst's in the evening. War news: Kovna captured by the Germans.

20 – A very fine day. Finished scuffling turnips, 3rd time, in the forenoon. After dinner N. Lyle came with his binder and cut part of the N field which is very badly down and in one place it was too soft; the drive wheel slipped. All the children at Mission Band. War news: Arabic liner sunk by German torpedo.

21 – Dull in the morning and about 9:30 it started to rain a little from the SE and continued all day off and on; never very heavy. Shocked up oats in the morning. Went to Port Perry with Mary Bell on her way home. That was about all I did. Jennie making pickles. Boys taking the old binder apart. War news: Gloomier than ever. Germans capture another Russian stronghold and 85,000 men and many more vessels sunk.

22 – Dull all day and a little rain sometimes. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS. Rev. J.A. Miller preached for the Lord's Day Alliance. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

23 – A fine day and warm. Shocked up and other things in the forenoon. After dinner Norman Lyle came and finished cutting the N field at 5 o'clock, which finishes cutting. Jennie washing. War news: Better. Eleven German ships sunk in the Gulf of Riga. Italy declares war on Turkey.

24 – Went to Norman Lyle's and drew in 2 loads of loose barley when Ed Lyle came saying his binder was broken down and wanted Norman to go and cut with his binder, so Ed stayed and drew in another 2 loads of barley. After dinner before we got the load off there was a thunder shower which stopped the harvesting. There was another thunder shower about an hour after. Jennie took 19 chickens to Watson's at Seagrave. James and Gordon Bell went with her. Very little doing in the afternoon. War news: not so good.

25 – A fine cool day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping E. Lyle to thresh (John Howsam's machine). Built the stack. Grain turned out pretty well. W. Greyswark here in the evening. War news: not much of importance.

27 – Quite a frost in the morning, the first of the season, and a beautiful day. James went to Phair's to drive the sling horse, the first day away from home. Drawing in all day, Jennie and the children helping. War news: Germans capture another Russian city.

28 – A beautiful day. All hands drawing in oats all day. James helping Phair's to draw in. War news: Italians claim to be gaining. Russians still retreating.

29 – A little rain through the night and forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 137 at SS. Mr. T. Yellowlees preached. Some thunder in the evening. Started to rain heavy about 10:30 and rained off and on all night.

30 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie, Annie and the Bell boys on their way home much against their will. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon while Willie raked stubble. John Michie's three girls here in the afternoon while they were at Port Perry. War news: Nothing good. Russians still retreating.

31 – Frost in the morning; a very fine day. Raked and drew in straw in the forenoon. Cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie washing. War news: about the same as the last few days.

SEPT. 1 – A beautiful day. About daylight there was great shooting down at the creek as this is the first day of duck shooting. Ducks are quite plentiful. With the boys help drew in the last three loads of sheaves. Then after dinner the boys raked the field and we drew it in, which finishes the harvest, which is the first done in this corner. Hoed some turnips. Jennie making dress for Annie. War news a little brighter.

2 – A very fine and warm day. Scuffled the strawberry patch and then plowed with Fanny colt. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. War news: British success at Dardanelles.

3 – Another fine and very warm day. All day helping Norman Lyle to draw in oats. Jennie and Annie at the church in the afternoon cleaning up the basement. Boys at school. War news: little of interest.

4 – Another very warm fine day. Gang plowing in the forenoon. Helping Norman Lyle to draw in his oats and finished except rakings about dark. Mrs. W. Real and Miss Seehaven called on their way home from Port Perry. War news: Russians appear to be doing some better.

5 – Some rain in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church; 119 at SS. Mr. McKay, who has just returned from his holiday trip to Nova Scotia, preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

6 – A fine day. Gang plowing until supper when I went over to Norman Lyle's to help him to draw in rakings. We got in one load when rain came on and stopped us. War news: Hesperian torpedoed but not sunk.

7 – Threatening rain in the morning but turned out a fine day. Got up quite early and Jennie drove Annie and I to Port Perry; Annie to start again at the high school and I took the train for Toronto fair. Went up in company with Charlie Wells. Spent all day until after 10 pm on the grounds. There was a big crowd and the evening show was good. Went to Mason's to stay all night but there did not appear to be anybody there so I had to go elsewhere for the night. Boys at school.

8 – A fine warm day; a few drops of rain about 10 am in Toronto (but a heavy rain here). Got into the fair grounds at 7 am and stayed until about 4. Another large crowd. Got to Port Perry about 8. Jennie and the boys came for me. Jennie all day helping to paint the church basement. Boys at school.

9 – Foggy morning and a fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie preserving plums. Boys at school. Norman Lyle called. War news a little brighter.

10 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie, taking W. [Greeswarks?] trunk, he having enlisted. Boys at school. W. Caffley here in the evening seeing about the concert next Thursday. War news: Austrian ambassador to US recalled.

11 – A very fine day. Willie harrowing while I hoed strawberry patch in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Willie went to help Phair's at harvest. Jennie and James went over in the evening to meet him. War news: little of importance.

12 – Dull and rain several times during the day. All hands at SS and church; 118 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. John Michie, wife and family here for supper. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

13 – A very close warm day. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Brought Mrs. J. Joyce of Sutton from the station and she stayed overnight. Plowing in the afternoon. About 2 pm thunder was heard to the N and until 6. It never ceased rumbling. At 6 there was some very sharp flashes and some rain. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: depressing especially Lloyd George's opinions on the war.⁶⁰

14 – A very warm day; 80 in the shade some of the time; no rain. Drove Mrs. Joyce to Mrs. Walker's, taking the boys to school. Plowing until the middle of the afternoon when Jennie went to Port Perry and brought Annie home, she being unwell. They called at the Dr. War news: \$1,000,000,000 loan for the Allies from the US.

15 – Very warm in the forenoon. After dinner there was a thunder shower when the wind turned to the NW and it was cooler. Plowing in the N field. Jennie washing and canning corn. Boys at school. War news: Bulgaria appears about to join with Germany.

16 – Another pretty warm day. Plowing all day. Jennie baking. Boys at school. In the evening all hands went to the patriotic concert in the church. It was thundering to the N when we went away but the rain kept off until the concert was nearly over, but we got a ducking coming home. Owing to the threatening weather there was a rather small attendance but the programme was good. About \$60.00 was taken in.

17 – A fine and cool day. Plowing and harrowing. Jennie most of the day at John Michie's helping to make dresses for the children. Boys not at school as they did not get up in time. War news: not at all bright.

18 – A very fine day and not so warm. Hoed until 10 am then helped A. Akhurst to thresh (John Howsam's machine). Boys drove to Greenbank for bread. Jennie over at Jim Lee's to see Ruby who is not very well. War news: Yet more gloomy every day. Germans occupy Neva, another city in Russia.

19 – A very fine and cool day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. P. Sinclair, that was once at Sonya, preached. 124 at SS. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

20 – A very fine day. Helped A. Akhurst to finish threshing; about an hour's work. Then N. Lyle came with his binder and cut part of the buckwheat. Some of it he could not cut on account of the softness of the ground. I finished cutting it after dinner with the mower. About 4 pm went to John Michie's to thresh and worked until dark. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry in the morning and helped Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Vilna captured by Germans and things do not look too bright.

21 – A fine cool day with high NW wind. Rain in the early morning. Finished threshing at John Michie's at noon. Hoed strawberries in the afternoon. Jennie helping Mrs. John with the dinner. Moved the stove in from the cook house. Boys at school. War news: Germans attack Serbia.

22 – A very fine day. The boys stayed at home from school and helped to draw in the buckwheat. Expected to help thresh at Dusty's in E. Lyle's place but the machine broke down and they did not get started until 5:30. War news: The Balkan situation getting serious.

23 – A fine day but a little rain in the evening. Threshing at Dusty's in the forenoon and finished at noon. The machine (John Howsam's) then moved here and threshed until dark. John Howsam and Robbie Leask stayed all night. Boys went to Greenbank in the morning for peaches. War news: Balkan's crisis.

24 – A fine day. Finished threshing in about 1 ½ hours, then moved to Norman Lyle's and finished him about 3 pm. Then they moved to Mrs. Phair's and threshed until dark. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and in the evening, with the boys, attended the women's annual thank offering social at the church. War news: 800,000 Germans to invade Serbia.

25 – A very fine day. Threshing all day at Phair's. Man called looking for cattle. War news: Better. Russians gain some.

26 – A heavy rain through the night and forenoon with very high wind which turned quite cold towards night. All hands at SS and church. This is rally day in the SS and the service was instead of the regular meeting. It went off fairly well but rather stiff. There was 140 present. After supper Willie drove Annie to Port Perry for school tomorrow. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

27 – A very fine day but pretty cold in the morning. Threshing at Mrs. Phair's and finished in about 2 hours. They then moved to Jim Lee's and threshed until dark. Jennie washing. Boys at school. They came home early expecting to go to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell but a phone message came saying she was not coming today. War news: Good victory by French and British, the most important for a long time.

28 – Somewhat cold in the morning but a very fine day. Threshing at Jas. Lee's and finished in about 1 ½ hours. Then cut around corn patch. In the afternoon digging potatoes, Jennie helping, and a very poor crop they are. Boys at school. War news: Allies holding; gains made.

⁶⁰ David LLOYD George was Prime Minister of Great Britain from Dec. 1916 – Oct. 1922.

29 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes all day, Jennie and the boys helping. Boys burned the brush heap in the evening. Beef ring meeting. Blackstock fair. War news: fairly good.

30 – A beautiful day. Finished the potatoes in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Plowing in the afternoon. Boys at school. They came home early and went to Port Perry to meet the train and brought Jessie Bell of Rochester and Mabel Bell of Brooklin. Jennie Gordon and Mrs. John Michie and girls here in the afternoon. War news: Allies still advancing a little.

OCT. 1 – East wind and raw all day and started to rain about 5 o'clock. Plowing all day. Jennie, the boys, Mabel Bell and Sidney Caney at Port Perry fair in the afternoon. They report a small affair. War news: little of interest.

2 – Rain through the night but a fine day. Plowing all day. Cattle broke into the orchard in the evening. War news: Bulgaria has joined with the Germans.

3 – A very fine day. All hands but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 130 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Well at barn caved in.

4 – Drove to Port Perry in the morning taking Annie to school, Jessie Bell on her way to Toronto, and Mabel Bell on her way home. Helping Norman Lyle to draw in buckwheat in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. In the evening Jennie went to Port Perry for Jessie and I went with John Michie to managers meeting but only I and A. Akhurst were there and no business done. Mrs. John and children stayed here while we were away. A very dark night with lots of lightning and some rain. J.W. Melvarry buried today. War news: Russia sends ultimatum to Bulgaria.

5 – Somewhat dull all day. Plowing all day. About 5:30 E. Lyle came with his corn binder and cut four rounds. Boys at school. War news: No word from Bulgaria. Fierce fighting on the Western front. Russians appear to be holding their own.

6 – A very fine day. E. Lyle finished cutting the corn about 2:30 and charged \$3.75. I then had to take the binder to W. Real's. Boys at school. Jean and Ruth Michie here for supper. This is the first time they came up alone I think. War news: Greece uncertain where she is.

7 – A very fine day. All day drawing off corn; very heavy work. Boys at school. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon. War news: French made advance. Greece to remain neutral.

8 – A very fine day. Drawing off corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Jennie, to preparatory service in the church. Mr. J.R. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. Mr. and Mrs. John McKittrick came in by certificate. There was a fair attendance. Jessie Bell went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. Recruiting meeting at Greenbank tonight. War news: Germans start the invasion of Serbia. Russians bombard Bulgaria.

9 – A fine day and pretty cool. All day drawing off corn and finished the job; the most corn we ever had. Willie at Phair's in the afternoon helping to draw in buckwheat. Jennie and James over to Jas. Lee's in the evening. James brings home a pair of pigeons.

Jessie Bell drove Annie to Port Perry to the train for Brooklin for thanksgiving. War news: Germans start the invasion of Serbia.

10 – A beautiful day. At communion at the church with Jennie and Jessie Bell; boys stayed at home. Mr. McKay preached and Rev. Mr. Keith, a former pastor, spoke a few words. There was a pretty good attendance. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

11 – Thanksgiving day, and a fine day. Drew in the last of the corn, the sunflowers, and took the potatoes from the pits to the cellar and plowed some. Jennie and Mary Dusty left after dinner for Brooklin thanksgiving supper. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Germans capture Belgrade.

12 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jessie Bell housekeeping. Boys at school. Jennie and Mary Dusty came home from Brooklin about 7 pm. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and girl called for about an hour in the evening. Jennie Gordon here in the afternoon. War news: Heavy fighting in Serbia.

13 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Jennie washing. Jennie at W.M. meeting and Mission Band in the afternoon. War news: Germans advance in Serbia.

14 – Rain through the night but a fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at Jim Lee's in the afternoon getting apples to send to Winnipeg. Boys at school. Norman Lyle I think starts to plough on his new place near Port Perry. War news: Heavy fighting in Serbia.

15 – Rather dull with raw E wind. Plowing in the forenoon. Boys took their corn and potatoes to the school fair. Willie stayed. In the afternoon went with James to the school fair. There was a fine attendance and it went off good. Willie got third on his war potatoes. Annie came home from Port Perry with Norman Lyle. In the evening, with Jennie and the boys, went to the church and heard Miss Rettie of Toronto on Rescue Work. There was a fair turnout and the address was good. War news: Germans advance in Serbia.

16 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with the boys to Blair's mill with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. War news: Looks a little better.

17 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and the boys (Jennie did not go as she had a cold in her head); 126 at SS. Rev. Mr. Russell, who has been a missionary in India for 22 years, preached giving some account of his work there. In the evening I took Annie to Port Perry and stayed to church. Rev. Mr. Yule of Oshawa preached a good sermon. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

18 – Somewhat dull and almost rain sometimes. Got up early and took Jessie Bell to the early train at Port Perry on her way back to Rochester, then took two pigs to Port Perry and got home at noon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon, with Jennie's help, packed 4 barrels of apples for Winnipeg. Boys at school. War news: Germans still advancing in Serbia but several other things seem favourable to the Allies.

19 – A beautiful October day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 4 barrels of apples for Winnipeg. Jennie ironing. Afternoon packing apples, Jennie helping. Boys at school. War news: Cabi-

net crisis in London. Carson has resigned. Serbians doing better also the Russians.

20 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with John Michie to John Leask's sale on the Stewart place. There was a really large turnout and pretty good prices. Boys at school. War news: Italy joins the war against Bulgaria.

21 – A very fine day. Spent the whole day canvassing for the patriotic and Red Cross funds with Isaac Beare. Started at Jim Gibson's and finished at J.M. Real's. Collected about \$385.00. Got dinner at Jas. Leask's and supper at J.M. Real's. Walked home from there and found Mr. Porteous with a \$12.00 subscription. Boys not at school as the teachers convention is on. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. War news: Cyprus offered to Greece.

22 – A fine day but rather raw with high NW wind. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with the boys help, draw in the mangolds; 2 loads; then scuffled the strawberry path (which is very weedy) with Fanny colt, the first time driven single. Annie went to Port Perry for Jessie Smith who has been attending the teachers convention. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby called after dinner. War news: Bulgarians advancing in Serbia rapidly.

23 – Quite a frost in the morning and pretty cold all day. Plowing sod on hill field all day. Boys up to E. Lyle's seeing them fill the silo. William Smith came about 7 pm. War news: Greece refuses to help the Allies. Other news not so bad.

24 – A fine day but somewhat cold. All hands, including Willie and Jessie Smith, at SS and church; 130 at SS. Rev. Mr. Black of Sunderland preached. After supper Willie and Jessie left for home and Annie went with them to Port Perry.

25 – A hard frost in the morning but a very fine day. Plowing sod in the forenoon and in the afternoon at Mrs. Phair's helping to fill silo in Norman Lyle's place. Did not finish. Boys at school. War news: Italians make quite an advance. Bulgarians make gains in Serbia.

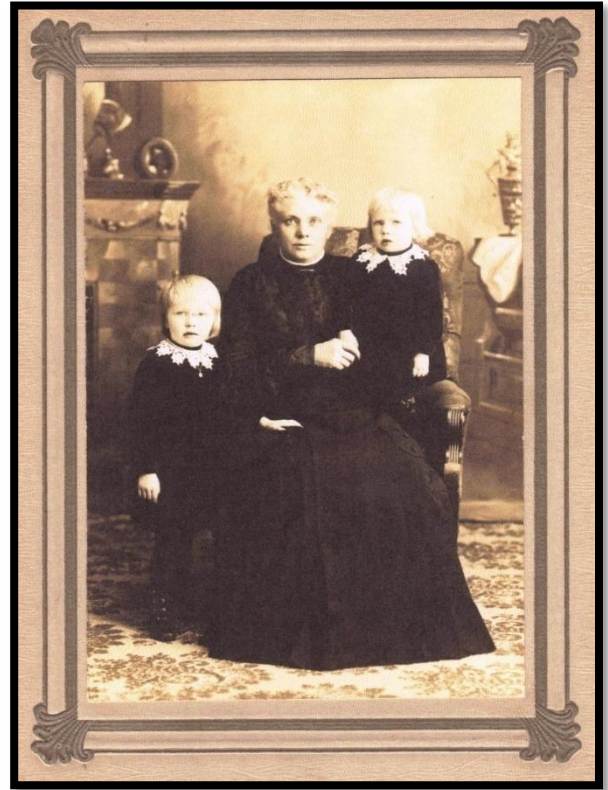
26 – A very fine day. Helping Phair's to fill silo and finished about 10 am. Drawing in corn in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Boys at school. Sidney Caney called in the evening. War news: Italians claim big advance.

27 – A fine day. Drawing in corn all day, Jennie helping. The first load Topsy mare broke through the trap door and slid into the cow stable; not much hurt. Mr. Stevenson's house across the swamp on the E road was burned between 3 and 4 pm. James McFarland near Seagrave dies suddenly. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

28 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie at the church in the afternoon finishing painting the basement. Boys at school. War news: Germans and Bulgarians unite their forces in Serbia.

29 – Somewhat cold and raw. Topping turnips in the forenoon, boys helping. After dinner harrowed up all the turnips which are a very poor crop and got in one load. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. War news not very good.

30 – Rather cold and several little rain flurries. Drawing in turnips all day, the boys helping; Jennie helping in the afternoon. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon while their parents were at Port Perry. Got in 9 loads of turnips. War news: some brighter.



**Photo of Elizabeth Akhurst Michie with
Jean Michie and Ruth Michie,
undated.**

31 – A fine day and somewhat cool. All hands at SS and church; 125 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

NOV. 1 – A very fine day. Drew in the last 2 loads of turnips; only 12 loads in all, the poorest crop I think that we ever had. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry. Boys at school. Jennie at the church in the afternoon finishing the painting. War news: Germans make gains in France.

2 – Quite cool with many rain and sleet flurries. Plowing sod all day. Boys at school. Jennie washing and ironing. Collins, the Port Perry barber, called about 5 pm with a Premier separator and he ran the evening's milk through but we did not buy. War news: Germans capture Serbian arsenal. Russians land in Bulgaria.

3 – A fine day and cool. Plowing sod all day. Boys at school. Jennie making a tam for Annie. Norman Lyle here in the forenoon. War news: All bad. Getting more gloomy every day.

4 – A disagreeable day. Plowing sod in the forenoon while it drizzled from the S. In the afternoon it rained nearly all the time while I did some repairing about the stable and got all the cattle in for the

first time. Jennie churning. Boys at school. War news some better. Russians appear to be driving the Germans back some places.

5 – A fine day but dull. Plowing all day and finished the hill field. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. War news: Greece government defeated. Russians claim victories. Germans advance in Serbia. Annie did not come home; she went to Mr. Bruce's in Cartwright over Sunday.

6 – A fine day. Willie harrowing while I and Jennie and James finished picking the apples. After dinner Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry while I harrowed. War news: Russians claim to be winning.

7 – A very fine day and cool. All hands (but Annie, who is away) at SS and church; 125 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Fanny colt over at Norman Lyle's and we had a hunt for her.

8 – A fine day. Drawing out manure. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Boys at school. Norman Lyle got the loan of some hay. War news: little of importance.

9 – A fine day but somewhat cold. Harrowing and plowing all day. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

10 – A very fine day. Quite a hard frost in the morning. Plowing potato land and orchard. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. John Michie came up for a barrel of apples. War news: Bulgarians threaten Greece.

11 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. War news: 4 Allied transports sunk. Russians gaining.

12 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Mrs. A. Gordon and Edna here for dinner. They were getting Jennie to help her with a coat for Edna. Boys at school. Annie came home from Port Perry with John Michie. War news: Conscription to be in Britain.

13 – A very fine day and somewhat cool. Plowing in the forenoon and finished for the season I suppose. In the afternoon John Michie came up and we cleaned up the rubbish at the barn well that caved in some time ago and a bad looking place it is. War news: Churchill leaves cabinet and goes to the front. Russians gaining. Reported that Greece is playing traitor.

14 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 135 at SS. Mr. McKay preached on Home Missions and a good sermon it was. Jennie went home with Lilley O'Neill for tea and the boys went after her in the evening and attended the Methodist church where Rev. Mr. Rodgers of Port Perry preached.

15 – Rain in the morning which turned to snow in the afternoon until the ground was white (the first snow of the season). Took Annie to Port Perry in the morning and in the afternoon went to the school house to a trustee meeting about the school furnace. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

16 – Snowing several times during the day. John Michie helping me with the barn well in the forenoon and Jennie helping in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

17 – A nice clear day; the snow did not thaw very much. It looks like a freeze-up. Spent most of the day fixing the barn well and making water furrows. Boys at school. Brought Peggy colt home from John Michie's where it has been pasturing all summer. War news: French beat the Bulgars. Russia gaining. Trouble in Persia.

18 – Pretty sharp in the morning but thawed in the afternoon. All day drawing gravel from W. Thomas' pit to the swamp on 10th concession. Went 5 trips and there was 5 teams: Ed and Norman Lyle; A. Akhurst; Russell Thomas. Mr. S. Porteous shovelled in the pit. Boys at school. War news: The Allies are very doubtful of Greece. Germans and Bulgars advance in Serbia.

19 – Rain through the night and almost all day, mostly from the SE. Did little but a few little jobs about the barn. Boys not at school. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. War news: Rumoured that Teddy Roosevelt is going to fight with the Allies. Germans and Bulgars smashing through Serbia.

20 – A decidedly bad day. Rained or snowed nearly all day. Did little but the chores. War news: very gloomy.

21 – A fine day but pretty cool. All hands at SS and church; 140 at SS. T.H. Watson, superintendant of Sonya SS, was present and spoke a few words. Mr. McKay preached.

22 – Rather cold and rough with snow flurries. Drawing gravel from W. Thomas' pit to the 10th concession and finished. Boys at school. In the evening at school trustee meeting at R. Cragg's to engage a teacher. War news: Greece appears to be going to the German side. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry.

23 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon to meet G.A. McMillan and we saw a Miss Wilson who applied for teacher and almost engaged her. Jennie washing. Fixing fences in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

24 – A very fine mild day. Frank Raines and son came about 9 am to clean out the barn well and we finished about 4 pm. Took out more than ten feet of bricks and mud. He charged \$7.00 for the job. Boys at school. Collins and the general agent of the Premier Separator called and tried to sell a separator but did not do it. Jew Jacobs of Port Perry called. Eye specialist called. Jennie and the boys at Guild meeting in the evening. War news: Quite a bit better in tone.

25 – A fine day and quite mild. Picking up the bricks and cleaning out the pump at the barn well. About 3:30 Frank Raines came with a second-hand pump top which he got about Prince Albert and put the pump in working order again. Jennie down at John Michie's in the afternoon keeping the children while John and wife were at Port Perry. Boys at school. War news brighter. Italians claim a victory.

26 – A very fine mild day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning and got 4 cedar planks and spent all day putting a new platform on the barn well. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school. War news: Italians win and things look better.

27 – Some rain in the forenoon. With the boys help, drew in the last of the corn and a load of straw on the strawberries. Went to

Blair's mill in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats. Boys went also. War news: somewhat brighter. E. Lyle threshing.

28 – A fine but rather raw day. All hands at SS and church; 138 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Ballots on church union counted; the vote was Elders for 3, against 2; members for 42, against 32; and [applicants?] for 7, against 2.

29 – Some rain through the night but a fine day but somewhat cold. Harrowed and fixed fences. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Boys at school. War news: little of importance. Ottawa government commandeers large amount of wheat.

30 – Pretty rough cold day; some little snow flurries. Bricked horse stall and several other little jobs. Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: Romania likely to join the Allies.

DEC. 1 – A fine day; snowing a little in the evening. Did a number of small jobs. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

2 – About 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground in the morning which did not melt much during the day. Sharpened knives of turnip pulper and some other little jobs. Boys at school. Jim Lee called in the afternoon. War news: little of interest.

3 – Rather a fine day with some little snow. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for Annie as she wanted to make her a coat. At preparatory service in the church in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. [Coun?] of Cannington preached. Mrs. Alex Leask Sr. came in by certificate. After the service went to Farmer's Institute meeting in the hall. Boys at school.

4 – A fine milder day. The boys drew in some wood and I helped. Jennie making Annie a coat. War news: little.

5 – A fine day. Went with Jennie to communion at Wick (went with buggy). Mr. McKay preached. Not a very good turnout from Greenbank. We stayed for dinner at the manse. No service at Greenbank as Mr. McKay had a sore throat. The children kept house.

6 – A fine day but pretty raw and cold. Took Annie to Port Perry. About 90 new recruits walked over from Uxbridge. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Mrs. Dr. R. Archer died last night. War news: British driven back from Bagdad. Romania appears to be preparing to get into the war but nobody knows on which side.

7 – A very fine day. Spent most of the day fixing the trapdoor in the barn floor. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon making a coat for Jean. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. He was telling of Charles Durwood getting the thumb and first finger of his left hand taken off by getting them into the cog wheels of the cutting box while working at Ed Lyle's. War news: Greece appears to be going bad again.

8 – Some snow in the morning and a mild day. Helping Ed Lyle to cut feed in the forenoon. Fixing things about the stable in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie and the boys at Guild meeting in the evening. War news: unimportant.

9 – The coldest day of the season with high wind. Did some little jobs about the barn. Jennie down at John Michie's in the afternoon making Jean's coat. Boys at school.

10 – A fine winter day. Did little but the chores. Boys at school. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon while they were at Port Perry. Annie came home with John. War news: Decidedly gloomy. Allies retreating at Macedonia.

11 – A very fine bright day. Helping the boys to draw in wood in the forenoon and went up with the children to Christmas tree practice at which there was a pretty good turnout. Jennie went down to R. Barker's towards evening as Mrs. B. expected to have her arm, which was hurt some time ago, reset but the Drs. decided to let it be as it is so Jennie came home without staying. War news: Allies still retreating.

12 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 135 at SS. Rev. Mr. Rae of Unionville preached as Mr. McKay was preaching for him. Mr. and Mrs. James Burns from the west were at SS and W. Grey-swark and John Hicks, who lately enlisted and are now at Oshawa, were at church.

13 – Some snow through the night and forenoon. Took Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Jim Lee brought back the cutting box which he has had for some time. War news: little of interest.

14 – Quite a stormy cold day. Did little but the chores. Visited awhile at N. Lyle's. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Boys at school. War news: unimportant.

15 – Pretty cold day. Jennie at W. Missionary meeting at John Stone's. Boys at school. Put iron shoes on the boys hand sleigh in the afternoon. Pascoe Luke's sale day. War news: little of importance.

16 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning and Jean and Ruth came up with me and stayed all day. Did little else but the chores. In the evening went down again with the boys to John Michie's to a practice for the Christmas tree. Mona Leask and Hugh Leask, Campbell Stone and Verna, and Arthur and Jennie Gordon were there and there was lots of noise at least. War news unimportant.

17 – Rain through the night and more or less all day, especially in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

18 – A fine day. Called on Norman Lyle in the forenoon. At Blair's mill in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. Annie and the boys at the church in the afternoon at Mission Band and practice for Christmas tree. Jew man called in the forenoon and Jennie sold him the old coal stove for \$2.00. John Michie came for Willie's war potatoes. Jennie churning. James got drake from Dusty's. War news: Plot to blow up the Welland canal.

19 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh); 135 at SS. Rev. Mr. McMillan of Toronto preached on praise in God's service. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

20 – A very nice day except a little drifty about noon. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon went with Jennie to the church. She, with Mrs. Jas. Blair, to varnish the furnace pipes, and I to fix the pipes. Boys at school. War news: German cruiser sank in the Baltic. Germans make a strong offensive on the Eastern front.

21 – A very fine day. Fixing the shoes of the sleigh in the forenoon. At Port Perry Christmas fair with the boys in the afternoon. There was a large turnout. Jennie washing woodwork of kitchen. War news: Allies withdrawing from Gallipoli.

22 – A little snow sometimes. Did little but the chores. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie, the school being closed for Christmas holidays. Boys at school. War news: Russians said to have captured Vilna, a Bulgarian port on the Black sea.

23 – Somewhat mild. Went up with the children to practice. Called at R. Cragg's. Helped to decorate a little. The children came home while I stayed for supper at Mrs. Walker's and had a practice at the church with Arthur Gordon, John Michie, Mona and Hugh Leask, and Jennie Gordon (instrumental music). Mrs. John and their girls stayed here. Jean and Ruth stayed all night.

24 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. All hands at the Christmas tree (went in the sleigh). There was a full house and a splendid programme. A Mr. McDonald played on cello. About \$19.00 was taken in.

25 – Rough and snowing in the forenoon. John Michie, wife and family here for dinner and supper and Sidney Caney here also and in the evening. No mail today.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 135 at SS; Mr. McKay preached a Christmas sermon.

27 – A fine mild day. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. Did the chores. Jennie making dress for Annie. Children at Greenbank in the afternoon. War news: Several ships sunk by the Germans.

29 – Rather a raw cold day with E wind and drifting some. At public school meeting in the forenoon; not many out. Albert Phoenix elected trustee in place of R. Cragg. At annual Sunday School meeting in the evening with Jennie and the children; a fair turnout. All the old officers re-elected.

30 – A very fine day. Did little but the chores. Jennie making Willie a pair of pants. War news a little brighter today.

31 – A very fine day. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning for Mabel Bell and Jennie and Willie went in the afternoon for express parcel. Vet Coates came out in the evening to see Fly mare which has not been eating today. Indigestion he says. War news: little of importance.

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JAN. 1 – Quite mild and thawing all day. All hands at John Michie's for dinner and supper. W. O'Neill, wife, and son were also there. War news: British cruiser blown up by internal explosion.

2 – Somewhat soft. All hands at SS and church; 136 at SS. Election of teachers; the usual trouble. Mr. McKay preached on the war and rather gloomy outlook.

3 – A good deal colder and pretty rough. Did little but the chores. Jennie making dress for Mabel Bell. Local option carried today in Port Perry and Uxbridge. War news: British steamer Persia sunk near Crete. Many lives lost.

4 – A fine day. Took Annie to Port Perry, Jennie going also. Mabel housekeeping. Boys at school. Cleaned out hen house in the afternoon. Jennie dressmaking. War news: Another British ship sunk.

5 – Soft day; rain sometimes. Did little but the chores. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. War news: Russians claim success.

6 – Hard frost all day. Did chores. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. Mabel got word by phone that her mother has probably broke her arm. War news: little of importance.

7 – A fine day and pretty sharp. Took Mabel Bell to the train at Port Perry and brought Annie home. Boys at school. War news: Conscription passed 1st reading in London.

8 – A fine day and pretty cold. Took 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got them ground. Jennie down at John Michie's as Lizzie is unwell. Boys skating at the new road in the afternoon. War news: Germany reported to have offered France and Russia separate peace.

9 – A very fine day and mild. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Jean and Ruth came up and went with us and stayed all night.

10 – Soft and some rain and roads very slippery. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Jennie at John Michie's washing. Boys at school. Making up church books in the afternoon. War news: British war ship sunk; no lives lost.

11 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove with Mary Dusty to Presbyterial W.M.S. at Wick (very icy roads). She got home about 8:30. Boys at school.

12 – A very rough day with high SE wind and snow, hail and rain. Did little but the chores. Boys at school. Jennie went with Mary Dusty to W.M. meeting at Mrs. W.A. Leask's. The annual church meeting was to be held tonight but was called off.

13 – Pretty cold all day with a little snow in the evening. Jennie churning. Boys at school. In the evening went with A. Akhurst to a birthday party given by R.T. Harrington to his SS class. A fine supper, including oysters, then speeches and music. Those present were: Jas. Miller; John McKittrick; John Stone; James, Peter and

W.H. Leask; J.M. Real; George Mitchell; Jas. Blair; James A. Blair; Alex Lee; Alex Gordon; Arthur Gordon; John Michie; George Allan; Richard Real; Albert Akhurst and I. Ethel Miller and Mrs. J. McKittrick cooked the oysters. Broke up about 11 o'clock. Roads very slippery.

14 – About 10 or 12 below zero all day. Boys started to go to school but turned back on account of the cold. Went for Annie to Port Perry in the afternoon.

15 – A pretty cold day. Did little but the chores. Boys and Annie skating. Jennie sewing. War news: Cetinje, capital of Montenegro, taken by the Austrians. Austrian cruiser sunk.

16 – A pretty rough stormy day. All hands at SS and church; 101 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Annie got supper at A. Gordon's.

17 – Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Boys at school.

18 – A very rough day; high W wind and drifting. Boys did not go to school. Jennie making a mat.

19 – Some rough in the morning but a very fine afternoon and evening. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning for Annie who has been out of school since Monday with the gripe or something like it. James not at school. Jennie hooking mat. In the evening went with Willie to the annual church meeting. There was not a very large turnout and no burning question. \$61.00 ahead in the general account. R.T. Harrington was elected manager in my place. John Michie and James Leask were the other two.

20 – Some snow through the night and quite mild all day; almost rain sometimes. Drove the boys to school in the morning. Jennie making mat. Annie some better.

21 – Rain in the morning and thawing all day which is destroying the sleighing. Drove the boy to school. Jennie making mat. War news: Heavy fighting on Russian front.

22 – Quite mild and thawing all day; the snow almost all gone. Colder in the evening. To save time and work we had no dinner. War news: Russians claim victory over Turks.

23 – A fine day. All but Willie (who is somewhat sick) at SS and church; only 96 at SS today on account of so many people having the gripe. Mr. McKay preached on Ontario prohibition.

24 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Thawing in the afternoon.

25 – Quite mild and thawing all day. Took the 2 pigs to Port Perry in the waggon and sold them to Les Hall. They weighed 610 lbs and brought \$56.46. James at school. Willie at home with cold. Jennie making mat. War news: Austrians capture Scutari.

26 – Quite mild and thawing all day. Went to Blair's mill in the forenoon with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. A session meeting in the church in the afternoon. Boys both at home laid up with cold. Jennie making mat. Norman Lyle borrowed democrat. War news: Heavy fighting on Western front.

27 – A rainy foggy dull day; water and mud in abundance. Hardly went out of the house. Had a bad cold in head. Jennie and Willie did the chores. James, who was bad through the night, is some better. Jennie making mat. James A. Blair called in the afternoon with petition to close all the barrooms in Ontario.

28 – Colder and freezing again. When we got up we got phone call that old Mrs. William Akhurst had just died and Jennie went up to help lay her out. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and met the train and brought Tom Black of Manitoba home. Annie came home with Ray Dusty.

29 – A fine and cold day. Did some chores again. Tom Black went over to visit Jim Lee's. Boys skating. War news: Russians beat the Turks.

30 – Soft and raining most of the day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and James. Tom Black and Willie stayed at home. Only 80 at SS; so many sick and the weather. Mr. McWilliams preached for the Camp Reading Association and quite an interesting address it was.

31 – Heavy rain through the night. About 1 am I took sick at the stomach and was quite sick all day and did not eat any until evening. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry. Jennie and Tom Black at Mrs. Akhurst's funeral. Got word that Mrs. George W. Michie of Plumbridge Saskatchewan was very low. War news: Germans win some in France and the Russians beat the Turks.

FEB. 1 – Quite cold again and some rough. Stayed in bed in the forenoon and did not go out of the house all day. Jennie and the boys did the chores. Tom Black went away in the morning to Alex Lee's and other places. Word came that Mrs. G.W. Michie of Plumbridge died today.⁶¹

2 – A very fine day. Boys at school. Jennie making mat. I got out at the chores a little today. War news: British liner captured by Germans and brought to the US.

3 – Pretty cold and rough and dusty. Helped a little with the chores. Jim Lee called after dinner. Boys at school. [margin note: Parliament buildings at Ottawa burned].⁶²

4 – A pretty cold rough day. Boys at school. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Sidney Caney here in the evening. News came of the burning of the parliament buildings at Ottawa. War news: little of interest.

5 – A little snow from the SE. Children skating down at the swamp. No daily papers.

6 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Annie went with John Michie and got supper there on her way home. Mr. McKay preached; 105 at SS. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

⁶¹ Annie Isabella (McMillan) Michie, w/o George Walter Michie, b. 13 Feb 1882, d. 1 Feb 1916.

⁶² The centre block of the Parliament buildings was destroyed; 7 died. Rumors that it was enemy sabotage were found to be untrue.

7 – Rough and high wind from the W; got worse in the afternoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Went up for the mail after dinner and called in to see Mr. Akhurst who is in bed sick. Boys did not go to school.

8 – A nice day with some snow in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie washing in the forenoon and visiting at Norman Lyle's in the afternoon. Tom Black came back from the north. Alex Robinson of Wick drove him down. Expected to go to Mrs. G.W. Michie's funeral but it is going to be tomorrow. War news: little of interest.

9 – Rather cold day. Boys at school. Tom Black went down to J. Michie's. Went with Jennie by the buggy to Mrs. G.W. Michie's funeral which was held from W. McMillan's at Saintfield. There was a short service at the house, then went to the church at Wick where another service was held. There was a full house and Mr. McKay preached. She was buried in McNeil's cemetery. George Michie and Dave McMillan came with the body from the west. Tom Black here all night.



Photo of George Walter Michie,
undated.

10 – Rather a fine but cold day. Tom Black drove over to Alex Lee's and bought a bull. After dinner I drove him to Port Perry on his way home. Coming home I gave John Love a ride. Boys at school.

11 – A fine but cold day. Jennie churning. Boys did not go to school. In the afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Just as she started George W. Michie and Dave McMillan came and they stayed until after supper and we had a great talk. They went to W. O'Neill's for the night. War news: Great battle on the West front.

12 – A nice day and snowing a very little. Did little but the chores. Jennie sewing. Norman Lyle called. War news: Russians claim some success.

13 – Very cold day. Drove the sleigh with all hands to SS and church; 104 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Willie Caffley was at church in uniform, 1st time.

14 – About 14 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry school. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon getting dress cut. War news: Heavy fighting on Western front.

15 – Much milder day. Did the chores; had a very dizzy head all day. Boys at school. Jennie called over to N. Lyle's about 6 pm and a son was born to them about 9. Jennie stayed all night.

16 – Quite a mild day. Boys at school. Jennie did not get home until about 4 pm and went back again about 7 for the night. Norman Lyle here twice today.

17 – Quite mild and thawing a little. Jennie came home from N. Lyle's about 10 am. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon and got 12 bags of oats ground. Boys at school. War news: Russians capture Erzerum.

18 – Mild in the morning but turned out quite rough, cold and drifting. Boys at school. Drove up to Dusty's for bread and for the boys. War news: little of importance.

19 – Very cold and rough. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie after dinner. She did not come home yesterday as there was a party at Mr. Follock's, the principal of the school. Jennie over at N. Lyle's awhile in the afternoon.

20 – A fine day and some milder. All hands at SS (drove the sleigh) and church; 106 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

21 – About 15 below zero in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Boys started for school but turned back on account of the cold. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon getting help with her dress. N. Lyle called in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Went over to Jim Lee's and helped him to fix his sleigh. Mrs. John Michie and family here in the afternoon. Boys at school.

23 – A fine and quite mild day. After dinner went to Jim Lee's and got 3 little pigs. Jennie went with Ray Dusty in a sleigh load to

W.M. meeting at W.H. Leask's; a big meeting. Boys at school. N. Lyle called in the evening. War news: Germans gain in France.

24 – A fine mild day. In the afternoon went with John Michie to John Hadden's sale at Wick. There was a large turnout and pretty good prices especially cattle and pigs. Boys at school. War news: Germans make quite a gain near Verdun.

25 – Snow, about 6 in., through the night and continued a little most of the day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie. Quite a number of soldiers drilling in the fair grounds. Boys at school.

26 – Snowing and storming all day. Nobody to be seen. No mail. Jennie making dress for Annie.

27 – Snowing and storming all night and drifting and snowing all day. No SS or church; called off by phone. Roads blocked.

28 – Fine but pretty cold. Shovelling out roads in the forenoon. After dinner drove Annie to Port Perry school; broke the roads part of the way. Jennie making dress for Annie. N. Lyle called in the afternoon. War news: Germans still advancing on Verdun.

29 – A fine day. Boys at school. Jennie at N. Lyle's awhile in the afternoon. While she was there Sandy Michie and wife of Lenore, Manitoba, came and we talked til about 11 pm. Pascoe Luke of Epsom, who is moving on his place, brought over 5 loads today.

MAR. 1 – A beautiful clear day. Spent most of the forenoon talking to Sandy Michie and wife. They left about 10:30 for dinner at Alex Gordon's. Norman Lyle called. He took Mrs. Lyle and children to Port Perry today. Boys at school. War news: French cruiser sunk; 1000 lost.

2 – A very fine day. Jennie went over to Norman Lyle's in the morning to help pack up for moving. In the afternoon took a load for him to his new farm, the Bruce place, near Port Perry. John Michie; E. Lyle; A. Akhurst and G. Lyle took loads. Boys at school. War news: German advance on Verdun appears to have slackened somewhat.

3 – A very fine day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for Annie and May Bruce came home with her. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Pascoe Luke moved into his place today. War news: Some brighter today.

4 – A fine day. Went to Blair's mill with 14 bags of oats and got them ground. Boys went with me. Annie and May Bruce went to Greenbank. Jennie making dress for Annie. War news: French holding. Mrs. Joseph Stone died.

5 – Fine in the morning but pretty rough in the afternoon. All hands, including May Bruce, at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached a recruiting sermon.

6 – A fine morning but turned out a very rough day, snowing and drifting from the E. Drove Annie and May Bruce to Port Perry. Pascoe Luke called. Boys at school. War news: Verdun still holding out.

7 – Snow and rain through the night; day quite mild. Boys did not go to school as we expected the roads to be blocked. Did some

little jobs and the chores. P. Luke called in the afternoon. War news: Germans make some more gain near Verdun. Russians gaining.

8 – Mild and snowing towards night. Called at P. Luke's in the forenoon. Cleaned out hen house in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. P. Luke called about 6 pm. Boys at school. War news: Germans still advancing near Verdun.

9 – Pretty cold day and some rough. Boys started to school but turned back on account of the cold. Did little but chores. Jennie sewing. Pascoe Luke here in the evening and had a long talk. War news: Some better. French holding at Verdun. Russians still smashing the Turks.

10 – A terror of a day. High NW wind and snowing and drifting all day. Roads blocked; no mail. Saw no one. Jennie sewing.

11 – A very fine day. Shovelling snow in the forenoon. Went to Port Perry with the sleigh in the afternoon for Annie; the boys also went. Willie Caffley came out with us. Miss Myrtle Luke came over in the evening to telephone (the first time she was here). War news: Germany declares war on Portugal. French still holding at Verdun.

12 – Snowing some in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 118 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Miss Myrtle and Gladys went up with us. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

13 – Quite a fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning (roads pretty heavy). Helping John Michie to saw wood in the afternoon (C. Durwood's machine). Jennie washing. Boys at school. War news: French still holding at Verdun.

14 – A very fine day. Helping John Michie to cut wood in the forenoon. Jennie visiting at James Lee's. Boys at school. Manitoba voted out the bar yesterday. War news: Not of much account.

15 – Pretty cold raw day with NE wind. Over at P. Luke's putting in some shelves in bedroom closets. Jennie called on them in the afternoon. Willie at school. War news: Germans gain a little at Verdun in desperate attack.

16 – Zero in the morning and pretty cold all day. Spent most of the day helping Jennie to pick over potatoes and apples in the cellar. Boys at school. War news: somewhat quieter at Verdun.

17 – Four below zero in the morning with high NW wind and drifting. Boys did not go to school. Jennie at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon helping to quilt missionary quilt. I went to Port Perry for Annie. War news some better.

18 – About 6 below zero in the morning but a very fine day. Did little but the chores. Norman Lyle of Port Perry called in the afternoon. War news: looks better.

19 – A very fine morning but turned out quite rough and stormy in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church. Gladys and Leola Luke

and Sidney Caney rode up with us. 130 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

20 – Rather a fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry school in the morning. Boys at school. Jennie washing. War news: French still holding Verdun.

21 – A very fine day and thawing some. Boys at school. Did a few little jobs and the chores. Was called out of bed in the morning by a phone call saying that Mrs. Ward's stable at Greenbank was on fire. War news: Germans making a new attempt at Verdun.

22 – A little rough and snowing in the morning but turned out a fine day. Boys at school. Went to Blair's mill with 14 bags of oats and got them ground. In the afternoon Jennie went to the W.M. meeting at the church where there was quilting. In the evening went with Willie to Guild meeting in the church as I was down to help with the topic. There was not a very large turnout. Mr. McKay was telling me that he has enlisted. Armour McMillan and Edith Phair married.

23 – A beautiful but cold day. Churned and wrote a letter to brother George. Boys at school.

24 – A very fine day and thawing a little. Boys at school. Mr. W. Akhurst here on a visit and stayed for dinner. Jew man called. In the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. Walked up and rode home with A. Akhurst. Mr. Dodds of Sonya preached. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Assessor Johnston called. War news: Germans preparing for another drive on Verdun.

25 – A fine day and thawing all day. Willie and I went to P. Luke's for hay that N. Lyle borrowed last fall. Then we hitched up Peggy colt for the first and she went very quiet in the sleigh with Topsy. Then I went over and put up a clock shelf for Mrs. Luke. In the afternoon hitched up Fanny colt single for the first time. Jean and Ruth Michie here all afternoon. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news better.

26 – A fine day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Greenbank. There was an extra good turnout and Mr. McKay preached. Roads breaking up badly. All hands over at P. Luke's in the evening.

27 – Raining quite a bit especially in the forenoon. Drove Annie to Port Perry and then to Manchester for my sister, Mrs. Bratley. Roads very bad and it was after 1 pm when we got home. Boys not at school. John Michie came up for bread.

28 – A fine mild day and the snow going fast. Boys not at school. Jennie and Margaret drove in the buggy to John Michie's and called at Luke's. I helping to dig out the snow in the road.

29 – Quite warm and snow going fast. Boys at school and Mission Band. Hitched the cutter and tried to take Margaret to W. O'Neill's but we did not get further than the bridge; water too deep. Filed P. Luke's buck saw and pruned some apple trees.

30 – A very fine day; a little cooler. Boys at school. Drove Margaret to Port Perry on her way home. Took the buggy; the water

being over the axles at one place. Culvert cover floating and mail carrier Steven got into the hole and had to leave his buggy. A. Akhurst and W. Thomas had to come home by Greenbank. War news: Both Germans and French make gains.

31 – A fine warm day. Boys at school. Took off the storm windows and pruned apple trees. P. Luke borrowed waggon to go to Blair's mill. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Alex Gordon and Jennie Gordon came after supper to get help to fix a dress. Elijah Beare's sale today. No mail today.

APR. 1 – Some rain in the forenoon and got colder towards night. Pruning apple trees and tried to fix the cistern pump but failed. Myrtle Luke called in the forenoon and I went over with her to fix cellar door. Mail got in today about 6 pm. War news: Gloomy. Germans gain at Verdun. Zeppelin raids on England.

2 – Thawing but somewhat raw. All hands at SS and church; 118 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. He is not going to the war at least for a time. Oscar Real and --- Hewitt were out; they expect to go to England this week. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Pruning apple trees most of the day. Broke the snow drifts in the lane. Jennie washing. Boys at school. E. Lyle came for a bag of apples. Myrtle Luke had the buggy to go to Port Perry. War news: Zeppelin raids on England and Scotland. Germans gain at Verdun.

4 – A very fine day. All day pruning apple trees. John Michie and Jean and Ruth came up with the stoneboat for 3 bags of potatoes and a bag of apples. Boys at school. War news: some better. French drive Germans back at Verdun.

5 – Fine day. Pruning and burning apple brush. Boys at school. All hands at Guild meeting in the evening. Roads pretty bad. Boys at school.

6 – Snowing most of the forenoon but it soon disappeared. At R. Barker's sale (at the tile yard) in the afternoon. A pretty good turnout. Some things went rather cheap. Boys at school. Jennie sewing. War news rather brighter.

7 – Some cold in the morning but a nice day. Churned in the forenoon. Eva Luke of Sonya called. Burned orchard brush in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Erma Porteous came for some apples. Boys at school. Mr. Parrot called and bought steer and heifer. War news: Germans gain some at Verdun.

8 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Most of the day cleaning out raspberry bushes, boys helping. Boys went to John Michie's for little pig. Started to snow from E about 5:30 pm. No paper today.

9 – A fine but rather raw day. All hands at SS (Annie rode up with John Michie) and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached a rousing sermon on Foreign Missions. Mrs. P. Luke and Gladys and Leola called in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Blair's mill with 14 bags of oats but did

not get them home. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Myrtle Luke called in the morning. War news: nothing important.

11 – Went to Blair's mill in the morning for the meal and in the afternoon went to wood chopping bee at P. Luke's but rain came on about 3:30 and we had to quit. Those at the bee were: Jas. Lee; E. Lyle; A. Akhurst; Jas. Dusty; Clarence O'Neill; Jim Gibson; and ---- Secombe from Phair's. Jennie went for the boys at school. War news: Terrible fight at Verdun.

12 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to paper our bedroom in the forenoon and in the afternoon at bee at P. Luke's cutting wood as yesterday turned out wet. Jennie at W.M. meeting at the church. Boys at school. In the evening Jennie and the boys went to Guild meeting. War news: about the same. Cecil Phair and Mabel Woon married. Jennie brought home word that George Haddon Sr., aged 94, had hung himself this afternoon.

13 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to paper bedroom in the forenoon. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news: Little of importance. Was called out of bed by the phone to speak to Ed and Henry Buwell who were at J.M. Real's.

14 – A very heavy rain in the forenoon. The pond in the swamp field broke out. At the berry bushes while Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Gladys and Myrtle Luke called.

15 – A very fine spring-like day. At the berry bushes all day, boys helping. Got them all cleaned out and scuffled. Jean, Ruth and Olive Michie here for supper and stayed all night. Marie Akhurst also here for supper. P. Luke cutting wood (Fred Lyle's machine). War news more cheerful.

16 – Warm with a little rain about 4 pm. All hands at SS and church. Annie went with John Michie. 135 at SS; Mr. James preached, Mr. McKay being at Gamebridge. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry after supper.

17 – Foggy morning and several little rain showers. Spent the day in taking the Christopher steer and a heifer to Uxbridge, Jennie and the boys helping. The first time the boys were at Uxbridge. Roads very bad in places. Got there at 11 am and called on Mr. James Allan's and got dinner there. Then saw about 400 soldiers parade. Called at D. Lyle's and got home about 5. War news somewhat better.

18 – Some snow in the morning and a high NW wind all day. Cultivated some in the orchard in the forenoon and at S. Porteous' sale in the afternoon. Rather a small sale. Jennie washing. Boys at school.

19 – Some cold in the morning but a fine day. Planting potatoes in the orchard. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Boys at school. At Guild meeting in the evening with Willie. After the Guild meeting there was a meeting to arrange for SS anniversary. There were 25 present and several committees appointed. War news: Russians capture Trebizond.

20 – Some rain through the night and morning and some thunder. Finished planting potatoes. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie.

She pronounces the roads very bad. Boys at school. E. Lyle got lend of democrat. War news: United States send ultimatum to Germany.

21 – Good Friday. Some rain in the morning. Went up to the schoolhouse to meet G.A. McMillan and Albert Phoenix and the other trustees to see about the closets and other things. Drawing out manure on potato patch in the afternoon. In the evening all hands at P. Luke's for a sing. Miss Blanch Luke of Toronto was home.

22 – A terrible rain all through the night. Spent most of the forenoon repairing the pond which broke out in the night, boys helping. Plowing strawberry patch in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Boys cleaned out the shop.

23 – A little rain several times during the day. All hands at SS and church (the boys walked). 105 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Phoned to Vet Moon to come to sick cow. W. O'Neill drove him over. The water on the 11th was so deep that it was coming into the box of the buggy. The cow not very bad apparently.

24 – Dull day and almost rain sometimes. All day tying up raspberry bushes, the boys helping some. Annie, the boys and Gladys Luke at pie social in the hall given by the Women's Institute for the Red Cross fund. They did not get home until nearly 1 am. They report a good crowd and a good time.

25 – Rather dull; rain in the morning and a few little sprinkles during the day. Sharped P. Luke's handsaw. Most of the day making garden and fixing the W garden fence. Jennie and Willie at Greenbank in the afternoon. War news: Sir Roger Casement captured while trying to land arms on Ireland. When we were about to go to bed Mr. and Mrs. McKay came and they stayed all night.

26 – The forenoon was quite fine and warm but about 1:30 a thunder shower came up from the NE and another little shower about 4 pm. Mr. and Mrs. McKay left about 9 a.m. for J.L. Lee's. Dug in the garden, Jennie helping. Did little in the afternoon but saw some wood in the woodshed. War news: Air raids on England. Riot in Dublin.

27 – A very fine spring-like day and no rain. Drawing out manure and plowing potato patch. Jennie churning and sewing. James fell into the pond with his clothes on. Sidney Caney came for some eggs to set. War news: little of interest.

28 – Fine day. Plowing potato land while Willie went to Port Perry for Mabel and Gordon Bell of Brooklin. Marie Akhurst and Gladys and Lu Luke here in the afternoon and Sidney Caney in the evening.

29 – A very fine warm day. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon Willie rolled the new grass. Luke girls called in the evening. Got some suckers from Akhurst's and Dusty's.

30 – A very fine but somewhat dull day. All hands at SS and church. Jean and Ruth Michie came up and went with us. 125 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. War news: General Townsend has had to surrender to the Turks with 20,000 men.

MAY 1 – Drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Some rain before we got there and there was quite a number of little showers during and about 6 pm there started a heavy rain and continued during the evening. Cultivating a little on the hill field in the afternoon but it was too wet. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school, also Gordon Bell. About 4 am Jim Lee called to see if I would go sucker fishing. He came back and left us two pails of fish. P. Luke went with him. This is the first day of local option in Port Perry. War news: French gaining at Verdun.

2 – Quite cold in the morning but a very fine day, no rain. Planted some trees along the road in the forenoon and made lane to the pasture field in the afternoon. Jennie dressmaking. Boys at school. Jennie got a call after supper to John Michie's and another baby girl born.⁶³ War news: Irish disturbance ended. French make gains.

3 – Started to rain from the E about 7:30 am and rained heavy until about 11. Cut some wood in woodshed and some other little jobs. Boys drove to Greenbank for bread and sugar. Mabel Bell acting as cook. War news: French gain.

4 – A fine day and no rain. Fixed fences and dug out stump in the forenoon. Cultivated in the afternoon. Jennie came home from John Michie's in the afternoon. Jean and Ruth came with her. Boys at school. Mr. S. Porteous called in the evening. War news: Four of the Irish rebel leaders shot.

5 – Finished cultivating hill field and part of two other fields and filled furrows. Rain after dinner. Arbor Day at school. Boys did not go. Mabel Bell went to Port Perry for Annie. Reported that Clarence O'Neill has enlisted.

6 – A very fine morning but rain came on about 3 pm. Sowed the hill field (the first sowing) and harrowed part. Children started to walk to practice but turned back on account of the rain. Boys took in some wood. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. War news: 2 zeppelins destroyed.

7 – A fine day and no rain. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS; Mr. T.C. James preached, Mr. McKay being at Sunderland. Annie and Mabel took Jean and Ruth Michie home.

8 – Jennie drove Annie, Mabel and Gordon Bell to Port Perry. She started just before a thunder shower came up and they got pretty wet and put into Mr. Whitfield's for awhile. Boys did not go to school. Willie harrowed and cultivated while I fixed fences and hoed. High wind in the afternoon and almost dusty. War news: Germans make gains near Verdun.

9 – A fine day and quite cool. Cultivating all day. Boys at school. Jennie and Mrs. A. Gordon went to C. Gordon's, Scugog. She did not get home until late. War news: German advance on Verdun checked.

10 – Boys at school. Got ready to sow oats but rain came on and continued to about 3 pm and everything is wetter than ever. Fixed

the washing machine. Jennie washing. Jim Lee called. War news some brighter.

11 – Cultivated in the forenoon. Fixing fences in the afternoon. Terrific high wind. Boys at school.

12 – A fine day and quite cool. Sowed field NW of barn and nearly harrowed it. Boys at school. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie.

13 – A very fine cool day. Sowed the field N of the barn and so finish sowing; very late this year. Boys took 4 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got them ground. Children at anniversary practice in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at John Michie's in the evening. John Brimble killed with an auto at Port Perry.

14 – Rather raw and some rain from the E. All hands at SS and church (Annie went with John Michie). 125 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

15 – Rain until about 9 am then quite warm. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Boys did not go to school. Willie harrowing while I scuffled berry bushes. Jennie cleaning cellar. Mrs. Empringham and little boy Allan called in the afternoon.

16 – Finished harrowing and then drew some rails. Plowed in a piece of sod in the orchard. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Another terrible day of rain started about 10 and continued nearly all afternoon.

17 – Several showers during the day. Drilled up the potato patch and planted a few potatoes in the orchard. Jennie housecleaned pantry in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to the church to help fix the curtain about the choir platform. She went to Blair's for supper and did not get home until ---. Boys at school and Mission Band.

18 – Quite cool; a few little sprinkles of rain. Went to Jim Gibson's and D. Cragg's hunting for colt pasture but in vain. Then after dinner took them to Pascoe Luke's. Drew out manure on the plot beside the barn pump and plowed it. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. Jennie painting.

19 – Another wet day. Started to rain about 11:30 then a thunder storm about 1 pm with hail, and several showers during the afternoon. Cultivating and drilled for mangolds. Helping P. Luke to fix fences in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

20 – A fine day, cool and no rain. Went to A. Akhurst's and got 500 lbs of hay then, with the boys helping, planted 22 drills of potatoes. Fixing fences in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie. Children at practice at the church. W. Akhurst visited in the afternoon. Myrtle Luke here in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. This is SS anniversary and there was 150 at SS. Rev. J. Miller was the preacher both afternoon and evening and gave good sermons to full houses. All out again in the evening. James got supper at Dusty's. Mrs. D. Archer at the evening service.

⁶³ Eleanor Akhurst Michie, b 2 May 1916, d. 23 Dec 1985, m. Maurice Collis.

22 – Drove Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Started to rain a little about 1 o'clock then quit for awhile about 3:30. John Michie started to Port Perry to see the entry of the 116th Battalion (Ontario County) who walked over from Uxbridge. They started from Beaverton and are heading for Oshawa. It started to rain just as we left home and poured all the time til after we got home so the parade was very disappointing to the crowd that turned out to see it. Boys at school. Jennie washing.

23 – A fine warm day. Fixed fences in the forenoon. Boys at school. Called the boys home at noon and, with Sidney Caney, went to Port Perry to see the 116th battalion parade. It was quite a show and went off pretty good except for the mud. About 1200 all told. Jennie baking for anniversary.

24 – A beautiful day. Annie went for the beef in the morning while I planted horse corn, sweet corn, sunflowers and pumpkins. All hands at SS anniversary in the afternoon. There was quite a good turnout. The programme was given by Donald McGregor, R. Barker and Miss Walker and was good. Sidney Caney here for dinner.

25 – A very fine day. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry. Mrs. James Lee and Ruby going with them to see the 116th battalion leave on their way to Whitby. They went as far as Manchester. Boys at school. I did some little jobs. Jim Ward called in the afternoon about insurance and Jennie went with him in his car to Greenbank to help clean up after the anniversary. Later I and the boys went up to 10 ct social. There was quite a few out.

26 – Another fine day. Most of the day planting strawberries, Jennie helping. James at school. Willie not very well but he went to Port Perry for Annie. Sidney Caney and Luke's girls here in the evening.

27 – Heavy thunder shower about daybreak in the morning. With the boy's help, planted the last of the potatoes in the forenoon. Planting strawberries, Jennie and the boys helping. Sidney Caney came in the evening for a pound of butter.

28 – Rain in the early morning, then a fine day. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. All down to John Michie's in the evening.

29 – A very fine warm day. Drove Annie to Port Perry. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Finished planting strawberries (23 rows), Jennie helping. Gladys Luke called.

30 – A terrible night of rain; the whole night and water everywhere. Went to Greenbank with the buggy wheel and took the boys to school. Fixed the democrat shafts and other jobs. Sidney Caney here for supper. Myrtle Luke here in the evening.

31 – A very fine and cool day. Drawing manure to N field; had to go by the road as the fields were too wet. Jennie cleaning kitchen. Boys at school. Sidney Caney here in the evening for butter.

JUNE 1 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie cleaning kitchen. Boys at school. Moved the cook stove out to the cook house.

2 – Drew out manure in the forenoon. After dinner it started to rain and off and on all afternoon with much thunder. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys at school.

3 – Rain through the night and morning. Scuffled potatoes and berry bushes in the forenoon while Willie went to Greenbank for buggy wheel. At noon got phone call to go to school house to see about fence which was blown down some time ago. The other trustees (G.A. McMillan and A. Phoenix) decided to repair the old fence and with J.M. Real's help put up the gap. Jennie and I over at P. Luke's in the evening and Sidney Caney, Gladys and Leola Luke here. War news: the worst since the war started. Big naval battle in the North Sea and the Germans came out best.

4 – Some showers in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. After we went to bed a thunder storm came up but not much rain.

5 – A fine day and hardly any rain. Took Annie to Port Perry in the morning. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Plowing for corn in the afternoon. Jennie and the boys at Luke's in the evening. Albert Akhurst called. War news: North Sea naval battle not near so bad as first reported.

6 – A beautiful day. Boys at school. Went with Jennie to James Smith's at Columbus. He has been quite ill and we found him about as well as we expected. Got there about 11 and left for home at 4:30 and got home about 8:30. Gladys Luke fed the chickens while we were away. War news: Kitchener and his staff went down near the Orkney Isles. Canadians get a bad mauling.

7 – High SE wind and a drizzle of rain in the afternoon. Myrtle Luke called and Sidney Caney came twice. Drawing out manure all day. Boys at school. War news: Russians claim to have captured 25,000 Austrians.

8 – Some rain early in the morning; cool. Willie at school. James did not go as he had stomach ache. Plowing corn land which is none too dry. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie who is home for a few days before her exams. Leola Luke called and Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening. War news: German gain at Verdun and Ypres. Russian gains.

9 – Dull all day and a thunder shower from the S about 6 pm. Finished plowing corn ground and harrowed it. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Boys at school. Ray Dusty called. William Akhurst here for dinner. War news: Russians claim to be advancing.

10 – Owing to the rain yesterday, nothing could be done to corn land. Spent most of the day making calf pen and fixing line fence between here and Luke's. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Sidney Caney and Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news: Russians advancing.

11 – Another terrible rain in the early morning and again in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. All over at Luke's in the evening.

12 – A really fine warm day. Scuffled variously in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping P. Luke to put up a [?] house. Boys at school. War news: Russians sweeping the Austrians back.

13 – A beautiful and warm day. At Pascoe Luke's making closet and finished the job. Boys at school. Mrs. A. Gordon and Edna here in the afternoon getting Edna's coat made. War news: Russians still advancing.

14 – A very fine warm day. Hoeing in the forenoon. Cultivating corn land in the afternoon. Boys at school. Jennie making Edna Gordon's coat. All hands at Guild meeting in the evening. Eva Leask and Bessie Gordon took the topic. War news: Canadians gain back what was some days ago. Russians still advancing. [margin note: Church union carried in Presbyterian Assembly at Winnipeg, 406 to 88].

15 – Another terrible rain with thunder and lightning in the early morning and several little showers during the day. Fixing the platform about the house well in the afternoon. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon getting dress cut out. Boys at school. Myrtle and Leola Luke called in the evening. News came of church union being carried. War news: Russians still gaining.

16 – A little rain in the morning, then fine. Went over to Luke's in the morning and put up some shelves. Scuffling potatoes in the afternoon. Minney Lyle and Sidney Caney here in the evening. Boys at school. Jennie sewing. War news: Russians still advancing.

17 – Another big rain in the early morning and again in the evening. Boys went to Blair's mill with 4 bags of oats and got them home while I hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon got A. Akhurst's drill and sowed half the corn in the N field. Part of it was sown in the mud, the other half of the piece was too wet. Jennie sewing some. Luella Luke here for supper. Edna Gordon came for her coat.

18 – Rain in the morning and quite heavy just after SS. All hands at SS and church; 114 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Annie went to Methodist church with Luke's. Leola Luke here in the evening.

19 – Dull morning. Rain about 11 or 12; fine in the afternoon. Drawing out manure. Cut across the grain field to get out of mud. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry to Latin exam tomorrow. Russians still winning.

20 – A fine and quite cool day and no rain. Drawing out manure all day. Boys at school. Mrs. E. Lyle here getting dress cut. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. War news: Russians still advancing.

21 – A very fine cool day and no rain. Drawing out manure all day. Jennie drove to W.M. meeting at Alex Boe's and with Willie went to Guild meeting in the evening. Boys at school. War news: Russians advance a little.

22 – A very fine and quite cool day. Finished drawing out manure at noon. Cultivating, harrowing and plowing in the afternoon.

Mrs. E. Lyle here in the afternoon getting dress fitted. Boys at school. Marion Leask, Marie Akhurst and L. Luke here in the evening.

23 – A fine day and cool. Plowing and sowed the last of the corn. In the afternoon, with Jennie, attended preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Bryden of Woodville preached. Mrs. Jas. Blair Jr. came home with us to get her dress fitted and James B. came after her. Sidney Caney and Arthur Stiff here in the evening.

24 – Plowing in the forenoon; raining some of the time. After dinner there was a big thunder shower and nothing doing. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Germans make important gains at Verdun.

25 – A very fine day. With Jennie went to communion service at Wick. Not a very good turnout from Greenbank. Annie at Methodist SS anniversary services morning, afternoon and evening; the boys at the afternoon and evening, and Jennie and I at the evening service. Rev. Mr. Chapman of Cannington preached and did well. Annie got tea at Gordon's.

26 – A fine and warm day. Drove Annie to Port Perry to her exams which take place this week. The boys went to school but got out at noon on account of the Wick picnic. Willie harrowing turnip land while I hoed mangolds. Jennie washing. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Germans advance a little at Verdun. Russians still advancing.

27 – A thunder shower about 5 am. W. Tummons old barn struck by lightning and burned. Drilled up for turnips all day through the mud. Boys at school. In the evening with Jennie and the boys at Union prayer meeting in our church. There was a good attendance and a good meeting; Mr. McKay was leader. Rev. Mr. Rowland, who proposed the meeting, was not able to be present on account of illness.

28 – Another fine day, no rain. Jennie went for the beef in the morning while I plowed buckwheat land. Sowed turnips in the afternoon. Boys at school. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. Pascoe Luke and John Michie fixing the hole in the lane NE of the barn. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Italians claim to be gaining.

29 – Threatening rain sometimes in the forenoon. Finished plowing, harrowing and cultivating buckwheat land. Boys went to school but came home at noon, the school being closed for holidays. They have both been promoted. James to the Jr. Fourth and Willie to the Sr. Fourth. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie who has finished her exams for Normal entrance. Sidney Caney here in the evening. W. Akhurst called in the afternoon.

30 – A fine and warm day. Drilled up and sowed the last of the turnips, then the buckwheat, and harrowed the corn, and scuffled some. Jennie and the boys left in the morning for a visit to Annie Mason's, Bobcaygeon.

JULY 1 – A very fine summer day. Scuffled all forenoon and hoed some mangolds in the afternoon. After supper went with Annie to the Methodist SS anniversary. There was about the usual number present and the concert was good. A Mr. [Fidders or Fiddess?] of

Toronto sang (and a good singer he was) and a Miss Langmaid recited. Proceeds about \$200.00. The war news today is good all along the line.

2 – Went to SS and church with Annie; 105 at SS. Just before the close a great thunder storm came up and it got quite dark in the basement and again during the church service but not so much rain. Mr. McKay preached a sermon on our country's three fold [?].

3 – Planted some corn in places missed and drowned out and hoed in the forenoon. After dinner went with the team to road work drawing dirt on the concession, but after the third heavy shower of rain we quit after about 2 hours work. Hoed some more after the rain. Great news from the war. Allies advance all along the line.

4 – A very fine day and no rain. Hoed mangolds in the forenoon and at road work in the afternoon. Annie picking strawberries and went to Port Perry with them. Annie at Luke's in the evening. War news still pretty good. Did not get paper.

5 – A very fine warm day. Finished road work at 10 am and hoed in the afternoon. Jennie and the boys came home from Bobcaygeon at 1 o'clock. Annie went to Port Perry for them. In the evening went to a meeting in the church to talk about a new furnace. John Michie rode up with me. War news continues pretty good.

6 – Another very fine and warmer day. Hoeing most of the day; the boys helping. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. They picked about 40 boxes. Annie then took some to Port Perry for Mrs. Clark of Scugog. After supper Annie, with Gladys Luke, went to a SS class party at Mrs. J. McKittrick's. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: still favourable.

7 – A very fine and quite warm day; some thunder to the SW in the afternoon but no rain here. Hoeing strawberry plants (and a very poor crop they are) in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping Pascoe Luke to scuffle his turnips with Topsy horse. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Leask and Mrs. Hilson came in the afternoon for berries. Got no paper today.

8 – A fine day; somewhat dull and a little shower after dinner. Plowing all day at P. Luke's with Fanny horse. The boys went to Blair's mill with 4 bags of oats and got them ground. Mrs. John Michie and girls, Marie Akhurst and Mrs. James Lee and baby here in the afternoon getting strawberries and Mrs. A. Gordon in the evening. Sidney Caney also here in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church (120 at SS). Rev. E. Cockburn, at one time minister at Uxbridge, preached. It is reported that Mr. McKay has enlisted. James Lee and wife and Ruby here in the evening.

10 – A very fine and warm day. All day at P. Luke's helping to build fence about his orchard. A. Akhurst also helping. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Willie scuffling mangolds and potatoes and James Paris greening potatoes. Mrs. W. Real and Cathleen and Lucille Leask here for berries. Annie went to Port Perry with berries. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news pretty good.

11 – Very warm day. All day at P. Luke's, building fence most of the time. Annie and Gladys Luke picking strawberries. Jennie and Mrs. Luke at Methodist Ladies Aid at M. O'Neill's. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening. War news still good.

12 – Very warm day. Scuffling corn in forenoon. Helping P. Luke to cock up hay in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Willie and James cutting thistles and they went to Greenbank for Paris Green. War news: Germans advance at Verdun; at other places favourable.

13 – Another very warm day. All day helping P. Luke at hay. Jennie washing, churning and helping the boys to Paris Green potatoes. Roy Leask and Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Germans gain a little more at Verdun.

14 – Another very fine and warm day. Helping P. Luke to hay in the forenoon. Scuffling corn etc. in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries and Annie and Gladys Luke went to Port Perry. Mary and Jim Dusty called in the evening. Jennie preserving strawberries.

15 – A fine warm day; some thunder towards night but no rain here. Hoeing and Paris greening in the forenoon. Plowing for P. Luke in the afternoon. James at Cecil Phair's helping at hay. John Michie's 4 girls here in the evening while they went to Port Perry. Sid Caney called in the evening. Willie hoeing potatoes. War news: British victory.

16 – Very warm day. A little rain in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 102 at SS; J.A. Miller preached. Annie went to Methodist church with Luke's girls.

17 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Jennie washing. Scuffling turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Willie harrowing for P. Luke. Sid Caney and Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening. War news good.

18 – A very warm day. Fixing fence in the forenoon to keep the horses out of the oats. All afternoon making a hen crate to ship hens. Annie at John Michie's attending the children while Mrs. John baked for the W.M.S. tomorrow. Willie at P. Luke's. War news: rather quiet.

19 – Very warm all day. Got up early and, with James, went to the early train at Port Perry with a crate of hens. Hoeing mangolds 2nd time in the afternoon. Willie at P. Luke's all day. Jennie at missionary meeting with Mrs. Luke at W. O'Neill's. In the evening went with Jennie to Union prayer meeting in the Methodist church. There was a good turnout. Mr. McKay was leader. War news all right.

20 – Another very warm day. Paris greened potatoes 2nd time, and then hoed field corn. Myrtle Luke here all day getting dress made. Annie over at Luke's in the evening. Willie at Luke's all day and James all day at Ernest Phair's helping at hay. War news good. Thunder several times during the day but no rain here.

21 – Another scorching hot day. Got P. Luke's mower and cut half of the hay field W of the house. Willie at Luke's. James at Ernest

Phair's in the afternoon. Alex Gordon, wife and child called in the evening. War news: Allies gain another victory.

22 – Another scorching day. Hoed corn in the forenoon. Cocking up hay in the afternoon. James raking. Annie picking cherries. Jennie sewing. Willie at P. Luke's. After supper Annie and I went to Port Perry. War news: pretty good.

23 – Another very warm day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. P. Luke, Myrtle and Gladys Luke and Mrs. A. Stone and little girl called in the evening.

24 – Another terribly hot day; 96 in the shade about 2 o'clock. All hands drawing in hay except James who is on the sick list. Got in all that is cut; 7 loads. Myrtle and Gladys Luke called in the evening. War news favourable.

25 – Another terrible hot day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon, Willie helping, and in the afternoon got P. Luke's mower and cut hay. Willie drove the mower most of the time. Annie picking cherries and raspberries. Jennie preserving. E. Lyle and wife called in the evening. War news good.

26 – Not quite as warm. Finished cutting hay. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Jennie churning. Mrs. A. Gordon here in the afternoon getting dress made. Alex and Lex came after her in the evening. The children at Mission Band. Mr. McKay was there and took their picture. War news pretty good.

27 – Not quite so warm. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon, James helping. Willie scuffling corn. Jennie and Annie picking berries. Mrs. Luke and Gladys helping to pick in the afternoon; 72 boxes. Willie raked up the hay and we got in 5 loads. Mrs. R. Cragg and Wilmot here in the afternoon. Annie took crate of berries to ship to Mrs. F. Wells, Lindsay, and brought Mary Bell and Gordon from the station. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news good.

28 – Not quite so warm. Drew in 4 loads of hay in the forenoon. After dinner went to Port Perry with Jennie while Willie raked hay field. After supper drew in the rakings and the strawberry hay, Jennie building the loads. Mr. White of Marsh Hill called about berries. War news: not too bad.

29 – Another terrible hot day but there was a breeze; over 92. Hoeing turnips all day. Mary Bell and Annie picking berries. Jennie preserving. John Michie and wife went to Port Perry in the evening and left the children here while they were away. Willie laying around with a headache. War news: Russians capture Brody.

30 – Another terrible hot day; between 90 and 100. All at SS and church but Mary Bell and Willie who was not very well. Only 90 at SS. Held the church service outdoors near the pump. Mr. McKay preached. John Lee Jr. of Fort William was there. Very warm during the night. About 10 pm there was a little shower.

31 – Quite a lot cooler with a breeze from the NW. Hoeing turnips all day, James and Gordon helping in the forenoon. Willie scuffling corn. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell and Mary Dusty picking berries all day. Willie, James and Gordon Bell went to Port Perry

with berries to ship to Toronto. G.A. McMillan called in the afternoon about school matters. He was on his way to Port Perry and he called on his way home for berries. W.H. Leask, wife and family also came over in their car for berries. War news: Russians still gaining. Terrible brush fires in northern Ontario. Many lives lost.⁶⁴

AUG. 1 – Quite cool all day. Finished hoeing turnips in the forenoon, Willie helping. Scuffled and hoed strawberry patch in the afternoon. There were weeds 3 feet high but very few plants. Pretty near a total failure. Jennie preserving, washing, ironing and baking. Mary Bell and Annie picking cherries and berries. E. Lyle finished cutting Alsace clover. War news: Russians still gaining.

2 – Another pretty warm day. Plowed and harrowed old strawberry patch and hoed some. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell and Mary Dusty picking berries. Mrs. White called for berries. In the evening went with Jennie to Union prayer meeting in our church. A good turnout. Rev. Mr. Rowland leader. Mr. McKay and Rev. Mr. Ford were also present.

3 – Warmer. A lot of thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. A little sprinkle in the forenoon. Scuffled the turnips 2nd time and hoed some. Jennie and Mary Bell making shirts. Annie and Myrtle Luke picking berries. Mail late in coming today. Mrs. [Lungle?] called for berries.

4 – Pretty warm day. Some thunder in the afternoon and a few drops of rain. Went to Port Perry in the morning for pig feed, sugar and other things. Got word that Annie had failed in her exams. In the afternoon moved the mail box down to P. Luke's gate and made a chicken crate. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell and Mary Dusty picking berries. Boys took berries down to John Michie's. Luke's girls here in the evening. War news: Favourable. Sir Roger Casement hung. [margin note: 2 years since war was declared and no end in sight yet].

5 – Another very warm dry day. With the boys help hoed the turnips 2nd time and after supper the mangolds 3rd time. Jennie baking and other things. Myrtle, Gladys and Blanche Luke here in the evening. Blanche is down over the Toronto civic holiday. War news: French gain at Verdun. Germans drive the Russians back at one place.

6 – Pretty warm day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on our duties concerning the war. Mary Bell went to John Lee's for tea, John Lee Jr. being there. Very smoky.

7 – Very warm day; over 90 in the shade. Did some little jobs in the forenoon and scuffled corn 3rd time in the afternoon. Jennie, Annie, Mary Bell, Mary Dusty (forenoon) and Gladys Luke (afternoon) picking berries. Mrs. W. and Mrs. J.M. Real called for berries. Quite a good shower about 5 pm. Mrs. Charles Durward died. Private Alex Gordon of Gamebridge and Jennie and Bessie Gordon called in the evening. War news: fairly good.

⁶⁴ The Matheson fire destroyed over 490,000 acres and several communities in the area. 273 people lost their lives.

8 – A heavy shower during the night. Went to Port Perry in the morning with crate of chickens. In the afternoon helping Cecil Phair and Jim Gibson to put in piping at the spring to water cattle. Jennie and Mary Bell washing, preserving and sewing. Annie went with Luke's girls and Miss McCullah in an auto to Port Perry and she spent the evening there. Did not get the Globe today. War news: favourable. Mr. W. Akhurst here for dinner.

9 – A fine day. Scuffling corn in the forenoon and at P. Luke's in the afternoon fencing. Willie was also helping. Jennie and Mary Bell at W.M. meeting at the church. All hands at Jim Lee's in the evening, Jack Lee being there. A beautiful evening.

10 – A very fine day. At P. Luke's all day fencing. Willie also there. Jennie and Mary Bell went to Port Perry and did not get home until on to 9 o'clock. They picked the berries likely the last time. War news: Italians capture Gorizia.

11 – Went to P. Luke's to work but heavy rain somewhat spoiled the forenoon. Finished fencing and hung two gates. Marshall O'Neill there seeing about draining. Jennie and Mary Bell sewing. War news good.

12 – A very fine cool day. John Michie came up with his binder and cut the hill field (not much of a crop). In the evening went to Port Perry with Jennie and got home about 10. War news pretty good.

13 – A great change today; quite a cool day and high wind. All hands at SS and church; 101 at SS. Rev. Mr. Smith of Bobcaygeon preached. All hands over at Luke's for awhile in the evening.

14 – A beautiful cool day. John Michie cutting oats all day. Jennie making dress for Mary Bell. Mrs. E. Lyle called in the evening. War news good.

15 – A very fine day; a little warmer. John Michie finished our cutting about 9:30 am. I then went to Port Perry and got home about 1:30. At John Michie's in the afternoon helping him with harvest. Jennie making dress for Mary Bell. Annie and the boys at Greenbank band concert at G. Lee's. War news: Russians still winning.

16 – Quite a lot warmer. At John Michie's all day at harvesting. Jennie making dress. Luke's girls here in the evening. War news: Russians and Italians make gains.

17 – Pretty warm all day. All day at John Michie's and he finished cutting except a little he will cut with mower. Jennie sewing. Annie went to Port Perry with Myrtle Luke. War news good.

18 – Pretty warm day. Drawing in oats, Annie and the boys helping. Jennie sewing. War news: fair.

19 – Pretty warm. Drew in oats until about 4 pm when we quit as it was not very dry. No papers came today. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening.

20 – A very warm day; 94 in the shade. All hands at SS and church; 97 at SS. The alliance man, Mr. ----, preached. James Lee and Ruby and Gladys Luke here in the evening.

21 – Another torrid day; 94 in the shade. Finished drawing in after dinner, then Willie raked. Annie took Mary Bell to Port Perry on her way home. Gordon stayed. James at Cecil Phair's until about the middle of the afternoon. War news: pretty good.

22 – Another terrible hot day; 92 in the shade. Some thunder showers went by with only a few drops here. Willie finished raking and we drew it in so finishing the harvest. Hoed the strawberries in the afternoon. War news: Allies advance in the Balkan forest.

23 – A fine day and much cooler. Some rain in the early morning. Went to Port Perry with James and Gordon Bell for a plough point. Annie and the boys at Mission Band. Plowing in the afternoon and pretty hard. Putting furnace in church by Parrish.

24 – Cooler; some rain in the evening. Plowing all day. Boys at Richard Real's to a SS class supper. Barbara Walker and Gertie Stovin here for dinner. Excursion to Whitby camp today. War news: Little of importance.

25 – A fine cool day. Plowing all day. Jennie at John Michie's keeping the children while they were at Port Perry. War news: not too good.

26 – Plowing in the field N of the barn in the forenoon but it was too hard so I tried the hill field which worked better. Boys taking in wood. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Sid Caney here in the evening. Thunder shower after dinner and a little sometimes during the afternoon. War news fair.

27 – Rain through the night but a fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS. Mr. Fraser, of ----, preached. Annie at Methodist church in the evening. John McKinnon of Oshawa called after supper.

28 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at Dusty's making a pair of pants for Jim who is going to the west tomorrow. Willie helping P. Luke to draw wood. War news: Italy declares war on Germany.

29 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at P. Luke's. War news: Romania declares war on Austria and Germany and Germany against Romania.

30 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Boys took in the last of the wood. Jim Ward called. Went over with the boys in the evening to Phair's to see their milking machine work. War news pretty good.

31 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day in the hill field. Annie and Gladys Luke went to Port Perry to see about a place for their horse as they propose driving every day to high school. Jennie and Mrs. Jas. Lee visiting at P. Luke's for tea. War news: Romanians winning.

SEPT. 1 – A very nice day; a little sprinkle of rain in the afternoon and evening. Plowing all day. Jennie at John Michie's helping Mrs. John to get ready to go to Toronto fair tomorrow. War news: pretty good. Jean and Ruth Michie staying here.

2 – A very fine cool day. Threshing at S. Dusty's in the forenoon for John Michie, and at A. Akhurst's in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry and took Gordon Bell to the station on his way home. Annie and Gladys Luke doing John Michie's chores while they are away. Willie harrowing. No paper today.

3 – A fine cool day. All hands (including Jean and Ruth Michie) at SS and church; 100 at SS. I think he was a student preached a good sermon. Gladys and Leola Luke here in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Threshing at A. Akhurst's and finished at 10:30, then to Ed Lyle's and finished him about 7 pm. Boys harrowing. Willie at Greenbank with buggy wheel. Annie helping to do J. Michie's chores. War news: Zeppelin raid on England. One zep destroyed.

5 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie and Gladys Luke drove to Port Perry high school (first time). Willie went to Port Perry and met John Michie, wife and two youngest girls on their way home. Jennie washing. War news good.

6 – A fine day and pretty warm. Went for the beef in the morning, taking the boys to school (first day). Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Jennie ironing. Myrtle Luke called. War news: French and British gain.

7 – Quite warm. A thunder shower about 2 pm; a nice shower. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon put in a new stone stoop to the cook house. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Mr. Cecil Phair called for butter. War news pretty good.

8 – A fine cool day. Cleaning out drain most of the day. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Leola Luke here for supper. Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Luke of Sonya called about 5 pm. War news: Germans capture Romanian towns and 30,000 men.

9 – A very fine cool day. Plowing old strawberry patch 2nd time. Jennie and the boys went to Port Perry for pig feed and got Willie's tooth pulled. Had a long talk with Mr. John Jones. Jas. Lee called in the morning. War news: Germans make more gains in Romania.

10 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 125 at SS. Arch. McMillan of Winnipeg and C. Gordon of Scugog were present and said a few words. Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. John Jones of Kemble and Leola Luke here for tea. Annie drove to the Methodist church taking with her Mrs. Jones and Myrtle Luke.

11 – A very fine day. Fixing fence on side road near spring. Had a long talk with C. Durward. Jennie washing, churning and went to Greenbank with things for the mission sale. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Myrtle Luke called. War news mostly good.

12 – A fine day. At P. Luke's all day hanging and making gates. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Rev. Mr. McKay came in the evening and stayed all night. War news pretty good.

13 – A very fine day. Annie and G.L. at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Jennie at Women's Mission meeting at Mrs. H. Love's. Jas. Lee brought the beef and he phoned and arranged for an auto ride with Jas. Leask to Oshawa fair. (Mr. McKay also went). We went to Nelson Baird's for dinner and supper. There was a large crowd at the fair but the exhibits were nothing great. We left for home at 7:10 and got home about 8:30. Mr. McKay then drove home. War news good.

14 – A fine day. At P. Luke's until about 5 pm hanging gate and fixing cellar stairs. Boys at school and Annie and G.L. at Port Perry school. James and James A. Miller here at tea.

15 – A little fine rain about noon. At P. Luke's all day helping to put up new barn door. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school in the forenoon. Boys at Port Perry fair which was not a great success. Jennie and Annie moved in the cook stove in the afternoon. Quite cool in the evening. War news fair. British Columbia Tory government beaten.

16 – A fine and cool day. At P. Luke's until about 5 pm fixing barn doors and stable door. Willie and James went to Port Perry and Willie got two teeth filled. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening. War news good.

17 – A fine day and pretty cool. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Children over at Luke's in the evening.

18 – Quite a frost in the morning and very cool all day. Harrowing most of the day. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon making a dress for the baby. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. They waited for the 8 pm train (which was very late) and brought Jessie Bell of Rochester home with them. War news: Allies gain all along the line except in Romania.

19 – A very fine day; quite a frost in the morning. Cutting buckwheat in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with John Michie on a hunt for a beef syndicate. Went as far as Jas. Carnegie's but did not get one for sure. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon for Jess's trunk and in the afternoon at Methodist Ladies Aid at E. Lyle's. Jean and Ruth Michie here while their mother was at Ladies Aid. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news pretty good.

20 – A fine and dry day. John Michie came up and we went to E. Lyle's to look at a heifer. Finished cutting buckwheat and hoed the strawberries. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Jennie washing. War news: not good. Germans advance in Romania.

21 – A little rain after dinner and a few sprinkles during the afternoon. Fixing fence near the spring in the forenoon and drawing rails in the afternoon. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news not too good.

22 – A fine day. High wind, some thunder, but no rain here. Drawing rails and cut some corn in the orchard. Jennie ironing. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news: Allies beat the Germans in Romania.

23 – A little rain after dinner. Cutting road around corn in the forenoon. Willie and James at Port Perry. Digging potatoes in the orchard in the afternoon, boys picking. Mrs. E. Lyle called. Annie at John Michie's.

24 – A quite cool day. All but Jessie Bell at church and SS. Rally day at SS; 140 present; Mr. McKay preached. Myrtle Luke called in the evening and Lewis Waggoner called for her.

25 – A very fine day. At potato digging, Jennie and the boys helping. Crop poor, about 18 bags dug. I was just sitting down to supper when a phone call came from John Michie for help to get his colt out of a well at Barker's place. Those there were Rev. Mr. McKay; W. O'Neill; S. Dusty; E. Lyle; P. Luke; A. Akhurst; John Michie and I. They pulled it out with the horses, none the worse. War news: Zeppelin raid on England and 2 zepps lost.

26 – A fine day; looked like rain after dinner but passed by. Went to Greenbank in the morning with John Michie taking the beef ring heifer that we got from E. Lyle (paid \$60.00). In the afternoon went down to J. Michie's for the pig rack and tried to plough a little. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Jessie Bell not very well today. Rev. W.A. McKay called in the morning. Got no paper today.

27 – A fine day; a little rain in the evening. Cross plowing in the hill field and poor plowing it was; too soddy. Jennie washing. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Jennie Gordon here for supper and Annie, Myrtle Luke and her went to choir practice in the church. Jennie and Jessie Bell visiting at John Michie's. John Michie called in the evening. He had been delivering the beef. Our beast that we got from E. Lyle and paid \$60.00 came out 24 lbs. short so there was none for us. War news: British and French gain big victory.

28 – Took 4 pigs to Seagrave which weighed 830 lbs @ 11 ½ = \$94.30. Rained enough on the way home to wet me through. Plowing in the afternoon. Boys at school. Annie walked to Port Perry to attend high school sports but the rain spoiled the forenoon games and she came home with Mrs. A. Akhurst after dinner. Rain again about 9 pm. War news: Good all along the lines.

29 – Heavy rain through the night. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church; Rev. Mr. Rowland preached. Mrs. Switzer came in by certificate from Greenbank Methodist church. After the service the Mission Band had a shower meeting. While we were at church E. Lyle cut our corn and was here for supper. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. They waited for the 5:30 train and brought Mabel Bell of Brooklin. Boys at school. School trustee meeting after 4 pm. War news good.

30 – A beautiful day. Drawing off corn and putting it along the line fence. Annie and Mabel Bell at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news: fair.

OCT. 1 – A beautiful day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Greenbank. There was an unusual turnout. Mr. McKay preached. Willie went to Methodist SS rally service. Annie and Mabel Bell went down to John Michie's and kept the children

while they went to church. Sidney Caney here for supper. In the evening went with Jennie to church at Port Perry. Mr. West preached. Rather chilly night.

2 – Quite a frost in the morning but a very fine day. Drawing off corn all day and finished the job. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Mrs. John Michie and the children and Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby here at supper. Gladys Luke called. War news: Some good and some not so good.

3 – A beautiful day. Turned buckwheat. Cut down two maple trees near the barn, fixed fence near Luke's gate and drew in one load of buckwheat, James and Willie helping. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Willie at school house helping to decorate for the school fair tomorrow. Jennie washing. War news: good and bad.

4 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school fair. Afternoon went to school fair at Greenbank. Rode up with Sidney Caney (who is at P. Luke's) and Leola Luke. There was a splendid turnout and a good show. War news: fair.

5 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Mabel Luke called in the evening. War news: pretty good.

6 – A beautiful day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. At P. Luke's with Annie, the boys and Mabel Bell having a sing.

7 – A very fine day. Drew in load of buckwheat, the sunflowers and finished digging potatoes. Annie and Mabel Bell at John Michie's keeping the children while Mrs. John was at Port Perry. War news: Quiet.

8 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 118 at SS; Mr. McKay preached which was an appeal to wipe out the deficit of \$170.00 in the mission funds of the church. Gladys Luke called in the evening. Myrtle Luke has gone to Epsom on her way to Toronto to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

9 – Thanksgiving day. Rain through the night and morning but soon cleared up. Much cooler. Cleaned the root house and grainery and some other little jobs. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie, James, Willie and Jessie Bell at John Michie's. Annie and Mabel Bell at Jas. Lee's in the evening. Gladys and Leola Luke called. War news: Not good. Romanians driven back. German sub sank 6 ships near the New England coast.

10 – A fine day and pretty cold. Plowing all day. Jennie took Mabel Bell to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news: Not very good. Romanians being driven back.

11 – A fine day. Plowing and harrowing. Jennie washing. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Annie at Luke's in the evening and stayed all night. Mrs. Luke went to Toronto to be with Myrtle on her operation today. War news a little better.

12 – A very fine day. Harrowing most of the day. Jennie drove Jessie Bell to Port Perry train where she goes to Brooklin tonight and Newcastle tomorrow. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. They waited until the 8 pm train for Mrs. Luke. Boys over at Luke's in the evening. War news: Romania invaded by Germans. No Globe today as there was a RR wreck near Whitby.

13 – Heavy rain through the night and forenoon and some flurries in the afternoon. Jim Lee came over to get Jennie to see Ruby who was sick. She did not get back until after dinner. They had the Dr. out to see her. Plowing corn stubble in the afternoon. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Italians gain. Romanians being driven back.

14 – A very fine day. Took in the mangolds (4 ½ loads), the boys helping. Moved the mail box from P. Luke's gate to our own gate as the new mail route is to start on Monday. Willie went to Port Perry and got a tooth filled. Gladys and Leola Luke called for some crab apples. War news: not very good.

15 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS. Rev. E.B. Dobson preached. Mr. and Mrs. James Graham of Saskatoon, who have been over in Scotland to see their son Donald who is in the firing line, was present.

16 – Fine until about 4 o'clock when it started to rain a little and continued during the evening. Plowing in the forenoon and with Jennie helping picked apples. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Mail carrier Slovin made his first trip on his new route. He got to our gate about 2:15 pm. War news: Romanians doing better.

17 – A very high wind and some rain through the night and forenoon. At apple picking all day, Jennie helping. Packed 3 barrels for Winnipeg. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Gladys Luke called in the evening. War news: Decidedly gloomy for Romania.

18 – A fine but rather cool day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Jennie baking. Mrs. Joyce of Sutton West came from Port Perry. War news: Allies take possession of Athens.

19 – This was a decidedly wet day. Rain from the SE all day. Did little but a few chores. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Mrs. Joyce visited at P. Luke's. War news: not very good.

20 – Not a very pleasant day; almost rain in the morning. In the forenoon went with the boys to Port Perry, shipping 3 barrels of apples and preserves to Winnipeg. Plowing in the afternoon. Thunder shower came up about 3:30 pm. Jennie took Mrs. Joyce (who was at John Michie's for dinner) to Mrs. Walker's, calling on the way at S. Dusty's and Alex Gordon's and she got good and wet. Annie keeping J. Michie's children while they were at Port Perry. Leola Luke here twice and Gladys Luke and Sidney Caney here in the evening.

21 – Rather unpleasant day; high and raw wind. Plowing. Boys picked Ben Davis apples and cleaned out hen house. Jennie sewing.

22 – A fine but cool day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Edgar and Eva Leask home from the west.

23 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. E. Lyle filling his silo. Alan Goode is doing the job. [Eng.?] minstrels at Port Perry tonight. War news: British gain. Germans driving Romanians back. Premier of Austria shot.

24 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. They are filling W. Thomas's silo and moved down to Phair's. P. Luke drawing gravel. War news: Germans smashing through Romania.

25 – At Phair's helping to fill his silo (Allan Goode's machine). Worked until near 4 o'clock when it started to rain with high SW wind. Jennie killing and dressing 6 ducks. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Sidney Caney called in the evening. War news: Germans still advancing in Romania. French gain victory at Verdun.

26 – A fine day and pretty windy. At Phair's silo filling and finished at noon. Jennie went out to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke taking 6 ducks. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Afternoon, with Jennie's help, dug a big load of turnips to take to Seagrave tomorrow perhaps. War news: It appears as if Romania will be crushed by Germany.

27 – But I did not take the turnips to Seagrave as word came by phone that they have quit buying. At turnips, Jennie and the boys helping, but rain in the forenoon hindered. Got in 2 more big loads. Got Vet Moon over to see young colt (King) which got hurt. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Little of importance.

28 – A fine day. At turnips in the forenoon, Jennie and the boys helping; got in 2 big loads. In the afternoon went with the boys to G. Lyle's sale. There was a pretty good turnout and good prices. Annie at John Michie's keeping the children. Tax collector called (Mr. Thompson). War news: little of importance.

29 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. McKay is home from her trip east.

30 – A little rain in the morning and then fine. At turnips all day, boys helping; got in 3 big loads. Jennie at Alex Gordon's making a dress for Mrs. G. to go to the wedding of Edgar Butt to Miss Moon which takes place on Wednesday. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Romanians doing better.

31 – At turnips, the boys helping, and finished about 3 pm in a thunder shower (5 loads). Another heavy thunder shower about 4 to 5 o'clock. Jennie at Alex Gordon's dressmaking. Arthur drove her home in the rain. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. In the evening Gladys Luke and Miss Mark came over and Miss M. stayed all night. Boys and Sidney Caney were out somewhere, playing tricks perhaps.

NOV. 1 – Fair day most of the time; a few little rain flurries. Plowing in the orchard in the forenoon. Alex Gordon and wife called for her dress. They are going to Edgar Butt's wedding this

afternoon. About 3:30 I went to the school house to a trustee meeting. The business was principally about putting in new floor which has been ordered by the inspector. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Jennie churning. P. Luke getting eves troughs put up.

2 – A fine day; some thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Plowing in the forenoon. Jennie at Port Perry market. Threshing at C. Phair's from about 3 pm. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Sid Caney called in the evening.

3 – A little snow in the morning but a fine day. Threshing at Phair's and finished about 10:30 then moved to Jim Lee's and finished him about 5 pm. Then they moved here and the threshermen John Howsam and Hugh ---- remained all night. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news: Romanians doing better.

4 – Threshing and finished about 11:30; then they moved to John Michie's and finished him about 5 pm. Both crops turned out poor. Jennie helping Mrs. John with the supper. Rain came on about the middle of the afternoon and then turned to snow (the first of the season). Boys went to Blair's mill in the afternoon with 4 bags of grain for E. Lyle. War news: Romanians win, also Italians.

5 – Somewhat cool; the snow did not all melt away. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Blanche and Myrtle Luke called in the evening and we all went over to Luke's and had a sing. Myrtle has just returned from Toronto where she was in a hospital.

6 – Somewhat dull all day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. They went early to take Blanche Luke to the train.

7 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon. This is the US presidential election day. The candidates are Wilson (Dem) and Hughes (Rep). [Margin note: Wilson elected president of US; 2nd term].

8 – A very fine and warm summer-like day. Plowing all day and finished the long field. Boys at school. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon helping to dress chickens. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Luke's horse Ned got sick at Port Perry and Mr. Luke went and brought it home. Jennie and the children at Guild meeting in the evening and I went over to Luke's for a plough point. War news: little of importance.

9 – Plowing sod in the SW field until about 10:30 when rain came on and continued until near night. Jennie at John Michie's all day keeping the children while Mrs. John was at Port Perry. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. They went to G. Mark's for the night. Boys at school. News today is that Wilson is probably elected president of the US.

10 – Plowing sod all day. Some rain in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school.

11 – Somewhat cold. Plowing sod all day. Boys at Blair's mill in the afternoon for E. Lyle. Gladys and Leola Luke here in the afternoon. Myrtle Luke here for tea and Sid Caney in the evening. War news: Romanians doing better.

12 – Rather a raw E wind. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS. Rev. Mr. [Mewzies?], M.D., a returned missionary from China, gave a splendid address on his work in China. Gladys Luke and Sidney Caney here in the evening.

13 – Snowing a little most of the day and cold with wind from the E. Tried to plough sod but it was too hard; then plowed N of barn but it was pretty hard too. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. They went from there to a chicken pie social at Epsom and stayed all night. Boys at Luke's in the evening.

14 – Pretty cold all day; the snow did not go much. Drew some turnip tops on the strawberry patch and some other jobs. Boys at school. Annie at Port Perry school. Jennie washing and at John Michie's making dresses for the girls. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: Sir Sam Hughes has resigned from the Borden cabinet.

15 – Snowing heavy in the morning which makes it about 6 inches and very wintery it looks. Did a few jobs about the barn. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Jennie at J. Michie's in the afternoon making children's dresses. British made big win.

16 – A fine day but hardly any thaw. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school.

17 – A little more snow and steady cold. Went over to P. Luke's and settled up with him for colt pasture and work etc. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Put in some window glass in the afternoon. Jim Lee called looking for his dog which is lost.

18 – A fine day and very little thaw. Did a number of small jobs. Boys went down to John Michie's for ducks that had strayed away. Myrtle and Gladys Luke called and Myrtle stayed for tea. Sidney Caney came over in the evening for hair cut and shave (1st time).

19 – A fine day and thawing some. All hands at SS and church; 125 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

20 – A very fine day; snow thawed a little. At P. Luke's all day helping to cement the cellar floor. G. Mitchell did the job. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. War news: Monastir captured by the Serbs.

21 – A very fine day with very little thaw. Did a number of small jobs. Jennie at A. Gordon's making dress for Bessie. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. S. Caney here in the evening. War news: Romania being crushed. Boys skating in the evening, 1st of the season.

22 – A very fine day. Boys stayed at home and helped to draw in corn. Jennie churning. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Annie stayed at P. P. all night as she was asked to a party to Mr.

Rose's. Jennie and the boys at Guild in the evening. War news: Germans capture cutter in Romania. Emperor of Austria dead.

23 – Finished drawing in the corn, boys helping. Rain came on and continued most of the day. Jennie at Alex Gordon's making a dress for Edna. War news: The Great ship Britannia sunk.

24 – Weather much colder and at times very rough with hail and snow. Plowing until about the middle of the afternoon but it was somewhat hard in places. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon at girls dresses. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening.

25 – Snow through the night and nearly all day. Did little but the chores. Arthur, Annie and Lex Gordon drove down in the cutter for Edna's dress. Jim Dusty and C. Stone came home from the west last night. Myrtle Luke came over drawn on hand sleigh by Sid Caney and James, and she stayed all night. Sid Caney here in the evening. Willie at John Michie's twice doing chores; John being sick. The Dr. was up to see him today and also to see Albert Akhurst. War news: Romania's case looks very bad.

26 – A little more snow through the night. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh and took Luke's girls, John Michie's girls, Sid Caney and Marie Akhurst. 102 at SS; Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Annie at Luke's for supper, then Gladys and Leola Luke and S. Caney came over here.

27 – Soft day and the snow mostly gone. Went to J. Michie's in the morning and did his chores and Willie went in the evening. Put on storm windows and some other little jobs. Jennie washing. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. They drove the cutter and had pretty bare roads coming home. War news: Gloomy. Germans smashing through Romania.

28 – Dull all day and raining sometimes. Did J. Michie's morning chores and trimmed turnips in the root house. In the evening went with Annie to Guild meeting but there was no meeting, only choir practice. Very dark foggy night. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Gladys here for supper. War news: Gloomy.

29 – Very dull and sometimes rain all day. Plowing sod after doing John Michie's chores. Jennie churning. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school.

30 – A fine day. Did J. Michie's morning chores and plowed sod. Jennie housecleaning. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Germans still advancing in Romania.

DEC. 1 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day (rather a rare thing for December). Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Germans near Romanian capital. T.E. Cragg died.

2 – A fine day. Plowing all day and finished the sod. Jennie making waist for Gladys Luke. Children at Greenbank in the afternoon practicing for Christmas tree. Sid Caney here in the evening getting shaved. War news: Almost fighting in Athens.

3 – Rather a raw E wind. All hands at SS; 101 present; no church service. All went over to T.E. Cragg's funeral in the Methodist church. A large turnout. Rev. Mr. Rowland conducted the service, Mr. McKay and Mr. Ford assisting.

4 – A dull but fine day. Plowing all day, somewhat hard in the morning. Jennie sewing. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Richard Cragg called on his way home from Port Perry and came again in the afternoon with R. Flewell and he bought the Fanny horse for \$130.00. War news: Very gloomy. A crisis in the British government.

5 – Dull and some little rain showers. Plowing all day. Hitched Peggy colt in the plough for the first time. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. War news: Worse than ever. Fighting in Athens.

6 – A very high NW wind all day and pretty cold. Plowing all day and finished the field N of the barn. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Sid Caney here in the evening. Started to drive with Willie to Guild meeting but met G. Mitchell who said the meeting was called off as the basement is being remodelled.

7 – Some hail in the afternoon. Took Fanny colt to R. Cragg's at Greenbank and got the money. Cleaned out the spring well in the afternoon. Ruth Michie here in the afternoon and stayed all night. Jennie is making her a coat. Annie at Port Perry school. Gladys Luke did not go as she was unwell but she came over in the evening. Boys at school. War news: Lloyd George is to be premier of Britain.

8 – A fine day. Drawing gravel on road job; drew 3 loads when the frost going out of the ground made the roads so soft that we had to quit. Annie at Port Perry school. She drove John Michie's Topsy horse. Boys at school and over at Luke's in the evening. Jean and Ruth here all day and stayed all night. War news: Germans still advancing in Romania. Lloyd George is to try to form a government. Mrs. Alex Leask Sr. died at J.M. Real's.

9 – Rain through the night and morning; some snow in the afternoon and evening. Did little but the chores. Boys took Jean and Ruth home and Annie and the boys at Christmas tree practice in the afternoon. Gladys Luke called in the evening. No paper came today.

10 – Rather a raw day. All but Willie (who has a cold) at SS and church; 110 at SS, which was held in the church as they are now remodelling the basement. Rev. Mr. ---- of Claremont preached. Mrs. P. Luke and Gladys called in the evening.

11 – Rather a raw E wind. Drawing gravel on road job in the forenoon. In the afternoon, with Jennie, to Mrs. A. Leask Srs. funeral at J.M. Real's. There was a large turnout; Mr. McKay conducted the service. S. Disney was undertaker. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. Word came that W. Jamieson of Port Perry hanged himself yesterday. War news: Gloomy. Getting more gloomy every day. Lloyd George has formed a new government which has some big problems to face.

12 – Pretty cold and rough and snowing sometimes from the NE. Drawing gravel on the 10th concession from W. Thomas's pit;

drew 5 loads. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Germans still smashing through Romania. Big fire in Peterborough yesterday.

13 – A cold day with E wind. Drawing gravel on job on sideroad well down to the railroad track. Drew 3 there and one on the 10th concession. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Boys at school. Annie went with Mary Dusty to choir practice at W.H. Leask's. Willie brought back the Fanny colt from R. Cragg's as he was not satisfied with her so the deal was off. War news: Germany offers victorious peace terms.

14 – Very cold and somewhat rough. Drew 3 more loads of gravel on road job. Brought from John Michie's 141 lbs. of pork. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. She drove the Fanny colt for the 1st time. Boys at school. W. Real said to be having an operation in Toronto today. War news not good.

15 – Pretty cold day. Drawing gravel and made 3 trips. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Carnegie's hardware store, Port Perry, burned. In the evening went with Annie and the boys (and Leola Luke) to Red Cross concert given by the public school under the management of Miss Stovin. There was a full house and a good programme. About \$20.00 was taken in. Alex Boe died.

16 – A fine but pretty cold day. Drew 2 loads of gravel in the forenoon which finishes the job and in the afternoon went to the pit for some gravel for the hens. Annie and the boys at Mission Band and Christmas tree practice. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: French claim great victory at Verdun and British on the [Tigeros?].

17 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS, which was held in the church, Mr. McKay taking the whole school as one class. Annie and the boys at P. Luke's in the evening.

18 – A fine day. John McMillan, Port Perry, came out and bought Fanny colt and took her away. Boys at school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. In the afternoon, with Jennie, went to Alex Boe's funeral. There was a large turnout. Mr. McKay preached. The bearers were G.A. McMillan; Peter and W.H. Leask; W. Rennie; Alan Wallace; and R. Wood. War news: Germans still driving through Romania.

19 – A very fine day. Cutting wood behind the barn part of the day. Boys at school. Annie and G. Luke at Port Perry school. Jim Lee, wife and Ruby here in the forenoon with the sleigh for a duck. Oliver Luke called in the afternoon. He has just arrived from the west, and with him Mrs. Wright (Velma) and Luther Luke and his wife and two boys. Luther and Oliver called in the evening. War news: some better.

20 – A fine day but somewhat raw. Annie and G. Luke went to Port Perry school with Oliver Luke and did not come home at night as this is the evening of the high school concert. In the afternoon went with the boys to Port Perry Christmas fair. There was quite a good turnout.

21 – A fine mild day and some foggy. Cut some wood. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Boys at school. War news: President Wilson advises peace.

22 – A rough stormy day. Boys drove the cutter to school (1st time) and put the horse in to J.M. Real's. School closed for Christmas holidays. Practice in the afternoon. L. Luke went to Port Perry for Gladys and Annie. P. Luke and E. Lyle called. Did little but the chores. Jennie killed goose and duck and did some baking. War news: Quite a furor over President Wilson's message.

23 – A fine day. Drove Annie and the boys to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle for Christmas. In the evening went with Jennie to our SS Christmas tree. There was a good turnout and it went off very well. The first time the reconstructed basement was used with the platform in the south end. Mr. McKay was not present so I had to act as chairman. About \$15.00 taken in.

24 – Somewhat raw E wind. At SS with Jennie; 103 present. First time in the new basement. John Heron, Sup. of Wick school, was present. Mr. McKay preached.

25 – Christmas. A very bright cold day. At John Michie's with Jennie for dinner and supper.

26 – About zero in the morning and clear. Did the chores and went to the 5:30 train for the children who came home from their visit at Newcastle. They appear to have had a big time. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: little of importance.

27 – Rain through the night which froze as it fell; soft all day, but colder at night. At public school meeting in the forenoon. A very small meeting. George Till was chosen trustee in my place. Sidney Caney here in the evening.

28 – Colder and some rough. Did little but the chores. Jennie making clothes for Annie. Sid Caney here again in the evening. We have been reading [?] for the last 3 evenings and finished tonight. War news: Germans still advancing in Romania.

29 – A fine day and pretty cold. Went up to E. Lyle's and bought Mr. Porteous' cutter and harness for \$12.00. Boys drew in wood from behind the barn. Annie and Willie went down to John Michie's and brought up Olive to stay here while Mrs. John is away on a visit to her father in Agincourt. In the afternoon went with Jennie and Willie to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Wilson of Sunderland preached. Wilson Boe came in by profession. Walt Weir called canvassing for Deputy Reeve.

30 – A very fine but sharp day. Willie drove me to the school house where I worked all day helping to lay new floor. R. Barker, Blake Cragg and Ed Till were also at it. Jennie came after me. Annie went to Port Perry for some things. Sid Caney here in the evening. John Michie lost a cow. Wood bee for Mrs. Brisco.

31 – A fine but pretty cold day. Went to communion service alone at Wick. There was a fair turnout. Mr. McKay preached. Gave John Love a ride home. Sidney Caney and Alfie Burton here in the afternoon.

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JAN. 1— Snowing a little sometimes. Went to Greenbank to vote for councillors. Voted for Jack Stone for Reeve; W. Weir Deputy Reeve; and W. Phoenix, M. O'Neill and John Johnston for councillors. Sidney Caney here for dinner. Hot supper at the Methodist church. War news: Allies reject German peace proposals.

2 — Rather mild day. Did little but hang about the house as I am not feeling very well. Boys doing the chores. Jennie and the boys took Olive Michie home. Jennie washing. Sid Caney here in the evening. No mail today.

3 — A fine day. Took Annie and Gladys Luke to Port Perry school. They are to board there from this time forth. Jennie killing chickens and ducks for market. In the evening, with Jennie and the boys, went to annual Sunday School meeting. There was rather a small turnout. Mr. McKay was in the chair and there was trouble about getting a superintendant. Edgar Leask was finally chosen but it is not sure that he will act. Boys at school.

4 — Mild day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market in the forenoon. Boys at school. Bob Duff of Myrtle called buying cattle.

5 — Rain through the night and forenoon and some snow in the afternoon. Over at Luke's in the forenoon and Luther Luke and Jim Lee here in the afternoon. Boys did not go to school. P. Luke went to Port Perry for Gladys and Annie. No mail today.

6 — A fine day. Cleaned out pig and calf pens and put window in the pig house for feeding hens. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Marie here in the afternoon getting dress cut. Luther Luke; Gladys Luke; Leola Luke and Sid Caney and our children skating at the swamp in the evening. War news: Germans still gaining in Romania.

7 — A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 95 at SS. Edgar Leask acted as superintendant but no teachers were chosen as he would not consent to take the office. Another meeting is called for tomorrow night. Mr. McKay preached an extra good sermon on sincerity. All over at Luke's in the evening.

8 — Drove Annie and Gladys Luke to Port Perry. Did some little jobs in the afternoon. Boys at school. In the evening went with Jennie and the boys to SS meeting. There was a pretty good turnout and Edgar Leask is going to try to superintend for the year. A very fine evening.

9 — Some snow in the morning but a fine day. All day at bee cutting wood for Mrs. Brisco whose husband is away in the war. C. Durward's machine did the cutting. Boys at school.

10 — A fine day. Temperature dropped to 6 below zero in the evening, the lowest this winter so far. Fixed up apple rack and we pared a few apples in the evening; the first for many years. Jennie churning. Boys at school. War news: little of importance.

11 — 16 below zero in the morning and did not get up to zero all day. Did little but the chores. Luther Luke drove Leola Luke and our boys to school and Willie got his ear and James his face frozen. Pared apples in the evening. War news better.

12 — 10 below zero in the morning but got warmer. Boys did not go to school. Over to Luke's with a phone message that Mrs. L's sister in Toronto died last night. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie and Gladys Luke. Gladys and Leola called in the evening.

13 — Snowing a little most of the day. Little done but the chores. War news: Italian war ship sunk and many lives lost.

14 — Snow through the night and cold and drifting all day. Roads bad on the north and south roads. Drove the sleigh to SS and church. We went by Luke's and the east sideroad and got nearly stuck near Mrs. O'Neill's. 90 at SS. Electing teachers; 2 classes yet to get teachers. Mr. McKay preached. Annie went to Port Perry for school; Luther Luke drove the sleigh.

15 — A fine day. Did not get out of bed until noon as I was miserable, and did nothing all day. Boys did not go to school and they did the chores. Jennie washing. Luther Luke called in the evening with our mail which was put into Luke's box; the mailman not coming up our road.

16 — A fine day. Boys at school; P. Luke drove. Did very little as I am not at all well. War news: little of importance.

17 — High wind all night and drifting most of the day. Jennie tried to drive the boys to school but got stuck in the snow this side of E. Lyle's and turned back. Nothing doing. Was not up to barn as I am still poorly. Luther Luke and Dick Terry of Sask. called in the afternoon. They brought us a roast of beef from the beast they killed yesterday. This is the night of the annual congregational meeting but I did not go.

18 — Rough and snowing all day. Did not go out of the house all day. Jennie and the boys did the chores. James Dusty, Luther Luke, wife and two boys here in the forenoon. In the afternoon Willie drove Jennie and Mrs. Luke to missionary meeting at A. Akhurst's. He then went to Greenbank for Leola Luke, then back to Akhurst's for Jennie and it snowing all the time, but there was about 30 at the meeting. War news: German raider does much damage in the South Pacific.

19 — Some below in the morning and clear and cold all day. Did not go out of the house all day. Willie went to Port Perry for the girls. Pared apples in the evening. No mail today.

20 — Pretty cold day. Jennie went with me in the afternoon to Dr. D. Archer and he gave me a bottle. Boys cleaned out hen house. Sid Caney here in the evening to get shaved but he did it himself for the first time. W. Real came home from the hospital.

21 — A very cold rough day with E wind. All hands at SS; drove the sleigh. 105 at SS and the room very cold. There was no church as Mr. McKay was unwell. Sid Caney here for supper.

22 — Very rough and drifting during the night and forenoon. Annie and G. Luke did not start for Port Perry until after dinner. P. Luke drove out with the sleigh and Willie went with him. Word came by phone that Annie Kerr, nee Annie Tait, lost her boy, aged 6, at Newcastle last night.

23 – A fine day but pretty cold. Drove Jennie to 1:20 train on her way to Newcastle to attend the funeral of Willie Kerr tomorrow. Went to Sunday School convention in Presbyterian church. There was not a very large turnout but I liked it well. John Johnston was in the chair and the chief speaker was the provincial sec. Mr. Halpenny. Roads good.

24 – A fine day. Did chores and some jobs. Boys at Mission Band in the church. S. Sleep called buying cattle.

25 – Some snow and drifting. Willie went to Port Perry to the 6 pm train for Jennie on her way home. No mail today.

26 – A fine day but pretty cold. Over at Luke's in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Willie and James with the sleigh to Port Perry for the girls. We drove Topsy and Peggy colt, the first time she has been to town. Jennie churning and washing. Oliver Luke called.

27 – E wind with snow in the afternoon. Over at Luke's in the morning. Intended to go to wood cutting bee for Mrs. [Single? Lingle?] but it was too rough.

28 – Milder day. All hands at SS and church; 102 at SS. Mr. Leitch, a Knox College student, preached. Church none too warm.

29 – Quite mild and raining quite heavy in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry with P. Luke. The boys drove the old cutter to school for the first time. They put the horse into G. Mitchell's stable. Jennie washing. Went to annual church meeting in the afternoon. There was rather a small meeting but went off fairly well. Alex Leask; D. McDonald and G.A. McMillan were chosen managers. War news: better.

30 – A fine day. Went over to Luke's and bought ¼ acre of swamp for wood for \$12.00. Cutting on the lot in the afternoon. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. In the evening drove the sleigh taking Myrtle; Leola Luke and Sid Caney to a drama in the hall given by a Seagrave company entitled Diamonds and Hearts and they acted it very well. After the drama there was a pie social. The hall was packed. Mr. Conner, Tom Sharp and Jennie Gordon sang, first at the close of the drama. One of the actors, Miss Frice, fainted and was taken in to Mrs. Jas. McMillan's where she stayed all night. The proceeds amounted to about \$116.00. Did not get home until about 1 am.

31 – Fine day, E wind and pretty raw. Cutting wood on the wood lot in the forenoon. Trimming turnips in the afternoon. Boys drove to school.

FEB. 1 – Mild in the morning but the afternoon was quite rough and cold. Went to Seagrave in the afternoon with a load of turnips for Mr. ---; 56 bushels. Boys at school. They drove Peggy colt for the first time. Trimmed some turnips in the evening.

2 – 12 below zero in the morning and continued with very little drop. Boys did not go to school but we were trimming turnips in the root house and in the afternoon went with a load to Seagrave; somewhat frozen. Jennie and the boys trimming some more. Sid Caney went to Port Perry for the girls. Pared apples in the evening. No mail.

3 – A very rough stormy day with snow. Not much doing. Sid Caney here in the evening. He brought the mail which says that the United States appears to be on the verge of war with Germany on the submarine question.

4 – A fine and much milder day. All hands at SS and church. We drove the sleigh and took Sid Caney; Myrtle, Gladys and Leola Luke; and Mrs. R. Wright. 105 at SS. Stanley McMillan, who has been away in the west 5 years, preached. Luther and Gladys Luke and S. Caney here in the evening. News came that the United States has severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

5 – A very cold day; at zero in the morning. Drove Annie and Gladys Luke to Port Perry school. Jennie drove the boys to school and went for them. War news: Papers full of US position.

6 – A very fine winter day. Cutting wood in the Luke lot all day. Boys did not go to school, but in the afternoon went to Port Perry with Leola Luke and Mrs. Luther Luke to a health lecture and moving picture exhibition. Jennie visiting in the afternoon at E. Lyle's. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon.

7 – A fair day. Cutting wood in the Luke lot in the forenoon. At church session meeting to make out reports to general assembly. Jennie went up with me to Mrs. Walker's. Boys at school. War news: German submarines making serious raids; 15 vessels reported sunk.

8 – Somewhat rough and cold in the afternoon. Cutting wood in Luke lot. Boys at school. War news: British gain in France. Germans sink 13 vessels; the big liner California being one of them.

9 – Below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Cutting wood in Luke lot in the forenoon. Boys at school. In the afternoon went with the sleigh to Port Perry to bring the girls home and also to meet the train. Frank Kerr, wife and three children, Isabella, Jack and Clarence. The train was about 2 hours late. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: 13 vessels sunk by Germans.

10 – Below zero in the morning and evening. Did little but the chores and visited with our visitors. Jim Lee called in the afternoon and we went together to P. Luke's. War news: 9 vessels sunk. British claim some gains in France.

11 – Pretty cold day. Drove the sleigh taking Luke's and all from here but Jennie who stayed with Johnny and Clarence Kerr. 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Gladys Luke called in the evening.

12 – 15 below zero in the morning and below all day. Boys drove to school. Did little but the chores. Sid Caney drove the girls to Port Perry school. Jennie making coat for Isabella Kerr.

13 – Very cold; below zero in the morning. Drew 3 loads of dry wood from Jim Lee's. Mrs. Frank Kerr went over to Jim Lee's; Mrs. W. Mark with her. Two grandchildren, Mabel and Billy Michie, of Sask. here most of the day. Boys drove to school.

14 – Much milder. Drove with F. Kerr to Port Perry in the forenoon and drew 2 more loads of wood from Jim Lee's. F.K.

brought from Port Perry some oysters and we got away with them at supper. Sid Caney here in the evening. Boys drove to school. War news somewhat better.

15 – A very fine mild day. Baby Kerr was sick during the night and we called Dr. D. Archer who got here about 8:30; he said the trouble was bronchitis. Drew one load of wood from Jim Lee's in the forenoon. In the afternoon drew load of turnips to Seagrave for Bradley. Just as I was ready to start the horses broke the sleigh tongue and I got P. Luke's sleigh. Turnips are 35 cts. per bus. Boys drove to school.

16 – Pretty rough, especially in the afternoon. Fixed the sleigh tongue and did the chores. Boys drove to school. Luther Luke brought Annie home from Port Perry. Not very well myself, stomach out of order. War news: 6 more vessels sunk, but small ones.

17 – A fine day. Cut some wood in wood shed. Jennie in bed in the afternoon. Annie doing the housework. Sid Caney here in the evening.

18 – A fine but pretty cold day. Went to SS and church with Annie and Willie in Luke's sleigh. Jennie, James and the rest were on the sick list. 102 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

19 – Fine in the morning but in the afternoon it set in for a snow storm from the E. Annie went to Port Perry with Luther Luke. Soon after Jennie and I took Frank Kerr, wife and family (who have been here the last 10 days) to the train at Port Perry on their way back to Brooklin. Boys drove to school. Norman Lyle called. He was taking a load for Ed Lyle who is moving to the 2nd concession. War news: British gains in France and on the Tigris.

20 – Somewhat rough but not so very cold. Cut some wood in the woodshed. Boys drove to school. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon. Annie came home with Jim Dusty to go to a party at John Michie's.

21 – A fine and cold day. Annie got home from the party at John Michie's about 3 am and I drove her and Gladys Luke to Port Perry in the morning. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Boys drove to school. Myrtle Luke here in the evening.

22 – Pretty rough in the morning but a fine day later. Cutting wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. War news: little of importance.

23 – Went to Luke's swamp to cut wood but rain came on about 10:30 and I got wet before I got home. Cut wood in the woodshed in the afternoon. Colder in the evening. Boys drove to school. Sid Caney brought Annie home from Port Perry.

24 – A fine day. Boys drove to school. Cut some wood in woodshed.

25 – Cutting wood in the forenoon in Luke's swamp, the boys helping. In the afternoon boys cutting in the swamp while Annie and I drove to Jas. Smith's, Columbus, to see James who is seriously ill. Somewhat rough going down and pretty cold. We found James very bad.

26 – Quite cold in the morning. Drove over to SS and church at Brooklin with Annie and Willie Smith who is now superintendant. There was 55 at SS which was the largest number for some time. Rev. Mr. Haig preached. When we got back to Smith's we found James had taken a bad turn. We left for home about 5:30 in a snow storm. Left Annie at Port Perry on my way home. The boys were at SS and church at Greenbank. They went up in Luke's sleigh. 125 at SS and Mr. McKay preached.

27 – Rain nearly all forenoon and part of the afternoon. Cut some wood in woodshed and over at Lukes awhile in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. S. Caney here in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Helping E. Lyle to load up his household things in the forenoon and in the afternoon helped him to drive his cows to his new home, the Vance place on the 2nd concession. Rode home with A. Akhurst. Boys drove to school. War news: British gain in France.

29 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp and finished. E. Lyle came back for a load and got dinner here. Boys drove to school. In the evening went with the boys and Myrtle Luke to social evening in the church. There was a debate and the Wick young people were there. A fair turnout and it went off very well.

MAR. 1 – A beautiful day. Drawing wood home from Luke's swamp. Boys drove to school. War news: British advance.

2 – A very fine day. Drawing home wood in the forenoon. Went to E. Snider's sale (went with Jim Lee). Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. Boys drove to school. Sid Caney here in the evening. Luther Luke and family leave for west.

3 – A beautiful day. Sawing wood in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. Drawing home wood in the afternoon. Jennie and James at Port Perry.

4 – A rainy cold day. All hands at SS and church; 118 at SS, Mr. McKay preached.

5 – Snowing all day from the E. Boys did not go to school. Cutting wood in shed. S. Caney here in the evening.

6 – A beautiful day. Drawing wood from Luke's swamp and finished. Jennie washing. Boys drove to school.

7 – A very fine day. Drew load of wood to the church from Jim Lee's. Broke the sleigh and got Jim's. Took a load to Mrs. Walker in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. Jennie and boys at Guild meeting in the evening.

8 – Mild, with snow from the SW in the afternoon. Did some jobs. Boys drove to school.

9 – Rough and drifting all day. Went with the sleigh to Port Perry for Annie and Gladys. May Bruce came here with them. Boys drove to school. Sidney Caney here in the evening. War news: British nearing Bagdad.

10 – A fine mild day. Splitting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Thomas Johnston's sale on the 8th concession. There was a fair crowd and high prices for cattle. Boys went with

Sid Caney to moving picture show at Port Perry in the evening. Annie and May Bruce at Luke's in the evening. Word came by phone that James Smith died this afternoon.⁶⁵

11 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 116 at SS, Mr. McKay preached. Annie and May Bruce at Luke's for tea and Sid Caney here. Rain heavy on the way home from church. Lightning in the evening.

12 – A fine day. After dinner went with Jennie to Columbus to attend Jas. Smith's funeral tomorrow. Got there about 5 pm. Boys drove to school. Sid Caney drove the girls to Port Perry in the morning and Myrtle Luke and Sid Caney milked the cows in the evening. Mary Dusty and Bessie Gordon stayed with the boys all night. Jim Dusty drove them down. War news: Bagdad captured by the British. John Leask died.

13 – A very fine day. There was a large turnout at Jas. Smith's funeral. He was buried at Groveside, south of Brooklin. Rev. Mr. Haig conducted the service. After supper we came home arriving about 9:30. Boys did not go to school but did the chores. Mary Dusty and Bessie Gordon kept house until evening when they went to a party at E. Lyle's south of Port Perry.

14 – Rain through the night and forenoon from the S and dull and foggy all day. Went with Jennie to John Leask's funeral from James Blair's. There was a good turnout; Mr. McKay conducted the service. Boys drove to school.

15 – Pretty rough and stormy all day. Splitting wood part of the day. Jennie at W.M. meeting at John Stone's. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby Lee went with her. Jim Lee drove them over here and I went with him and visited P. Luke who has been laid up with a lame knee for some time. Mr. Brown, the assessor, here for dinner. Boys drove to school.

16 – A fine mild day and thawing. Did little but the chores. Boys drove to school. Jennie went to Port Perry for Annie. War news: Revolution in Russia.

17 – Mild and raining in the forenoon. Went to Blair's mill in the afternoon with 11 bags of oats and got them ground. James went with me. Willie at Luke's helping to draw out wood. War news: Romanoff dynasty in Russia at an end.

18 – Pretty cold with high NW wind. All hands but Jennie at SS and church. 123 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. John Michie and Jean and Ruth here while we were at church. Myrtle and Leola Luke here for tea and Sid Caney later.

19 – Pretty cold most of the day. Split some wood in the shed. Willie at Luke's helping to draw out wood. James drove to school. War news: Great Allied victory claimed in France.

20 – A mild day and thawing. Pruning apple trees. Willie helping Luke's to draw out wood. James drove to school. Myrtle Luke

here in the evening. War news: No paper today but news pretty good. Jean and Ruth Michie here for dinner and supper.

21 – A beautiful day and snow going. All day pruning apple trees. Willie at Luke's drawing out wood. James drove to school. Word came by phone that Annie fell in a faint and cut her forehead on a dresser. P. Leask came through this way on his way to Uxbridge. Myrtle Luke went with him. Norman Lyle, wife and children, who were visiting at Norman Midgley's, called here on their way home. War news: Germans still referring in France.

22 – A very fine day and snow going fast. All day pruning apple trees. Willie at Luke's drawing out wood. James drove to school. (Inspector visits school). War news: pretty good. Jennie washing.

23 – Mild and rain in the afternoon and lightning and thunder in the evening. Tried to draw out some wood from P. Luke's swamp which he gave me but we got bogged and snagged and wet and did not get it home. At preparatory service in the church in the afternoon. There was about the usual turnout. Rev. Mr. --- of Gamebridge preached. Florence and Eva Hickman came in by profession. James drove to school. Willie went with Luke's team and Mrs. Luke to Port Perry and brought Annie and Gladys home.

24 – Mild and thawing all day. Finished pruning apple trees. Boys cleaned out hen house. Sid Caney here in the evening getting hair cut. War news: Greatest battle of the war on in France.

25 – A mild day and snow going fast. With Jennie at communion service at Greenbank; Mr. McKay preached. There was not many from Wick as the roads were not good. Annie at John Michie's keeping the children while they were at church. Sid Caney here for dinner.

26 – Mild day. Drove to Port Perry with the waggon taking Annie and Gladys to school, also P. Luke and Willie and James. Water in the swamp up to the axles. In the afternoon, with A. Akhurst, Ray Dusty and Norman Midgley, opened out the sideroad from the snow.

27 – Rain through the night and the forenoon. Did little but the chores. Got colder towards night. Sid Caney called in the evening. War news fairly good.

28 – Some snow in the morning and pretty cold but got warmer towards night. Boys at school. At cleaning out raspberry bushes in the afternoon. War news: Allies still gaining in France.

29 – Snow through the night and cool all day. Cleaning out berry bushes all day. Boys at school.

30 – A very fine day. Cleaning out berry bushes all day. Boys at school. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: British win near Gaza.

31 – A very fine day. All day at berry bushes, boys helping. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Leola Luke went with her.

⁶⁵ James Smith, b. c 1851, d. 10 Mar. 1917; m. Barbara Michie (b. 26 Dec. 1852, d. 30 May 1935) on 12 Jan. 1876

APR. 1 – A fine mild day. At SS with Jennie and the boys (Willie walked) and Annie did not come home this time. 110 at SS. There was no church service as Mr. McKay was away and the substitute did not turn up. I went over to the Methodist SS.

2 – Rain more or less all day until about 4 pm. Went down to John Michie's to help saw wood with C. Durward's machine but we did not start on account of the rain. Came home after dinner. Boys at school. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Allies gain on western front and in Mesopotamia. [Margin note: US enters the great war].

3 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and a fine day. All day at John Michie's helping to cut wood. Boys at school. Jennie washing. War news: United States enters the war.

4 – A very fine day. Cutting wood at John Michie's and finished about 10:30, then moved to P. Luke's and cut there in the afternoon. Boys at school. War news pretty good.

5 – Cutting wood at P. Luke's until noon when we had to stop on account of rain then snow from the SE which continued all afternoon. Boys at school. Sid Caney went for Leola and them. War news: US senate passes war declaration.

6 – Good Friday. Snow and slush all day. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie and Gladys and in the afternoon the boys took 11 bags of oats to Blair's mill. Jennie went over with them to Jim Lee's and I went over for supper. Very muddy roads.

7 – Cold and windy most of the day. At P. Luke's cutting wood and finished about 3 o'clock. They then moved here and cut some; P. Luke; Sidney Caney and John Michie helping. Myrtle Luke here for supper and Sid Caney in the evening. War news: President Wilson has signed the declaration of war with Germany.

8 – A cold disagreeable day. Easter Sunday. All hands at SS and church (boys walked). 112 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

9 – Hard frost and pretty cold. Cutting wood and finished at 11. After dinner took the machine to Jim Lee's. Piled up wood in the afternoon. Jennie at John Michie's keeping the children while they were at Port Perry. War news: Cuba enters the war and Panama.

10 – Another cold windy day. Piling wood (boys helping) and finished. Jennie washing. Gladys Luke and Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Great victory in France. Canadians in the front.⁶⁶

11 – Much milder day. Finished cleaning out berry bushes (boys helping) in the forenoon and in the afternoon at wood cutting bee at the church. The women's missionary meeting also met and quilted 2 quilts. They gave the men supper in the basement. Jennie was at it. Annie and Willie at Guild in the evening. A very dark night. War news: Great victory by Canadians in France. Brazil breaks with Germany. Austria breaks with US.

12 – A fine day. Put up some gaps and scuffled the raspberry bushes, the first thing done on the land this spring. Jennie at John

Michie's helping Mrs. John to paper rooms. Sid Caney here in the evening. Stanley Crowle, who has been at P. Luke's most of the winter, was taken to the house of refuge at Whitby today.⁶⁷



13 – Very cold and windy for the time of year. Did a few little jobs. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. War news: British still gaining.

14 – Still quite cold. Did some little jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon harrowed some in the orchard but the frost was too hard. Then drew out 5 loads of manure, Willie helping. Boys at Luke's in the evening.

15 – Another cold day, snowing some in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church (Annie went with Luke's). 120 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

16 – Some cold in the morning, got a little warmer towards night. Drilled up the potato patch in the orchard and planted about 1/3 of it and then drew out 6 loads of manure, Willie helping. Jennie washing. James at school. Annie and Gladys Luke started to drive again to Port Perry school.

17 – A fine spring-like day. Drew out manure in the forenoon, Willie helping. Afternoon Willie harrowing in SW field while I took off the storm windows. Annie and G. Luke drove to Port Perry school. James at school. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and Margaret came about 8 pm and stayed all night.

18 – Quite warm and spring-like. Mr. McKay walked to John Michie's, Mrs. [?] and Mrs. O'Neill's while Mrs. McKay stayed here. They went to Jim Lee's for dinner. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Willie harrowing in the forenoon and went to Blair's mill with 10 bags of oats to be ground but did not get them home. Vet Moon came to see cow. Mrs. S. Dusty here for tea. Annie and Willie at Guild meeting in evening. War news: Allies advancing.

19 – Warm with rain towards night. Did a few little jobs while Willie harrowed in the forenoon and rolled the new grass in the

⁶⁶ Battle of Vimy Ridge.

⁶⁷ The House of Refuge was located at 300 High Street in Whitby and served as a home for the very poor.

afternoon. Jennie started housecleaning upstairs. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry school. James at school. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news still good.

20 – Rain through the night and morning. Annie and Gladys Luke went to Port Perry school and took Sidney Caney to the train on his way to the home at Toronto. He does not intend to come back. James at school. Plowed the garden and finished planting potatoes in orchard. Jennie went with Mrs. A. Akhurst to visit Mrs. Alex Boe. Thunder in the evening. War news: French still gaining.

21 – Heavy thunder shower after we went to bed. Somewhat cooler today. The swimming pond broke away and with the boys help repaired it in the forenoon. Jim Lee phoned over and Willie and I went and got some corn which comes very thankful. The boys then went to Blair's mill for the meal. Annie over at Luke's in the afternoon. War news pretty good.

22 – A fine day but rather cool. All hands at SS and church (boys walked); 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Jennie, Annie and Mrs. John Michie at Methodist church in the evening. Mrs. (Rev.) Joseph Real spoke.

23 – Rather cool all day. Did some little jobs while Willie rolled the pasture field. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie drove to Port Perry school. James at school. Jean and Ruth here in the forenoon. War news: Casualty list near a whole page of the Globe.

24 – A fine day and cool, hard frost in the morning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Jennie housecleaning and gardening. Fanned up some seed oats, Willie helping, and sowed the SW field in the afternoon, the first sown. War news fairly good.

25 – East wind and pretty raw, almost rain in the evening. Tying up the berry bushes while Willie harrowed. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Jennie housecleaning. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news: not so good. The Turks beaten in Mesopotamia.

26 – Rain through the night and some in the afternoon. Willie cultivated potato ground and I then drilled it up and plowed up a piece of sod in the orchard. Jennie housecleaning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. War news: British gain on three fronts. Bad week for British shipping.

27 – A fine cool day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon, Willie helping. Went with Jennie to Port Perry and got timothy and corn seed. Annie drove to Port Perry school. James at school. Boys got letter from Sidney Caney saying he is in Toronto hospital.

28 – Fine and a little warmer. Willie cultivated a little on the hill field but it was too wet. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. War news: nothing of much interest.

29 – A fine but rather cool day. All hands at SS and church (boys walked). 105 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Annie went with Luke's girls to the Methodist church in the evening.

30 – A fine and somewhat more like spring day. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Willie and I went to Jim Lee's in

the morning and got 1600 lbs of hay. Cultivating the rest of the day. Willie at P. Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie at John Michie's keeping the children while they went to Port Perry.

MAY 1 – Rain through the night. Nothing doing in seeding, too wet. Plowing corn land. Willie learning to plough. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Mr. John McCorguodale buried at Greenbank today. War news fair.

2 – Ground white with snow in the morning and more during the day and very wintery-like. Not much doing. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Jennie making missionary quilt. Annie and the boys at Guild meeting in the evening. War news: Submarine danger getting alarming.

3 – Cold and snowing in the morning but got some better towards night. Did some little jobs. The boys went with Cecil Phair and Jim Lee sucker fishing. They got 3 dozen as their share. Annie at Port Perry school. War news gloomy.

4 – Somewhat warmer. Started about 8:30 am sucker fishing with the boys and got about a bag full. Got home at 3 pm, then helped to clean them. Annie at Port Perry school. War news some better.

5 – A raw disagreeable day with rain from the E at times. Plowed some in the orchard in the afternoon. All hands at Luke's in the evening having a sing. Blanche Luke from Toronto was home.

6 – Fine and a little warmer. All hands at SS and church; 130 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. A short service and then all went over to the Methodist church where Mr. J.W. Bengough gave a talk on behalf of the Dominion Alliance which was very good.

7 – Rather a fine day. Too wet in the fields to sow so we cleaned out the wood shed, planted some potatoes in the orchard, and planted cedar hedge behind the fence E of the house. Jennie washing. Annie at Port Perry school. She went away early to take Blanche Luke to the early train. James at school. Myrtle here in the evening to confer with Annie about the topic "love" which they are to take at the next meeting of the Guild. War news: French make gains.

8 – A fine day and a little warmer. Willie cultivating the hill field while I did a number of small jobs. Jennie housecleaning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school.

9 – Fine and somewhat warmer. Sowed the hill field. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Jennie housecleaning and at W.M. meeting in the afternoon at John Stone's. Annie and the boys at Guild in the evening. Annie and Myrtle Luke having the topic "Love". War news: Canadians driven back in France.

10 – A fine day but cool with high wind. Willie harrowed and cultivated while I fixed the well covering at the barn. After dinner went to A. Akhurst's and got 1000 lbs. hay. Jennie churning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Mrs. John Michie and Olive called in the evening. Conlin bought big red cow.

11 – Quite cold and drizzle of rain in the afternoon. Willie finished cultivating N field and I sowed it which finishes sowing.

Jennie housecleaning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. War news: Word that W. Greyswark has been killed.

12 – A fine but cold day. Went with Willie to A. Akhurst's in the morning for a load of straw. Then Willie harrowed the N field twice. In the afternoon went with James and P. Luke fishing suckers. Got about a bagful.

13 – A fine day and cool. All hands at SS and church (boys walked). 112 at SS; Mr. McKay preached.

14 – A fine day but still cool. Went with Willie and P. Luke to fish and got about 5 bags; the fish were very plentiful. Cleaning them in the afternoon while Willie cultivated. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Jennie went to Greenbank with some fish for Mrs. Walker. Jim Lee and Mrs. N. Midgley also came for some.

15 – A fine day but very cool. Willie plowing corn ground while I planted some potatoes in the orchard and some horse corn just S of Luke's lane. Annie drove to Port Perry school. Owen Perrin, medicine and spice man, here for dinner. James at school. Jennie salting fish. Mrs. James Lee and Ruby here for tea. War news: quite depressing. Russia appears to be ready to make peace.

16 – A fine and spring-like day; dull and like rain but it did not come. Willie at P. Luke's helping to draw out manure. Drilled up and sowed mangolds. Jennie at John Michie's making girls dresses and Jean, Ruth and Olive came home with her and stayed all night. Albert Akhurst brought the beef, the first of the season. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. No paper today.

17 – A fine day. Took the 5 last year calves to Jim Lee's for pasture. Then plowing and harrowing corn ground and planted some corn in the orchard. Jennie at John Michie's dressmaking. John Michie brought us 200 lbs. of flour from W. O'Neill's. Willie at P. Luke's helping to draw out manure. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. War news some better.

18 – Warmer. Thunder about 9:30 am but very little rain. Took big red cow to Manchester for Conlin. Willie taking one for P. Luke who drove the girls to school and came for us. Drawing out manure for potatoes. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. John Michie came for the turnip drill to sow mangolds. Willie at P. Luke's drawing out manure in the afternoon. James at school. War news brighter.

19 – Warmer with high SW wind and lots of dust. Thunder shower about 5 pm. Drawing out manure on potato patch in the forenoon and cutting seed potatoes in the afternoon. James went to T. Duwey's in the morning for ½ bus. white beans (\$3.50) and he went with Leola Luke to SS anniversary practice in the afternoon. Willie at P. Luke's. Jennie making dress for Annie. Jean and Ruth Michie here for supper and stayed all night. Wind blew part of S. Dusty's barn roof off. War news: Conscription for Canada.

20 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 153 at SS. This is SS anniversary day and there was a full house. Rev. Mr. Hunter of Epsom preached. Out again in the evening. Mr. Hunter preached

again and the church was even fuller than the afternoon. There were over 30 cars there so the boys say. Jennie stayed at home and kept John Michie's children while they went to church.

21 – A fine day but rather cool; a little rain in the evening. Planted the potatoes in the forenoon and beans in the afternoon, Jennie and James helping. Willie at P. Luke's. Annie drove to Port Perry school alone as Gladys Luke has quit for a time.

22 – Heavy rain during the night from the E and cold and raw and continued off and on all day. Not much doing. Willie and I planted a few beans. Annie drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. James Miller died at 1 o'clock this morning.

23 – Heavy rain through the night and several showers through the day; almost cold enough for snow. Took the two pigs to Port Perry in the morning. They weighed 400 lbs and the price was \$6.50 per 100. Willie went with me. Cultivating some in the afternoon. Annie drove to Port Perry school. Albert Damascus, pedlar, here for dinner. Gladys Luke here in the evening.

24 – Rain through the night; and forenoon snow and hail and very raw and disagreeable. After dinner, with Jennie and Annie, attended James Miller's funeral. There was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McKay conducted the service. The bearers were E. Boe; Jas. Leask; J.M. Real; John Hadden; Jas. Leask (Wick); and myself. Jennie came home while Annie and I stayed to SS anniversary. Jennie and the boys came back later. There was a large turnout to tea and full house to the concert which was fair. \$148.00 taken in.

25 – Another cold raw day. Went with Jim Lee and helped him to shingle the stable at John Lee's house. Got dinner at Mrs. Walker's and supper at the after social at the church. Annie and the boys there also. \$10.00 taken in. James at school. Annie at Port Perry school. Willie scuffling berry bushes.

26 – A fine and warmer day. Planted the little plot near the barn pump with strawberries. Willie went to Blair's mill in the morning with 8 bags of oats and got them ground. He then drove Jennie and James to Port Perry on their way to Brooklin.

27 – A fine day. All hands that were at home at SS and church; 125 at SS. The super. announced that there will be about \$105.00 to the good from the anniversary. Mr. McKay preached. Annie and Luke's girls at the Methodist church in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Willie rolling grain while I planted beans and hoed berry bushes. Annie drove to Port Perry school and brought Jennie and James home from Brooklin.

29 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing berry bushes and planting sweet corn and other things. Willie rolling. Jennie washing. Annie drove to Port Perry school. James at school.

30 – A very fine warm day. Did some odd jobs while Willie went for the beef and cultivated. In the afternoon we went to W.H. Leask's for a load of hay. Jennie churning. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Annie and Willie at communicants class in the church.

31 – A very fine warm day. Did a few small jobs while Willie harrowed and rolled the corn ground. After dinner got John Michie's drill and sowed the corn. Jennie cleaning out the cellar. Annie at Port Perry school and Sidney Caney, who has been in the hospital in Toronto for six weeks, came home with her and stayed all night. He and the boys went over to C. Phair's and Sid hired with him. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening. James at school. Rain in the evening.

JUNE 1 – A beautiful day. Drew out manure in the forenoon and in the afternoon plowed a piece more and sowed 15 more drills of corn. Jennie cleaning the woodshed and at John Michie's fixing girls dresses. Annie at Port Perry school and at choir practice in the evening with Luke's girls. James at school.

2 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure all day, Willie helping. Jennie painting wood shed floor. She then went to Port Perry. Sidney Caney here all day.

3 – Pretty cold day for the time of year. All at SS and church but Jennie who has a cold. 107 at SS. A student now preaching at Gamebridge was the preacher, Mr. McKay being at Sonya. Annie, Willie and Sidney Caney at Methodist church in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. At manure and finished about 3:30, Willie helping. James and Sid Caney spent most of the day at the pond. Jennie and Annie moved the stove out. Mrs. Thos. and Mrs. Cecil Phair called in the afternoon. Luke's girls here in the evening. The boys went fishing in the evening.

5 – A fine day but quite cool. Willie plowing turnip ground while I made gate for the lane. Jennie at John Michie's keeping the children while they went to Port Perry. Annie at Port Perry school. James at school. Sidney Caney fishing and got quite a number of mudcats.

6 – A fine day until about 7 pm when it started to rain with thunder. Helping Jennie all day to wash and whitewash the kitchen ceiling. Willie plowing. James and Sidney Caney at school. Annie at Port Perry school. Annie, Willie and Sidney Caney went to meeting at church but there was no meeting on account of the rain.

7 – A warm growing day. A thunder shower with a little hail about 11 am; another shower at 4 and again about 7. Helping Jennie and Annie to paper the kitchen and other jobs. James at school. Willie plowing and finished turnip ground. P. Luke here after dinner to phone.

8 – Quite a heavy rain about 8:30. Scuffling raspberry bushes, potatoes, mangolds and strawberries in the orchard while Willie cultivated turnip land. Jennie washing and oiling floor. James and Sidney Caney at school. War news: Great British victory in France.

9 – A fine and warm day. Went to Port Perry for turnip seed while Willie harrowed and rolled turnip land. Patched the roof of the kitchen in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning. Annie, the boys, and Gladys and Leola Luke all fishing at the bridge in the afternoon.

10 – A fine day but rather cool. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney went to W. Thomas's for supper.

11 – A very fine and warm day. Drilled up and sowed 52 drills of turnips. Willie hoeing strawberry plants. Jennie washing, churning and ironing. James at school. Annie plugging for exams. Luke's girls here in the evening. Sidney Caney who has been here for about 10 days left this morning to work at Cecil Phair's.

12 – A very fine warm day. Drilled up and sowed the rest of the turnips. Willie went to Greenbank in the morning for more turnip seed. James at school. Mrs. John Michie and three of the girls here in the afternoon and supper. Sid Caney here in the evening. Vet Moon called. War news: Conscription bill brought up in parliament.

13 – A fine warm growing day. Thunder in the evening. Hoeing in the orchard all day, Willie helping. Jennie went with Mary Dusty to the W.M.S. meeting in the church. Annie at Port Perry for French exam. James at school and went to G.A. McMillan's for the night. Annie, Willie and Sidney Caney at communicants class at the church.

14 – Fine in the forenoon but rainy and cold in the afternoon. Went with Jennie on a visit to Wes Luke's at Sonya. Got there for dinner and left for home about 4. Found them all well and the crops looking well, only somewhat late. James at school. War news: Bad German raid on London.

15 – A fine day but very cold for the time of year. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with some hens to ship to Toronto while I hoed some. In the afternoon went with Annie and Willie to preparatory service. Mr. E. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. The following were received: by certificate, Olive Real; by profession of faith, Harry McMillan; Mabel McMillan; Ray Leask; Kathleen Leask; Marion Leask; Mary Real; Les Real; Edna Gordon; Annie Gordon; Annie Michie; Willie Michie; Arthur Lee; Sidney Caney; Dorothy Real; and ---- Mitchell. Harry and Mabel McMillan and S. Caney were baptized. Sidney Caney here for supper and Willie went over with him to C. Phair's to help to milk (Cecil being away) but they could not get the milking machine to work.

16 – A fine but quite cool day. Hoeing some in the orchard. Willie cultivated buckwheat land. Jennie varnishing chairs etc. Sidney Caney called in the evening.

17 – A beautiful day. At communion service at Wick with Annie and Willie (their first communion). There was a very good turnout, the largest that I ever remember at Wick. Mr. McKay preached. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby here for dinner. Jennie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening, it being a memorial service for the soldiers in this district that have fell.

18 – Quite a lot of thunder in the forenoon but only a few drops of rain but there was a terrific local thunder shower about 8 pm. Most of the day scuffling in the orchard. Jennie washing. James at school.

19 – A very fine day. Dusty's barn raising, helping all day, as was also Jennie. Went up all right. Annie at Port Perry at exams, then at the raising. James at school and Willie running the place. Thunder shower about 9 pm.

20 – Quite a lot of local thunder showers went round and some rain here. Planted some corn in the place of sweet corn that did not come up and hoed some. James at school.

21 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and did some hoeing in the afternoon. Willie drew a load of gravel from G. McMillan's to the church for new platform. James at school. Annie at John Michie's in the afternoon and at Luke's in the evening. Mrs. R. Sonley of Pinedale here in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Plastering the broken plaster in the pantry in the forenoon, Willie helping. Jennie housecleaning pantry and painting floor. Helping P. Luke to hoe mangolds in the afternoon. Willie hoeing potatoes. James at school. S. Caney here in the evening.

23 – Helping to shingle Jim Dusty's barn until about 3 pm when rain came on and we had to quit. Willie scuffling the corn. Jennie painting the pantry.

24 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Annie, Willie and Gladys Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. All day at Dusty's helping to shingle barn. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry for 4 days exams for Normal entrance. She will stay at R. O'Neill's. Willie at bee at church in the afternoon to make cement platform. Jennie went with him and called on Mrs. Walker. James at school. S. Caney here in the evening.

26 – A light thunder shower about noon. At Dusty's shingling barn. Willie scuffling corn in the forenoon and at church platform bee in the afternoon. James at school. Sid Caney here in the evening. Saintfield garden party tonight.

27 – A very fine day. All day helping to shingle Dusty's barn. Willie at church platform bee in the afternoon. Jennie at Methodist Ladies' Aid at C. Phair's. James at school. Mrs. Dusty and Mary here in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. All day at Dusty's barn shingling. Willie hoed mangolds. Jennie making dress for Edna Gordon who was here. James at school in the forenoon. James went for Annie who has finished her exams for this time. Luke's girls here in the evening.

29 – Intended to go to S. Dusty's to finish shingling the barn but it rained in the morning so I sowed the buckwheat and hoed mangolds. James went to school in the morning to get the results of the exams. He has passed to the Senior Fourth with honors. Willie and James hoeing potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie at John Michie's keeping the children while they went to Port Perry. Sid Caney here in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. At Dusty's barn shingling and finished at noon. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon. Willie and James hoeing and scuffling. Sid Caney here in the evening.

JULY 1 – Heavy rain in the morning with thunder until about 10 am. At SS with Annie and Willie, then at Methodist SS anniversary service. Rev. Mr. --- of Little Britain was the speaker. Not near so many out as sometimes. Annie and the boys out again in the evening. 50 years today since confederation of Canada was consummated.

2 – A beautiful day and evening. Hoeing part of the day. Willie scuffling in the forenoon. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Mrs. Joyce of Sutton who went with Annie about 4 o'clock to Greenbank. The boys and Sid Caney, who was here in the afternoon, went to the Methodist anniversary later. Went over to Jim Lee's to help him regulate his new scuffer. War news: Russians who have been doing nothing lately, appear to have made another start.

3 – A beautiful day. Took the beef ring heifer to Greenbank, Willie driving the horse. Then hoed the beans, the boys helping. Jennie washing, churning and ironing. War news: Russians claim a win.

4 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning. The heifer went 4 lbs over weight. Willie at John Michie's working. James scuffling. After dinner went with Jennie, James Lee and A. Akhurst in C. Whetter's car to Cambray to see John Lee who is near his end. Went by Little Britain, Oakwood, and Cambray and came home by Cannington and Sunderland and called at the garden party at the manse. Got home about 8 pm. The crops look fine all the way. Annie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon.

5 – A beautiful day and some warmer. Hoeing corn in the forenoon while James scuffled. Willie at John Michie's all day. Jennie keeping the children while Mrs. John was at Port Perry. Scuffling mangolds and beans in the afternoon. Annie and Gladys Luke visiting at Mr. G. Mark's. Marie Akhurst and Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon. Henry Thomas and Frank Lee called in the evening for a feed of strawberries.

6 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon. Helping Jim Lee to hoe turnips in the afternoon. James hoeing corn. Willie at John Michie's (went to Manchester for tile). Annie picked 20 boxes of strawberries. Jennie making dress for Annie Gordon who was here most of the day. Annie at choir practice, went with Myrtle Luke.

7 – Quite warm. Much thunder during the afternoon and a terrific shower about 7:30. Hoeing corn all day, James helping. Willie helping Mr. Luke. Annie went to Port Perry with berries. Jennie at women's institute meeting at Jas. Blair's. Mrs. John Michie and family here in the afternoon for some berries. War news: Conscriptio carries 2nd reading by 49 majority.

8 – Heavy rain through the night and some in the forenoon. All but Jennie at SS and church; 87 at SS; Mr. McKay preached a Dominion Jubilee sermon. Myrtle Luke here in the evening.

9 – Quite warm. Much thunder all afternoon and a little rain in the evening. Finished hoeing corn in the forenoon. James scuffling turnips. Willie at Luke's. Jennie washing. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries in the afternoon and Annie went to Port Perry with some. Finished scuffling the beans and started to hoe turnips.

10 – A very fine day, only a few drops of rain. At road work all day drawing dirt on the 10th concession. Willie at Mr. Luke's. James hoeing turnips. Jennie churning. War news: Russians gain.

11 – A fine but very dull day. At road work in the forenoon and finished. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. James hoeing all day. Willie at Mr. Luke's. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries and Annie took some to Port Perry. Annie and the boys and Sid Caney at garden party at D. McDonald's in aid of our church funds. Jas. Lee's wife, Ruby and Mrs. Hewitt of Toronto called in the evening.

12 – Some little rain in the afternoon. Hoeing turnips all day, James also. Willie at Luke's. Jennie and Annie at John Michie's in the afternoon quilting missionary quilt. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon. War news: Russians gain. British lose.

13 – Rain after dinner a little and much about 4 to 6 pm. Hoeing mangolds 2nd time and potatoes, James helping. Willie at Mr. Luke's. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving strawberries. War news: German Chancellor Von Hollweg resigns.

14 – Hoeing in the forenoon while James finished scuffling turnips 1st time. Willie at Mr. Luke's. About 1:30 a terrible lightning storm came up and another about an hour later with deluges of rain. Myrtle Luke called in the forenoon. Sid Caney here in the evening. Willie came home about 3 o'clock. War news: Russians still advancing. British war ship blown up.

15 – A day of showers. All hands at SS and church. Boys walked. Myrtle Luke rode up with us and we had to go into Albert Akhurst's for a thunder shower and there was two or three more showers while we were in church. Rev. Mr. --- of Sunderland preached. James Lee, Ruby and Gladys Luke here for a feed of strawberries.

16 – A fine day and no rain. Paris greened potatoes, hoed a few turnips and helped P. Luke to fix his barn. Willie at Luke's. James hoeing. Jennie and Annie washing and picking strawberries. S. Caney here in the evening. War news: trouble in Germany.

17 – Warm; rain started about 5 pm and continued for some time. All day at Mr. Luke's putting up scaffold in south mow of his barn. Willie also at Luke's. James hoeing. Annie at Port Perry with berries etc. Jennie at James Lee's for gooseberries. Telephone man called and fixed the telephone which has been out since the thunderstorm on Saturday last. Luke's girls here in the evening. War news: Russians make big gains.

18 – A fine warm day and no rain but some thunder. Paris green-ing potatoes and hoeing turnips and beans, Jennie helping some. James not very well. Annie went for the beef for John Michie and then went to Port Perry for John who had taken a cow to the dealers. Willie at Luke's. Arthur Gordon (who is suffering with a

sore eye), Lex Gordon and Mrs. R. [Dout?] called in the afternoon for some strawberries. In the evening Jennie went with Myrtle Luke to the Dr. at Port Perry to get her nose burned out.

19 – A few very little showers during the day and a heavy shower about 7:30. Hoeing turnips all day, Annie helping, and finished except the end rows. Willie at Luke's. They are doing their road work. Jennie picking strawberries. James not very well. Myrtle Luke also picking berries.

20 – Finished hoeing the turnips and some other hoeing in the forenoon. About 11 o'clock Mrs. L. Lamb and Mrs. Masters of Manchester came. About 1 o'clock rain started and until near four it was one succession of thunder shower with terrific lightning and deluges of rain. Then another little shower about 7:30. A terrible afternoon. Willie at Luke's. A. Akhurst had a heifer killed by lightning. No mail today.

21 – Warm. Much thunder all around in the afternoon but no rain here. Hoeing potatoes and beans, James helping. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picked the strawberries. War news: Russians driven back.

22 – Quite a warm day and no rain. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS, Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney and Edna Gordon here for supper and Willie and Annie went to Methodist church at Greenbank.

23 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon. Vet Moon came to see the little colt. After dinner helped P. Luke to nail planks to keep his barn from spreading, then scuffled potatoes. Willie at Luke's. James at C. Phair's helping him to draw in hay in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Annie Gordon came in the evening for some strawberries, the last of the season. War news bad. Russians refuse to fight.

24 – A fine and very warm day. Scuffling in the orchard all day. Jennie and Annie washing. Willie at Luke's. James at Phair's. Mrs. John Michie and four girls here in the afternoon. Gladys Luke here in the evening. War news not very good.

25 – Another very warm day. Scuffling corn in the forenoon and helping John Michie to hoe turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving cherries. Willie at Luke's. James hoeing. War news bad. Russians running back. Conscription carried.

26 – Another very warm day. Much thunder in the afternoon but only a little sprinkle of rain. Greening potatoes, scuffling corn and hoeing. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie at Port Perry while Annie kept the children. Willie at Luke's. James at Phair's about 3 hours in the afternoon. Luke's girls here in the evening.

27 – A very fine day and much cooler. All day at John Michie's hoeing. Jennie went down to Mrs. Singles to see the Hopdike boy who was operated on last night for appendicitis. He is pretty bad. Willie at Luke's and James at Phair's. Annie at prayer meeting in the Methodist church.

28 – A very fine day and some warm. Scuffled all the turnips 2nd time. Willie at Luke's. James at Phair's. Jennie went down to

Mrs. Singles to see the sick boy who is pretty low. Annie not very well. Sid Caney here in the evening.

29 – A very warm day, about 90 in the shade, but there was a fine breeze from the NW. About 11:30 Willie Smith came with his car bringing Jessie and Ben Walker, their Toronto boy. All hands at SS and church; 116 at SS; Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Willie and Jessie left for home about 6 pm. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening. In the evening went with Jim Lee down to Mrs. Singles to enquire for the sick boy and found him a little better but his chances are poor.

30 – 94 in the shade but a fine wind from the NW helped to make it bearable. Willie got John Michie's mower and cut the hay field while I cut the fence corners and weeds. James at Phair's. Jennie and Annie washing, churning and picking cherries and black currants. War news not bright.

31 – Another terrible hot day; 96 in the shade. Willie and I hoeing turnips 2nd time. Afternoon raked up and drew in 3 loads. Jennie, Annie and Willie helping. James at Phair's. Luke's girls here in the evening.

AUG. 1 – Very warm again. Annie went for the beef while Willie and I hoed turnips. We then raked up the remainder of the hay and after dinner got in 4 loads when a terrific thunder storm came up about 4 pm with a very high wind and some hail. James at Phair's. Mrs. W. Real called for berries.

2 – A very fine and much cooler day. Threw out the hay that was in cock and hoed turnips. In the afternoon helped Jennie and Annie to pick raspberries and Annie went to Port Perry with a 36 box crate to ship to Toronto. Jennie went down to Mrs. Singles in the evening to see the sick boy who is improving.

3 – A very fine and cool day. Drew in the last 3 loads of hay in the forenoon, Jennie and Willie helping. James at Phair's. Afternoon helping John Michie to draw hay; built a stack. Jennie also there doing some sewing. Willie raked the hay field and Annie helped him to draw it in. Annie and Willie at prayer meeting. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening.

4 – A beautiful day. Hoed turnips in the forenoon. After dinner Annie drove Jennie and I to the forks at C. Well's where we met Willie Smith and Jessie and we went with them in their car to Bobcaygeon. We got there about 6:30. Went by way of Little Britain, Oakwood, Lindsay and Dunsford to the shore of Pigeon Lake where J.C. Mason has a summer house. Lots of grain cut on the way although there is none hereabout. Went out rowing on the lake in the evening.

5 – A very fine day. Willie Smith drove his car with Annie Mason, Jennie and I to Presbyterian church at Bobcaygeon. Rev. Mr. Lawrence of New York State, who is holidaying at the lake, preached a splendid sermon. In the afternoon Willie drove Mr. Mason and I on a little trip north and a very rough rocky country it was. In the evening Willie drove again to church, taking Marion Allan, Jennie and I. Rev. Mr. Lyons, another American, preached. A thunder shower after we got back. Here, Annie and the boys at SS and church. Sid Caney here for supper.

6 – A very fine day. Willie Smith drove Mr. Mason, the children and I down to Bobcaygeon and then Mr. Mason got Mr. Macintosh to give us a ride on the lake in his motor boat. Went around Boyd Island. About 20 miles in all and it was fine. Started for home about 2:30 and got home about 6:30 after stopping some time at Lindsay. Annie Mason came with us while Jessie stayed. They got supper and went on home. A big berry picking was on today; 150 boxes picked. Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Dusty, Mr. J. Michie, Mrs. Luke and Gladys Luke and Annie were picking.

7 – A fine day. Another berry picking. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Luke and 3 girls and Mrs. John Michie and I picking; about 150 boxes picked. Willie went to Port Perry twice with berries. Mrs. G. McMillan called for berries. S. Caney here in the evening.

8 – Thunder shower in the morning and again about 4 pm. Hoeing some, James helping. John Love came for berries and we picked him some. He then stayed for dinner and Willie drove him home. Jennie washing. Leola Luke called in the afternoon and Blanche Luke and Miss Wheatley called in the evening. John Michie and his family called for some butter, also R. Thomas for butter.

9 – A little rain in the morning but a fine day. Picking berries most of the day. Jennie; Annie; Mrs. Luke; Gladys Luke; Leola Luke; Mrs. A. Gordon; Mrs. Dusty and Mrs. Jas. Blair picking; about 200 boxes picked. Mrs. J.M. and Mrs. W. Real called for berries, also Wilmot Cragg and Mrs. Brown. Rev. Mr. McKay here for dinner. Annie at Luke's in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Scuffled some and finished hoeing beans, the boys helping. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Masters of Manchester came and picked some berries for themselves. H. [Callicut?] called wanting to buy cow but would not give what I thought she was worth. All hands at Union prayer meeting in the Methodist church. There was a good turnout. Rev. Mr. Rowland was leader.

11 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for binder twine and paid 22 cts per lb. Doing some fixing in the afternoon. James at Phair's.

12 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS. Rev. P. Sinclair, who has been preaching lately at Sonya, preached. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening. Jennie and I over to Jim Lee's in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Berry picking all day. Jennie; Annie; James; Gladys Luke; Mrs. S. Dusty; Mrs. John Michie; and Mrs. A. Gordon picking; about 225 boxes picked. Mrs. Peter called for a 54 box crate. Annie took a crate to Port Perry after supper. Willie at John Michie's. After we went to bed there was a heavy thunder shower went south.

14 – Warm; much thunder in the afternoon but very little rain here. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning with a crate of berries. All hands picking berries after dinner. Mr. McKague came for berries. I helping James Lee to harvest from about 3:30. Jim is pretty well used up.

15 – A very fine day; foggy in the morning and so wet that little harvesting done. Helping Jim Lee (who is sick) to harvest in the afternoon. Jennie and James picking berries. Mrs. W. Real and

Mrs. [?] called. Gladys Luke called. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry where she took the train to Bobcaygeon for a few days visit at J.C. Mason's summer cottage.

16 – Picked some berries in the forenoon, boys helping. About 2 o'clock a thunder storm came up which continued off and on for about 2 hours so there was little done in the afternoon. Sid Caney here in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. Picking berries until the middle of the afternoon. Jennie; Willie; Mrs. A. Gordon; Mrs. Dusty and Mrs. J. Michie also picking; about 80 boxes in all. James at Phair's. John Michie came about 3:30 and cut part of the SW field. Willie went to Port Perry after supper with berries.

18 – A very fine day. John Michie here cutting and finished the SW field about 4, boys shocking, while I went to help Jim Lee in the afternoon (Jim finished cutting). Willie went with John to help him.

19 – Some rain in the morning. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Jean Michie came home with us and stayed for supper. Boys at Methodist church in the evening.

20 – At John Michie's helping to harvest. After dinner cut a little while when we got the edge of a thunder shower. After early supper we cut awhile when another thunder shower came up with terrific lightning. Jennie and the boys picking and preserving berries. Mrs. W. Real also picking. Sid Caney called in the evening. He was on his way home from W. Real's who was threshing his barley outdoors. Grain turning out well.

21 – A very fine day; no thunder, no rain. At John Michie's all day harvesting. Jennie and the boys picking berries and beans. Boys took in some wood.

22 – A very fine day. All forenoon helping to fix up a binder he bought from Pinedale and in the afternoon drawing in at Luke's. John Michie cut the long field in the afternoon. Willie at Wes Real's in the afternoon helping him to thresh. Mrs. John Michie and family and Miss Mary Forfar here in the evening. Jennie pickling. Willie and James went for the beef for John Michie.



Mary Forfar, date unknown.

23 – A little sprinkle of rain most of the forenoon and a heavy rain about 5 to 6 pm. Shocked up oats until I got well wet. Jennie went with Mary Forfar to Port Perry (Miss F. on her way home) and brought Willie and Gordon Bell home with her. Willie and I went to Greenbank in the afternoon to see about buggy wheels but Mr. Whiteford was not at home. Then word came by mail that Jessie Bell was coming so Willie started for her just before the rain started. They got back about 7.

24 – Fixing fences while the four boys went to Port Perry with the waggon for Jessie Bell's trunk. After dinner John Michie came up to cut the hill field while I went over to Luke's to finish his cutting. About 3 o'clock Willie Smith and his mother came and brought Annie home. Jennie and I went with them to Sutton West. Got there about 5 pm after going through a rain storm. Found them all well and we stayed there all night. Boys shocking up the oats.

25 – Rather cold and chilly with little showers. Spent the forenoon around the town and a trip down to the point. After dinner we started for home and covered the distance in about 1 ¾ hours. John Michie finished cutting about 9 am and the boys had the field shocked up. Jessie Bell preserving.

26 – A fine day. All hands but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 120 at SS; Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church (a song service) in the evening. Jim Lee, wife and Ruby called in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Drawing in the oats in the SW field, 8 loads. Willie, Annie, Willie and Gordon Bell helping. James helping John Michie. Gordon Bell helping Jim Dusty in the afternoon. Willie Bell took Jessie Bell to Port Perry to see Dr. Archer. Word came that Mrs. Norman Blakely, Sask., died this morning and Jennie was at Dusty's all afternoon and Jim drove her home.

28 – Rain through the night stopped harvesting. Hoed strawberries in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Willie raked SW field and we drew it in. Jessie Bell and the boys fishing at the bridge. Gladys and Leola Luke called.

29 – A very fine day. Fixing fence along the road in the forenoon, Willie helping. Afternoon drew in the north field, Willie, James and Willie Bell helping. Jessie Bell and Jennie making a black dress for Mrs. A. Akhurst who was here most of the day.

30 – A very fine day. Drew in the oats in the hill field (7 loads) which finishes harvest except rakings. Willie helping Wes Real. Jennie at S. Dusty's all day. The remains of Maggie Dusty were brought home about 7 pm. Jessie Bell making bread.

31 – A beautiful day. Helping John Michie to build a stack. Willie horseraking. Afternoon went with Jessie Bell to Mrs. Blakely's funeral. There was a large turnout. Jennie there all day. Annie kept John Michie's girls while they were at the funeral.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day and quite warm. Some thunder in the morning and a few drops of rain. Fixing fence in the forenoon while Willie raked stubble. After dinner a phone call came from Willie Smith saying he was going to Bobcaygeon and the boys

went with him. The Bell boys drove them to C. Well's. Aunt Mary Bell came up with Willie Smith. Annie and I drew in the rakings.

2 – A very fine day. At SS with Jennie, Annie and Mary Bell and boys; 85 at SS. No church service as Mr. McKay is taking Rev. Mr. ---- work. He preached at a union service in the Methodist church in the evening. Annie, the Bell boys and I at it. Sid Caney here for supper. Jessie Bell, Mary Bell and Annie went over to Phair's to see the milking machine work.

3 – A very fine day. Jessie Bell went to Port Perry to see the Dr. and took Mary Bell and boys to the station on their way home. Plowing some in SW field. James helping Jim Dusty. Sid Caney here in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Got up early and drove with the boys and Sidney Caney to Port Perry and took the morning train to Toronto Exhibition. Annie came down with Gladys Luke and brought the horse home. Got to Toronto about 9 am and wandered all day and went to the grandstand performance which was good. Then all went to J.C. Mason's for the night.

5 – A very fine day. Visited the zoo in the morning and then to the fair. After dinner the boys went downtown while I stayed in the fair. Jennie with our rig and Annie with John Michie's rig met us at Port Perry. Sidney stayed all night as he was not very well. Annie went for the beef. Mr. Perrin, the medicine man, called.

6 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Jessie Bell making dress for Mary Dusty who was here most of the day.

7 – A fine but cool day. Plowing all day. Willie taking in wood pile. James at school. Jennie at John Michie's in the forenoon and Jim Lee's in the afternoon where another daughter was born about 10 pm.

8 – Another beautiful fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie home for dinner and then back to Lee's. Sid Caney here in the evening. Cecil Phair came for the roller.

9 – A fine day but pretty cool. At SS and church with Annie and the boys; 86 at SS. Mr. --- of Gamebridge read a sermon. Annie and the boys at Methodist service in the evening. Jennie still at Jim Lee's.

10 – A fine but pretty cool day. Cutting brush on the 10th conc. Willie plowing. James at school. Jennie still at J. Lee's.

11 – A very fine day and quite cool. All day cutting brush on 10th concession. Willie plowing and harrowing. James at school. Jennie baking. Annie and Jessie Bell at Port Perry in the afternoon. Sid Caney here in the evening. Jean, Ruth and Olive Michie here all night as John and Lizzie intend going to Oshawa tomorrow.

12 – A beautiful day. Cutting brush on the concession in the forenoon while Willie harrowed. James at school. John Michie and wife went to Oshawa fair and left all the children here. Threshing at A. Akhurst's after about 4 pm. Jean and Ruth stayed all night.

13 – A very fine and warmer day. Threshing at A. Akhurst's and finished about 3 pm. Willie plowing. James at school. Jennie making pickles. She went to Jim Lee's for the night.

14 – A fine but rather dull day. Went with Willie to Phair's swamp pasture and got a load of threshing wood which I partly cut up in the afternoon while Willie plowed. James did not go to school. Jennie at Jim Lee's. Annie went with Leola Luke to Port Perry fair. Word came that John Lee died at A. Cragg's near Cambray.

15 – A fine day and warm. Scuffled and hoed strawberry patch and finished cutting wood at the barn. Willie plowing. About 8 pm there was a turn out to hunt a man lost in the swamp. Jim and Lorne Gibson; Cecil Phair; Norman Midgley; Sid Caney; Jim Lee; Willie; James and I. We found him about straight south but on the other side of the creek. His name was Conlin. He had been hunting his cow and had got lost.

16 – A very fine day. Jennie came home from Jim Lee's and all went to SS; 110 present. Then to John Lee's funeral. The service was conducted by Mr. McKay and Mr. Rowland and there was a good turnout; A Woodville undertaker. The bearers were D. McDonald; Richard and J.M. Real; Jas. Leask; John Stone and I. Sid Caney here in the evening.

17 – A beautiful day. Did some small jobs and pumped and cleaned out the well at the house, Jennie and Annie helping. Willie plowing. James at school. Jennie and Annie washing. Two separator agents called wanting to sell a Magnet separator but did not do it. Jessie Bell packing her trunk to start for Rochester. War news: Russia proclaimed a republic.

18 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes in the orchard (and a very poor crop they are). Willie plowing. James at school. Jennie baking. Mrs. John Michie, Olive and the baby here in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day and quite warm. Took Jessie Bell to Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. She is to stay a few days at Newcastle. Dug some potatoes in the orchard. Willie harrowing. James at school and Mission Band. Sid Caney here in the evening.

20 – Digging potatoes in orchard while Willie plowed. Jennie went to Port Perry market with Mrs. John Michie who left her two youngest girls here in Annie's charge. In the afternoon got Mr. Luke's binder and cut the buckwheat and barely got done when a thunder shower came on with some very vivid lightning. James at school and he got wet on the way home.

21 – A very fine day. Stacked the buckwheat in the forenoon and cut brush on the concession in the afternoon. Willie plowing. James at school. Jennie baking. War news: Big British win in France.

22 – A very fine day. Cutting brush on the concession all day. Willie plowing in the forenoon and helping R. Real to fill silo in the afternoon while James harrowed. Miss Porteous and Ruby Lee here for supper and Gladys Luke and Sid Caney here in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS. Stanley McMillan, who is now at Camp Borden training for Red Cross work, addressed the school. Mr. McKay preached. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

24 – A very fine day. Cutting track about corn in the forenoon and digging potatoes in the afternoon. Willie plowing and finished hill field. Jennie preserving crab apples. Mrs. Luke came for some and Annie took some to Mrs. John Michie. James at school. Sid Caney here in the evening.

25 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon. Ed Bryant came with his new corn binder about 11 am and cut the corn in about 4 ½ hours. Helping Norman Midgley to fill silo from about 5 pm. James at school.

26 – A very fine day. Helping N. Midgley to fill silo and in the afternoon drawing off the corn to the fence side, Willie helping. James at school. Ethel Miller and John Bagshaw married today.

27 – A fine day. A little rain about 8:30 pm. All day drawing corn, Willie helping. Jennie at Port Perry market. James at school. War news: British gain a victory.

28 – Rain through the night. Did a few little jobs in the forenoon while Willie harrowed. In the afternoon finished drawing off the corn while Willie spent all the afternoon helping P. Luke to get his two sows and little pigs out of the swamp. Jennie at Jas. Lee's in the afternoon. Annie drove to Port Perry and brought Veta Platon home with her. Sid Caney here for supper.

29 – A very fine day. Spent nearly all day hunting the 5 calves we had pasturing at Jim Lee's that were lost in the swamp. Jim Lee found them about 4 pm in Real's pasture. Willie harrowing. John Michie and wife left their children here while they were at Port Perry. Sid Caney here in the evening.

30 – Several little showers and quite cool. All hands, including Veta Platon, at SS and church. Rally day at SS. Mr. McKay preached. C. Blair of Ottawa was present. James went with S. Caney to Phair's for supper. Gladys Luke here for supper then the girls and Willie went over to Phair's to see their milking machine work.

OCT. 1 – Pretty cool day. Cleaned out the hen house, made a door into the pig house and put the roosts there. Willie harrowing and cultivating. Jennie washing. Annie took Veta Platon to Port Perry on her way home. James at school. Mr. John Michie called. Moved the stove in from the cook house.

2 – A fine but pretty cool day. All day digging potatoes, Jennie helping; 17 bags. Willie cultivating. Annie at John Michie's keeping the children. James at school.

3 – A lot of rain through the night and several times all through the day. Cleaned out the root house and dug some potatoes but it was too wet for the job. Willie cultivated a little. Annie visiting at James Lee's in the afternoon. Jennie baking and churning. James at school. Gladys Luke called in the morning.

4 – A fine day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon. Willie cultivating. Afternoon at preparatory service in the church with Annie. There was rather a small turnout. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. After the service the Mission Band had a meeting with a shower for the Pipestone Mission. Jennie sewing. James at school. Lilly O'Neill and W. Wilson married today.

5 – Big rain through the night. Plowed corn land in the forenoon while Willie went to Port Perry. Willie then drove James to the school fair. After dinner Annie, Willie and I got ready to go to the school fair but a thunder shower came up and we had to wait. We went however and there was a pretty good attendance and exhibit. A big shower came on and a good part of the programme was dropped. James got 4th prize for Spy apples.

6 – Pretty cool day. Plowing all day on corn land. Willie helping C. Phair to fill silo. Annie at choir practice with Gladys Luke.

7 – Some rain in the morning and pretty raw all day. All hands at communion service at Greenbank. There was a good turnout. Mr. McKay preached. Sid Caney here for supper. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

8 – Pretty cold and a little rain about 2 pm. Drew in the buckwheat; 2 small loads; and finished digging potatoes, boys helping. Afternoon plowing while the boys pulled most of the beans. Annie washing. Jennie canning corn. This is thanksgiving day but we did not keep holiday.

9 – Pretty hard frost in the morning. Plowing buckwheat land. Willie topping mangolds. James at school.

10 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon. At the mangolds in the afternoon, Annie helping. Got in 2 loads. Jennie churning. Willie helping R. Woon to fill silo. James at school.

11 – A fine day. Finished drawing in the mangolds in the forenoon (8 loads in all), Annie and James helping. Willie helping P. Leask to fill silo and stayed all night. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie who left the children here while she was away.

12 – Rain through the night and it was rain all day. Threw back mangolds and some little jobs. Willie came about 4 o'clock, there being nothing doing at Leask's. Ray Dusty and R. Thomas called. They wanted to buy Peggy horse. Union government formed for Canada.⁶⁸

13 – A fine day and cool. Gang plowing in SW field all day. Jennie and James at J. Michie's in the afternoon keeping the children while they took Ruth to the Dr. to get the lump on her jaw lanced but it was not ready. Willie at P. and W.H. Leask's filling silo.

⁶⁸ Conservative Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden formed a Union government with a cabinet consisting of 12 Conservatives, 9 Liberals and Independents, and one Labour member mainly in an effort to support conscription.

14 – A fine but cool day. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached a thanksgiving service.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at W.H. Leask's and G. McMillan's filling silos. Annie washing. James at school. Inspector there.

16 – A fine day. Plowing and harrowing all day. Willie at G.A. McMillan's silo filling. Annie ironing. James at school. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. Mr. Pollick's barn was burned this afternoon. It caught from the engine of the silo fillers.

17 – A very fine day. Plowing sod W of the house. Annie and Willie picking apples, Jennie helping. James at school.

18 – Plowing sod most of the day. Annie and Willie picking apples in the forenoon. Annie got ready after dinner to go to Port Perry but rain came on and she did not go. James at school. Ruth Michie here all afternoon and Jean came home with James from school and both stayed all night.

19 – Rain through the night and all forenoon so there was little doing. Myrtle Luke called in the morning. James did not go to school and Jean and Ruth were here most of the day. Plowing sod in the afternoon.

20 – A little snow several times during the day (the first of the season). Plowing in the forenoon. Annie went to Port Perry. In the afternoon went with P. Luke to Greenbank to W. Whiteford's sale of house stuff. There was a small turnout. James went with us. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon plowing. War news rather gloomy. Germans driving into Russia.

21 – A fine day and rather cool. All but Jennie (who stayed at home with a headache) at SS and church; 115 at SS. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing sod all day. Willie at Luke's. Annie washing. James at school.

23 – Plowing in the forenoon but it was raining and snowing most of the time. The afternoon rained all the time. James at school. Willie went to Luke's in the morning but soon came back.

24 – Threatening rain all day from the E until evening when it started in earnest. Plowing sod most of the day. Willie at Luke's. Jennie churning and killing chickens. James at school. Jennie at W.M. meeting in the church.

25 – Quite a lot of snow fell during the night and most of the forenoon. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry market. Plowing sod in the afternoon.

26 – A fine day but rain again in the evening. Plowing sod all day. Jennie baking. Annie turned beans for the 3rd time. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. James at school. Mrs. J. Michie left children here while she went to Port Perry.

27 – Finished plowing sod field then topping turnips, Annie and James helping. Expected to get them all topped but rain came on about 4 o'clock. Willie at Mr. Luke's. War news: Canadians win but Italians get bad smashing.

28 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 112 at SS. Mr. James preached. Sidney Caney here for supper. Went with Jennie to S. Dusty's to see the Blakely baby who has been unwell but is now better.

29 – Doing some odd jobs in the forenoon while Willie went to John Michie's to thresh. A little drizzle of rain most of the time. The threshers came here and started about 15 to 4 and threshed 2 hours. John and Frank Howsam stayed all night. Rain heavy in the evening. War news very bad, the worst for a long time. Italy appears to be badly beaten.

30 – Colder, some rain in the morning and some hail showers. An hour and a half threshing in the morning, then they moved to Jim Lee's. Willie went with them and Jennie went to help Ida with the dinner while I harrowed sod. Went to Phair's threshing about 4 pm. G. Leask and May Stone married.

31 – Pretty hard frost which did not thaw out all day. Willie and I threshing at Phair's and finished about 2:30. I then went with the machine for Jim Lee to Jim Gibson's and worked until dark. Jennie at John Michie's most of the day making dresses for the girls. Sidney Caney and Annie out doing things and a party called here. Wes Real and Miss [Gib?] married.

NOV. 1 – Rather a fine day; a little snow in the evening. Did some little jobs while Willie finished topping turnips (too hard frost to get them out). Annie went to Port Perry. Jennie washing. James at school. In the afternoon fixing fence along the road, Willie helping.

2 – A hard frost in the morning and pretty cold all day. Drew in some corn in the forenoon and dug turnips in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie at J. Michie's part of the afternoon making dresses for girls. James at school. War news bad. Germans still advancing in Italy and Russia wants to quit the war.

3 – A fine day but rather cold. Drawing in turnips, the boys helping. Got in 12 loads. S. Caney here in the evening. War news: Italian situation a little brighter.

4 – Pretty cold but clear day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS. Rev. Mr. Steel of Glenarm preached as Mr. McKay was preaching anniversary sermons there. Annie at Methodist church with Luke's.

5 – Hard frost in the morning but a fine mild afternoon and no rain. Drew in some corn in the forenoon and dug turnips in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie and Annie housecleaning. James at school. War news: British win in navel battle. Shivarree at Wes Real's tonight.

6 – Pretty hard frost but a fine but chilly day. Drawing in turnips, Annie and Willie helping; got in 13 loads. James at school. Sid Caney here in the evening. War news: Italians still going back.

7 – A hard frost which did not altogether thaw out all day. Drew in the beans, then harrowed and drew in 5 loads of turnips, Willie helping. Jennie and Annie killing and dressing ducks and chickens. James at school. Annie and Willie at prayer meeting.

8 – Rather cold and raw. Finished the turnips; 6 loads. 36 loads in all. Jennie went to Port Perry market. Annie washing. James at school. S. Caney here in the evening.

9 – A fine day. Threw back the turnips in the root house and finished picking the remnant of the apples, 3 bags. Willie helping John Michie. James at school. Annie and the boys over at Luke's in the evening. About 8 pm Willie Smith and his mother came in their car and left for home again about 10:30.

10 – A very fine day. Took 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill to be ground but did not get it home. Went with John Michie to cattle sale at Port Perry. Cows went from about \$65 to \$140. Willie at John Michie's. James at P. Luke's in the afternoon.

11 – Somewhat cool with fog in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sid Caney here for supper.

12 – A very fine day. Willie went for the meal at Blair's mill. Drawing in corn in the afternoon. Annie washing. James at school. Went to C. Phair's swamp after dinner and Cecil offered me the wood on a piece if I brush it up well. Set 3 mouse traps in the pantry in the evening and caught 8 mice.

13 – A beautiful day. Drawing in corn in the forenoon, Willie helping. In the afternoon went with Cyler Whitter in his car to Whitby town to a mass meeting of Liberals. There was 4 car loads from Greenbank and a big meeting in the hall. A motion to support the Union government was voted down by a large majority and Mr. Sinclair of Oshawa was chosen a straight Liberal candidate. Came from Whitby to Greenbank in a little over an hour. James at school.

14 – A very fine day. Drawing in corn in the forenoon, Willie helping, and finished. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie killing fowl in the forenoon and at W.M. meeting in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Guild meeting in the evening.

15 – Almost rain several times today. Harrowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping P. Luke to fill up holes in his barnyard. Willie plowing. Jennie at Port Perry market. James at school. War news somewhat brighter.

16 – A fine but cold day. At Luke's all day drawing in corn and other jobs. Willie plowing. James at school. Mrs. John Michie left children here while she went to Port Perry. Annie went with her. War news: Italians holding.

17 – A beautiful day. At P. Luke's in the forenoon fencing. Willie plowing. Jennie washing woodwork in kitchen.

18 – A little rain and some snow and pretty raw. All (but Jennie who stayed at home to nurse her shoulder) at SS and church; 105 at SS. Mr. McKay preached on home missions. Mr. D. Archer of Port Perry sang two solos. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

19 – Quite a hard frost in the morning. Did several small jobs in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. Willie threshing at A.

Gordon's and W. Thomas's for N. Midgley. Annie washing. James at school. Telephone men called to fix the phone. War news: British take Joppa.

20 – Ground white in the morning with snow. Plowing in the orchard. Willie threshing at W. Thomas's. James at school. Annie went to Port Perry evening train and met Mundo Perrin who stayed all night. He is on his way to a double wedding at his brothers on the 14th concession.

21 – A very dull day with some snow in the evening. Did nothing in the forenoon but talk politics and other things with Mundo Perrin who left about 12 o'clock with our horse and rig for the wedding. Drawing out manure in the afternoon, Willie helping. James at school. Annie at S. Dusty's for tea and went with them to Guild meeting. Jennie killed 2 ducks.

22 – Snow from the E most of the day and very disagreeable. Helped Mr. Luke awhile in the morning. Mundo Perrin got here from the weddings, got dinner, and Willie drove him to Port Perry on his way home. James at school. John Michie and wife left children here while they were at Port Perry. War news: British gain big victory in France.

23 – A pretty cold wintery day. Did not do much as I was nursing a cold. P. Luke called in the morning and Willie was helping him in the afternoon. James at school. Annie churning. Annie drove to Greenbank with the cutter (the first of the season) and brought Mrs. J. Joyce of Sutton West here and she stayed all night and we had a great talk on conscription.

24 – Very cold day. At P. Luke's all day getting out posts in swamp. Annie drove Mrs. Joyce to Port Perry on her way to Brooklin. Myrtle and Gladys Luke here in the evening. Gladys and Annie were skating.

25 – A very cold wintery day. All hands at SS and Willie drove P. Luke's team and sleigh. Church very cold. 105 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on the first commandment. Willie went to church at Port Perry with Sid Caney who was driving.

26 – Quite cold all day. Did some little jobs and threshed some beans. Annie washing. James at school. Myrtle Luke, Annie and Willie skating in the evening. A very clear night. Peeled apples in the evening.

27 – Cold day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp (first start) in the forenoon, Willie helping. Helping Mr. Luke in the afternoon. Sidney Caney here for dinner. He leaves tomorrow for Toronto.

28 – Some snow through the night; some milder. At P. Luke's in the forenoon, mostly talking about fixing the stable. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie killing ducks. James at school. Annie, Willie, James and Myrtle Luke at Guild in the evening.

29 – A very fine bright day. Helping P. Luke at stable all day. Jennie, Willie and James at Port Perry. James went to get teeth fixed.

30 – Dull and raining in the afternoon. All day helping P. Luke at his stables. James at school.

DEC. 1 – A very fine day. Helping P. Luke all day at his stable. Annie at John Michie's keeping house while Mrs. John is on a visit to her old home. Willie helped Myrtle and Gladys Luke to drive some of Mr. Luke's cattle to Alex Lee's to stay while he is fixing the stable. Got news that Stanley Michie has been killed in the war.

2 – A pretty cold day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS. Mr. McKay preached on the 2nd commandment. Annie at John Michie's.

3 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon, Willie helping. At P. Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at Port Perry in the afternoon to see the Dr. about her arm. James at school. Annie at J. Michie's.

4 – A fine but dull day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp all day, Willie helping. James at school. Jessie McCordale buried at Greenbank today.

5 – Quite cold and little snow flurries. All day drawing gravel from W. Thomas's pit to the 11th concession S of Dusty's place. Willie drove John Michie's team. James at school. Annie at John Michie's. Willie took Annie and Myrtle Luke to Guild meeting.

6 – A pretty cold day with E wind. All day drawing gravel. Willie driving John Michie's team. Jennie at John Michie's making the butter. James at school.

7 – Pretty cold clear day. Drawing gravel all day on the 10th conc. Willie driving J. Michie's team. James at school. News of a terrible disaster at Halifax.⁶⁹

8 – E wind and very cold. Started to snow about noon and the afternoon was a blizzard. Drawing gravel in the forenoon and finished. Willie driving John Michie's team. Over at Luke's in the afternoon seeing his new cement work.

9 – Snowing with high wind through the night and a perfect blizzard from the W all day. Did not go to church as the road is blocked. 25 at SS, no church service.

10 – Very cold day. Took down fences for field roads. Moved cooking stove into front room for the winter. Mr. Sinclair had a meeting at Greenbank tonight. No mail today.

11 – Six below zero in the morning and pretty cold all day. Willie drove James to school. Over at Luke's awhile in the afternoon seeing Mr. Walker and Mr. McDonald cementing stable.

12 – A very fine day. Willie drove James to school. Went to Port Perry to pay the taxes. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. The boys and Annie at Guild meeting in the evening. Jean and Olive here in the afternoon. War news: Jerusalem taken by the British.

13 – Snowing a little from the E. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Willie drove James to school and did most of the chores. In the evening went with Willie to political meeting at Port Perry. Mr. Sinclair, the candidate, and Mr. Bruce of Stouffville were the speakers. Not a very large turnout. Union government was the question. Pretty rough night coming home.

14 – Pretty cold all day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Willie drove James to school and did the chores.

15 – Ten below zero in the morning. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Broke axe handle and got P. Luke's axe. Boys doing chores. Word came that W. Akhurst died at Oshawa.

16 – About 12 below zero. All but Jennie at SS and church; 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. Johnston of Ashburn preached. Church very cold. Myrtle Luke here for tea and evening.

17 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the swamp in the forenoon. Jennie and Willie washing. James at school. Afternoon at W. Akhurst's funeral as one of the bearers. The others were S. Dusty; Alex Gordon; C. Whetter; N. Midgley; and W. Thomas. This is also Dominion election day. The great question is conscription. Union government stand for it with W. Smith as candidate and the Liberals with Mr. Sinclair. [Margin note: Smith elected].

18 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. James at school. Willie doing chores. Annie came home from John Michie's where she has been keeping house for 2 ½ weeks. No papers came to tell of election but it is quite sure the Union government has been sustained.

19 – Soft dull foggy day. Put on storm windows. Rigged up the old sleigh and drew one load of wood from Phair's swamp. James at school. Annie went to Port Perry with the cutter in the afternoon to help select a present for their SS teacher Mrs. J. McMillan. Annie Gordon and Mary Real came home with her for supper and they, with Willie, went to Guild meeting. Mr. Walker, who is working at P. Luke's stable, called in the evening.

20 – Soft dull and foggy day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp all day. Annie and the boys at Port Perry Christmas fair in the afternoon.

21 – A fine day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. James at school. In the evening all but Jennie at the school concert in the hall. There was a full house and a pretty good programme. \$27.00 taken in. Leola Luke stayed all night.

22 – A fine day and colder. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Willie went with buggy to the 5:30 train and brought home Sidney Caney who has been working lately at Toronto. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening.

⁶⁹ The relief vessel 'Imo' collided in Halifax harbour with the munitions ship 'Mont Blanc' and the resulting explosion killed more than 2000 and injured at least 6000 more. In the northern part of Halifax more than 4000 homes were either demolished or rendered inhabitable.

23 – Milder and a little snow towards night. All but Jennie at SS and church; 120 at SS. Mr. McKay preached a Christmas sermon. Sid Caney at Phair's for supper. Annie at Luke's in the evening.

24 – Soft foggy and sometimes almost rain. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Annie, Willie and S. Caney went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and S. Caney at Methodist Christmas tree in the evening. H. Callicut called and bought Whitey cow for \$96.00. Dominion prohibition announced.

25 – Pretty cold but a nice day. Boys skating in the forenoon. John Michie, wife and family here for dinner and supper. Willie and James took Sidney Caney to Port Perry on his way back to Toronto. Annie, the boys, and Myrtle and Leola Luke skating in the evening. No mail.

26 – A fine but pretty cold day. Took Whitey cow to Port Perry in the morning and Willie drove down for me. Did not get home until late as we had to wait for horse shoeing. Cut some wood in Phair's swamp. Annie washing. Annie, the boys and Gladys, Blanche and Leola Luke skating on the creek in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Guild and skating on Blair's pond in the evening.

27 – Snowing a little from the SE all day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp all day. Boys doing the chores.

28 – 12 below zero and a very high wind from the NW so it was cold some. Drove with the cutter to preparatory service in the church. There was just 16 present, Mr. McKay preached. Boys choring. Jennie and Annie baking bread and churning. No mail today.

29 – 23 below zero in the morning and never higher than about 10 below all day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon and drew it home, 2 little loads in the afternoon. Willie pretty well laid up with cold. Blanche Luke called before dinner.

30 – Clear and cold. 18 below zero in the morning. Got up to zero in the afternoon and down again in the evening. This is communion at Wick but we did not go on account of the cold. Annie and Willie went to the Methodist anniversary service in the evening.

31 – Very cold, about 10 below zero in the morning. Cut some wood in the shed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with P. Luke to W. Ireland's sale on the 8th concession. Did not buy anything. Annie and the boys washing.

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JAN. 1 – A very fine clear day. All hands at John Michie's for dinner. Annie and the boys went skating on Blair's pond in the afternoon while Jennie and I stayed for supper. Willie O'Neill and Nellie and young Willie there also.

2 – A fine but very cold day, below zero most of the time. Trimmed the limbs of the maple trees along the lane and drew out some wood from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. In the evening went with Annie and Willie to the annual SS meeting in the church. The attendance was mostly young people. Edgar Leask

was chosen superintendant for the 2nd time (he was not there). Most of the other old officers were re-elected. Financed good. All the supplies paid for this year and about \$20.00 to the good.

3 – Ten below zero in the morning, bright and clear. Cutting wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and drawing out wood from Phair's swamp in the afternoon, Willie helping. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke went with Ray Dusty to a skating party at Blair's pond in the evening.

4 – A very fine but cold day, below zero in the morning. Drawing wood all day from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

5 – A very fine day and milder. Drawing out wood from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. Got almost all out that is cut. Jennie making bread.

6 – A fine day but raw E wind, snow in the evening. All but Jennie at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached a war or peace sermon. Electing teachers in SS. I was chosen teacher of the adult men's class. Mrs. P. and Gladys Luke called in the evening.

7 – Snow through the night and all day, about a foot deep in all. Drove Willie and James to school (Willie starting) and went on to Greenbank to vote at municipal election. Voted for Wier for deputy reeve and M. O'Neill and W. Phoenix for council. Annie drove for the boys.

8 – A fine day but almost drifting. Did chores and cut some wood in the shed. Annie churning. Boys at school. Word came that William McMillan died this morning.

9 – Rather a fine day. Cutting wood in the forenoon. Annie washing. Boys at school. In the afternoon went with Annie to annual church meeting. A fair turnout. The furnace question was up. W. Rennie, John Somerville and P. Leask were elected managers.

10 – Rough, cold and drifting all day. Cutting wood in shed most of the day. Boys did not go to school. No mail.

11 – A fine mild day. Did little but the chores. Boys at school. They drove for the first time this winter. Jennie in bed most of the day with her arm. Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

12 – A terrible day. Blowing a high wind and drifting all day. Nothing doing. Trains appear to be blocked. No mail, nobody to be seen and below zero in the evening. Jennie in bed all day. This was to have been W. McMillan's funeral but it has been put off until Monday.

13 – Another terrible drifting windy day, below zero in the morning but got some warmer towards night. All at home all day. No SS or church. Gladys Luke (who, with Myrtle, is keeping house, their father and mother being away) came over for awhile.

14 – Quite a lot warmer but drifting a little. After the chores Willie and I spent most of the day shovelling snow to get to the road. The 11th concession pretty badly drifted. No trains. No mail. W. McMillan's funeral today.

15 – Snowing a little in the morning. Did little but the chores. Over at Luke's in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Luke have not got back from Epsom where they have been storm stayed since Friday. Boys drove to school. Annie washing. W. Whiteford, who moved to Toronto not long ago, was brought back to be buried tomorrow at Greenbank. No trains and no mail.

16 – A fine but cold day and drifting some. Threshed some beans in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. Annie and Willie at Guild in the evening. No trains or mail yet. Cecil Leask married. Lloyd Love married.

17 – A very fine day. Finished threshing the beans in the forenoon and cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. Annie churning. Gladys Luke called in the forenoon. N. Midgley brought us bread from Port Perry. No trains yet but mail came through from Whitby by sleigh, this is the first since Friday last.

18 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. Trains running again, first since Saturday last.

19 – A very fine day. Fanned the beans which turned out about 4 bushels in all. Drawing wood from Phair's swamp in the afternoon, Willie helping.

20 – Pretty cold day, zero in the morning. All but Jennie at SS and church, 92 at SS. No teacher for our class. Mr. McKay preached a memorial sermon for W. McMillan. There was a large turnout. Oliver M. Luke here for supper. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Spent most of the day mending the old cutter for the boys to drive to school. Annie washing. Boys drove to school.

22 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking chickens. Boys drove to school.

23 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. Dave McMillan of Sask. and Jessie here for supper and for the evening. Willie and Annie and Myrtle Luke at Guild and then skating on Blair's pond.

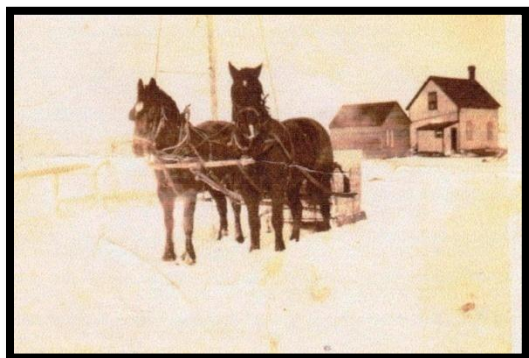


Image of Dave and Jessie McMillan's farm in the Midwest

24 – Snowing a little from the E most of the day;. Choring in the forenoon and cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry market. Boys drove to school. Myrtle and Gladys Luke called.

25 – Snowing some most of the day. Got Jim Lee's saw and Willie and I cutting poplar trees in Phair's swamp. Rather a disagreeable day. James drove to school. Myrtle Luke called and Mr. Wadge, Mr. Luke's son-in-law, came over to telephone.

26 – Ten below zero in the morning. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp, Willie helping. James drawing it out in the afternoon. No mail.

27 – About 12 below zero in the morning and pretty sharp all day. All but Jennie at SS and church; 98 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

28 – Eight below zero in the morning with E wind which continued all day with snow and drifting. The boys did not go to school. Jennie picking beans. Annie baking. Spent most of the day cutting wood in the shed. No mail.

29 – A fine but pretty cold day. Cutting wood in the woodshed in the forenoon and in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Boys drove to school. All over to P. Luke's in the evening. Got Saturday Globe today.

30 – A very fine day but below zero in the morning. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon and in the afternoon at church session meeting at J.M. Real's. A deputation from the Methodist church proposing to hold joint meeting for a time to conserve fuel. Arrangements were made to that end. Annie washing. Boys drove to school. Annie and Willie at guild meeting in the evening.

31 – A very fine but cold day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Boys drove to school. Mrs. John Michie left her family here while John and her went to Port Perry.

FEB. 1 – About 20 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than zero all day. Cutting wood in the shed in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew up 5 loads of wood from Phair's swamp. Boys drove to school. Jean and Ruth Michie called. Farmers institute meeting at Greenbank today.

2 – A beautiful day but pretty cold. Sawing wood in the forenoon in Phair's swamp, Willie helping, and drawing out wood in the afternoon. Willie helping P. Luke in the afternoon.

3 – Not so cold with some snow. All but Jennie at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. After the service a vote was taken in the question of uniting with the Methodist church in the SS and church services for 3 months. It was carried by 8 of a majority, but many did not vote.

4 – A terrible cold day. Down to 14 below zero in the morning and lower in the evening with high NW wind and drifting. Cutting wood in the woodshed most of the day. Jennie and the boys picking beans. Annie baking. No trains, no mail.

5 – 26 below zero in the morning and did not get higher than about 6 below all day. Cut wood in the shed part of the day. Jennie,

Annie and the boys picking beans part of the day. Jas. S. Lee called in the afternoon and Myrtle Luke in the evening. No mail.

6 – Snowing a little most of the day from the E. Cut a little wood in the shed. Boys drove to school. Annie washing. Annie and Willie at Guild meeting in the evening. The snow plough got through on the RR about 4 pm but we got no mail yet; none since last Friday.

7 – A fine day; down a little below zero in the evening. Cutting wood in shed. Boys drove to school. Got mail today; 5 daily papers.

8 – A fine day. Cut some wood in the shed. Boys drove to school. Annie and Gladys Luke at Port Perry in the afternoon.

9 – Some rough, drifting a little. We cut down the tree near the N window of the kitchen. No mail. Trains not running well.

10 – Much milder. All but Jennie at SS and church; 95 at SS. Mr. McKay preached on the 5th commandment.

11 – A fine mild day and really thawing. Split some wood in the woodshed when a terrible pain came in my right hip and I had to quit. Annie washing. Boys drove to school. No trains, no mail.

12 – Soft all day; raining sometimes. Laid up all day with hip. Boys drove to school. No mail.

13 – A very fine day and thawing some. Boys drove to school. In the house all day with bad leg. Jennie at James Lee's for dinner and afternoon keeping the children while they were at Port Perry. Annie, Willie and Gladys Luke at Guild meeting in the evening. No mail yet.

14 – A fine day and thawing. Heavy rain in the evening starting about 9; some lightning. In the house all day with bad leg. Boys drove to school. Jennie visiting at N. Midgley's in the afternoon.

15 – Quite a lot colder with high wind and freezing. All day in the house with bad leg. Jennie and Willie started to go with the cutter to John Michie's but the road was too soft. Willie and James at Albert Akhurst's sale in the afternoon. Gladys Luke called at noon. No mail.

16 – Somewhat cold with E wind. In the house all day with bad leg. Annie and the boys went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Wes Luke and wife here for dinner and talked a couple of hours. Gladys Luke called in the evening. James hurt his nose skating north of the barn.

17 – Pretty fine clear cold day. Annie, Willie and Gladys Luke at church and SS. 110 st SS. Mr. Hall of the Neglected Children's Care preached. Annie, Willie and Gladys at Methodist church in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Cut a little wood in the woodshed and helped a little with the chores (the first for a week). Annie washing. Boys drove to school. Annie, the boys and Gladys Luke skating in the evening.

19 – Rain, fog and more rain, especially in the evening. Cut some wood in the shed in the forenoon. Jennie and the boys picking beans.

20 – Turned colder in the night with high wind which continued all day and very cold; down to 6 below zero at bedtime. Ice everywhere. Boys took Jim Lee's saw home in the morning and skating in the afternoon. No mail.

21 – Another very cold windy day; 6 below zero in the morning. Little doing. Norman Midgley called. Annie and the boys skating in the evening. A very fine evening. No mail.

22 – Pretty cold but nice day. Boys at school (walked). Cut some wood. Jean, Ruth and Olive Michie here in the afternoon while John and Lizzie were at Port Perry. Annie, Willie and Gladys Luke skating in the evening in James Leask's field. Over at P. Luke's in the forenoon settling up with him; 85 cts. was coming to me.

23 – Mild and fine day. Cutting some wood in the door yard with P. Luke's saw, Willie helping. Jennie at P. Luke's for a visit and supper. Clinton Midgley, Ross Blakely and our boys skating in the afternoon and Clinton and Ross stayed for supper. Three days mail came and the war news was never darker.

24 – Quite mild and thawing all day. All but Jennie at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on the 6th commandment. Gladys Luke here for supper and, with Annie and Willie, went to Methodist church in the evening.

25 – Mild and thawing all day. Heavy rain in the evening with lightning. Helped John Michie to pull down the old log barn at Jim Lee's that he has bought. Annie washing. Boys drove to school. War news bad.

26 – A terrible night of wind which continued all day with some snow. Nothing doing. Boys not at school. No mail.

27 – A fine day and thawing. Boys drove to school. Jennie baking bread. Mr. and Mrs. McKay here for supper. Willie and Annie at Guild meeting in the evening.

28 – A fine mild day; some snow in the forenoon. Helping John Michie at Jim Lee's old barn in the forenoon. Boys drove to school. Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

MAR. 1 – A fine day. Helping John Michie in the forenoon to haul down Jim Lee's old barn. James at school. In the afternoon Jennie and I drove to Willie Smith's at Columbus. Got there about 5 and stayed all night.

2 – A fine day. Went with Willie Smith to Brooklin in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove with Jennie to Frank Bratley's, where we stayed for tea and came back to Smith's in the evening. Herb and Ethel Bratley were home. Herb expects to be called to the army any time. Willie went to Port Perry for Sid Caney.

3 – A very fine day. At Brooklin church with Jennie, Willie and Barbara to SS and church. It was communion Sunday; their new minister Mr. Simpson preached and I liked him very well. Annie

went to SS and church with Luke's while the boys and Sid Caney started with the old cutter and broke down and turned back, but they were all at the Methodist church at night.

4 – A fine day. Started with Jennie from Smith's about 9 am and drove to F. Perrin's, Newcastle. Went by Oshawa and Bowmanville. Sleighing good. Willie drove Sidney Caney to Port Perry.

5 – A fine morning. F. Perrin drove Jennie and I to Sleeman's near Port Hope for dinner and found them all well. In the afternoon Jim Sleeman drove us over to see W. Clarke's chicken farm and quite a sight it was; about 1800 hens on hand now. After tea we drove back to Perrin's. The night was very dark and foggy with a little rain. James at school. Annie washing.

6 – Colder, with the roads hard again. Hitched up and, with Jennie and Jennie Perrin, drove to W. Farrow's where we got dinner. Then I left Jennie and started for home. Turned north at Newcastle and came by Orono and Hampton and got to Smith's again about 8 o'clock. Some snow on the way up. James at school. John Michie left the children here while they went to Port Perry.

7 – A fine day. Started again from Smith's in the morning and got home for dinner. Tried to draw out a little wood that was left in Phair's swamp but there was too much water under the ice. James at school. Gladys Luke called.

8 – A fine day and thawing some. Cutting and splitting wood in the door yard, Willie helping. James at school. Annie at a party at D. McDonald's in the evening.

9 – A fine morning. Annie got home from McDonald's party about 4:30 am. With Willie's help cut some old cedars in Phair's swamp in the forenoon and drew it up to the house in the afternoon while Willie helped John Michie to cut some saw logs. James at Midgley's in the afternoon and Willie in the evening. Snow from the E most of the afternoon and evening.

10 – A high wind; snowing and drifting bad all day. Annie and Willie started for church but turned back about Wes Phoenix's.

11 – A fine day. Cutting and splitting wood in the woodshed. Annie washing. Willie drove James to school and also went for him. Myrtle Luke called in the forenoon.

12 – Mild day; snow going fast in the afternoon. Cut some old cedar logs in Phair's swamp and drew them to the house. Willie drove James to school and went after him.

13 – A fine day, thawing some in the afternoon. Cutting wood all day in P. Luke's swamp near his road gate, Willie helping. James at school. Willie and Annie at Guild meeting in the evening.

14 – Some colder in the morning with mist in the forenoon. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp, Willie helping. It was raining after dinner, then there was thunder, then rain, and finally snow. Cutting wood in shed. James at school. Willie went after him. No mail.

15 – Pretty rough and cold. Cut some wood in shed while Willie went to Port Perry for Jennie who returns from a 2 week visit to Newcastle etc. James at school. Cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp in the afternoon.

16 – Mild day. Drawing wood all day from P. Luke's swamp, Willie helping. Jennie and James trying to make the sewing machine work. Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

17 – A fine day and thawing some in the afternoon. All but Jennie at SS and church; 104 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on the 8th commandment. Annie and Willie and Gladys Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

18 – A fine mild day. Cutting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon drawing home from John Michie's some old cedar stumps for firewood for boiling maple sap, Willie helping. Annie and Jennie washing. James at school. War news never more gloomy.

19 – Thawing all day. Cutting wood in the forenoon while Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry for sap buckets etc. They drove the cutter but the roads were better suited for wheels. Annie at John Michie's helping Mrs. John who is not very well. James at school. In the afternoon tapped about 50 maple trees along the road.

20 – A fine day and quite warm in the afternoon. Fixed up the kettle for boiling sap and split wood. Willie at church wood cutting bee. Jennie whitewashing kitchen and pantry. James at school. Mud everywhere.

21 – Very mild and thawing all day. Moved the stove (which has been in the front room all winter) back to the kitchen and Jennie and Annie were most of the day cleaning up. Started to boil the sap of yesterday's run. Splitting wood, Willie helping. James at school. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon.

22 – Some colder. Willie drove James to school and went on to Greenbank to get a band for the sugar kettle but it turned out to be too short. Splitting wood most of the day. Jennie baking. War news: Germans launch great offensive on British front and gain a little at some points.

23 – Somewhat cold in the morning. Splitting wood in the yard most of the day, Willie helping, and finished. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon. Annie and Luke's girls at A. Akhurst's in the evening. No mail today as the water is so high in the swamp.

24 – A very fine day. All but Jennie (who has a cold in her head) at SS and church. We drove the buggy for the first time this spring and went up the side road all the way. There was 108 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on the 9th commandment. Annie at P. Luke's for supper and went with Gladys and Willie to Methodist church in the evening. Mrs. Luke here in the afternoon.

25 – A very fine day. Helping Cecil Phair to cut wood. Jennie and Willie all day boiling sap. Annie washing. James at school. War news: A terrible battle still continues on the British front in France which appears to be going bad for our side.

26 – Very cold and high wind all day. Did little but boil down some sap. James at school. Annie over at Luke's in the evening.

27 – Pretty cold all day. Working in root house and pruning orchard. James at school. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Guild meeting in the evening. War news a little more hopeful. Oliver Luke married.

28 – A very fine day. Helping Jas. Lee to frame his new driving shed. B. Cragg and J. Michie also helping. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie went over to Ernest Phair's in the afternoon to hire with him. Jennie at John Michie's. James at school. War news is some better.

29 – Good Friday. A beautiful day. Pruning apple trees. Willie boiling sap all day. James at school. Leola Luke, who has been attending school in Cannington, was here for supper and Gladys Luke here in the evening. War news not quite so good today.

30 – A very fine day. A little dull. All day at Jim Lee's helping to raise his driving shed. Willie went to Port Perry helping John Michie to drive cattle. Annie drove to Port Perry for Willie and Gordon Bell who are here for Easter holidays. Jennie boiling sap. Myrtle Luke called. War news: still very serious. About bedtime Sidney Caney, who has been unwell for the last few days, phoned that he was at Port Perry and he came later. He got a ride with C. O'Neill.

31 – Easter Sunday. A very fine day. All hands but Sidney at SS and church; 115 at SS, Mr. McKay preached. Annie, Willie and Sidney at Methodist church in the evening. Gladys Luke here in the evening. She leaves tomorrow morning to take a course in a Toronto business college.

APR. 1 – A very dull day with rain several times. Pruning trees part of the day and looking after boiling sap. Leola Luke called. Sidney Caney at P. Luke's for supper. War news hopeful.

2 – A very fine day. All day cleaning out raspberry bushes, boys helping some. P. Luke starts harrowing, the first work on the land that I have seen. War news: British holding. Trouble in Quebec.⁷⁰

3 – A very fine day. Cleaning out berry bushes in the forenoon. About the middle of the afternoon, W.H. Leask came with his sawing machine and worked until six o'clock. John Michie and P. Luke and Sidney Caney helping. Annie, Willie and Sidney at Guild meeting in the evening. War news: little doing.

4 – A very fine day. Cutting wood with Leask's machine and finished at noon. Jim Lee was helping. He came for Cecil Phair and in the afternoon helping P. Luke to cut his wood. Jennie and the boys had a busy day boiling down sap as it ran good today. Myrtle Luke here in the evening as we had a sugaring off.

5 – A beautiful day. Willie helping John Michie to cut his wood in the forenoon while I and the boys finished cleaning out the raspberry bushes. Boiling sap all day and did not catch up to the run. In the afternoon at preparatory service in the church with Willie and S. Caney. Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached. Jas. Lee's baby girl Alma Isabella was baptised. Annie, Willie and Sidney Caney at Luke's in the evening. War news: Germans are making another great drive on the west front.

6 – A very fine day. Went with Willie and Sid Caney to Jim Lee's for a load of old shingles for boiling sap and I stayed all day and helped Jim to shingle his new driving shed. Willie came for two more loads while Sidney attended the fire all day but did not succeed in finishing as the run was good today. Annie went to Port Perry and took Willie and Gordon Bell on their way home. She went over to Luke's and stayed all night with Myrtle who is alone. Mary Dusty and Myrtle Luke here for supper; the principal subject was hats. J.M. Real called in the morning. War news: Allies holding.

7 – Threatening rain several times with high SW wind. With Jennie, Annie and Willie at communion at Greenbank. There was a fair turnout and Mr. McKay conducted the service. Sidney Caney was not well so he and James stayed at home. In the afternoon Willie and Sidney went to Ed Lyle's south of Port Perry and as it proved to be a very dark night they stayed all night. Annie at Luke's in the afternoon and Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon E of the orchard (the first work on the land). Willie and Sidney came home from E. Lyle's. Annie washing. James boiling sap. Afternoon Willie plowing while I scuffled berry bushes. Sid Caney and James called on C. Phair. War news fair.

9 – A hard frost and a very raw E wind. In the forenoon piling wood in the swamp field, James helping, while Willie took Sidney Caney to Port Perry on his way back to Toronto. In the afternoon went to food conservation meeting in the school house. Rev. E. Rowland was the chairman. About 15 men were present. James also went and brought his books home as he expects to have passed the entrance by the farm work plan. Jennie went to W.M. meeting in the church. 2 quilts were quilted. Willie piling wood. Lu Waggoner and Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

10 – Another bleak raw day with E wind. All day piling the wood, the boys helping. Mr. McKay called in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Guild in the evening. War news: Germans have advanced.

11 – A very fine day. Piling wood in the forenoon, boys helping. Willie plowing in the afternoon while I finished scuffling berry bushes and some other jobs. Jennie at Jas. Lee's keeping the children while Mrs. Lee went to the dentist. Boiling sap all afternoon and evening. War news still very gloomy.

12 – A fine but somewhat raw day. Went for load of kettle wood to Jim Lee's with Willie, then Willie went for another load. Helping Jim Lee to shingle in the afternoon while Willie drew out manure. Vet Moon came over to see sick cow. McMillan, horse buyer, called. War news: a little better but not too good.

⁷⁰ Quebec felt distanced from the war, feeling that it was a chiefly English effort. 23 year old Joseph Mercier was arrested for not carrying his conscription registration papers, which in turn triggered a massive riot in Quebec City.

13 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with James for grass seed. Willie cultivating field W of house. Boiling sap. Got a bag of potatoes from N. Midgley and planted a few. Uncovered the strawberry patch which looks pretty good. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news: Germans still advancing.

14 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church (Annie rode up with the Luke's); 102 at SS. Rev. Mr. --- of Gamebridge preached. Annie stayed for tea at Mrs. Stone's and with Myrtle Luke and Willie went to the Methodist church in the evening. The law putting the time 1 hour ahead to save daylight came into force today at 2 am.

15 – A beautiful day. Willie cultivating field N of barn while I and James fanned seed oats. James went with P. Luke to help bring home his cattle from Alex Lee's. Jennie washing and quilting. War news more encouraging.

16 – A beautiful day. Sowed field W of house (the first of the season) while the boys finished piling the wood. Vet Moon called to see cow. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and brought home a bag of wheat for seed which cost \$2.74 per bushel. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news: British still holding.

17 – A fine day until about 5:30 when it started to rain from the E. Willie harrowing in the forenoon and at John Michie's in the afternoon. James harrowing in afternoon. Gathered up the sap dishes and planted turnips for seed. Mr. Sleep called and bought a cow and two steers. War news bad. Germans captured Marina Ridge.

18 – Rain through the night and morning which turned to snow and quite cold and disagreeable. Got John Michie's waggon (ours being loaded with logs) and took the 2 pigs to Port Perry. They weighed 410 lbs. at \$19.50. P. Luke went with me while the boys fanned oats. In the afternoon changed some oats with P. Luke. Cold and wintery like. War news a shade brighter.

19 – A hard frost and pretty wintery like. With the boys took the cow and two steers to Seagrave in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with James with a load of saw logs to Blair's mill expecting to get the lumber home but did not get it. Russell Thomas called. He wanted to buy Peggy. Annie at Luke's in the evening. War news some brighter.

20 – A fine but somewhat raw day. Drawing out manure, boys helping, in the forenoon as the ground was too hard frozen to work and in the afternoon sowed the bag of wheat I got. Sowed it E of the orchard and Willie harrowed it. Annie at John Michie's keeping the children while Mrs. John was at Port Perry. Harnessed up King colt for the first time. War news quiet.

21 – Dull with a little rain sometimes. All but Jennie at SS and church; 95 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Voted on the question of adopting the new time in starting meetings and a majority were in favour of the new order. Mrs. John Michie and Olive called in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

22 – Not much doing in the forenoon as it was raining off and on. Sowed field N of the barn in the afternoon. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon helping to quilt a quilt made by Mrs. Mark years ago. War news: Things somewhat quiet.

23 – Willie harrowing while I drilled up some. Jennie and Annie washing. Afternoon went with P. Luke to W. Reader's sale on Scugog Island and bought a set of sleighs. Rain in the evening. War news: Little doing.

24 – Ground white with snow in the morning and quite cold all day. Went over to Jim Blair's mill and brought home the lumber sawed from our logs. Boys cutting wood. Jennie quilting. In the afternoon went with James to W. Reader's, Scugog, for the sleighs bought yesterday. Annie and Willie at Guild in the evening. Myrtle Luke came over to go but was too late. War news: Naval raid on Belgian coast.

25 – Quite a hard frost in the morning but a fine day. The boys drawing out manure in the forenoon while Jennie and I went to Port Perry market. Willie rolling new grass in the afternoon. War news not good. Germans advancing.

26 – A very fine day. Plowing all day in SW field. Willie at John Michie's, his first day of a six month engagement. Annie also at John's all day. Jennie quilting. James painting sleigh. No mail today.

27 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. James cultivating in the afternoon. Planted some potatoes. Willie at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon, also in the evening. Ruby Lee here for dinner. War news not good.

28 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church (Annie rode up with Luke's); 95 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on foreign missions. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Methodist church in the evening. Mrs. Luke was sent for to the phone. The news was the death of her sister in Toronto.

29 – A fine day. A little rain with some thunder in the evening. James finished cultivating SW field while I planted some potatoes. Sowing SW field in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke and Annie at S. Dusty's in the evening. War news: Germans still winning some.

30 – A fine day. Finished sowing SW field which finishes seeding. James harrowing while I planted potatoes and some other little jobs. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie papering boys room.

MAY 1 – Quite cold with high NW wind and lots of dust. Did a number of small jobs while James harrowed and rolled most of the day. Jennie and Annie housecleaning upstairs. Willie at John Michie's. Willie, Annie and Myrtle at Guild meeting in the evening. War news: Allies hold firm. Ethel Bratley and ---- Byers married.

2 – A fine day with high wind. Drawing out manure in the forenoon, James helping, and in the afternoon went with James to W.H. Leask's for a load of hay. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry. War news quiet.

3 – A fine day. A few drops of rain towards night. Drawing out manure all day, James helping. Jennie and Annie housecleaning upstairs. Willie at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Went to Manchester in the forenoon with the cow sold to Mr. O'Boyle. James drove the buggy. Came home by Port Perry. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news quiet.

5 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 114 at SS. Mr. McKay preached on the 10th commandment. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening.

6 – A warm spring-like day which is making things bud out. Went with P. Luke and Willie to Boe's creek for suckers. P. Leask and Jack Leask and us were in co. and we got near 10 bags so we had to walk home. Helping to clean the fish most of the afternoon. James rolling. Jennie and Annie housecleaning. Willie at John Michie's. A. Akhurst moves. War news: little of importance.

7 – Some little rain in the morning and thunder storms went round in afternoon but no rain here. Drew out 3 loads of manure which finishes the corn ground, then plowing while James finished rolling grain. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie papering SE bedroom. A. Akhurst, Nellie Cragg, Ruby Lee and Myrtle Luke called. War news quiet.

8 – A fine day but rather cool. Plowing corn land all day. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie washing and churning. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Guild in the evening. War news: Cabinet crisis in Britain.

9 – Some very little showers and some thunder in the evening. Plowing in the forenoon and drilling up for mangolds in the afternoon. James harrowing corn land. Willie at John's. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry market. Jennie went up to N. Midgley's to see Mrs. Bryant who is ill. Clinton Midgley came down for our old cradle. New mail carrier Brown started today. War news: Germans gain a little.

10 – Warm in the morning and some showers but got quite cold towards night. Sowed some mangolds in the orchard and cultivated. James cultivating in the afternoon while I hoed berry bushes. Jennie and Annie painting parlour. Willie at John Michie's.

11 – Quite a frost in the morning and not very warm all day. Went up to W. Thomas's in the morning and got 6 bags of potatoes and planted some of them in the orchard. James cultivating. After dinner went with Jas. Lee on a fishing trip but we only got about a dozen fish. James went with us. Ruby Lee here in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie painting and planting garden. War news somewhat better.

12 – Some rain in the forenoon. All but Jennie at SS and church. Mr. McKay preached; 90 at SS. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

13 – A fine but rather cool day. In the morning went to Port Perry with buggy wheels to get fixed. Annie went with me. James cultivating. Afternoon drilling up for potatoes. Jennie and Annie papering the parlour. Willie at John Michie's. War news not bad.

14 – A very fine but cool day. Drawing out manure on potato drills, James helping. Willie at J.M.'s. Jennie and Annie painting

and papering. Took young colt to P. Luke's for pasture. All but Jennie at Bible Society meeting in our church in the evening. There was a pretty good turnout. A Japanese man was the speaker but was rather hard to understand. He had a lantern but it did not work very well.

15 – A fine day but pretty cold for the time of year. Cutting potatoes most of the day, James helping some. Willie at John Michie's. Russell Thomas came down and bought Peggy mare and took her home. About 4 o'clock Willie Smith came with his car and with him his mother, Annie, Ken and Betty Mason and stayed for tea.

16 – A very fine day. Cut potatoes and planted field potatoes, James helping. Got a bag from P. Luke to finish. Jennie and Annie papering. Willie at John Michie's. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Ruby and Alma called in the afternoon. War news rather quiet.

17 – A very warm fine day. Went up to W. Thomas's in the morning for a load of hay and straw, then drew manure. James caught 4 little wild ducks in the swamp. After dinner went down to J. Michie's for two little pigs and 2 bush. corn and have a settling up. Then planted some sweet corn, James helping. Annie went to Port Perry and brought home a parlour rug. Jennie painting parlour. Willie at J.M.'s. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening.

18 – A very fine but warm day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon, James helping. At James Lee's in the afternoon helping him. Willie at John Michie's. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening. War news: little doing.

19 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS. This is SS anniversary day and Mr. Simpson of Columbus preached to a full house. Mr. McKay taking his place at Columbus and Brooklin. Willie Smith brought Mr. Simpson out in his car and they came here for supper. Mr. Simpson preached again in the evening to a fuller house. Ern Jamison and wife and Wes Real and wife sang.

20 – Some like rain in the forenoon but did not come but got colder with high NW wind. Planted 8 rows of strawberries and some beans, James helping. Willie at John Michie's. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon and again in the evening.

21 – A very fine and warm day. Drew 2 loads of threshing wood from Jim Lee's in the morning, then planted some corn while James harrowed corn ground. Afternoon drew out manure while James helped Cecil Phair. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie cleaning cellar. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. W.H. Leask and Albert Akhurst called with a petition in respect to conscription.

22 – A light thunder shower in the forenoon and thunder again in the afternoon but no rain here. Planted some beans, corn and potatoes in the forenoon. After dinner James went to Cecil Phair's and got a road scraper and we scraped out a water run in the hill field. Jennie churning. Willie at John Michie's. Annie and Willie and Myrtle Luke at Guild meeting.

23 – A fine but cool day, high wind and lots of dust. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the morning for the buggy wheels. In the afternoon got John Michie's drill and sowed the field corn. Willie at John Michie's. War news quiet.

24 – A fine day. A little rain in the evening. Planted some more corn and beans in the forenoon, Willie and James helping, and in the afternoon went with Jennie and James fishing at the sideroad bridge. Got a few small fish. Annie and Willie went to Uxbridge to the concert.

25 – A nice shower after dinner and again about 4 which was needed. Drawing out manure all day, James helping. Willie at J. Michie's. All over at Luke's in the evening as Blanche and Gladys were home. New mail carrier Moon started.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; Mr. McKay preached; 112 at SS. Gladys Luke here for supper and went with Willie and Annie to the Methodist church in the evening. A heavy thunder shower near 12.

27 – Quite warm, lots of thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Plowing all day in root field. Willie at John Michie's. Mrs. John called in the afternoon. New mail carrier had the mail here by 12 o'clock.

28 – A very fine day. Finished drawing out manure and then plowed some. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie and Annie washing. War news: Germans make another drive.

29 – Somewhat dull with a few drops of rain in the afternoon. Plowing root ground all day. James tying up berry bushes. Willie at J. Michie's. Mrs. Dusty and Mary here in the afternoon getting some sewing. Annie at Guild in the evening. Col. Sam Sharpe of the 116th buried at Uxbridge today.⁷¹ War news: Germans advancing towards Paris.

30 – A beautiful day. Finished plowing root ground and harrowed potatoes. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry market. Willie at J. Michie's. James tying up berry bushes. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news bad, very bad.⁷²

31 – Very warm and close with heavy thunder shower about 3 pm, some hail also. Scuffling and hoeing berry bushes. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie baking. War news still very bad. Germans smashing ahead. Mrs. John Horn died suddenly.

JUNE 1 – Quite warm with high west wind and some dust. Fixed gate N of barn while James harrowed root land. Willie at John Michie's. They are tearing the roof of the barn off. In the afternoon drew home two loads of old shingles from John Michie's barn. James making flower stand. Annie at Luke's in the evening. War news still very bad. Germans have got to the Marne. Sidney Caney came about midnight.

⁷¹ "Col. Sam Sharpe jumped to his death from the second story window of the Victoria Hospital, Montreal. He commanded the 116th Battalion at Vimy Ridge before having a nervous breakdown and being hospitalized in England in April." Source: www.scugogheritage.com.

⁷² Robert would probably have been referring to the Third Battle of the Aisne where over 50,000 Allies were captured.

2 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 85 at SS. Rev. Mr. Dodds of Sonya preached, Mr. McKay being at Fenelon Falls. Annie, Willie and S. Caney at Methodist church in the evening.

3 – A fine day with high NW wind; quite cool in the evening. Did some hoeing while James and Sidney Caney harrowed root ground. Jennie and Annie washing. Willie at John Michie's. War news a little brighter.

4 – Rather dull and a few drops of rain. Hoed some but was in the house most of the time with a bad leg. Annie and James at Port Perry with Sid Caney on his way back to Toronto. Willie at John Michie's. James at John Michie's in the afternoon. Ruby Lee here awhile in the afternoon. War news: German advance stopped.

5 – Very foggy in the morning but a fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning for the beef (the first of the season), then cultivated root ground. Jennie at John Michie's preparing for the barn raising tomorrow. Willie at John's. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Guild in the evening.

6 – Rather dull and threatening rain. Scuffling most of the forenoon. James at John Michie's all day helping. Willie at J.M.'s. In the afternoon all hands at John Michie's barn raising which went off without anybody hurt but did not go together first rate. War news not so bad.

7 – Much colder with very high NW wind. Did little but nurse bad leg. Willie at J. Michie's. Annie and Myrtle Luke at Port Perry in the afternoon.

8 – Rather a fine day. Did little but nurse my leg. James harrowed root ground. Willie at John Michie's. Annie and James went to public school picnic in Beare's woods. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. Eclipse of the sun after 5 pm.

9 – Dull with some rain in the afternoon and evening. All but Jennie at SS and church; 79 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. The ballot for elders resulted in the election of James Blair and G.A. McMillan.

10 – A very fine day. Drilling up most of the day for turnips. Jennie at Jas. Lee's all day keeping house while Mrs. Lee was at Toronto attending the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Hewitt. Annie washing. Willie at J. Michie's. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news: Germans making another drive. Jennie stayed at Lee's all night.

11 – A fine day with high SW wind. Sowed and drilled turnips. Jennie at W. Missionary meeting at the church. Willie at John Michie's. Ruby Lee here for dinner. Fire in Port Perry. Jeffery's harness shop damaged. War news bad. Germans advancing. Thunder storm after we went to bed.

12 – A fine but rather cool day. Plowing most of the day. Jennie cleaning the cupboard. Willie at J.M.'s. Annie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Guild meeting. W. [Tocher?] of Sunderland called on business. Myrtle Luke stayed here all night.

13 – A fine but very cool day. Finished sowing turnips and plowed in the forenoon. Helping John Michie to shingle his barn in the afternoon. Blake Cragg and John Howsam also helping. Willie at J.M.'s. Annie went to Port Perry with Myrtle Luke and from thence to Platten's on Scugog for a visit. Jennie varnishing cupboard.

14 – A fine but cool day. Hoeing mangolds in the orchard most of the day. Willie at J. Michie's. War news better.

15 – A beautiful day but cool. Scuffling corn most of the day. Willie at J. Michie's. James hoeing some. Olive and baby Michie here while their mother was at Port Perry. War news good.

16 – A fine day. Some thunder in the evening but no rain here. At SS and church with Willie and James. 104 at SS; Mr. McKay preached on the prodigal son. Jennie went over to Jim Lee's to keep the children while Ida went to Port Perry to the Dr., then she stayed in the afternoon while they went to church. Willie and James at Methodist church in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. Did a few chores in the forenoon while James harrowed buckwheat land. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie washing. Afternoon at John Michie's helping to shingle barn. James there also. War news: Austrians make great attack on the Italian front but do little as yet.

18 – A very fine day. Sowed the buckwheat and harrowed it and scuffled potatoes. Willie at John Michie's. They finished shingling the barn. War news: Italians holding pretty well.

19 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for Annie who has been at Scugog for a few days. Went to see the Dr. and he says I have sciatica. Hoed some in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Willie at J. Michie's. Willie and Annie at Guild meeting in the evening. War news fair. Mail delivered by car for the first time. Got here before 12 o'clock.

20 – A beautiful day. Drove Jennie to Greenbank where she went by car driven by Norman Flewell to Beaverton to the Presbyterial W. Missionary meeting. Mrs. John Stone; Mrs. Jas. Blair; Mrs. J.M. Real also went. James drove to Greenbank for her in the evening. Fixed stable floor.

21 – Rain and fog most of the day which was very welcome as things were getting pretty dry. Little doing. Jennie sewing. Willie at John Michie's. War news: Italians holding good.

22 – Very cold for the time of year with almost rain several times. Did some hoeing. Jennie cleaning kitchen floor. Willie at J. Michie's. This is registration day. All over 16 years of age are required to register. War news: Italians holding and gaining.

23 – A very fine but very cool day. All hands at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Annie, Willie and Myrtle Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

24 – A very fine and much warmer day. Hoeing field corn, James helping. Jennie and Annie washing. Willie at John Michie's. War news good. Austrians retreating.

25 – A very fine day. Hoeing corn, James helping. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon. The Rawleigh medicine man called. War news good; 45,000 Austrians captured.

26 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing corn, James helping. Rolled buckwheat. Willie at J. Michie's. Moved the stove out to the cook house. Jennie oiling kitchen floor. Annie, Willie and James at Guild in the evening. War news all right.

27 – A very fine day. Hoeing most of the day. Gladys Luke called after dinner and Myrtle and Gladys in the evening. Willie at John Michie's. War news quiet.

28 – A very fine day. Hoed some and did some little jobs in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Annie to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. New members this time: the 2 Butson girls; Mr. and Mrs. James Durward, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Lingle. James Blair and George A. McMillan were ordained elders. There was a fair turnout. War news: little of importance.

29 – A fine day. A little shower about 10 am. At Cecil Phair's helping to hoe corn. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Mrs. W. Real, Annie and Edna Gordon called for berries. Ross Blakely here in the afternoon. War news: Allies gain some. The Methodist parsonage stable at Greenbank was burned down this morning. Gladys Luke here all night.

30 – Warm day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Wick. There was an unusually good turnout. Mr. McKay preached. Annie at Methodist SS anniversary service in the afternoon and stayed at Mrs. Stone's for the evening. Went with Willie to the Methodist meeting. Mr. McKay also preached there and there was a good turnout. A thunder shower about 5 pm and again when we were coming home from church. The rain is quite welcome.

JULY 1 – Very cool for a first of July; something like snow about 6 pm. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Annie, Willie and James went to the Methodist SS anniversary after supper. Myrtle Luke called in the afternoon. War news: Allies make gains.

2 – A very fine day. At road work all day with team and waggon drawing dirt. James hoeing potatoes. Jennie and Annie washing and picking strawberries. Willie at J. Michie's. Myrtle and Leola Luke; [Erl?] Cragg, Ruby Lee and Lloyd McDonald here in the evening.

3 – A beautiful and warm day. At road work in the forenoon and helping P. Luke to fix fence in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning with berries. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie at J. Michie's in the afternoon sewing. Annie, Willie, James and Myrtle Luke at Guild in the evening. War news favourable.

4 – A very fine but warm day. Helping P. Luke all day at fence. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie at John Michie's all day sewing. James hoeing. Annie picking strawberries and took them to Port Perry for Mary Clark. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon. War news not so good.

5 – A fine and quite warm day. Helping P. Luke with fence in the forenoon and in the afternoon drove to John Horn's sale. P. Luke went with me. There was a very large turnout and prices high. Willie at John Michie's. Leola Luke called. War news: Allies gaining.

6 – A very fine day. At Cecil Phair's all day cutting thistles and weeds. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. James scuffling. Mrs. Wright and Myrtle Luke here. Mrs. W. Real, Bessie Gordon and Ruby Lee called for strawberries.

7 – A very fine but cool day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS. Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Rev. J.G. Miller was the preacher.

8 – A cool but quite fine day. Scuffling corn and beans all day. James hoeing. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie and Annie washing.

9 – Rain through the night and forenoon and quite cool and disagreeable. Fixed the water trough to water the road cattle and laid around in the afternoon with sciatic. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Willie at John Michie's. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Hoed some in the forenoon, James helping. Scuffling turnips in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. Annie went for the beef in the morning. Jennie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon but found the stores closed as it is Wednesday. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news: Everything moving favourable.

11 – A very fine and warm day. Finished scuffling turnips and hoed some. James hoeing corn. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for flour and sugar and again in the afternoon with Mrs. John Michie to get some teeth drawn.

12 – A very fine day; a little shower about 2 pm. Hoeing turnips all day. Annie hoeing in the forenoon. James hoeing corn. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving strawberries in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. James and Mary Dusty, Arthur Gordon and Eva Luke here in the evening. War news: Italians advancing in Albania.

13 – A very nice but warm day. Greened potatoes, then helped to clean out well at the house. Jennie, Annie and James helping. James went down in the well, then hoed turnips. James hoeing corn. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving strawberries. Jean, Ruth and Olive Michie here in the afternoon. Willie at J. Michie's. War news not so bad.

14 – A very fine and warm day. All hands at SS and church; 116 at SS. Rev. Dr. Anderson, representing the Naval League, preached, high lauding the British Empire and everything pertaining to it. L. Wagoner and Myrtle Luke here for tea. Annie, Willie and James went to Methodist church in the evening. Rev. Mr. Anderson also spoke there. John Michie, wife and children; [?] Cragg; and P. Luke, wife and Leola here in the evening.

15 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing turnips. James hoeing corn. Jennie and Annie washing. Willie at J. Michie's. Willie and James at Blair's pond in the evening.

16 – Dull and warm; a little rain in the evening. Hoeing turnips all day. James hoeing potatoes in the forenoon and visiting at Ray Dusty's in the afternoon. Jennie at Missionary meeting at the church. Willie at John Michie's. Leola Luke came over to tell us she had passed the entrance exam. War news: Germans make another big drive. Allies holding good so far.

17 – Heavy rain through the night and a little shower about 11. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon. Jennie at J. Michie's keeping children while Mrs. John went to Port Perry. James hoeing. Afternoon helping Cecil Phair to hoe corn. Willie at John Michie's. Annie at Luke's in the evening. War news: Allies holding good.

18 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and finished, James helping. Willie at J. Michie's. At C. Phair's in the afternoon helping him with the hay. James scuffling corn. Jennie at Ray Dusty's sewing. War news fair.

19 – A very fine and warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon while James scuffled corn. Willie at John Michie's. In the afternoon drove with Jennie to Uxbridge. Called at Mr. D. Lyle's who is very near his end, then to see Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allan who were fairly well. Got supper there. Crops look good most places, some barley nearly ripe. James picking mustard. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening. War news: Allies making big drive and win.

20 – Very warm all day. Helping C. Phair all day haying. James scuffling corn. Willie at John Michie's. Afternoon James helping C. Phair. Jennie picking potato bugs. Willie and James at Blair's pond in the evening. War news: Allies advancing fine.

21 – A very warm day, about 90 in the shade. All hands at SS and church; 95 at SS. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Mrs. G. Miller sang a solo. Annie went home with P. Leask for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Rev. Mr. Chapman, their new minister, preached for the first time.

22 – Very warm and smoky all day. Got P. Luke's mower and cut half of the hay field (not a very heavy crop). James helping C. Phair and did not get home until about 10. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie and Annie washing and preserving rhubarb. Annie at Luke's in the evening. War news fine. Germans retreating.

23 – Another very warm day. Cut the last of the hay in the forenoon and with Willie and James' help raked and drew in what was cut yesterday; 4 loads. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving raspberries. Mrs. Wright called. Alex Gordon, wife and Lex called in the evening. War news good.

24 – Another very warm day, about 90 in the afternoon. James raked hay while I cut thistles in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Willie, James and Jennie drew in the last half of hay; 4 loads. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Mrs. Wright called in the evening. No papers today; perhaps the postmen's strike is the cause.

25 – Another very warm day. James raking the hay field and we then drew them in. Paris greened potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie and James went to Port Perry. Willie at J. Michie's. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening. Jennie at Ray Dusty's seeing sick baby. War news pretty good.

26 – Very warm, some thunder in the afternoon but no rain. Finished greening potatoes and hoeing. James scuffling turnips 2nd time. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here in the afternoon making dress. War news pretty good.

27 – Very warm day. A lot of thunder during the afternoon but no rain here. Helping P. Luke all day mending fences. Willie at J. Michie's. James scuffling some. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke picking raspberries; 75 boxes. Annie went to Greenbank with berries. War news: Allies still advancing.

28 – Another very warm day; 90 in the shade. All hands at SS and church; 101 at SS; Rev. Mr. McKay preached. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

29 – Pretty warm; thunder shower about the middle of the afternoon which was very welcome. Helping P. Luke to fence until the rain came on. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty, Myrtle Luke and Leola Luke picking raspberries; 126 boxes. Annie and Myrtle went to Port Perry with berries. War news: Germans retreating fine.

30 – Much cooler. Helping P. Luke to fence in the forenoon. Hoeing turnips at home in the afternoon, James helping. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie and Annie washing and picking beans. Leola Luke called. War news still good.

31 – A beautiful cool day. Fixing berry crates and picking berries. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty and Leola Luke picking. Annie and Leola went to Port Perry with berries and brought Sidney Caney from the train. Willie at John Michie's. James helping C. Phair to draw hay. War news good, but the Allied drive is slacking up.

AUG. 1 – A very fine cool day. Finished hoeing turnips 2nd time, James helping. Willie went to John Michie's but came home again as he had nothing to do. Jennie baking. Sid Caney went over to C. Phair's and hired with him for \$45.00 per month. The boys and Sid went by Greenbank to Blair's pond. Mrs. Jas. Lee left her girls here while she went to Port Perry. Mrs. John Michie called on her way home from Port Perry.

2 – Some rain about 10 am. Picking berries with Jennie, Annie and Mary Dusty until the train came on. After dinner Willie drove Jennie and I to C. Wells' where we met Willie and Jessie Smith with their car and we went with them to Bobcaygeon. Went by way of Fenelon Falls and got to lake about 7. A beautiful evening and cool.

3 – A fine day but quite cool. After dinner Willie Smith, J.C. Mason, Annie and Ken Mason, and I started for Kinmount but after getting about half way there and the roads getting worse all the time we turned and came back. In the evening Willie Smith, Jessie, Annie, Jennie and the girls at Bobcaygeon. War news good.

4 – A beautiful day. Went to church at Bobcaygeon with Willie Smith, Mrs. Mason, Ken Mason and Jennie. Rev. Dr. Milligan of Toronto, who has bought a cottage nearby, preached. In the evening went with W. Smith, J.C. Mason, Mrs. Mason and Jennie for a little ride north of the lake. A little rain after we came back. Annie and the boys at church. Mr. McKay preached.

5 – A very warm day, over 90 in the shade. After dinner left Bobcaygeon for home. Came by Fenelon Falls, Glenarm, Woodville, Cannington, Sunderland, and got home about 7 pm. Annie and Betty Mason came with us and all got supper here. Mary Dusty, Myrtle and Leola Luke, Annie and the boys picking berries and Willie took a crate to Port Perry. War news all right.

6 – Another very warm day; some thunder and rain in the early morning. Most of the day cleaning out the old strawberry patch. Jennie picking and canning beans. Willie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Annie went with Gladys and Leola Luke on a visit to P. Leask's. Sid Caney and Eril Cragg here in the evening.

7 – Another very warm day but there was a breeze; 95 in the shade. There was a great deal of lightning but only a little rain during the night. Went for the beef in the morning although it was P. Luke's turn. Willie at John Michie's. He had Topsy helping to cut oats. Jennie and Annie washing. Hoeing and cutting thistles.

8 – Another very warm day. John Michie came up in the morning with his binder and started to cut the field N of the barn. He then went home and Willie drove the binder while James and I shocked it up. Worked until about 3 pm. when a thunder shower came up and there was several small showers and much thunder off and on until well through the evening. Jennie and Annie picking berries. War news somewhat quiet.

9 – A great rain most of the night which soaked things so there was no cutting in the forenoon but I fixed fences etc. Willie at John Michie's in the forenoon. In the afternoon cutting oats. Willie driving binder and James and I shocking up. Jennie at Port Perry in the morning with crate of berries for Toronto. War news good. British driving ahead.

10 – Pretty warm day. Cutting oats in field W of house. Willie driving the binder and James and I shocking up. Jennie went with Mary Dusty to Mrs. Hilson's funeral at W. H. Leask's. She was taken to Lindsay by motor. Jennie and Annie picking and preserving berries and making pickles. War news continues good.

11 – A pretty warm day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. Sidney Caney here for supper and Willie, Annie and him went to Methodist church. Jennie, James and I over at Luke's in the evening.

12 – A fine and warm day. John Michie came up in the morning to try to fix his binder but after trying we decided to get Mr. Luke's binder and John stayed all day and finished cutting. Willie, James and I shocking. Jennie and Annie washing and berry picking (the last of the season). Willie and James at Blair's pond in the evening. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening. War news still good.

13 – A terrible hot day, even although there was a high wind from the NW; nearly 100 in the shade. Fixed fences, hoed strawberries and other little jobs. Willie at John Michie's cutting. Jennie at W.M. meeting at the church. James at Midgley's visiting Clinton. A great thunder storm came up in the evening. War news good. Lakey's barn near Manchester burned by lightning.

14 – A very fine day and much cooler. Did some small jobs and set up the shocks blown down in the storm last night. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie making me a pair of shirts. War news good but rather quiet.

15 – A very fine cool day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry market. On the way we met the Daley tea man and bought 13 lbs. Fixed the washing machine in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Willie at John Michie's; they finished cutting. Mrs. S. Dusty and Mary, Sid Caney and Errol Cragg here in the evening. War news still good.

16 – A beautiful day. All hands drawing in oats. Willie at John Michie's. War news pretty good.

17 – A very fine day. All at drawing in oats. Ruby Lee here most of the day. Willie at J. Michie's.

18 – A very fine day. About 11 am Willie Smith came with his car and his mother, Mary Bell and Ben Walker and all went to SS and church. 115 at SS; Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Willie left for home about 8 pm. Mary Bell stayed.

19 – A beautiful day. Drawing in oats all day and finished, Jennie and James helping. Willie at John Michie's and they also finished drawing in. Annie and Mary Bell washing. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening. War news good.

20 – A very fine day. Raking stubble most of the day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Willie to the station on his way to Newcastle to help F. Perrin a few days with the harvest and took James to the Dr. who says he has been affected by the hot weather. Annie and Mary Bell at Luke's in the evening. No paper today.

21 – Finished raking stubble and drew them in in the forenoon. Fixed the water trough in the afternoon. About 4 o'clock a thunder shower came up. Jennie sewing. War news good.

22 – Pretty close and warm day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Mary Bell on her way home. Scuffled strawberries and hoed some in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Annie somewhat on the sick list, James also. War news still good.

23 – Very warm and close. Did little but fix harness. About 4 pm a thunder storm came up and continued off and on until about 8:30. Lots of rain and some fierce lightning. Jennie sewing. Annie and James some better. War news still all right.

24 – A great pour of rain about midnight and some drizzle during the forenoon. Swept out the grainery in the forenoon and started to plough the wheat patch in the afternoon. Jennie sewing. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon. War news still good. Allies are still advancing.

25 – A very fine and warm day. All hands at SS and church; 85 at SS. Rev. Mr. Borland for the Dominion Alliance preached to a

rather thin house. Annie went to Alex Gordon's for supper and James S. Lee, wife and girls were here for supper. Sid Caney here in the evening. Annie at Methodist church. S. Wagoner and Myrtle Luke called in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Helping Ray Dusty to thresh in the afternoon (Alex Lee's machine). Grain turning out good. Jennie and Annie washing. Cows late coming home. War news good.

27 – A very fine and warm day. Threshing at Ray Dusty's until finish at noon. Then moved to John Michie's and worked until dark. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie sewing. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening. Telephone man called.

28 – Threshing at John Michie's until finished about 9:30. Then went with them to Mr. C. Lingles and finished there about 3 pm. Rain stopped them and there was a heavy rain after that and several times during the afternoon. Machine moved to Jim Lee's but did not thresh any. P. Luke here in the afternoon expecting to go to Lee's to thresh. Jennie sewing and pickling. James at Phair's in the forenoon. War news: Canadians doing big things.

29 – A beautiful day. Threshing at Jim Lee's and finished about 4 and then moved to C. Phair's and worked until dark. Willie, who has been at Newcastle for some days, came home today. Jennie helping Mrs. Lee with dinner and brought home two pails of red plums from C. Phair's. War news still good.

30 – A very fine day. Threshing at C. Phair's until finish about 5 pm (James also there). They then moved the machine here. James Blair went home. Robbie Leask stayed all night. Willie cutting engine wood. Willie Smith and his mother called for us to go to Sutton but I was not home so Annie went with them. War news good.

31 – Rain through the night and a little drizzle most of the forenoon. Threshing at home and finished about 3 pm. Those here helping were Jim Lee; S. Caney (for C. Phair); Ray Dusty; P. Luke; John Michie; C. Lingle. Jas. A. Blair and Robbie Leask were the threshers. John Love called for some raspberry bushes. Myrtle and Leola Luke called. War news still all right.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day. All at SS; 101 present. There being no church service as Mr. McKay is away on his holidays we went over to the Methodist Sunday School and I was asked to teach the mens class. Sidney Caney here for supper and he and Willie and James went to the Methodist church. Willie Smith, his mother and Annie returned from their trip to Sutton. He stayed about an hour and took Annie and Gladys Luke (who is home for labour day) to the Methodist church.

2 – A fine but rather dull day. Plowing and gang plowing all day. Jennie and Annie washing. James drove Willie and Sidney Caney to Port Perry. Sidney has left Phair's and Willie has gone with him to the Toronto fair. Leola Luke and Miss Cotes here in the afternoon and Myrtle Luke and her aunt, Mrs. Jones, called in the evening. Norman Midgley threshing. C. Asling and others from Epsom visiting at Luke's. War news: still keeping good.

3 – Plowing about an hour when rain came on and lasted off and on until about 2 pm, then plowing again. Annie drove James to Port Perry for his first day at high school and she brought him home again. Jennie ironing and sewing. Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. War news: Canadians doing great.

4 – Dull and some rain in the afternoon. Plowing all day. Annie drove James to Port Perry school. James came home with J. Michie. Jennie and Annie canning corn. Annie went to Port Perry again in the evening for Willie on his way home from Toronto fair. War news good.

5 – A terrible rain from the E all night and most of the forenoon. Willie drove James to Port Perry school and Annie went for him. Plowing in the afternoon. Moved the stove in from the cook house. War news good.

6 – A very fine cool day. Gang plowing all day. Willie at John Michie's. Annie drove James to Port Perry school. Jennie sewing. Stanley Crowle, who has been visiting at P. Luke's and others, left for Whitby today.

7 – A fine day but some rain in the evening. Gang plowing all day. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie sewing. James at his homework. War news still keeps good.

8 – A beautiful summery day. All hands at SS and church; 96 at SS; Mr. McKay preached. J.M. Real came down in his car to talk over Mr. McKay's call to Streetsville. Marion Leask here for supper and Annie, Willie and her went to Methodist church.

9 – A beautiful day. Gang plowing and finished, then harrowed some. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie went to Port Perry with a crate of hens for Toronto. Annie washing. James wheeled⁷³ to Port Perry school. War news good.

10 – Somewhat cold in the morning but warmed up. Harrowing all day. Jennie sewing. Annie got word that she has to attend Peterborough Normal school.⁷⁴ Willie at J. Michie's. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news good.

11 – Harrowing all day and finished. Rain started a little about 5 pm and got harder until in the evening it was quite heavy. Willie at J. Michie's. Jennie sewing things for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Oshawa fair last day. War news: Not much advance made.

12 – Rain through the night. About all I did was to dig some potatoes in the orchard. Annie drove James to Port Perry school. He wheeled home and got well drenched with rain. Jennie sewing for Annie. Willie at J. Michie's. In the evening went with Annie to a meeting in the church to consider what to do about Mr. McKay's call to Streetsville. There were only 9 turned out and nothing done but some talk. After dinner went with John Michie to Jas. Lee's to see a steer for the beef ring, then across to see one of W. Thomas's.

13 – Rain again through the night and several times during the day. Drove James part way to Port Perry school and did some little jobs. Jennie sewing. Willie at J. Michie's. War news great. Americans make big drive and capture 8,000.

14 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes most of the day and got in 13 bags; a good crop. Jennie making clothes for Annie to go to Normal School. Willie at J. Michie's. Annie at Luke's in the evening and stayed all night. War news good. Americans still going ahead.

15 – Dull and rain several times. Annie came home from Luke's bringing Myrtle with her and she stayed here all afternoon and Jennie, James and I went to SS and church. Willie started on the wheel but turned as it was wet. 85 at SS. Mr. McKay preached and after service there was a meeting to appoint delegates to Presbytery meeting tomorrow at Sunderland in connection with Mr. McKay's call to Streetsville. Willie, Annie and Myrtle Luke at Methodist church in the evening. A fire on Scugog island in the evening.

16 – A fine day until evening when it started to rain. Got up at 4 am and took Annie to Port Perry on her way to Peterborough Normal school. She is going by way of Port Hope. Then I walked up to J.M. Real's and then went in P. Leask's car to Sunderland to the Presbytery meeting to dispose of Mr. McKay's call to Streetsville. J.M. Real; R.T. Harrington; Jas. Blair; P. Leask; D. McDonald; G.A. McMillan and I were there from Greenbank and as many from Wick but we did not succeed in keeping him. He accepted the call. Got home about 5 pm. Jennie washing. Willie at John Michie's. James wheeled to Port Perry school. War news good. Austria wants to talk peace.



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17 – A fine day and no rain. Went to Port Perry in the morning taking James to school and a crate of ducks to the station. Digging potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. Willie at J. Michie's.

18 – Went for the beef in the morning, then finished digging potatoes in orchard. Rain started about 3:30. Jennie drove part way to Port Perry to meet James from school and both got wet. Rain again in the evening. Willie at J. Michie's. Myrtle Luke called in the evening and was telling us that Verna Stone was to be married next Wed. War news good.

19 – Rain through the night but none during the day, but quite dull. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Jennie went later to get him a suit of clothes. James came home with her and him and I

⁷³ 'Wheeled' meant rode his bicycle.

⁷⁴ Normal School taught high school graduates to become teachers.

went to the school fair in the afternoon. The fair was well attended and the show very good. Willie at J. Michie's. War news great. British smash Hindenburg line.

20 – No rain. Drove James part way to Port Perry school. Hoed strawberry patch. Willie at J.M.'s. War news good.

21 – A fine day. Got P. Luke's mower and cut the buckwheat which is quite heavy. Willie at J. Michie's. James went to Port Perry with John Michie to get a wheel for his bicycle and was away most of the day. Willie at Port Perry with Myrtle Luke in the evening. War news great.

22 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McKay preached what may be called his farewell sermon and told us some plain things.

23 – At P. Luke's helping him to cut buckwheat but enough rain came on to stop us at noon. James drove to Port Perry school (1st time to drive). Willie at Jim Dusty's threshing for John Michie. Jennie washing. War news: British have great victory in Palestine.

24 – A very nice day. Plowing in the forenoon and helping P. Luke to cut buckwheat. Willie at J.M.'s. James drove to Port Perry school. Ruby Lee here for dinner. Mrs. R. Wright called. Clinton Midgley called in the evening. War news great. Big victories in Macedonia and Palestine.

25 – Plowing in the forenoon. Helping P. Luke cut buckwheat. Had to finish with the mower. Some rain about 5:30. Willie at J.M.'s. James at Port Perry school. He went with Myrtle Luke and came home with Roy Leask. Jennie ironing. War news good, but word came that Arthur Chapman has died of wounds. R. Baird and Verna Stone married today.

26 – Cool with some little rain showers. Plowing all day. Willie at J.M.'s. James at Port Perry school. Jennie sewing. War news good.

27 – A fine day and no rain. Plowing in the forenoon. At preparatory service in the church in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Con preached. Miss Mona Boe was received into membership. Jennie nursing a bad cold in the head. Willie at J. Michie's. James at Port Perry school in the forenoon and at Port Perry fair in the afternoon. War news: Bulgarians getting well trounced, likewise the Turks.

28 – A fine day. Helping Jim Lee to cut buckwheat and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 14 bags of oats and got them ground. Willie at J. Michie's. Clinton Midgley here for tea. War news great. Bulgaria wants to discuss peace.

29 – A fine day. Went with Jennie and Willie to communion at Greenbank. There was an unusually large turnout, this being Mr. McKay's last Sunday as pastor. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

30 – A fine day. Helping C. Phair to cut buckwheat. Cutting track about the corn in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Willie at John Michie's. James at Port Perry school. In the evening went to a joint meeting of the managers and elders to consider about getting another minister. Rev. Mr. Fraser was in the chair. Those from

Wick were John Heron; R. Baird; Alex Robinson; Stanley Real; Willie Beaton; John McCulley; --- Stanton; John Haddon; Jas. Stone; --- Thomas; S. [McLeod?]. Those from Greenbank were J.M. Real; G.A. McMillan; R.T. Harrington; John Somerville; and I. The question of church union with the Greenbank Methodist church and it was decided to call a congregational meeting next Monday evening. War news good. Great advance in France and Bulgaria has given up.

OCT. 1 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon helping to quilt. James at Port Perry to the high school sports. Willie at John Michie's in the forenoon and at R. Real's in the afternoon helping to fill silo for C. Phair. War news: Bulgaria has surrendered.

2 – Dull and raining most of the forenoon. Cleaned out the hen-house and some other jobs. Plowing in the afternoon. Willie was to go to W. Thomas's to fill silo but they did not work today. James at Port Perry school. James Lee brought the beef, which was our number, but it was 31 lbs short so there was none for us. War news all good.

3 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with a crate of roosters. She was picking apples in the afternoon. Ruby Lee here for dinner and most of the afternoon. Willie at W. Thomas's filling silo. James at Port Perry school. In the evening Willie and I drove over to Wallace Bruce's to the fire that burned their house but it was pretty well over before we got there. Jas. Blair and J.M. Real called. They were collecting for a present to Rev. W.A. McKay and is to be presented to him at Wick tonight. Myrtle Luke called. War news fine. Damascus captured.

4 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Picking apples with Jennie in the afternoon and about an hour helping N. Midgley to fill silo. Willie at silo filling. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called. War news good, all good.

5 – Much rain through the night and morning with some thunder and again after dinner. Plowing when it was not raining. Willie got John Michie's cart and hitched up King colt for the first time single. P. Luke called in the morning and Myrtle and Mrs. Wright in the evening. War news still all right.

6 – A great rain through the night with a steady roll of thunder and some rain off and on all day and evening. At SS and church with Willie and James. Jennie did not go as she has a cold in her head. Rally day in the SS; 105 present. Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached and declared the pulpit vacant. Word came that Amos Stone has been killed in action. News comes in the evening over the wires that Turkey and Austria have pulled off and Germany has asked for terms of peace.

7 – A very fine day. Helping N. Midgley to fill silo and finished. Willie there also. James at Port Perry school. Jennie picking apples. In the evening went with Jennie to a congregational meeting in the church to consider church union with the Methodist body. There was a pretty good attendance. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge was in the chair. The motion to make a move towards church union was voted down. War news: Germany wants to talk peace.

8 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to fill silo all day and finished; Willie there also. Jennie at W.M. society in the church. War news: Allies make several small gains.

9 – A beautiful fine day. Digging potatoes, Jennie helping. Pretty good crop; some very large. Willie in the house all day as he has a cold. James at Port Perry school. Jas. Lee came for a barrel of apples. Jennie went to Blackwater for Annie who is home from the Peterborough Normal school. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon and again in the evening. War news still good.

10 – A beautiful day. Helped C. Phair to take calves and sheep to Seagrave. In the afternoon digging potatoes, Jennie and James helping. Willie nursing himself. Leola Luke came home today from Cannington and called in the evening. War news: Cambria won by the Allies and other gains.

11 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon, Jennie and James helping, and finished. Drawing in buckwheat in the afternoon, Jennie and James helping. Willie picking apples. Annie at Port Perry in the morning and at Luke's overnight. War news good.

12 – Rain through the night and some in the forenoon. Plowing all day except when it was raining. Jennie baking. Willie and James doing little but play. Myrtle and Leola Luke here in the evening and stayed all night as a safety against the Spanish flu as Gladys is coming home from Toronto tonight.

13 – A fine but somewhat cool day. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS. Rev. D. Sillers, a Glasgow Scotchman, preached a good sermon. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Annie got word by phone that the Peterborough Normal school is to be closed for the week on account of the flu.

14 – Thanksgiving day. Rain off and on through the forenoon. Plowing until about 4 pm when Billie O'Neill came with the corn binder and cut until dark. R. Wallace came with his car for some apples and Myrtle and Leola Luke were picking apples, also Jennie, Annie, Willie and James. War news good.

15 – A very fine day. Drawing off corn most of the day. Jennie went to Port Perry with a barrel of apples for Winnipeg. Ruby Lee went with her and stayed until 6 pm. Jennie picking apples in the afternoon and at John Michie's in the evening, Mrs. John being somewhat unwell. Willie helping P. Luke to take some cattle over to R. Real's cattle sale. Not many at it. James at Port Perry school. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. War news: Wilson makes reply to Germany.

16 – A beautiful day. Drawing off corn in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Willie at John Michie's. John and him here in the afternoon picking apples. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at John Michie's most of the day nursing Mrs. John. Myrtle Luke here in the evening. Willie went in the evening for the beef; this being the last lot and the annual meeting of the beef ring. Beef ring number 19. War news good. Berlin in rebellion.

17 – A fine day. John Michie came up in the morning and we cut the last of the corn with W. O'Neill's binder. John then went to Luke's and cut part of his. Willie at J.M.'s. Jennie at the same

place most of the day helping Mrs. John. Olive here in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. Annie keeping house. Jas. and Mary Dusty here in the forenoon for apples. Leola Luke came home from Cannington high school as it has been closed on account of the flu. War news good.

18 – A little rain through the night. Drawing off corn and finished. Jennie picking apples and preserving crab apples. Willie at John Michie's. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke over 5 times and Mrs. Luke and Myrtle here in the afternoon picking apples. Annie over at Luke's in the evening. John Michie here for dinner; he was also picking apples. War news great. Retreating in Belgium.

19 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Drew in the last of the buckwheat, James helping. Willie at John Michie's. John came up with the waggon for his apples. Jennie and Annie picking apples, also Myrtle and Leola Luke. War news good.

20 – A great rain through the night and forenoon and again in the evening. Jennie, James and I at SS and church; 85 at SS. Rev. Mr. Currie, a native of Sonya, preached. Annie and Willie got ready to go to Methodist church in the evening but the rain came on. Mrs. Luke, Myrtle and Leola here in the evening.

21 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at W. O'Neill's silo filling for J. Michie. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Ruby Lee here the most of the day. Annie washing. War news good.

22 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at J.M.'s. Jennie sewing. James at Port Perry school. War news good.

23 – A very fine day. Took in the few mangolds in the orchard and the sweet corn. Willie at John Michie's. James at Port Perry school. Jennie churning. Sidney Caney came on the 9:30 train. He has arranged to go to England on Friday in care of army horses. He was down at J. Michie's all afternoon. W. Thomas and wife here in the afternoon for some apples. War news good.

24 – A somewhat dull day. Plowing all day on the corn stubble. Jennie went to Port Perry market in the forenoon. James at Port Perry school. Willie at J. Michie's. Sid Caney also there most of the day. Annie housekeeping. War news good.

25 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at J. Michie's. James at Port Perry school. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon. Sid Caney left for Toronto in the morning. Fred Real came for apples. War news good.

26 – Somewhat dull. Plowing all day. Willie at John Michie's and finishes with him. W.H. Leask came after dinner for 3 bags of snow apples and Alex Leask was here most of the afternoon picking apples and stayed for supper. Leola Luke here in the afternoon. War news good.

27 – Rather dull. About 11 am Willie Smith, his mother and Jessie came in his car and he and Willie, James, Annie, Jessie and I went to SS; 101 present. Willie Smith, Jessie, Annie, Willie and James went for a drive north while I stopped to church which was a memorial service to Amos Stone; W. Grayswark; E. Grayswark;

Arthur Chapman and others that have fallen in the war. Rev. Mr. McKay, our late pastor, conducted the service. There was a large turnout. The Columbus folks left for home after supper. Methodist church closed on account of the flu.

28 – A thunder shower like summer came on about 10 am. Boys topping turnips part of the day. Jennie and Annie washing. I was in bed all day. War news good.

29 – A fine day. Willie plowing in the forenoon and with James topping turnips in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie picking Ben Davis apples in the afternoon. I was in bed until about 5 pm. War news good.

30 – Dull with rain in the evening. Willie plowing in the forenoon and with James finished topping turnips in the evening. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon for flour. Mrs. Stone, who is now at Luke's, went with her. I did not get out of bed until near dinner time. Leola Luke called. Word came by phone that Mina Throop has died with flu. War news good. Austria appears to have given up.

31 – Dull all day. Willie harrowed up all the turnips and the boys drew in 2 loads. I did nothing but stay in the house. Jennie sewing. N. Midgley came for some apples. Mrs. Wright called in the forenoon. War news good.

NOV. 1 – Dull day. Helping boys to draw in turnips; got in 10 loads. Jennie baking bread. War news great. Turkey out. Austria breaking to pieces. Italians make big gains.

2 – Some little showers and some snow in the forenoon. Helping the boys to draw in turnips; 10 loads. War news good. Austria going to pieces.

3 – Pretty raw day with some rain in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Rev. Mr. --- preached rather a long sermon on the Christian race. Willie and James drove King in John Michie's cart, the first time. All over at Luke's in the evening.

4 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Helping Willie to draw in turnips; got in 6 loads. Annie got word that the Normal school opens again (after being closed on account of the flu) on Wednesday. War news great. Everything fine. Austria accepts armistice which is surrender. A great Italian victory.

5 – Quite a frost in the morning and a very fine day. Drawing in turnips in the forenoon, boys helping; 5 loads, and finished. Drew in some corn in the afternoon. Willie drove Annie and Leola Luke to Blackwater on her way to Peterborough Normal school and Leola on her way to Cannington High School. Myrtle Luke here in the afternoon and again in the evening with Mrs. Wright. War news great. Terms of surrender given to Germany. British victories.

6 – A very fine day. Willie plowing while I threw back the turnips in the root house, James helping, and finished picking up the apples in the orchard. Jennie ironing. War news good.

7 – Bright morning but very dull in the afternoon. Plowing sod most of the day. Ruby Lee here for dinner and most of the afternoon. About 1:30 word came by phone that Germany had accepted the Allies terms and there were bells ringing and Willie and I went to Port Perry in the evening (and a very dark night it was) when word came that the rumour was not true.

8 – Dull and some rain in the afternoon. Plowing sod all day. Boys putting wood in shed. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon. War news: Americans capture Sudan. Meeting on German ships.

9 – Very dull and raining sometimes. Plowing when not raining and sometimes when it was. Willie in the house all day with bad throat. Mrs. Wright and Myrtle Luke called in the evening. War news: Revolution in Germany. Allies gaining. Everything going good.

10 – Dull and snow and rain sometimes. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. ---- preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. News is going that the Kaiser has stepped out.⁷⁵

11 – Rather a dull day. At John Michie's in the forenoon helping him with his stable while Willie plowed sod. Jennie washing. James started high school again after it had been closed on account of the flu, but there was no school today as the scholars were given a holiday. In the morning word came by phone that Germany had signed the armistice terms which means the end of the war. Jennie and I went in the afternoon to a thanksgiving service in the Port Perry Methodist church and a grand service it was. The church was well filled. Rev. Mr. Ford presided and addresses were given by Revs. Mr. Black and Elliot. Coming home we went to see two airplanes in a field near the fair grounds. I went down to Port Perry again with Willie in the evening when there was a big crowd, torchlight procession and bonfire to celebrate the great victory. The war is over.

12 – Rather dull. Plowing sod all day while Willie did the chores. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Missionary meeting in the church. Mrs. John Michie went with her. War news: Revolution sweeping Germany.

13 – Rather a fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon hanging stable door and putting in windows for P. Luke while Willie drew in the beans and some corn. James at Port Perry school. War news: Republic proclaimed in Germany.

14 – A very fine day. Over at Luke's for about 2 hours finishing the job, then plowing sod. Willie doing chores and wheeling in wood. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright and Myrtle Luke here in the evening. Peeling apples in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. At John Michie's all day helping him with his stable. Willie went with P. Luke to Les Ianson's sale. James at Port Perry school. No papers today.

⁷⁵ Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicated on Nov. 9 and fled to Holland on Nov. 10th.

16 – A very fine day. At John Michie's in the forenoon helping him with his stable. Scuffled the strawberry patch in the afternoon. Willie plowing in the forenoon and drawing up wood from the swamp field to the woodshed, James helping. Myrtle Luke here for supper and in the evening Willie went with her and Mrs. Wright to Port Perry.

17 – Dull and raining several times. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. McArtney preached a thanksgiving service on the victory. Went with Willie to the Methodist church in the evening when Rev. Mr. Chapman preached a thanksgiving sermon to a full house.

18 – Dull and raining sometimes. Plowing and finished the sod. Willie piling wood in shed. James at Port Perry school. Jennie cleaning the pantry. Myrtle Luke called.

19 – Dull but fine. Drawing out manure, Willie helping. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon.

20 – Rain through the night and the ground white with snow in the morning but it was off before noon. Plowing most the day east of the orchard. Willie choring. Jennie churning. James at Port Perry school. Jas. S. Lee, Mrs. Lee and two girls here for dinner. Myrtle Luke was married today to L. Wagner. They drove to Greenbank to the parsonage and were married by Rev. Mr. Chapman. Campbell Stone and Mrs. Wright went with them. They came back for supper and then to Blackwater to take the train to Cannington.

21 – A little snow sometimes. Plowing all day. Willie choring. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Mrs. John Michie. James at Port Perry school. He drove and took C. Leask. Mrs. Wright called.

22 – Somewhat cold; frost in the morning. Plowing all day. Jennie ironing. Willie choring. James at Port Perry school. German fleet surrenders to Allies.

23 – Too hard a frost to plough. Put straw on strawberry plants, Willie helping. Afternoon went to Blair's mill with 14 bags of oats but did not get them home. War news: Germans give up their fleet.

24 – A fine sunny day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. Haig preached a pretty good sermon. Willie at Methodist church in the evening; a song service. Willie brought word that Vet G. Coates committed suicide last night.

25 – Rather rough and blustery with some snow flurries. Did a number of small jobs. Willie helping Mr. Luke. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Pared apples in the evening.

26 – Pretty cold but fine day. Put patch on P. Luke's stable door and went to Blair's mill for the meal. Willie helping P. Luke. Jennie sewing. James at Port Perry school. Mr. Luke here in the evening.

27 – A very fine day but hard frost. Did a number of small jobs. Willie helping P. Luke. James at Port Perry school. Ruby Lee

here most of the day. Blair's threshing machine came in to Luke's about 9:30 pm.

28 – Raw with rain from the S starting about 3 pm. Helping P. Luke to thresh; finished about 2:30, Willie also helping. James at Port Perry school.

29 – Somewhat cold and blustery. With Willie's help fanned up the wheat and in the afternoon took it (32 ½ bushels) to Port Perry mill and got \$2.10 per bush. Got 400 lbs. flour. James at Port Perry school. Pared apples in the evening. Mrs. Wright called twice.

30 – Rough and snowing sometimes. Puttying windows and some little jobs. James at N. Midgley's for supper. Down in Phair's swamp with Cecil looking at the prospects of wood cutting.

DEC. 1 – Rough and snowing during the night which made snow drifts nearly 3 feet deep in the lane. All hands at SS and church; only 75 at SS as G.A. McMillan was unable to be present on account of Howard and Harry being down with the flu. I took his class. The lesson was Joseph sold by his brothers. Stanley McMillan, who got his discharge from the Red Cross section of the army yesterday, preached. Willie at the Methodist church in the evening. He took Mrs. Wright with him.

2 – Somewhat dull with a little snow sometimes. Drawing in corn all day, Willie helping. James at Port Perry school. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening to a lecture in the Presbyterian church by Rev. W. Patterson of Toronto. Pared apples in the evening.

3 – Mild but dull. Drawing in corn all day and finished, Willie helping. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here most of the afternoon. She was waiting for the mailman to bring her a letter but it did not come. Jim Ward called; wanted to sell piano but did not succeed.

4 – Rather a rough and wintery day. Drawing gravel from W. Thomas's pit to the sideroad S of the bridge. Willie drove J. Michie's team. Jennie churning and killing chickens. James at Port Perry school.

5 – Pretty cold and snowing a little sometimes. Drawing gravel all day (4 trips). Willie driving J. Michie's team. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went to Port Perry with Jim Lee with some chickens. Ruby Lee here for dinner.

6 – Very cold and somewhat rough. Drawing gravel all day. Willie driving J. Michie's team. Jennie set up room stove. James at Port Perry school. Preparatory service in the church but did not go.

7 – Milder but dull. Drawing gravel all day and finished. Willie driving J. Michie's team. Jennie over at Luke's in the afternoon.

8 – Dull in the morning but turned out a bright day. Went with James to communion service at Wick church. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. We took the cutter (1st ride). The sleighing was fair going but pretty poor coming home. Boys at home all day.

9 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the morning to pay the taxes. James at Port Perry school. Cutting down some orchard trees in the afternoon, Willie helping.

10 – Rather a fine day. Cutting some apple trees, Willie helping. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at W.M. meeting in the church in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie went with her. James at Port Perry school.

11 – Dull, foggy and almost rain. Helping Jas. Lee to cut wood. Willie at Port Perry. James at Port Perry school. Olive and Eleanor here in the afternoon.

12 – A fine and mild day. Drawing gravel all day on the sideroad; Willie driving John Michie's team. James at Port Perry school. Ruby Lee here most of the day. Pared apples in the evening.

13 – Snow from the S in the forenoon and rain in the afternoon. Started to cut wood for Cecil Phair in his swamp and worked about 3 hours until I got good and wet. Willie started before daylight to draw gravel on the sideroad and drew 2 loads which finishes the job. James at Port Perry school. Willie hitched up King colt to the cutter for the first time.

14 – Very dull and some rain most all day and little doing. Mrs. Wright called just before dinner. British elections today.

15 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 95 at SS. Rev. M.P. McDonald of Toronto preached a good sermon. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

16 – A fine day. Went to Phair's swamp in the morning to cut wood but could not get to the place on account of the high water but I gathered up some old cedar logs on the ridge. Willie went to W. Thomas's for some gravel for the hens. Cut apple tree in the afternoon. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright and Marie Akhurst called.

17 – A beautiful day. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning while I fixed the sleigh box. Afternoon, with Willie, at W. Real's sale. There was a large turnout and prices good. Willie skating at the new road in the evening. James at Port Perry school. He stayed at Port Perry all night (the first time). They were having practice for the High School concert tomorrow night. Mrs. Wright called.

18 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day for C. Phair in his swamp. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon helping to pick geese. James at Port Perry school. In the evening went with Jennie to the High School concert at Port Perry. There was a full house and the programme good. The principal part was a play (The Bluffers).

19 – Another beautiful day. Cutting wood for C. Phair in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Willie to the Christmas fair at Port Perry. There was little to be seen but the crowd. I rode home with John Michie while Willie stayed for the concert, a repetition of last night. John's children stayed here while they were at the fair.

20 – A fine day; some fog in the morning. All day helping Cecil Phair to cut wood in his swamp. Got dinner at Cecil's. Ruby Lee

here most of the day. James came home about 7 pm. There had been no school in the afternoon and he had been skating on the lake. Willie drove to Blackwater for Annie who is home for Christmas from Peterborough Normal School.

21 – A very fine day. Helping Jas. Lee to cut wood in his swamp. Willie doing the chores and went to John Michie's for some pork. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry for Gladys Luke who is coming home for Christmas.

22 – Rain in the early morning and dull and foggy all day. Roads very muddy. All but Jennie at SS and church; 85 at SS. Oscar Real, who has just returned from the war, was present and said a few words. Rev. Mr. ---, an Aberdeen Scotchman, preached. Annie went to Luke's for supper.

23 – Some colder; lots of mud. Did some chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with P. Luke to Blake Cragg's sale which turned out pretty good. Willie helping P. Luke in the forenoon. Jennie washing and dressing ducks, Annie helping. Annie and Willie and Gladys Luke were ready to go to the church to decorate for the Christmas tree but word came by phone that it was called off on account of so many having the flu. Willie and Gladys afterwards drove Mrs. Wright over to P. Leask's as most of them are down with the flu.

24 – East wind; started to snow about noon and continued all afternoon. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning. Willie went to Greenbank in the afternoon with a duck for Mrs. Walker. Jennie cooking. Gladys Luke called in the evening.

25 – Snow through the night and some in the forenoon. Willie went to Port Perry with the cutter for Sidney Caney who came from Toronto to spend Christmas. John Michie, wife and children; and W. O'Neill, wife and boy here for dinner. W. O'Neill went home before supper. Mrs. and Mrs. L. Wagoner and Blanche Luke called and Mrs. Luke in the evening.

26 – A fine day and little done but the chores. Willie went with the sleigh to Port Perry with 15 bags of oats and got them ground. He took Sidney Caney to the station on his way back to Toronto. Willie upset the sleigh and load on his way home. Leola Luke called.

27 – A beautiful day. Drawing up wood from the swamp field, Willie and James helping. The flu is getting bad in many houses about here. John Michie's 3 girls are down with it. There is to be no service the next two Sundays in our church. Leola Luke called in the afternoon.

28 – A very fine day. Drawing up wood, Willie and James helping. Jennie making dress for Annie. Leola Luke over in the afternoon and again in the evening skating with Annie and the boys.

29 – A very fine day. At home all day as there was no church on account of the flu. Annie, Willie and Leola Luke drove with the cutter on a visit to L. Wagoner's near Epsom. They got back about 7:30 pm.

30 – A fine day; a little snow sometimes. Did little but chores. Did the noon and evening chores for John Michie who is in bed with the flu, Willie helping. Helped P. Luke to take some cattle to Pinedale and did not get home until after eight. Jennie making dress for Annie.

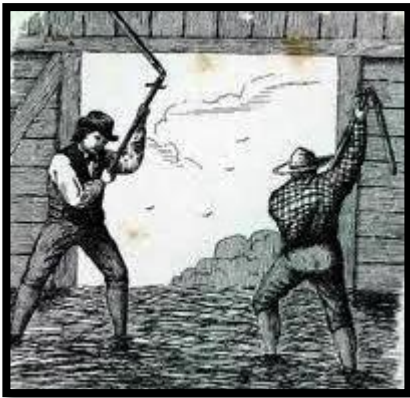
31 – Somewhat foggy. Chores in the forenoon. Helping Jas. Lee in swamp in the afternoon. Willie doing John Michie's chores. Jennie dressmaking.

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JAN. 1 – Very dull, foggy and some rain. All at W. O'Neill's for dinner and got back about 5:30. Willie doing John Michie's chores.

2 – Clear and some colder. Went with Annie to Port Perry in the afternoon. Took the cutter but the sleighing was not very good. Jennie dressmaking. Willie doing J. Michie's chores. James churning.

3 – About 3 inches of snow through the night. Fixed the flail in the forenoon and threshed the beans in the afternoon. Willie doing J. Michie's chores. Jennie dressmaking.



Picture of farmers using a flail to thresh.

4 – A very fine day. Sweeping down the stable in the forenoon. Helping Jas. Lee in his swamp. Willie doing John Michie's chores. Jennie dressmaking. Leola Luke here for supper and stayed the evening.

5 – A very fine day. No church at Greenbank. We all went in the sleigh to Port Perry to the union service in the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Elliot, the Methodist minister, preached on Blind Bartemus. Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Leola went with us.

6 – A beautiful day. Annie left for Peterborough. Mr. Luke took her and Leola to Blackwater. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie doing the chores while I was cutting wood for home use in Phair's swamp.

7 – Some snow through the night. A fine day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie helping P. Luke to kill a beef. Mrs. Jas. Lee and girls here in the

afternoon while Jas. Lee was helping P. Luke. News in the papers of Roosevelt's death.⁷⁶

8 – Mild with some snow from the SW in the evening. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Willie doing the chores. Jennie sewing. James drove to Port Perry school.

9 – Mild in the morning but it soon turned colder and very rough with snow. Down past zero in the evening. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon only. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. J. Michie and got stuck in Luke's lane coming home. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school and stayed at R. O'Neill's all night on account of the weather.

10 – Very rough especially in the forenoon with SW wind. Took the two pigs to Port Perry for H. Calicut. They weighed 490 lbs at \$17.75. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. James came home from Port Perry school.

11 – Six below zero in the morning and never much above it all day. Below again in the evening. Clear cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Jennie sewing. Willie took 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill and got the meal home. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon getting their hair cut. Boys at N. Midgley's in the evening hearing a new gramophone.

12 – Below zero in the morning. Drove the sleigh to church and took Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright. Only 60 at SS. Rev. Mr. Steel, late of Glenarm, preached. Church rather cold. Willie and Mrs. Wright at Methodist church in the evening.

13 – Mild and fine. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Jennie washing. Willie helping Mr. Luke in the afternoon cleaning turnips. James drove to Port Perry school.

14 – Mild and fine. Cutting wood for Cecil Phair in his swamp. Got dinner at Phair's. Jennie walked to Missionary meeting at the church and stayed for supper at Mrs. Walker's and Willie drove up for her after supper. James drove to Port Perry school.

15 – A little snow in the forenoon. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Jennie churning. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie over at Jas. Lee's helping him to skin a steer that he found dead this morning in his stable having been strangled with the tie chain. He brought some of the meat home for the hens. Willie at annual Sunday School meeting but there were so few turned out that no business was done.

16 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie went to Greenbank with the cutter in the evening, also at P. Leask's.

17 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Jennie went over to Jas. Lee's and I went over for supper and the evening. Willie choring. He was down to John Michie's with provisions. Mrs. Wright and Marion Leask here in the evening. James drove to Port Perry school.

⁷⁶ President Theodore Roosevelt.

18 – A fine and mild day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Willie drawing up wood to the house but the swamp was very soft in many places. James getting his homework.

19 – A very fine but cold day. Took sleigh to SS and church taking Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright. There was no one to open the school so after sitting awhile they asked me to act. The teachers were chosen for the year. Rev. Mr. McDonald of --- preached and made a pretty good impression. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

20 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Willie drawing out wood. Jennie went with Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in the afternoon and did not get home until after dark. James did not go to school but was hanging about the house with a cold or perhaps the flu.

21 – Somewhat dull and a little foggy. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon. Walter Bratley came about 10 am. He walked out from Port Perry. He has just returned from overseas. He did not get further than England. He stayed all night. Willie choring. Jennie washing. James in bed all day. We called the Dr. and Dr. R. Archer came about 4 pm. He says it is the flu. Mary Real and Annie Gordon called. They were collecting for the Bible Society.

22 – Dull and foggy. Did little but talk to Walter Bratley and the chores. Walter left for John Michie's about 11 am. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Sonley called. Willie went to bed with the flu in the afternoon.

23 – Very dull foggy and rain all day. P. Luke called in the forenoon and I helped him to hang a door in his stable in the afternoon. Boys in bed. John Michie brought some things from Port Perry. Jennie ironing.

24 – Somewhat cold with high NW wind. Cutting wood part of the time in Phair's swamp. Boys both in bed. Mrs. Wright called.

25 – A very fine day; mild. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Boys out of bed again. Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon.

26 – A fine day. Did not go out on account of the boys having the flu. About 12 o'clock L. Wagner and Myrtle came over to Luke's but they were all away at the Methodist church so they came here for dinner and stayed until about 5 o'clock.

27 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Went to G.A. McMillan's in the evening to consult him and Les Beare about the debate which is to be in the Methodist church tomorrow evening. Mrs. Luke called.

28 – Raining some during the day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright called after dinner. Boys keeping in the house. In the evening went with Jennie to the debate in the Methodist basement. There was a good turnout. The subject was resolved that Western Canada has greater possibilities than the east. R. Cragg; Blake Cragg; and Edley Stone took the affirmation while G.A. McMillan; Leslie Beare and I took the negative. Bert

Dobson; W. Phoenix and Mrs. Chapman were critics. Rev. Mr. Chapman was in the chair. J.M. Real timekeeper. Our side won by a small margin. The Band was present.

29 – A very fine day. Cleaning out hen house and cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon. 23 years of married life today.

30 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Phair's swamp. Boys choring. Mrs. John Michie here in the afternoon.

31 – A fine day with a little snow. Drawing out wood from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. About 4 pm I went over to Jas. Lee's to help him to get a new piano into his house. Jas. Ward was the agent. Mrs. Wright called.

FEB. 1 – Pretty cold and windy day. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the afternoon. Willie went to Blair's mill with oats in the forenoon and went after it in the afternoon and went to Blair's pond to skate in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – A fine but rather cold day. All at SS and church. Jennie and I drove the buggy while Willie and James drove the cutter. 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. Steel preached. Mrs. Wright and Mr. Ed Moles called in the evening.

3 – A very fine mild day. Drawing out wood (poles) from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. Jennie washing. James, after an absence of two weeks from flu, started to school at Port Perry. He drove the buggy.

4 – Dull, foggy, with a little rain. Drawing out wood from Phair's swamp, Willie helping. We drew out all that was cut. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright left this morning for the north west. P. Leask went with her.

5 – A fine day, snowing a little sometimes. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Willie sawing wood at the house some. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Blair's pond skating in the evening. Mrs. P. Luke called.

6 – Somewhat cold. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp. Willie sawing wood at the house. Jennie at Port Perry. She went with Mrs. John Michie. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. P. Luke called.

7 – A fine day. Did little but sit at the stove; had a bad back. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie sewing some.

8 – A very fine day. Stayed in bed until noon with bad back. Willie sawing wood. Boys skating on the creek in the afternoon and Willie away somewhere skating in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. All at SS and church with buggy. Willie walked. 102 at SS; Rev. R.J. Fraser of Uxbridge preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

10 – A beautiful day. Helping P. Luke to cut wood in his swamp in the forenoon and helping Jas. Lee to draw out wood from his swamp in the afternoon. Willie helping P. Luke to draw out wood

in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie went with him and came home with Russell Thomas. Jennie called on Mrs. Luke.

11 – A very fine day. Helping P. Luke all day cutting wood in his swamp. Willie helping him in the afternoon. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the W. Missionary meeting in the church. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at a meeting in the evening in the Methodist church. Mr. Smith, MP, was the speaker.

12 – Rather a dull day but mild. Helping P. Luke all day in his swamp. Willie helping in the afternoon. Jennie baking and ironing. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie away skating in the evening. Edgar Leask and Bert Real married today.

13 – Rather raw and dull. Cutting wood in Phair's swamp in the forenoon. Willie choring. Jennie churning. James drove to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with John Michie to the church to change the curtains and wood box in the basement. Mrs. J. Michie and Olive and Eleanor called in the afternoon. Jean and Ruth here for supper.

14 – Very dull, rainy and foggy. Did little but chore. Threw back turnips in the root house. James drove to Port Perry school. Boys at N. Midgley's in the evening.

15 – Snowing a little in the morning and forenoon. Willie and I went to A. Orchard's sale. There was a large crowd and prices good but I think cattle were not as good as a year ago.

16 – Pretty cold with high west wind. Went with the boys with the cutter to SS and church. As we were going up we noticed a big smoke which proved to be Walt Ward's house in the village. Some of the bedding and furniture was saved but the house is a total loss. Hot ashes put out in the cook house is supposed to be the cause. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached; 85 at SS. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

17 – A fine day. All day cutting and drawing out wood from Phair's swamp. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. In the evening Jennie and I drove to Port Perry to attend a debate in the basement of the Methodist church. There was a large attendance. The subject was resolved that trade [?] is a benefit to society. Revs. Black and Elliot took the affirmative and T. Follick and S. Farmer the negative. Jas. Stonehouse, Mr. White and Rev. Mr. Stout were the judges. The affirmative won. [margin note: Sir Wilfred Laurier died].

18 – A fine but pretty cold day. Helping P. Luke all day; Willie helping in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. [margin note: North Ontario election. Whiddifield elected].

19 – A very fine day and pretty cold. Helping P. Luke all day. Willie took oats to Blair's mill and got the meal home. James drove to Port Perry school. W.H. Leask brought his wood sawing machine here in the evening.

20 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood all day with W.H. Leask's machine and finished. P. Luke and John Michie helping. Mrs.

John left Eleanor here while she went to Port Perry. James at Port Perry school.

21 – Mild with a little snow sometimes. Helping P. Luke to cut wood with W.H. Leask's machine. John Michie, C. O'Neill, and Arthur Gordon also helping. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie went to Blackwater in the evening for Annie and Leola Luke who are home over Sunday.

22 – Somewhat cold and raw. Helping John Michie to cut wood; finished about 3:30. Leola Luke called in the afternoon.

23 – Rain and snow during the night. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh taking Mrs. Luke and Leola Luke. 105 at SS; Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening.

24 – A beautiful day. Helping C. Phair to cut wood in his swamp. James drove to Port Perry school. Annie and Leola Luke went back to school. P. Luke drove them to Blackwater. Willie choring and cutting wood. Jennie over at Luke's in the evening with a phone message. Willie away at Edgar Leask's shivaree. Assessor Williams called.

25 – Dull and a little rain in the afternoon and snow from the NW in the evening. Helping C. Phair in his swamp in the forenoon and piling up wood in the door yard in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie washing and baking. James drove (buggy) to Port Perry school.

26 – Pretty cold day. Piling wood in door yard, Willie helping. P. Luke called. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie over to Jas. Lee's in the afternoon and I went over in the evening. Cecil and Mrs. C. Phair; Ernest Phair and his mother; and Mrs. Armour McMillan were also there. They expected Jas. Ward and wife of Port Perry but they did not come. Got home about 12:30.

27 – Pretty cold in the morning. Piling wood in the door yard in the forenoon and in the swamp field in the afternoon, Willie helping. James drove to Port Perry school.

28 – Mild and thawing. Some lightning in the evening. Went over in the morning to help P. Luke with his horse Jumbo which had got down in the stall. We got him outside and it does not look as if he would ever get up again. Piling wood part of the afternoon. Willie went to Pinedale with P. Luke to help him home with some cattle that have been boarding there. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at party at W.H. Leask's in the evening.

MAR. 1 – Blustering with snow flurries all day but not so very cold. Choring and piling wood awhile. Willie helped John Michie to take two cattle to Port Perry in the forenoon. It was about 3:30 this morning when Willie got home from W.H. Leask's party.

2 – A fine day and thawing some. James stayed at home with a cold while Jennie, Willie and I went with the buggy to SS and church; 97 at SS. Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

3 – Thawing and lots of mud. Piling wood most of the day. Willie went to Greenbank in the forenoon for band for kettle. James

drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Port Perry in the evening to a mock trial in the Methodist church. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at John Michie's in the afternoon. Peter Leask and Mrs. Wright came home from the west tonight.

4 – Dull with quite heavy rain in the afternoon. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Little doing in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie helping Cecil and Ernest Phair to take cattle to Uxbridge.

5 – Rough and snowing a little from the NW most of the day. Made 2 doubletrees and chored. Willie went to Blair's mill with 12 bags of oats but did not get them home. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called. Jennie bad cold in head.

6 – A very fine day; near zero in the morning. Helping C. Phair all day to cut wood with machine. Willie there also for Jas. Lee. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie not very well. Jean and Olive Michie here in the afternoon.

7 – A beautiful but pretty cold day. Drove James to Port Perry school in the morning and met the train and brought Mary Bell here. Willie helping N. Midgley to cut wood until about 3 o'clock. He then drove to Port Perry for James and went to a revival meeting at the Methodist church in the evening. P. Luke here in the evening. H. Callicut called and bought cow.

8 – A beautiful day. Helping P. Luke all day to cut saw logs. Willie went to Blair's mill for the meal. Boys out skating in the evening. G.A. McMillan called collecting for presents for returned soldiers.

9 – Quite a snow through the night and the forenoon. Willie went over to C. Phair's to help with the chores, Cecil being sick. He also went in the evening. All but Jennie (who is suffering with a loss of speech) at SS and church; 85 at SS. Prohibition petition signed. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

10 – Mild and snowing a little in the afternoon. Did chores and [shaved?] some whiffletrees. James drove (cutter) to Port Perry school. Willie most of the forenoon doing C. Phair's chores and again in the evening. Jennie and Mary Bell quilting. Jean and Ruth Michie here for tea and stayed all night. Willie at Port Perry in the evening to a minstrel show.

11 – A fine day; the snow going. John Michie brought up Olive and Eleanor and took Jean and Ruth to school. James at Port Perry school. Went with John Michie to W. O'Neill's sale. There was a good turnout and prices very good; total about \$3,500. Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Mary Bell quilting. In the evening Willie drove the sleigh with Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Wright, Mary Bell and I to our church to a social reception to returned soldiers. The basement was full. Music and addresses and lunch. C. Lingle; --- Page; Oscar Real and a young man who has lost a leg. James Leask moves to Port Perry.

12 – A fine and soft day. Tapped some maple trees in the afternoon which ran freely. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie most of the day at C. Phair's helping with the chores, Cecil being

still unwell. Jennie and Mary Bell quilting. The Rawleigh medicine man called.

13 – Somewhat cold. Fixed the wagon tongue and some other chores. Gathered the maple sap and tried to boil it. Willie most of the day at Phair's. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Mary Bell visiting at Jas. Lee's in the afternoon.

14 – A raw E wind. Took the [?] cow to Port Perry to Callicut. Jennie drove down taking James to school. He came home with Thomas's. Willie most of the day at Phair's and at Marsh Hill box social in the evening. A preparatory service in the church in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached. Mrs. Edgar Leask came in by certificate. Not very many out.

15 – Rain in the afternoon from the SE. Piled some wood and went away up the creek in the forenoon. After dinner Jas. Lee called and I went with him to C. Lingles' sale. There was a good turnout and things went pretty well but the rain made it disagreeable. Ruby Lee here in the afternoon, also Mrs. Luke. An Indian called; he was selling baskets. Willie most of the day at Phair's. He took Rosella Woon home to Port Perry as she appears to be taking the flu.

16 – Heavy rain through the night and forenoon and roads very slippery. Went with Jennie to communion service at Greenbank. Owing to the rain there was a small attendance, especially from Wick. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Uxbridge conducted the service. Willie at C. Phair's helping with the chores and took Mrs. T. Phair to the Methodist church in the evening.

17 – Rain through the night and most of the day off and on, especially in the evening. James drove to Port Perry school (water over the road). Willie doing C. Phair's chores. Mrs. Wright called.

18 – Mild with heaps of mud. Piled some wood. James did not go to school as he was not very well. Willie at Phair's most of the day. Jennie and Mary Bell went to Woman's Missionary meeting at the church. Mary went from there to Alex Lee's for the night. Willie went with Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright to an entertainment in the Methodist church.

19 – A very fine day. Drove James to Port Perry school. Water pretty deep and the ice bad. Expected James to stay at Port Perry overnight but he came home with Roy Leask. Willie doing chores at Phair's. Tapped more maple trees in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called. Mary Bell came back in the evening.

20 – A beautiful day. All day boiling sap which ran fast. Got Luke's kettle and ran two kettles. Willie at Phair's in the morning then gathering sap and chores. James went with Roy Leask to Port Perry school. Ruby Lee here all day. Jennie, Mary Bell and Ruby visiting at Luke's in the afternoon. John Michie, wife and girls here in the evening for a taste of syrup.

21 – Somewhat colder. Boiling sap in the forenoon (did not run very much). Willie choring. James at Port Perry school. Mary Bell not very well. Mrs. Luke called.

22 – Rather cold. Sap did not run very much. Cutting up apple wood with bucksaw. Willie drew it to the house with the stone-

boat. Jennie went to Port Perry taking Mary Bell on her way home. Henry Thomas came for a bag of apples.

23 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 93 at SS; Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Sap running pretty good.

24 – A beautiful day. Boiling sap all day and pruning apple trees. 10 ½ gallons of syrup. Willie choring and gathering sap. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon. W. and R. Thomas called; they wanted to buy King colt.

25 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair in the forenoon and piling wood in the afternoon. Willie and Jennie boiling sap. James at Port Perry school. In the evening we had a sugaring off. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright present.

26 – Quite a summer-like day. Piling wood in the forenoon and at the raspberry bushes in the afternoon. Jennie washing and boiling sap. Willie at Blair's mill in the afternoon with 12 bags of oats, but did not get it home. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called, also Mrs. John Michie and Olive.

27 – Rain through the night and morning but soon turned cold and blustering. Quite different to yesterday. Threshed the buckwheat in the afternoon, Willie helping. James at Port Perry school.

28 – Very rough and cold with high NW wind. Fanned up the buckwheat. Willie went to Blair's mill for the meal. James at Port Perry school.

29 – Another very rough cold dusty day. Did little but the chores. Over at Jim Lee's with the boys having a musical evening. Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon.

30 – Somewhat cold and windy still. All at SS and church; 99 at SS; Rev. Mr. Steel preached. Ruth Michie came home with us from church and stayed to tea. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

31 – Another rather rough and cold day. At wood pile in the forenoon. John Michie came up and helped us to fix the pump at the barn. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called in the evening. Went with Jennie and Mrs. Wright to an entertainment given by the men in the Methodist church, Greenbank. There was a good turnout and the programme pretty good.

APR. 1 – Somewhat warmer. Most of the day at wood pile, Willie helping, and finished the job (about 50 single cords). James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Luke's in the forenoon. Drove Sleep called.

2 – Another cold, windy and dusty day. At C. Phair's all day splitting wood. Willie choring. Jennie washing and hooking mat. James at Port Perry school.

3 – Rather warmer but dusty and windy. All day splitting wood at C. Phair's. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry market. Willie gets a new suit of clothes. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. John Michie here in the afternoon. In the evening, with Jennie, to a public meeting of the Farmer's Club in the Temperance hall. There was a

fair turnout. The principal speaker was Mr. ---; president of the U.F.O. Rev. D.D. McDonald was inducted into the pastorate of Wick and Greenbank today at Wick.

4 – Warm and spring-like. All day clearing out berry bushes. Willie choring and boiling sap. James at Port Perry school in the morning and then went by train to Brooklin for a visit over Sunday. Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon.

5 – A very fine and warm day. All day at berry bushes, Willie helping and boiling sap. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon. Arthur and Lex Gordon called for syrup. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon.

6 – A fine and warm day with a little rain in the morning. All hands at SS and church (James at Brooklin). 99 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached, 1st time as pastor. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

7 – Mild with some rain in the afternoon. All day at berry bushes and apple trees. Burned up the brush. Willie boiling sap. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James came home from his trip to Brooklin.

8 – Scuffled the berry bushes 3 times in the forenoon. Little doing in the afternoon as it was raining from the E most of the time. Jennie housecleaning. James at Port Perry school.

9 – A fine day. At berry bushes in the forenoon. Helping C. Phair at wood in the afternoon. Willie choring. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called in the morning.

10 – Mild with heavy rains from 9:30 to 12. All day at C. Phair's splitting wood and fanning. Willie choring. Jennie went to Port Perry market, Mrs. Wright going with her, and got a wetting. James at Port Perry school. Jennie and Willie picking up potatoes in the cellar.

11 – Somewhat dull and a little rain in the evening. Picking potatoes in the cellar, Willie helping. Jennie baking and papering Annie's room. Willie helping P. Luke most of the afternoon and away at Saintfield box social in the evening. James at Port Perry school. He went with C. Phair and came home with P. Leask. Mrs. Wright here for dinner and Ruby Lee here most of the day.

12 – Dull with some rain in the evening. Planted some potatoes in the forenoon and helped Jennie to paper Annie's room in the afternoon. Willie choring. James studying. Mrs. Wright called.

13 – Some rain in the morning but a fairly nice but windy day. All hands at SS and church; 102 at SS. Rev. D.D. McDonald preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Mrs. Wright called in the forenoon.

14 – A beautiful day; a little frost in the morning. Helping P. Luke in his swamp all day. Jennie washing and ironing. Willie choring and cultivating orchard. James at Port Perry school.

15 – A very fine but cool day. Went to Uxbridge with 22 bags of potatoes. Got \$1.30 per bag. P. Luke; P. Leask; Allan Wallace; G.A. McMillan and others were also there with potatoes. Jennie housecleaning. Willie choring. James at Port Perry school. In the

evening went with Jennie to Jas. Lee's where we had a musical evening. Arthur Gordon and Annie; Cecil Phair and wife were there also.

16 – Rain from the SE through the night and nearly all day and little doing here. Went down to John Michie's in the forenoon and settled up with him for the year past. James at Port Perry school and stayed at Roy O'Neill's all night.

17 – Rather dull. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Mrs. Luke and bringing James home from school for Easter. Gathered up the sap dishes and finished pruning orchard. Willie went to Blackwater for Annie and Leola Luke who are home for Easter. C. Phair came over and settled up with Willie.

18 – Good Friday. A fine day. Willie went to Port Perry to meet the train to bring Sid Caney and Willie and Gordon Bell. In the afternoon went with Jennie, Annie and Ruby Lee to the church where the Women's Missionary Society had a quilting and the men had a bee to fix the sheds and clean up the grounds. There was a good turnout. Sidney Caney appears to be bad with his nerves. The sensation of the day was the marriage of Barbara Walker to her old beau W. Watson.

19 – A fine day. Cut some wood behind the barn. Willie and the boys took 14 bags of oats to Blair's mill but did not get the meal home. Eleanor Michie here for supper. Leola Luke called. Willie and Annie went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Gladys Luke who is coming home for Easter.

20 – A fine day (Easter Sunday). All hands but Willie and Sidney at SS and church; 106 at SS. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached; extra large turnout as there was a number of visitors including the new married man W. Watson. Ruth Michie came home with us for supper. Willie, Annie and Gladys Luke at Methodist church in the evening. 17 at Luke's for supper.

21 – A fine day. Fixing fence and helping C. Phair to pull out sticks from the 10th concession. Willie took S. Caney to Port Perry. Willie went to Blair's mill for the meal and cultivated in the afternoon. Leola Luke called. In the evening went with Jennie to Port Perry to hear Fred Allan in the parish hall of the Anglican church. It was an illustrated lecture and was very good. We put the horse into the Presbyterian church shed but when we went for it Topsy had broken loose and got free from the buggy and was gone. We expected she would strike for home so we had to walk home but we did not find the horse home. The 2 colts also had ran away.

22 – A beautiful day. Willie and I went to Port Perry to hunt the horse. Willie found her at Stone's hotel; 2 boys having found her on the street. Willie cultivating in the afternoon while I put rings on whiffletrees and planted some seed turnips. Jennie sewing. Mrs. Wright here twice. Drover Sleep called and offered 13 cts. live weight for the 2 steers.

23 – A beautiful day. Willie finished cultivating field W of house and I sowed it. Jennie making dress for Annie. James and the Bell boys at N. Midgley's in the afternoon and evening. Leola Luke called.

24 – High NW wind which turned to snow in the afternoon and evening and very cold. Sorting turnips in the forenoon while Willie harrowed. Nothing doing in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie. Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon with Mrs. John Michie.

25 – Another terrible rough snowing day. Nothing doing outside. Jennie making Annie's dress. Leola Luke called.

26 – Another rough but warmer day. Little doing outside. Jennie making Annie's dress. Ruby Lee here in the afternoon and stayed all night. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 103 at SS. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

28 – Rain all the forenoon. Plowed strawberry patch in the afternoon. Willie blacking single harness. Jennie making dress for Annie. James at Port Perry school. He reported that he has failed in spelling at the Easter exams. Mrs. Wright drove Annie and Leola to Blackwater on their way back to school. Ruby Lee started school.

29 – A fine day. Fanning up oats in the forenoon, Willie helping. Willie rolling grass field in the afternoon while I plowed the garden and other jobs. Jennie dressmaking. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called. Jack and Boe, drovers, called.

30 – A beautiful day. Did some little jobs in the forenoon while Willie cultivated the last years corn ground and I sowed it with wheat in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning the cellar in the forenoon and fixing a coat for Mrs. Wright in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here for supper. Willie away somewhere in the evening. John Michie came up for some oats for seed which came to \$10.00.

MAY 1 – Rain in the morning, then quit for awhile, but started again harder for most of the afternoon. Willie harrowed the wheat I sowed yesterday. Jennie went to Port Perry. Mrs. Luke went with her. They got dinner at W. Real's and did not get home until after four. James at Port Perry school.

2 – Dull with some rain in the morning and again about 5 pm. Willie and I took two steers to Seagrave station in the forenoon. Jennie came for us. James at Port Perry school. Ruby Lee here most of the afternoon, this being arbour day at the school.

3 – Fine until about 4 o'clock when it started to rain from the E and continued quite heavy in the evening. Sowed the little field E of the orchard and fixed some fence. Willie rolling until the rain came on. Mrs. Wright called in the forenoon.

4 – Rain through the night and everything soaked. Water standing on the field worse than 10 days ago. The boys and I at SS and church. Jennie did not go as she is nursing her cough. 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. While in SS a thunder shower came up and things are worse drowned than ever. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

5 – Rather dull in the morning but cleared up and was fine. Let off water in the fields and fixed the cultivator. Willie [?] some. Jennie housecleaning the pantry. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here in the forenoon and again in the evening. Vet Moon came about 10 am to see sick cow.

6 – A fine day. When we got up we found the sick cow had died during the night. John Michie came up and helped me to skin her and I took the hide to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Willie tying up berry bushes and at Greenbank in the evening. James at Port Perry school; he rode home with me. P. Luke came for a load of straw in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright called.

7 – Dull in the morning but turned out fine. Tied berry bushes and helped Jennie to plant garden. Willie cultivating in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with P. Luke and John Michie for suckers. They found lots of fish, more than they could bring home. James at Port Perry school. Mr. Collins called wanting to sell me a seeder. L. Jacobs called. Mrs. Wright called in the morning.

8 – A very fine day. Cleaned the fish in the morning and then went with Jennie to Port Perry market (butter dropped 20 cts. per pound). Bought from Collins a second hand seeder for \$48.00 and the old drill. After dinner Willie and I, with the waggon, went to Port Perry for it. James at Port Perry school. P. Luke called.

9 – Dull in the morning but turned out a fine day. Cultivated and sowed the field NW of barn; not too dry some places. Sowed it with the new seeder which worked pretty well. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie painting. Mrs. Wright called.

10 – Willie harrowed and cultivated while James and I fanned up and we were hoping to finish sowing today but it was raining a little all forenoon and the afternoon was much worse so we did not succeed. Mrs. Wright called.

11 – Rain more or less all day from the E. Went with the boys to SS and church; 85 at SS. Mrs. Dodds of Sonya spoke on the W.M. work which was pretty good. She also sang a solo. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

12 – Dull in the morning with a little rain still falling but it cleared up and was a fine day. Planted more potatoes, Willie helping. Jennie cleaning cellar. James at Port Perry school.

13 – A beautiful day. Hoeing berry bushes in the forenoon while Willie cultivated. Sowed the remainder of the hill field in the afternoon which finishes sowing. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Mrs. John Michie to the W.M. meeting in the church. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

14 – Another beautiful day and very warm. Did a number of little jobs and planted some more potatoes. Willie harrowed in the forenoon and cultivated root ground in the afternoon. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon helping Mrs. John to paint her kitchen. James at Port Perry school. Willie drove him part way as Leask's did not go today and he stayed all night at W. Real's. Mrs. Wright called twice.

15 – A very fine and warm day. Cutting potatoes in the forenoon, Willie helping, and drilled up for potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Mrs. John Michie with her. James at Port Perry school.

16 – Dull with a little sprinkle of rain in the afternoon and evening. Drew out potato manure (17 loads), Willie helping. Jennie painting pantry and cook house floors. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

17 – Dull and a little rain sometimes. Planted the potatoes in the forenoon, boys helping. Finished tying up berry bushes and planted some sweet corn in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning and baking. Took 2 steers to Phair's swamp to pasture.

18 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 99 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James at Methodist church in the evening.

19 – A fine day. Did several little jobs, hoed berry bushes principally. Willie rolling and finished. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Helped P. Luke awhile after dinner to cut and load saw logs. Mrs. Jas. Lee called; she was telling that they had sold their place to C. Phair. Mrs. Luke called.

20 – Rain all day from the E. Whitewashed ceiling of kitchen and cleaned out root house. Jennie housecleaning kitchen. Willie varnishing chairs. James at Port Perry school.

21 – Dull all day until about 4:30 when it began to rain again and continued off and on during the evening. Lightning and thunder in the evening. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 12 bags of oats to grind but did not get them home. Willie went with me. Making chicken frame in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning kitchen and churning. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

22 – A terrible rain through the night and morning and everything flooded with water. Cleared up about 9 and the rest of the day was better. Made another chicken frame and finished hoeing berry bushes. Willie at John Michie's keeping the girls while they went to Port Perry. He went after the meal in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called twice.

23 – A fine day but dull; a little rain in the evening. Drilled up and sowed some mangolds in the orchard, also planted a little corn. Jennie baking for the Sunday School anniversary tomorrow. James at Port Perry school. Willie went to Blackwater for Annie and Leola Luke. Mrs. Wright called twice.

24 – A fine day except a shower about 2 pm. Helping P. Luke to cut and draw out saw logs in the forenoon. Willie and James got N. Midgley's double rig and went to Port Perry for the candies and ice cream for the anniversary. Jennie baking and scrubbing. In the afternoon all at SS anniversary. There was a packed house at the concert. The Port Perry Quartet; T. Follock; Macintyre; Mrs. Arch and Mrs. Robins. There was a reciter Miss Webster of Toronto. Mrs. W. Real and Mona Leask; addresses by Mr. McKay; Mr. Chapman and J.A. Miller. Willie Caffley returned today from overseas.

25 – A beautiful day. Willie Smith, with his mother and Jessie, came in their car about 11 am and all hands went to church in the afternoon. I and the boys went to SS but found that there was none. The church was packed again. Children's choir. Mr. McKay was the speaker. Willie Smith and co. came here for supper and then left for home. All at church again in the evening. The church was not able to hold all that came. Mr. McKay preached on the war between right and wrong. Mr. Chapman was also present. A union choir sang.

26 – A very fine day. Mrs. Wright drove Annie and Leola to Blackwater on their way to school. Willie drove James to Port Perry school. Planted 6 rows of strawberries, Willie helping. Planted some corn.

27 – A very fine and warm day. Drawing out manure for corn all day, 18 loads, Willie helping. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Jas. Lee came for the roller and P. Luke the turnip sower to sow his mangolds. In the evening went with Jennie to meeting in the church in connection with the forward movement. There was about 25 out. Rev. Mr. Black of Port Perry gave a fine address.

28 – A very fine and quite warm day. Drew out 10 loads of manure, Willie helping. In the afternoon sowed some places that had been drowned out. Willie Caffley, who has just returned from the war, came and we had a great talk. He stayed all night. James at Port Perry school.

29 – A fine and quite warm day. Drawing out manure all day, 17 loads. Jennie went to Port Perry market. Willie Caffley went over to Jas. Lee's in the forenoon but there was no one at home. He, however, went back in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. In the evening at forward movement meeting in the church. There was rather more out than the other night. Rev. Mr. Bryden of Woodville was the speaker.

30 – Fine and very warm. Drawing out manure all day; 19 loads. Willie drove James to Port Perry school. Moved stove out to cook house. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

31 – Very warm. 90 in the shade about 2 pm. Willie plowing corn land while I planted some beans and corn and harrowed the potatoes. Jennie oiling the kitchen floor. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Mrs. Wright called twice.

JUNE 1 – Very warm; about 90 again in the shade. All hands at SS and church; 88 at SS. Rev. Mr. Johnston, a returned chaplain from overseas, preached. In the evening went with Jennie in J.M. Real's car to Wick where Rev. R.P. McKay, Foreign Mission secretary, preached on the Forward movement; a fine address but not a very large turnout. Very warm and dusty. Boys at Methodist church in the evening.

2 – Another terrible hot day; 92 about noon. Hoed all the berry bushes and some other jobs. Willie plowing corn land. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here two or three times. Olive and Eleanor were here also and Mrs. Wright was taking their pictures. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening.

3 – Another terrible warm day; 90 in the shade. Doing a number of small jobs while Willie harrowed and rolled corn land. Jennie churning and ironing. James did not go to school as this is the King's birthday. Mrs. Wright called.

4 – Another 90 in the shade day. In the morning sowed field corn but did not have enough corn so went with Jennie to Port Perry for more. Got a suit of clothes but left the coat to lengthen the sleeves and the boys went after it in the evening. Willie drew out 3 loads of manure and harrowed the corn. James at Port Perry school but it was dismissed after noon on account of the heat. Some thunder in the evening to the south and east but no rain here. Mrs. Wright called 3 times and Mrs. John Michie.

5 – Got up very early and Willie drove me to Port Perry station to the early train for Hamilton to attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. Jas. Wadell of Port Perry went with me. Got to Hamilton about noon and was billeted at W. Hall, Strachen Street. My roommate was Jas. A. Miller of Fergus. During the next 6 days attended the meetings which were held in St. Paul's church. Saturday afternoon they took us for a boat trip out in the lake and a lunch at Wabasso park.⁷⁷ On Monday a garden party at the home of Stanley Mills. Sunday afternoon a car trip along the beach. The weather all through was very warm, especially in the church, which was poorly ventilated. Started for home again on Thursday at 3 pm and Willie met me at Port Perry. At home Willie finished drawing the manure and plowed the turnip ground, harrowed and rolled it. Jennie went to communion service at Wick when their individual communion service was used the first time. She went with W. O'Neill in his car. Jennie was also at the W. Missionary at Jas. Blair's on Tuesday afternoon. James at school in Port Perry every school day. Willie at concert at Port Perry Tuesday evening.

13 – Very warm day. Scuffled and hoed most of the day. Mrs. Wright called and spent most of the day. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Peter Leask, with Marion and Mrs. Wright, called with his car and we went with him to the bridge to fish but only got 3 mudcats. James at Port Perry school.

14 – Another terrible warm day; 90 after dinner. Some thunder to the SW but no rain here. Drilled up forty drills and sowed them with turnips. Willie and James at Port Perry in the morning for turnip seed. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

15 – A very warm day; nearly 90. At SS and church with James. Jennie at Mrs. Walker's during church service. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached to young men. 99 at SS. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Thunder in the evening but no rain here.

16 – Another terrible warm day; about 90 in the shade. A heavy thunderstorm came up from the E, an unusual thing. Drilled the rest of turnips in the forenoon and sowed them just before the

⁷⁷ Wabasso Park, in the city of Hamilton, is now known as La Salle Park. The name was changed in 1926.

storm came. Scuffling in the afternoon. Willie hoeing. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. News came that two men have succeeded in crossing the Atlantic in an airplane.⁷⁸

17 – Another very warm day. Helping C. Phair to repair fence all day. Willie hoeing. James at Port Perry school. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening.

18 – Another 90 in the shade. Scuffling and hoeing mangolds. Willie plowing. Jennie picking strawberries in the afternoon; 56 boxes. Mrs. Wright helping and I for awhile. James at Port Perry school. Ray Dusty and Olive Hooper were married today.

19 – Another terribly warm day. At Port Perry in the morning with Jennie and some strawberries. Willie plowing. James at Port Perry school. He found a hammer while diving in the lake. Mrs. Wright called twice, also Mrs. John Michie. Mrs. Phair came for butter in the evening.

20 – A fine day and not quite so warm. Harrowed and sowed the Hungarian grass. Willie helping C. Phair with his road work. Jennie and Mrs. Wright picking strawberries; 62 boxes. Mrs. Wright stayed for supper and then helped to stem some. Jas. Blair called for berries. James at Port Perry school. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening.

21 – A very fine day and much cooler. Hoed all day in the orchard. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Annie who is home for good from Peterborough Normal School. Willie rolled the millet in the afternoon and went with Annie and Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in the evening. Jennie, Annie and Mrs. Wright picking strawberries in the afternoon. H. Thomas called for plant collection. Mrs. John Michie and girls called, also Mrs. T. Phair and Ernest in the evening for berries.

22 – A fine and quite cool day. All hands at SS and church; 113 at SS. Rev. Mr. ---, a late missionary to China, preached. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

23 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Scuffled the field corn in the forenoon and in the orchard in the afternoon. Willie hoeing potatoes. Jennie and Annie picking strawberries. Mrs. Wright and Leola, who has just come home from Cannington, helping. Annie and Leola took berries to Port Perry to go to Toronto. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mary Dusty and Mrs. Ray Dusty called for berries. Boys at shivaree at Ray Dusty's tonight.

24 – A fine but pretty warm day. At C. Phair's all day fixing fence and hoeing corn. Willie hoeing corn at home. Jennie and Annie washing. James at Port Perry school. Exams are now on. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here in the evening. Saintfield festival tonight.

25 – At C. Phair's hoeing corn (with Jim Lee). After dinner rain came on and I came home. Willie hoeing. James at Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie picked a few strawberries. Some more rain in the evening.

26 – Heavy rain through the night and some more in the afternoon. Did very little all day but nurse a bad cold. Jennie in bed in the afternoon with same. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with strawberries. Mrs. Wright called in the morning and Leola Luke and Russell Thomas in the evening. Mrs. John Michie called with a sack of sugar.

27 – A fine day and quite cool. Did nothing but nurse my cold. Willie Paris Greening potatoes. Jennie and Annie and Leola Luke picking strawberries, probably the last picking of the season. James at Port Perry school which finishes the exams.

28 – A very fine and cool day. Hoeing most of the day, Willie also. Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon and with the boys at Port Perry in the evening. James and Clinton Midgley fishing at the bridge but with poor success. Clinton here for dinner. Mrs. Wright called. Peace treaty with Germany signed.

29 – A beautiful cool day. All but Jennie at SS; 100 present; then to Methodist SS anniversary services. Rev. Mr. Ford, Rev. Mr. McDonald and Rev. Mr. Chapman were the speakers. Gladys Luke here for supper. Willie, Annie and Gladys at Methodist church again in the evening. Mr. Chapman was the preacher. Jean, Olive and Eleanor Michie here while they were at church. Annie went home with Gladys for the night.

30 – A very fine day. All day at C. Phair's hoeing corn (Jim Lee also there). Willie scuffled corn and potatoes. In the evening went with Jennie and Mrs. Jas. Lee to a concert at Port Perry which was pretty good. Duncan Cowan of Toronto was the star. Annie was also there. She went down with P. Leask. Gladys Luke also went and came home with Annie and stayed here all night. James cut thistles on the road.

JULY 1 – A very fine and pretty warm day. Hoeing at C. Phair's in the forenoon. John Michie, wife and Jean went with W. O'Neill to Agincourt and Ruth, Olive and Eleanor were here all day and night. Annie, Willie and James went to Methodist SS anniversary in the evening. Clinton Midgley here for supper.

2 – Another terrible hot day; about 90 in the shade. Hoeing at Cecil Phair's in the forenoon. Willie went for the beef in the morning and helping P. Luke to hoe corn in the afternoon. In the afternoon I went with Rich Woon in his car, and C. Phair, to a plebiscite meeting at Manchester but the organizer did not come so there was no meeting. All that came to the meeting were from Greenbank; G. McMillan; B. Cragg; G. Till and W. Phoenix and 6 women from the village of Manchester. Leola Luke here in the evening.

3 – Very warm; 93 at times. All day hoeing turnips for C. Phair. Willie helping P. Luke. Jennie at Port Perry market. James green-ing potatoes. He got word that he has passed in the high school. 14 years old today. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Leola Luke called twice.

⁷⁸ Alcock and Brown, British aviators, made the first non-stop transatlantic flight from Newfoundland to Ireland in less than 72 hours. They were later knighted by King George V.

4 – Very warm but quite a breeze. All day at C. Phair's hoeing and haying. Willie greening potatoes. Jennie and Annie at Luke's in the evening playing croquet. Jennie preserving cherries. Leola Luke called.

5 – Warm again. Helping C. Phair. About 3 pm a thunder storm came up and stopped the haying. James also helping after dinner until the rain came on. Willie greening potatoes. Annie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Leola Luke called twice.

6 – Heavy rain in the early morning, then a fine day. All hands at SS and church; 96 at SS. A Mr. Hewitt preached and made an appeal for help for Belgium and Serbia. Jack Lee, an old resident of Greenbank 40 years ago, was present. E. [?]; Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here for supper. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

7 – A fine and cool day. Helping C. Phair all day; James also. Willie scuffling in the forenoon and helping P. Luke in the afternoon. Jennie visiting at Jas. Lee's with Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright. Leola Luke and Eleanor Michie called.

8 – A fine day. Helping C. Phair all day at hay; James also. Willie hoeing in the forenoon and helping P. Luke in the afternoon. Jennie at C. Phair's in the evening. Mrs. Wright called. Rev. D.D. McDonald called in the afternoon, the first time he called.

9 – Warm day. Helping C. Phair all day; James also. Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon with some oats for meal. Helping P. Luke in the afternoon. Jennie went with Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright on a visit to Mrs. L. Wagner near Epsom. Annie keeping house.

10 – Warm in the forenoon but a thunder storm came up about noon with some hail. It then got much cooler. Hoed and greened the potatoes. Willie scuffled turnips and corn. James at C. Phair's. Jennie picking and preserving cherries. Annie at Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie.

11 – A fine and cool day. All day helping C. Phair; James also. Willie at P. Luke's. Annie sick most of the day. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

12 – Somewhat dull with a little rain about 2 pm, enough to stop drawing in hay. All day helping C. Phair; James also. Willie helping P. Luke. Mrs. Wright called. Word received that Annie has passed the Normal exam. The Greenbank band was at the Orange Walk at Bobcaygeon. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 96 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie Gordon and Cathleen Leask sang. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening. Jennie and I at John Michie's.

14 – A fine day, somewhat dull. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon, Willie helping. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Wright and Mary Dusty picking raspberries and I was helping in the afternoon; 137 boxes picked. Mrs. White and son of Marsh Hill came for berries. Willie helping P. Luke in the afternoon and James at C. Phair's all day. Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon.

15 – Several little showers in the morning and forenoon. Hoeing turnips, Willie helping. James at home. Annie at Luke's in the afternoon picking berries. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to Missionary meeting at the church. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

16 – A very fine day. Got Mr. Luke's mower and cut the hay field. Jennie, Annie, Mary Dusty, Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. W. O'Neill picking berries; 190 boxes. I took 3 crates to Port Perry. Willie helping Mr. Luke. James at C. Phair's. In the evening went to meeting in the hall to organize for the referendum vote. W. Phoenix was appointed chairman for the township. P. Luke and Mrs. Wright went with P. Leask to the Lenox picnic at Sutton.

17 – A fine and quite warm day. At the hay and got in 5 loads, boys helping. Annie, Mrs. J. Michie and James finished the berry patch. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with berries. Mrs. Wright called. As we were going to bed Albert Akhurst, wife and Marie came for berries.

18 – A very warm day; 90 in the shade. At hay all day and finished, boys helping. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Wright, Mary Dusty and Nellie O'Neill picking raspberries, 120 boxes. Several called for berries: Alex Leask; Gertie Phoenix; Wilmot Cragg; Cyler Whitter; and W. O'Neill. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening. Annie at choir practice. Annie got the offer of Bethel school and accepted it.

19 – Very warm and dry. All day hoeing the old strawberry patch. Willie finished hoeing the turnips. James at C. Phair's. Gladys Luke came home from Toronto and was over most of the forenoon and she and Annie went to G. Mark's in the afternoon. Jennie picked and preserved berries. This is the day proclaimed to celebrate the return of peace.

20 – A fine but very warm day. All hands at SS and church; 98 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie Gordon sang a solo. Annie at Luke's for supper. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening. Jas. Lee, wife and Alma here in the evening.

21 – Some little rain through the night and a regular soaker most of the forenoon which will do a heap of good. Nellie O'Neill came in the morning to pick berries but there was nothing doing and Jennie drove her home after dinner. Made some berry crates in the afternoon and fixed the platform about the barn well. Jennie churning. Mrs. Wright called and in the evening Mrs. White of Marsh Hill came in her car for berries but there was none picked. Jas. Lee brought a crate of berry boxes from Port Perry.

22 – A beautiful day. This was berry day. All hands, including Mary Dusty; Nellie O'Neill; Mrs. John Michie; and Mabel McMillan who came over for some berries; and Mrs. Wright awhile in the afternoon. About 360 boxes. Mrs. White of Marsh Hill and others came for berries. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with berries. Mabel McMillan had an accident when going out of our gate.

23 – Fine day. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning with a crate of berries. Willie went for the beef in place of John Michie while Jennie, James, Leola Luke and I finished picking berry patch; about 40 boxes which went to the festival. Alex Leask took

them there. Fixed the buggy in the afternoon, then all hands went to the D. McDonald garden party. Annie and the boys went in one rig and Jennie, Leola Luke and I in another. There was an immense crowd and for once they were eat out before all got supper. Mr. Hulbert was chairman. The star was Jim Fox who did very well. The Uxbridge orchestra; R. Barker; Misses Osborne of Oakwood; all pretty good. About \$375.00 taken in. About 1 am when we got home.

24 – A very fine day. Cutting thistles and weeds and hoeing man-golds. Annie went to D. McDonald's to clean up after the party and get the dishes and things. Willie scuffling turnips and corn. Jennie washing and ironing. James picking beans. Old Mrs. Stone, who is now at P. Luke's, called in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

25 – A very fine day. Another berry day. Jennie, Annie, James, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke and I all day picking and Mrs. J. Michie in the afternoon. Alex Leask, Ray Dusty and Cyler Whitter came for berries. Willie scuffling corn in the forenoon and helping P. Luke in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry with berries, 170 boxes. Boys at Blair's pond in the evening.

26 – About 5:30 a terrible thunder storm came up and Cyler Whitter's barn was struck with lightning and burned. Everything in the barn, including 32 loads of hay, 3 horses, 2 calves, 12 pigs, chickens and all his implements lost. Willie went to the fire on horse-back. [Brabozen's?] barn between Saintfield and Wick was also burned at the same time. Willie and I were most of the forenoon at P. Luke's helping Mrs. Wright to unpack her stuff that came from the west. Jennie preserving berries. I was helping C. Phair in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

27 – Very warm day with high wind. All hands at SS and church; 90 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James went to Jas. Gibson's for supper. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

28 – Rain towards morning and much cooler. Jennie, Annie, James, Leola Luke and I picking berries all day and Willie and Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon. Willie scuffling corn in the forenoon. Annie and Leola Luke went to Port Perry with berries. Picked 145 boxes of berries.

29 – A fine day. Helping C. Phair all day, James also. Willie hoeing turnips. Annie and Leola Luke at Port Perry with berries. Jennie preserving. Mrs. Wright called. J.M. Real, official enumerator, called. All at N. Midgley's in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. Most of the day at Luke's helping him to rig up his binder. Willie hoeing turnips and finished. James at C. Phair's. All of Luke's called at different times. Merle Whitter called for butter. Jennie washing and preserving. All of Midgley's here in the evening.

31 – A very fine day. At Cyler Whitter's helping with his barn. Willie at Luke's. James at C. Phair's. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. John Michie, Mary Dusty and Leola Luke picking berries, 130 boxes. Mr. Crozier of Seagrave came for berries and Annie took some to C. Whitter's. Daly tea man called.

AUG. 1 – A very fine day. All day helping at Whitter's barn. James at C. Phair's. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie preserving and at Port Perry. Annie ironing. Annie and Willie drove over to Mr. Wanamaker's in the evening, Annie to sign her engagement papers to teach the Bethel school.

2 – A very fine cool day. John Michie came up in the morning and we got Mr. Luke's binder and cut the piece east of the orchard. John left for Whitter's after dinner and Annie drove the binder and cut the field west of the house while Willie and I shocked it up. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Leola Luke and Jean and Ruth Michie called in the afternoon.

3 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 91 at SS. A Mr. Johnston of Toronto, a Barnardo boys home man, preached. Eleanor Michie here for supper. Annie and Willie at church somewhere. Oliver Luke and his baby boy and Leola Luke called in the evening.

4 – A fine and pretty warm day. Scuffling and hoeing the strawberry patch most of the day. Willie drove James to Port Perry in the morning to the great peace demonstration. He came home for dinner and he, Annie and Leola Luke went back in the afternoon. Jennie, Mrs. A. Gordon and Bessie picking raspberries (probably the last picking); about 50 boxes. Mrs. Wright called. She did not go to the doings at Port Perry.

5 – A fine and warm day. Cutting thistles in the forenoon. Helping at C. Whitter's barn. Willie at John Michie's. Jennie washing. Annie picking thimble berries. Leola Luke called.

6 – A heavy rain (no thunder) between 5 and 6 in the morning. Did some small jobs in the forenoon. Willie and James went to Port Perry with 3 bags of oats to be ground but did not get them home. After dinner started to cut field NE of barn. James driving the binder. Mrs. John Michie and 3 of the girls; Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called in the afternoon.

7 – Very warm day. Finished cutting field NW of barn in the forenoon. Jennie went to C. Whitter's in the morning to prepare for the raising. After dinner a thunder storm appeared to be coming up, but it did not come. All hands at the raising. There was a very large turnout of men and women and everything went up all right and no one hurt. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A fine and cool day. Cut the hill field, boys helping, which finishes cutting for the season. The piece of wheat was very poor. Leola Luke called.

9 – A beautiful day. Helping P. Luke cutting oats and finished his cutting. Jennie and James went to Port Perry and got home the meal and 3 pair of [blankets?]. Willie helping C. Phair and at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. All but James, who has a bad cough, at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. When we came out of church we saw a fire near Manchester which proved to be C. Lambe's barn and house. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

11 – A very fine day. Drew in the oats in the field W of the house. Jennie helping in the barn and James building the loads; 7 ½ loads. Willie helping C. Phair. Annie at Port Perry in the morning and visiting Mrs. Ray Dusty in the afternoon. Leola Luke called twice.

12 – A fine day. Drew in field NW of barn (6 ½ loads), boys helping. Jennie washing. Mrs. Ray Dusty and Miss Mildred Jackson of Port Perry here for supper. Mrs. Luke and Leola called. Willie and James went to Port Perry for James' new wheel.

13 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to harvest all day. Boys raked two fields and drew in the rakings. Jennie at Greenbank visiting Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Stone. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. At C. Phair's all day. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry on her way to visit Mr. Somerville's at Prospect. Leola Luke called. C. Whitter started to draw grain into his new barn 19 days from the time his old one was destroyed by fire.

15 – Dull; a little rain about 8 am and again about 1 pm. Helping C. Phair in the forenoon; drew in 1 load but the rain stopped us. Helped Jim Lee with his pump and came home and later drew in 2 loads of oats from the hill field. Leola Luke and Margery and Velma Leask here in the afternoon.

16 – About 4 am a thunder storm came up and stopped all harvesting for a time. Again about 5 pm another thunder storm came up and continued without a let up until about 7 when it settled down to a steady rain during the evening. Did little but a few small jobs. Mrs. Wright called.

17 – About 11 am Mundo Perrin of Newcastle came in his car and with him Aunt Liz, Jennie and Mrs. Cuthbert (nee Helen Patton) and after dinner Mundo took the boys and I to SS and church; 109 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached a good temperance sermon. After early supper the Newcastle folks left for home, Annie and James going with them for a visit. A thunderstorm came up but did not rain here. Willie went to the Methodist church in the evening.

18 – Dull and threatening most of the day and several little showers. It is reported that a barn near Uxbridge and R. Reader's barn on Scugog Island were struck by lightning. Jennie washing and canning corn. I did a few jobs and helped with the corn. Mrs. Wright called and Jennie went to Luke's with her. Clinton Midgley here most of the afternoon. Willie started for Greenbank on the wheel but when he was near A. Akhurst's the front wheel collapsed.

19 – NW wind and only a little rain; clear in the evening. Did odd jobs in the forenoon. Willie plowing in the afternoon while I reset up the shocks that are out. They are very wet and growing some. Jennie corn canning and in the afternoon went with Mrs. John Michie to the W. Missionary meeting in the church. Miss Mary Forfar here for supper. Clinton Midgley here all afternoon while his folks were away at Seagrave. Mr. Savage of Scugog called selling a history of the war (did not buy). P. Leask called and Mrs. Wright in the forenoon.

20 – A fine day and no rain. Fixing line fence most of the day. Willie gang plowing. Jennie making pickles. Mrs. Wright and

Leola Luke, Jean and Ruth Michie called. Willie somewhere in the evening.

21 – Drew in two small loads of oats which finishes the oats. They were in poor order and rain started before we got them in. Jennie went to Port Perry. About 12 noon G. McMillan phoned saying he was going to a referendum meeting at Whitby with his car and I went with him with W. Phoenix; John Heron and Rev. D.D. McDonald. It was raining very heavy when we left Greenbank but mud did not stop G.A. It rained nearly all the way there. There was about 30 at the meeting which was principally to organize the South Ontario riding. Willie plowing. Mrs. Wright, Leola Luke and Olive and Eleanor called.

22 – A beautiful day and dry. All day at P. Luke's. Pulled the old woodshed and got sticks for sills from the swamp. John Michie there in the afternoon. Willie gang plowing. Leola Luke and Ruby Lee here for dinner.

23 – A fine day and no rain. At P. Luke's woodshed in the forenoon; Willie plowing. Afternoon went with Willie and the team and waggon and helped Ernest Phair to draw in grain (not too dry). Jennie at Luke's for supper. Mrs. Wright and Leola called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

24 – Some rain before daylight in the morning and some thunder but cleared up fine and cool. At SS and church with Jennie and Willie. Willie went by wheel. 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. P. Luke was at SS. Olive Michie came home with us for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

25 – Cool with a number of NW showers. With Willie's help drew in the 2 small loads of wheat and in the afternoon Willie raked and drew in the rakings which finishes harvest for 1919. I was helping P. Luke with his woodshed. Word came by phone that Jessie Bell was coming and Willie went to Port Perry to meet her but the train was very late on account of a run off near Brooklin. It was after 11 when they got home.

26 – Several showers from the NW. At Luke's woodshed all day. Willie plowing. He went to Port Perry on the wheel. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. In the evening went to a referendum meeting in the hall. Not many out; voter's lists was the topic. Quite cool in the evening.

27 – Cool; a little rain. Hoeing some in the forenoon. Willie plowing. At Luke's woodshed in the afternoon. Leola Luke called twice, or more. Moved the stove in.

28 – Rather a fine day; one little shower about 4 pm. At P. Luke's all day shingling woodshed in the forenoon and helping him to finish drawing in his oats. Willie plowing. Leola Luke called 3 times. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Mrs. Wright with her. Mr. E. Boe; Mary Dusty; Mrs. Ray Dusty and Ruby Lee called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

29 – A very fine day and no rain. At P. Luke's shingling woodshed in the forenoon. About 11 am George, Bella, Mabel, Elsie and Jessie Sleeman of Port Hope came in their car, bringing Annie

and James home. They left for home about 3 pm. Willie left for Toronto fair at 5:30. He went with the Thomas boys. Leola Luke called twice and Mrs. Wright once.

30 – Somewhat dull most of the day and a few drops of rain in the evening. All day at P. Luke's woodshed. Annie, with Leola Luke, drove over to Bethel to hunt up a boarding place when she starts to teach school there but she did not make a bargain. They then went to Port Perry. Jennie went with Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in the evening as Leola is to have her tonsils attended to. James at Luke's after dinner to help J. Michie to patch the hole in the barn. Willie did not come home as expected; he is staying in Toronto over Sunday.

31 – A fine day and quite cool in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and Jessie at Mrs. Walker's. Annie and James at Methodist church in the evening. Jas. S. Lee, wife and family called in the evening.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing and ironing. Annie and Jessie went to Port Perry for Willie who has been at the Toronto fair. They missed him and did not catch up to him until near the RR track.

2 – A fine day. Went with Jennie and Jessie to Toronto fair. Went by way of Manilla and got there about 12. Went with Jennie to hear Billie Sunday at the arena.⁷⁹ There was an immense crowd and he is a wonderful man but I could not hear him very well. We then went to the fair grounds and into the grandstand which was very good. Then to Mason's for the night. Annie started to teach school at Bethel school. She drove over to Mitchell's. James started high school in the 2nd form. Willie walked to Port Perry in the morning and brought home the horse and plowed some.

3 – A beautiful day. I went to the fair in the morning and Jennie and Jessie, with Helen Patton, came later. Left the grounds just before a short street car strike. Willie met us at Port Perry. Annie at Bethel school. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

4 – A very fine day. Willie harrowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon got Luke's mower and cut the Hungarian grass which is quite a good crop, Willie helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Olive and Eleanor and Mrs. John Michie here in the afternoon.

5 – A beautiful day. Cleaning up the grainery and cutting threshing wood. Willie harrowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Leola Luke called.

6 – A fine day and very warm; 88 in the shade. Helping Jas. Lee to thresh in the forenoon and C. Phair in the afternoon. James also helping Cecil. Clinton Midgley and Leola Luke called. Willie harrowing. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

7 – Another very warm day. At SS and church with Willie, Annie and James. 101 at SS. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Jean Michie here for supper.

8 – Another terrible hot day; 90 in the shade. Raked and drew in 2 loads of the grass, Willie helping, and both at C. Phair's threshing (they did not work in the forenoon on account of a crack in the boiler). Annie at her school. Jennie washing. Jessie dressmaking. Leola Luke called in the evening.

9 – A fine day and much cooler. Willie and I at Phair's threshing and finished in about 2 hours. We then drew in the rest of the Hungarian grass. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning. Annie at her school. Mrs. Wright called in the afternoon. Willie went to Greenbank on the wheel in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Jas. A. Blair came from Jas. Gibson's with the threshing machine but did not start until after dinner. Finished in about 4 hours. Jas. Lee; John Michie; P. Luke; M. Midgley; and A. Akhurst (for R. Dusty). Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school.

11 – A very fine day. Scuffled strawberry patch. Cut the buckwheat and dug some potatoes. Willie at Ray Dusty's threshing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jessie Bell finished Annie's sweater that she has been knitting ever since she came here. Olive and Eleanor here while their mother was at Port Perry. Rev. Mr. McDonald here for supper. Willie, Annie and Gladys Luke, who came home today, at choir practice in the church in the evening. Gladys Luke here all night. Mrs. Wright called.

12 – A fine day but pretty cool with high NW wind. Pulled the beans and in the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Dodds of Sonya preached. Not a very large turnout. Mrs. Cecil Leask received. Willie harrowing. James at Port Perry school but there was no school in the afternoon on account of the fair. Annie drove to Port Perry fair with Mrs. Wright. Jessie Bell getting ready to start for Rochester tomorrow.

13 – A beautiful day. Willie and I spent all the forenoon hunting in the swamp for steer pasturing at C. Phair's but did not find it. Got up early and Willie drove Jessie Bell to the early train on her way to Newcastle and Rochester. In the afternoon E. Bryant came with the corn binder and cut the corn in about 3 ½ hours at \$1.25 an hour. Ruby Lee, Ruth and Olive Michie here in the afternoon and Leola Luke.

14 – A very fine day. All hands at communion service at Greenbank. Mr. McDonald conducted the service and there was a pretty good turnout. Mona Leask organist, first time under her leadership. Jennie, James and I had dinner at W. O'Neill's. Annie and the boys at Methodist church in the evening.

15 – Heavy rain through the night which made the corn too wet to handle. Willie took the corn binder home to E. Bryant's. We then drew up from the swamp field the wood cut the winter before last. Annie at her school and James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke here in the evening. Stanley Crowle came to Luke's tonight.

⁷⁹ William Ashley Sunday was an outfielder in the baseball National League during the 1800's and became an evangelist making attacks on liquor his mainstay.

16 – A very fine day. Willie drove me to Seagrave station on my way to Lindsay for Presbytery meeting. Mr. Dodds of Sonya has accepted a call to ---. Rev. Mr. Gandier, Anglican minister of Sunderland, applied for admission to the Presbyterian church. Willie came to Blackwater for me and brought Stanley Crowle from P. Luke's to Blackwater on his way to Cannington. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school.

17 – A beautiful day. Drawing off corn all day, Willie helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing.

18 – A very fine day. Drawing off corn in the forenoon and finished, Willie helping. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with Mrs. Luke. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie collected the pumpkins. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening. Leola Luke here in the evening. Helping P. Luke in the afternoon to set up corn.

19 – Some rain through the night and again about 4 and in the evening. Plowing the corn stubble. Willie helping P. Luke with his corn. Annie at her school. Jas. at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

20 – Dull day. Willie cultivating in the forenoon while I dug early potatoes. About 4 pm Jennie and I started for Columbus to see the folks there. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. The flour mill at Port Perry damaged by fire.

21 – Rain in the forenoon. Willie Smith took us to SS and church at Brooklin. Rev. Mr. Haig taught the bible class and Rev. R. Simpson preached a good sermon. Rain came on and continued during the evening so we did not get home as we expected. Annie and Willie at SS and church. James did not go as he was unwell. Annie, Willie and James at Luke's in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Started for home about 9 and got home at noon. Willie plowing in the afternoon while I dug potatoes. Annie at her school. James did not go to school. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

23 – A little rain after dinner. Finished digging potatoes in orchard and started the field. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Cleaned out the cistern. Mrs. Wright called.

24 – A fine day except a little shower about 10; some thunder. Digging potatoes all day. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Olive and Eleanor here all day and night while their mother is away at Scarborough fair. Mrs. Wright called and Jennie over at Luke's after dinner.

25 – A fine cool day with high NW wind. All day at C. Phair's helping him to draw off big stones from the field SW of Jim Lee's barn. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie churning. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. Olive and Eleanor here all day.

26 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair all day. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went to

Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called. Willie and Annie at choir practice at Jas. A. Blair's in the evening.

27 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes most of the day. Willie helping P. Luke to take a cow to Manchester in the forenoon, plowing in the afternoon. Drew in the bit of buckwheat and beans. Jennie baking. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Leola Luke called.

28 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 120 at SS. Rally day service conducted by Mr. McDonald. Willie and James at Methodist church in the evening and then Jennie went with Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright.

29 – A little rain about 11 am. Digging potatoes all day. Willie plowing. Jennie pickling. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

30 – A fine cool day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon. Willie plowing. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school. In the afternoon Jennie and I went with Mrs. Wright to Sunday School convention in the Methodist church at Greenbank. There was a fair turnout. Mr. Farmer of Port Perry was in the chair. The principal speaker was a Mr. Fletcher who was pretty good. Supper was served in the basement and another meeting in the evening which was larger in attendance. Liberal convention at Whitby brings Mr. Sinclair of Oshawa as the candidate.

OCT. 1 – Cool but fine. Willie went for the beef while I finished digging potatoes. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry, this being sports day at the high school. Afternoon Willie plowing while I hoed strawberry patch. Jennie washing and churning in the forenoon and went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Mrs. Wright called three times or more.

2 – A thunder shower before daylight in the morning and dull most of the day and quite warm. At P. Luke's woodshed in the forenoon. Willie plowing. James did not go to school. All hands at school fair in the afternoon. There was a good turnout. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

3 – Dull and very warm. All day at P. Luke's woodshed. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie ironing.

4 – Another very warm day. Thunder and a little rain about 5 and 6 o'clock. All day at Luke's. Willie plowing. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Leola Luke here in the evening.

5 – Some rain in the evening and dull all day. All hands at SS and church; 94 at SS. Rev. Mr. ---, the Alliance representative, preached. Olive Michie here for supper. Willie away in the evening.

6 – A very fine day. All day picking apples, Jennie helping. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. P. Luke called after dinner and Leola Luke after school.

7 – A very fine and cool day. All day at P. Luke's cleaning out his horse stable preparing for cement work. Willie plowing. Annie at

her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie took the syndicate heifer to Greenbank. Leola Luke called.

8 – A beautiful day. At Luke's all day at stable and drawing in buckwheat. Willie went for the beef in the morning. The heifer went 35 lbs over weight. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called twice.

9 – Got up early and Willie drove Annie to the early train on her way to teachers convention at Oshawa. Helping P. Luke with his buckwheat and stable. Rain came on and the buckwheat was pretty damp but it was all taken in. Willie also helping him all day. I came home after dinner on account of the rain and a pain in my shoulder and neck. James did not go to school as it is closed for the convention. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and brought Mrs. Wright home. Leola Luke here all afternoon getting Jennie to help her knit a sweater.

10 – Warmer; rain about 5 pm with thunder. Willie all day at P. Luke's and I was there in the afternoon. Jennie baking and ironing. Willie went to meet the last train for Annie coming home from the teachers convention. Florence Lee came with them and Willie drove her home. Leola Luke called in the morning. She is off to Cannington. Mrs. Wright called twice.

11 – Somewhat cool and windy. Picking apples in the forenoon, James helping. Willie plowing. Afternoon went to Weston Phoenix's sale. Not a very large turnout but things sold pretty well. Willie helping John Michie to draw in his buckwheat. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Sidney Caney arrived.

12 – A very fine day. All hands, including S. Caney, at SS and church; 99 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Had a talk at the church door with J.A. Miller on the referendum and the political situation. We had just got home when Ken Mason arrived with his car and his mother, two sisters and grandmother. They stayed until about 8:30 and we had another talk on public questions.

13 – Thanksgiving day; also nomination day for the Ontario Legislature. A beautiful day. Helping P. Luke all day at his stable. Blake Cragg and John Michie there also. Willie at W. Thomas' silo filling for Cecil Phair in the afternoon. Annie and James took S. Caney to Port Perry on his way back to Toronto. Olive and Eleanor here all night while John and wife were at Seagrave at a chicken pie social.

14 – A very fine day. Helping P. Luke to cement his stable. Willie at W. Thomas' filling silo. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went to Methodist Ladies Aid at M. O'Neill's with Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Wright.

15 – A very fine day. Jennie and I packed 3 barrels of apples for Winnipeg in the forenoon and I took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie picking apples in the afternoon. Willie helping Norman Midgley silo filling. They worked late and finished. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

16 – At P. Luke's in the forenoon. Willie went to Weston Phoenix's for the mower I bought at his sale. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. In the afternoon at C. Phair's silo

filling, also Willie. A very disagreeable day as it drizzled all afternoon and everybody got pretty wet. Willie came home at 4 o'clock wet.

17 – A fine day. Helping C. Phair to fill silo in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon. Willie drove Annie to her school in the morning and took her at the close of school to Seagrave station on her way to Toronto for a visit at Mason's. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Willie at Guy Brothers Minstrel show at Port Perry in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Drew in the potatoes, 3 loads; the mangolds, 2 loads; and some corn, Willie helping. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

19 – A fine and pretty cool day. All hands at SS and church; 98 at SS. The SS met for the first time in the basement since it has been cleaned and painted by W. Wilson and it looks much better. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached in favour of the referendum. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

20 – A very fine but chilly day. Picked apples and some other little jobs. Willie went to Port Perry to meet Annie who came from Toronto and drove her to her school. He went to W.H. Leask's to thresh in place of P. Leask. James at Port Perry school. After dinner Jennie and I drove to Greenbank to vote on the Ontario General election and the Temperance referendum. The candidates are Sinclair and Calder (Sinclair elected). This is the first time that women voted at a political election. The referendum carried by a huge majority.⁸⁰ Hearst government defeated. The U.F.O. have the largest number.

21 – Rain in the forenoon. Did some little jobs in the forenoon. At P. Luke's stable in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie at W.H. and P. Leask's helping to thresh. In the evening went to Greenbank and met at the Methodist parsonage with G.A. McMillan; E. Jamison; E. Phair and Rev. Mr. Philp to consider having a series of community meetings during the winter. Talked it over until after 12 o'clock. Jennie went with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. John Michie to Women's Mission meeting at Mrs. James McMillan's.

22 – A little rain in the afternoon. Got John Michie's pig rack and took the one pig to Port Perry. Got \$17 per 100. At P. Luke's stable in the afternoon. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's threshing. Jas. H. Leask came for apples. Jas. Lee and wife called, also Mrs. Wright.

23 – A very fine day. All day at Luke's stable. Willie at P. Leask's threshing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. John Stone and Mrs. W. Watson of Greenbank here for dinner. Jas. Lee, wife and Ruby called for some apples. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

24 – A beautiful day. All day at Luke's stable. Willie plowing in the forenoon and picking apples in the afternoon. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Galbrath, the fruit tree agent, here for dinner. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. The

⁸⁰ The referendum was concerning alcohol.

Port Perry memorial for fallen soldiers was unveiled today. Leola Luke here in the evening. Blair's machine came to Luke's tonight.

25 – At P. Luke's threshing for a little while in the morning when the machine broke down and then rain came on and nothing more was done. I worked at the stable until about 4 pm. Willie also at the threshing. Leola Luke called.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church (Willie on the wheel and Annie walked). 110 at SS; Rev. J.A. Miller preached. Annie at Luke's for supper. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening.

27 – A little rain in the morning and very dull and raw all day. Threshing at P. Luke's and finished at noon, then moved to John Michie's and worked until dark. Willie also threshing. Annie at her school. Jennie drove James to Port Perry school as it was rainy and muddy. Alex Gordon came for apples.

28 – A very high wind from the NW. At John Michie's threshing and finished in about an hour. The rest of the day picking apples, Jennie helping. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Norman Midgley here in the forenoon and again in the afternoon picking up cider apples. Leola Luke called.

29 – A very fine day. Plowing while Willie topped turnips. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry. W. and Henry Thomas called for two barrels of apples. Mrs. Luke called. In the evening Jennie, Annie and I attended a meeting in our church to arrange for weekly community meetings during the winter. There was a large attendance. Rev. Mr. Philp was in the chair and refreshments.

30 – A very dull and rainy day and little was done but a few small jobs. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. Annie at her school. Willie drove James to Port Perry school. He stayed at Roy O'Neill's all night as it was raining. Leola Luke called in the evening.

31 – Rain in the morning but cleared off and was quite warm. Willie drove Annie to her school in the morning and went after her at night. Bagging up apples while Willie harrowed. Jennie washing and churning. Boys at Midgley's in the evening. Word came by phone that W. Kerr of Brooklin dropped dead about noon. John Michie came up for apples; \$9.00 worth.

NOV. 1 – A fine day. Took 14 bags of peeling apples to Port Perry for Mr. Purdy. Jennie went with me on her way to Brooklin. Brought home John Michie's new barn pump. In the afternoon Willie and I drew in 4 loads of turnips (pretty poor crop). Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon. Leola Luke called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

2 – A very fine but somewhat cool day. All but Jennie (who is at Brooklin) at SS and church; 108 at SS. Mrs. McIntyre gave an address on her mission work in Alberta. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

3 – Rather a raw east wind. At turnips all day, got in 3 loads. Willie housekeeping and helping at turnips. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Annie and Willie at choir practice in

the evening. Word came by phone that Jennie will not be home until Wednesday as W. Kerr's funeral is put off until then.

4 – At the turnips and got in one load before dinner and in the afternoon there was nothing doing as it rained most of the time. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening, James to practice in a school orchestra.

5 – Rather dull and cold day. At the turnips and drew in 7 loads which finishes the job. Annie at her school. Willie went to Port Perry for Jennie who has been at Brooklin. Went to prayer meeting in the Methodist church. There was a good turnout. Rev. Mr. McDonald was leader. Annie and Mrs. Wright went also.

6 – A beautiful day. Drawing out manure, Willie helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

7 – Snowing all forenoon (the first of the season). At P. Luke's stable all day. Willie plowing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke here for supper and the evening.

8 – Fine but rather raw. At P. Luke's stable in the forenoon. Willie plowing. Annie at Port Perry. Afternoon went with Willie to Mr. Pollick's sale. There was a good turnout and things sold well. Mrs. Wright called. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

9 – Rather raw east wind. All hands at SS and church; 103 at SS. Rev. Mr. Scott of Omeme preached. Annie stayed at Albert Akhurst's for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

10 – Dull day, almost rain in the evening. Drawing in corn all day, Willie helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. He rode with Leola Luke who is going to drive now. Jennie washing.

11 – A very fine day. Some raw through the night. Plowing sod all day. Willie choring. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to W.M. meeting at W. O'Neill's.

12 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Leola Luke had our Topsy to drive to school while I had their black horse to plough. Mr. and Mrs. Luke at Mrs. Wright's funeral at Utica. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie to prayer meeting in our church. Mr. McDonald opened and topics addressed by Mr. Milne and Jennie. A good attendance notwithstanding. Fred O'Neill's boys have the smallpox.

13 – Pretty rough and cold with snow flurries. Plowing all day. Willie helping P. Luke to draw in corn. Annie at her school. Got her first money for teaching. James at Port Perry school. Olive and Eleanor here for dinner while their mother was at Port Perry. Mrs. Wright called. Norman Midgley came for barrel of apples.

14 – Pretty cold and rough. Finished drawing in corn and also straw for the strawberry patch. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Arthur Gordon called for apples.

15 – Not quite so cold. Covered the strawberry patch and various other jobs. Willie took 10 bags of oats to Port Perry and got it ground. Annie also went to Port Perry and brought Mary Bell and

Willie and Gordon from the station. Leola Luke and John Michie, wife and girls here in the evening. Ray Dusty blasting stones.

16 – Milder. All but Annie (who was not feeling very well) at SS and church; 95 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

17 – A fine and milder day. Plowing sod all day. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie at John Michie's in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

18 – Rough with several snow storms. Plowing sod all day. Willie drove Annie to her school then took Mary Bell and her boys to the station and then went after Annie. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

19 – Pretty rough and cold. Finished plowing sod field, then the old strawberry patch and some of the orchard. Probably the last plowing of the season. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Annie, Willie and Leola Luke at social evening in Methodist church.

20 – Hard frost but clear day. Went with John Michie and P. Luke to Mr. Sonley's sale (west of Greenbank). There was a good crowd and things sold pretty well. Marquis was auctioneer. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went with Mrs. Luke to Port Perry market. Jennie and Annie in the evening went to a meeting at the Methodist parsonage; a caucus for the mock parliament; and did not get home until after 12.

21 – A fine day but rain in the evening and very dark. Helping P. Luke to put in culvert in his road near his gate. John Michie helping in the afternoon. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie choring. Raleigh man called.

22 – Rather dull with a little rain in the evening. Plowing again and finished for the season. Willie cleaning up the shop. Jas. S. Lee called in the evening for his mail which was left in our box. Leola Luke called twice. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

23 – A fine day; some snow flurries; quite a heavy one about 6 pm. All hands at SS and church; 109 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached on Ruth. Jennie and I stayed at Alex Gordon's for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

24 – A fine day; a little snow flurries sometimes. Putting windows most of the day. Willie choring. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie house cleaning.

25 – Snowing a little most of the day. Swept down the cattle stable in the forenoon and over at Luke's awhile in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Willie went with the sleigh (1st of the season) and took the cutter to Port Perry and got new shoes put on.

26 – Helping Jennie to pick chickens most of the day, Willie also helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie to Union prayer meeting in the Baptist church. A fair turnout. Rev. Mr. Ford was the principal speaker. Rev. Mr. McDonald and Rev. Mr. Philp were also there.

27 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. Willie drove the sleigh to Port Perry taking Jennie and Mrs. Luke and did not get back until 3 pm. Mrs. Wright called. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. Jas. Lee came over and helped us to kill our pig. Mrs. Lee and Alma came with him and they stayed for dinner. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school. Helped Jennie to cut up the pig in the afternoon. Annie, the boys, and Leola Luke skating on the pond in the evening (the first of the season).

29 – Dull and started to rain about 11 and continued all afternoon. Little doing. Cut down the spruce tree at the red gate as it was dead. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. About 9 pm a terrible wind from the SW swept over the country. It blew in the end of the wagon shed and several places in the fences. Part of the roof of G.A. McMillan's barn and many other damages. P. Luke's chimney took fire but no damage was done. A man in Port Perry, a Mr. Raines, was killed by a wall on Beare's garage being blown over. His wife was also seriously hurt.⁸¹

30 – A high and blustery wind all day with some snow flurries. Jennie and I at SS and church; 82 at SS. Rev. Mr. Monroe of Cannington preached. Leola Luke came home with us and stayed for supper and went with Annie and Willie to the Methodist church in the evening.

DEC. 1 – Rather rough and cold until near night. Cut up two orchard trees in the forenoon and in the afternoon threshed the beans; about a bagful of good quality. Jennie washing. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Annie and Willie went over to W.H. Leask's in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – Fine in the forenoon but snowing and rough in the afternoon. Cutting threshing wood for C. Phair in his swamp in the forenoon. After dinner the pump at the barn gave out and had to be fixed. Willie choring. Jennie making head cheese. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here for supper as this is my birthday (62).

3 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to pick chickens in the forenoon. Willie helping. In the afternoon went with Jennie and Jas. Lee and wife and Alma in Blake Cragg's car to Brooklin to visit Mrs. W. Kerr and Mary Bell who are about to leave Brooklin. Mrs. Kerr to go to Somerstown and Mary Bell to Winnipeg. When we got back to Greenbank we called at W. O'Neill's and then to the meeting in our church. There was a good turnout. Miss Edwards took the topic. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school.

4 – A very fine day. All day at the gravelling job on the sideroad. Willie drove the team and I levelled the gravel. Jennie and Mrs. Luke went to Port Perry market. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school. She walked there for the first time. Went up to N. Midgley's in the evening for 2 little pigs. Leola Luke here in the evening.

⁸¹ Augustus Raines was killed and his wife and sister in law were severely burned.

5 – Pretty cold with many snow flurries. All day at gravelling on sideroad. Willie driving team. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

6 – Rather rough and snowing some. All day at the sideroad gravelling. Willie drove the team. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

7 – Snowing some in the morning but turned out a fine day. Willie, James and I at SS and church. Drove the cutter, the only one there. 105 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Leola Luke went to Bethel SS as Annie wanted to see them about their Christmas tree. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Went with Leola Luke and James to Port Perry where I took the train to Lindsay to attend presbytery meeting. There was no very important business on hand. Willie met me at Blackwater and I got off at Greenbank to a rehearsal of the mock parliament in the Methodist church. Jennie and Annie drove up in the cutter. It was after 12 when we got home. Willie took 8 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school.

9 – Dull foggy and rather raw. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Willie at C. Phair's drawing gravel to the 10th concession near Jas. Gibson's. James at Port Perry school. Annie at her school. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the W.M. meeting at Mrs. Jas. McMillan's; the annual meeting. [margin note: North Ontario by election. Hulbert wins.]

10 – Rather cold and raw and quite cold in the evening. Helping C. Phair to trim turnips until about 2 pm, Willie also helping. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. In the evening Jennie, Annie and I went to the people's parliament meeting in the basement of the Methodist church. There was a large attendance. The proceedings were well staged and the debate good. The question of consolidated schools was discussed. The speakers on the government side were G.A. McMillan; C. Millar; R. Cragg; Mrs. Philp; Mrs. I. Beare; Annie Michie; W. Phoenix and Mr. Tindle. Those on the opposition were E. Jamison; Blake Cragg; L. Beare; Wilmot Cragg; R. Michie; Fanny Phoenix and Miss Edwards. The government won.

11 – Rather rough and cold. All day at C. Phair's turnips. Willie took 2 loads to Port Perry. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens and took Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright with her. Annie and James at Gordon's in the evening practicing. Willie at P. Leask's with Mrs. Wright.

12 – Much milder. Helping C. Phair with his turnips in the forenoon, Willie also. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Went with Jennie to the preparatory service in the church. There was a very small turnout. Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached. Mrs. R. Wright was received by certificate. Leola Luke here in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

13 – A mild day. Helping C. Phair to draw off stones in the afternoon. Willie choring. Jennie doing regular Saturday's work. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

14 – Pretty cold day. Went with Jennie to communion service at Wick church. There was not a very large turnout. Annie and Willie at the Methodist church in the evening. Leola Luke called.

15 – Cold and rough most of the day. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Did little but nurse a cold in my head. Willie choring.

16 – Zero in the morning and clear and cold all day. Did little but the chores. Willie at C. Phair's drawing gravel on the 10th concession. Annie at her school. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Leola Luke called in the evening. Willie away somewhere in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

17 – Very cold which did not get above zero all day, sometimes as low as 15 below. Did little but the chores. Willie drawing gravel for C. Phair. Annie at her school. Jennie ironing. James at Port Perry school and did not come home as this is the first night of the high school concert. In the evening went to the devotional meeting in the Baptist church. There was rather a small turnout. The forward movement was the subject and Les Bear and I were the leaders. Woodville Pres. Church burned down.

18 – Pretty cold but a fine day. Willie at Port Perry Christmas fair and stayed for the concert in the evening. Annie at her school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Mrs. J. Michie. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie to the H.S. concert at Port Perry. The hall was not big enough to hold all that came. The principal thing was the play 'The Rivals' and it was done fine. After midnight when we got home.

19 – A beautiful clear day. Put another tongue in the waggon which was broke the other day. Annie at her school which closes today for Christmas. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon to bring James and Leola home. Willie at birthday party in the evening at Amos [?].

20 – A very fine day. Little doing but the chores. Leola Luke called twice. Annie and Willie at Port Perry and James at N. Midgley's in the evening. Clinton Midgley here a while skating in the afternoon.

21 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

22 – A quite mild day. Did nothing but the chores. Went over to W.H. Leask's in the forenoon. Willie drew one load of gravel in the forenoon for C. Phair and in the afternoon 2 loads with our own team. Jennie making Annie a dress. James at Port Perry in the afternoon on his wheel. Willie and Annie at Blair's pond skating in the evening. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

23 – Milder. Willie drawing gravel; 3 loads. Helping Jennie to pick 3 geese in the forenoon, James also helping. Jennie preparing Christmas eats in the afternoon. In the evening all hands at Union

Christmas Tree in the basement of the Methodist church. There was a good crowd. J.M. Real was in the chair.

24 – Snowing and much colder. Did little but the chores. Jennie making Annie's dress. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon and at Bethel Christmas Tree in the evening. Leola Luke called. Blanche and Gladys Luke came home tonight.

25 – A fine but pretty cold day; 10 below in the morning. John Michie, wife and girls here for dinner and supper. Clinton Midgley and James skating on our pond. Willie skating on Blair's pond in the afternoon and Willie, Annie and Gladys Luke went to skate at Blair's again in the evening but it turned out rough and they did not stay long.

26 – Milder and a little snow sometimes. Little doing but Willie drew one load of gravel to the 10th concession. In the evening Willie and Annie took a sleigh load to a party at G.A. McMillan's. Jennie over at Luke's in the afternoon for a little visit.

27 – Mild day. Did little but the chores. Willie went for one load of gravel after dinner. Nelson Baird called in the forenoon and insured Willie for \$2,000 on the 20 pay plan. The premium \$52.75 per annum. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon skating and stayed for supper. Mrs. Wright called.

28 – Pretty cold but clear day. All hands at SS and church; 102 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie at W. O'Neill's for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

29 – Rather raw day. Jennie washing and churning, the others helping some. Telephone man called.

30 – A fine day. Jennie and Willie went with the sleigh and 12 bags of oats to be ground. Sidney Caney came on the train and walked out. Not much doing. Boys with Clinton Midgley skating. Mrs. Wright called.

31 – A fine but pretty cold day. Little doing. Jennie making dress for Annie. Willie, James and Sidney Caney went to Port Perry for the meal. Willie went to Greenbank to the annual SS meeting. Not many out. G.A. McMillan re-elected superintendent, 2nd term.

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JAN. 1 – A rather cold rough day. All hands, including Sid Caney, at John Michie's for dinner and supper. Will O'Neill, wife and son also there. Willie drove Sid to Port Perry to the 6 pm train.

2 – Very cold, about zero all day. Little doing but Jennie dress-making. P. Luke called in the afternoon.

3 – Clear and pretty cold all day. Jennie and Annie housecleaning. Afternoon went to Mrs. Joseph Watson's funeral in the Baptist church. The church was nicely filled. Mr. Ford conducted the service. The bearers were W. Phoenix; Albert Phoenix; R. Cragg; Jas. Blair; G. Lee; W. Stovin. Mrs. Luke went with me. Willie at Seagrave in the afternoon hunting a fiddle for the party next week and Willie, Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

4 – Very cold; 16 below in the morning. Drove the sleigh and all hands went to SS and church; 105 at SS. Election of teachers. I am in again for the men's class. Mr. McDonald preached. Church uncomfortably cold. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

5 – Another very cold day but not quite as bad as yesterday. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her again. James at Port Perry school. He is going to stay until Friday at R. O'Neill's. Jennie washing. Annie and Willie at annual church meeting in the evening.

6 – Much milder. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her at night. Jennie housecleaning. In the afternoon I was helping P. Luke to cut wood in his swamp.

7 – Much milder with snow in the forenoon. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie housecleaning. I was helping P. Luke in the swamp in the afternoon. In the evening went with Annie and Willie in John Michie's sleigh to a social evening in our church. There was a good turnout. Mr. McDonald in the chair. Impromptu speeches was the principal thing.

8 – Another mild day. Jennie went to Port Perry market with John Michie. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Leola Luke came home from Port Perry school somewhat sick.

9 – Somewhat rough and snowing some in the afternoon. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her again. He went for Mary Dusty after dinner to help get the cats for our party tonight. Mrs. Wright here most of the day helping. I went to Port Perry for James. The party came off and was quite a success. G. McMillan and Elvin King of Seagrave were the players and Mr. Luney of Sonya the caller. Those present were John Michie, wife and girls; Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke; Ray and Mrs. R. Dusty; Jim and Mary Dusty; Russell, Henry and Laura Thomas; Arthur, Bessie and Annie Gordon; Marie Akhurst; Harvey [Silex?] and Mary Real; Leslie, George; Fred, Olive and Dorothy Real; Florence Hickman; Wilmot, Altha and Vera Cragg; Reuben Tindle; C. Miller; Miss Edwards; C. Stone; Roy and Gordon McDonald; G. Love; Edgar Leask and wife; Harry Guy; W. Hall; Wilson Boe; Marion Leask; Hugh and Mona Leask; Henry, Roy and Cathleen Leask; George Baird; Edna and Verna Wallace; Everett Hooper; Mrs. G. McMillan (Seagrave); Frank and Ernie Lee; Russell Burns; Russell and Lillian Rood; Will O'Neill and Nellie and Willie O'Neill Jr. Dance broke up about 2:30 am.

10 – A fine day and quite mild. The forenoon spent in cleaning up after the party. Helping P. Luke cut wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

11 – Mild in the morning but got colder towards night. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh and took Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Sonley, Mrs. Wright and Ray Dusty and wife. 102 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie went to S. Dusty's for supper. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. J.M. Real was taken ill between SS and church and was taken home. It proved to be a stroke and it appears he is in bad shape.

12 – Pretty cold and some snow in the evening. Willie drove Annie to her school. I drove James to Port Perry school. I had only got home about a half hour when he phoned that he was sick with

chicken pox and I went back for him. Jennie washing in the forenoon. She then went for Annie and arranged for her to stay for a few days at Mr. Armstrong's.

13 – Rough and stormy most of the day and little doing. Willie drove Annie over to her school and she stayed at Mr. Armstrong's overnight.

14 – About zero all day and very rough. Little doing. Willie and I went over to the edge of Luke's swamp and found 2 of their geese that flew away yesterday. The mail did not get up our sideroad; he got stuck near C. Phair's. Leola Luke called.

15 – Below zero all day with cutting NW wind; little doing. Norman Midgley brought us a quarter of beef and we cut it up in the afternoon. Mail came by Clinton Midgley.

16 – Colder still, about 20 below in the morning with east wind. Jas. S. Lee called in the forenoon. Willie went for Annie after 4 pm. Leola Luke called.

17 – Under zero in the morning but got a little warmer. Not much doing. Willie hitched up the sleigh in the afternoon and broke the road. Leola Luke called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. [margin note: Prohibition started in US].

18 – Very cold and rough all day. Willie and I went to SS; 63 present. No church service as Mr. McDonald conducted Mrs. Allsworth's funeral. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

19 – Quite a lot milder. Jennie washing. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her again.

20 – Pretty cold with snow from the east. Willie drove Annie to her school with the sleigh and went for her again. Mrs. Sonley and Mrs. Wright here awhile in the afternoon.

21 – Below zero in the morning but got a little milder. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her again. Little doing but the chores. Willie and Annie at prayer meeting in the Methodist church in the evening.

22 – Below zero again and very cold all day. Willie drove Annie over to her school with the sleigh and then Jennie and I went to Port Perry with 12 bags of oats and got them ground.

23 – Not quite so cold but very raw east wind with some snow in the afternoon. Willie drove Annie to her school and went after her again. He also went to Harry Woodcock's on the east road for a rooster. Leola Luke here in the evening.

24 – Another pretty cold day. Below zero in the morning. In the afternoon drove up to see J.M. Real who has been seriously ill. Found him some better. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

25 – Another very cold day; below zero most of the day. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh, taking Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke); 106 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie somewhere in the evening.

26 – Below zero in the morning but became somewhat milder. Drove James and Leola Luke to Port Perry school after an absence of two weeks with chicken pox. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie washing. Word came by phone that R.T. Harrington had a stroke this morning and that Rev. Mr. McDonald was down with pneumonia.

27 – Quite a lot milder. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her again. Afternoon Jennie went with John Michie in the sleigh to the Women's Missionary meeting at Mrs. John Stone's. She stayed for supper at Mrs. Walker's, then in the evening Willie drove Annie and I to Jim Lee's for a little musical party and then went to Greenbank for his mother, then back to Jim Lee's. Arthur and Bessie and Annie Gordon were also there. C. Phair called for butter and settling up with me.

28 – Below zero again in the morning; clear and cold. Willie drove Annie to her school. Little doing. Jennie churning. No mail today; train off the track or something.

29 – A fine day and sharp. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Mrs. Wright called. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

30 – Another clear cold day and sometimes rough. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for James and Leola. Annie and Willie at party at Mrs. Alex Boe's in the evening. Willie took sleigh load.

31 – About 20 below zero in the morning and never up to zero all day. Little doing. Leola Luke here for supper and the evening.

FEB. 1 – Quite a little milder. Willie drove the sleigh to SS taking Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke. Jennie did not go. 85 at SS. As Mr. McDonald was not able to come we had a short service after SS. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

2 – Much warmer and the snow thawing. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Dick Terry drove Leola Luke and James to Port Perry school. Hitched up [Jimmy?] colt to the sleigh the first time. Jennie washing. Joe Burton called.

3 – Fine day and a little colder. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. We drew up some wood from the swamp field to the woodshed. Jas. Lee came over after dinner to get some holes bored in a sleigh bunk. Jennie and I at P. Luke's in the evening. Mr. Luke is not very well. Annie and Willie at Blair's pond skating in the evening.

4 – A fine but rather colder day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Drew up some wood. Jennie killed and dressed 4 hens. Hugh Jack and Dan Boe called.

5 – A fine day but chilly. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. I drove the sleigh to Port Perry taking Jennie, Mrs. Luke and Mrs. John Michie. Jennie and Annie at P. Luke's for tea; L. Wagoner, wife and baby being there.

6 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Word came by phone that James was not able to go to school so Willie drove to Port Perry for him. He does not appear to be very bad.

Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon arranging women's missionary programme. Annie and Willie at an ice carnival at Port Perry in the evening.

7 – A fine day. Willie and I cut down the white birch tree near the NW corner of the barn. Leola Luke called.

8 – A fine day. All but James at SS and church; 125 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. Leola Luke here for supper. Annie and Willie away somewhere in the evening.

9 – Mild with some snow from the E in the evening. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie washing. Piling wood in the woodshed.

10 – A fine mild day; some snow. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie took James to Port Perry to Dr. Archer. He says his stomach and liver are out of order. Jennie then went to Jas. Lee's to help bake for their sale tomorrow. Dick Terry called to telephone.

11 – A very fine day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Went to the church at 12 o'clock to a meeting to make out the church reports to the General Assembly. Rev. D. McDonald; Jas. Blair; G.A. McMillan; and I were present. Then drove to Jas. S. Lee's sale which was quite a success, although the crowd was not large. \$2,200 was about the proceeds. Jennie there also helping Mrs. Lee in the house. Annie and Willie at prayer meeting in the evening. [margin note: R.T. Harrington died].

12 – Mild and snowing off and on all day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Dick Terry got our cutter to take Mrs. Wright to Port Perry.

13 – Mild with some snow. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. James went with him on the last trip. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to R.T. Harrington's funeral. There was quite a number out. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. The bearers were W. Phoenix; W. Real; W. Love; Jas. Innis; R. Flewell and John Stone. In the evening Arthur, Bessie and Annie Gordon; Mary Dusty; Russell and Henry Thomas; and Leola Luke were here and had some fun. Leola stayed all night.

14 – Mild and snowing all afternoon. Willie took 12 bags of oats to Blair's mill but did not get them home. In the afternoon went with John Michie to Brown bros. sale (on the John Monroe place). There was a good turnout and pretty good prices. Oats were sold for \$1.30 per bushel. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening and got home early.

15 – A very stormy and snowy day. No one out except Willie who was over at Luke's for awhile. There was no SS or church in Greenbank as they were closed on account of the flu.

16 – High wind during the night. Roads pretty well blocked. Annie did not go on account of the roads. Willie hitched up the sleigh in the afternoon and broke the roads. Leola Luke called. No mail today.

17 – Snowing most of the day. Willie drove Annie to her school. She is to stay at Mr. Armstrong's for a few days on account of the roads. James went back to Port Perry school with Mr. Luke. P. Leask called to get me to make a hand sleigh.

18 – A very fine day. Willie went to Blair's Mill for the meal. Jennie churning. Mrs. Wright called.

19 – A very fine day but cold; 10 below zero in the morning. Willie went to Port Perry with Mr. and Ms. Luke. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mail came up the fields by the door; 1st time.

20 – A fine day. Drew 2 loads of wood into the shed in the forenoon. Willie went for Annie and Jennie went to Port Perry for James and Leola Luke. Annie, Willie and James at Gordon's in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. In the afternoon drove with Jennie to see J.M. Real and found him some better. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening skating. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

22 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church. Mrs. Wright went with us. 98 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

23 – Mild and snowing a little most of the day. Jennie washing. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. James went to Port Perry school with P. Luke. I was making a hand sleigh for P. Leask's girls.

24 – A very fine day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school and drew out some manure. I finished P. Leask's hand sleigh. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

25 – A fine day but pretty cold. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. In the evening went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to supper at W. Thomas's. Those present were S. Dusty, wife and Mary; Ray Dusty and wife and James Dusty; Arthur, Bessie and Annie Gordon; Albert Akhurst, wife and Marie. Dancing was the order of the evening. Got upset twice on the way home.



Albert and Annie Akhurst, date unknown

26 – A cold day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school.

27 – Pretty cold. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. I went with Jas. S. Lee to D. McDonald's sale. There was a good turnout and prices went high; Jackson auctioneer. Stayed at Lee's for supper and in the evening all the rest out. Mrs. Wright came over in the sleigh and the evening was spent in music and dancing. Those present were Keith, Wilbert and Arthur Lee; Arthur, Bessie and Annie Gordon; Russell, Henry and Laura Thomas; and Harvey, Alex and Mary Real. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for James.

28 – A very fine day; a little snow from the south sometimes. Leola Luke called.

29 – A beautiful clear day. Annie, Willie and I at SS and church. Jennie had a headache and James was unwell. We rode up in Luke's sleigh, R. Terry driving. There was 96 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached again on the forward movement. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

MAR. 1 – A fine but cold day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. Jennie washing. James did not go to school. Audrey Moon, mail carrier, came in to warm himself. Willie brought home the Bethel clock to get it fixed.

2 – A beautiful day. Willie drove Annie to and from school. Jennie took James to Port Perry school. Peter Leask drove over and I went with him all day collecting for the forward movement. We covered the south part of the congregation. Got dinner at Jas. Blair's. Annie and Willie at Methodist church to a play 'Dust Of The Earth'.

3 – A beautiful day. Willie drove Annie to and from her school. All day with Peter Leask collecting for the forward movement. Got dinner at Mrs. W. McMillan's. Did not get on very well as many were away at Alex Calder's sale. Willie at Greenbank.

4 – A very fine day and thawing some. Walked to the new road where I met John Somerville and we proceeded to finish the canvas for the forward movement. We got dinner at John Somerville's and called at all in the house but some were not at home. The amount promised is \$803.00. Annie did not go to her school today as she was unwell.

5 – Rain through the night and the snow very soft but it turned cold and rough with snow from the NW. Annie did not go to her school but she is much better. P. Luke here in the afternoon. Willie went to Port Perry for James but James walked home and Willie missed him but he went on and brought Leola Luke home.

6 – Pretty cold all day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Dick Terry to the train. James Lee called in the afternoon. Leola Luke also called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

7 – Pretty cold and some rough. All but Annie at SS and church; Mr. Luke; Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke going with us. 83 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

8 – Somewhat stormy. Little doing but the chores. I was over at Luke's awhile in the afternoon. Annie did not go to her school and on account of nearly all the pupils being sick the school is to be closed the remainder of this week. Mrs. Wright called.

9 – James drove me to Port Perry to the train (1 hour late) on way to Toronto to the Alliance convention. Got there just at the close of the morning session. Got dinner at Eaton's. Attended the afternoon meeting and then to J.C. Moon's for supper. J.C. was there but left for Kansas that evening. Went to the evening meeting with Jessie Smith; 48th Highlanders band, speeches, singing and moving pictures. Willie helping Jas. Lee to kill a pig and drew a load of hay for Alex Gordon who is moving to Saintfield. Jennie and Mrs. Wright at W.M. meeting at the church.

10 – Attended the convention and about 11 am we went to the parliament buildings to present our case to the new U.F.O. government. Mr. Drury premier.⁸² Got dinner at Eaton's and attended the afternoon session and went with J. A. Miller to tea, then to [Cooks?] church to hear evangelist Gypsy Pat Smith. There was a full house. Then to Mason's for the night. Willie took 12 bags of oats to Port Perry and got them ground. [margin notes: Mrs. David Cragg died. Jas. Dusty and Lottie Rodman married.]

11 – Attended the convention. Got dinner at Eaton's and supper at Mason's. In the evening went with Annie Mason to the last meeting which was a big one. Concert band, pageant, singing and a fine address by Dr. Russell, the head of the temperance movement in the US, then moving picture. 12 o'clock when we got back. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie.

12 – Heavy rain through the night and very dull morning. Took the early train for home. Jennie met me at Port Perry. Roads very bad. We brought James and Leola Luke home from school. Preparatory was to have been in the church but was called off on account of the roads.

13 – Quite rough and cold in the afternoon. Helping C. Phair to cut wood; Jas. Lee also helping. Clinton Midgley called. Annie at John Michie's.

14 – High wind and very cold in the morning. Annie and I walked to the church to communion service. Mr. McDonald preached. Owing to bad roads and bad weather the attendance was very small. Jas. Leask and Lizzie and John Heron and wife were all that came from Wick. James H. Leask and wife and Nettie Leask came in by certificate from Sonya. After we came home I drove Annie over to Mr. Armstrong's to be ready for school tomorrow. Went by the 12th concession as the 11th is flooded with water. Willie somewhere in the evening. Leola Luke called in the evening.

15 – Mild and thawing. James walked to Port Perry school. He went by the 10th concession on the ice. Leola Luke did not go as she has quit school until fall. Cut a maple tree near the road, Willie helping. Helping C. Phair cut wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright, Marion Leask and Leola Luke called in the evening.

⁸² Ernest Charles Drury, 8th premier of Ontario, served from 1918 to 1923 as head of the United Farmers of Ontario – labour coalition government.

16 – Mild and thawing all day and lots of mud. Helping C. Phair to cut wood in the afternoon. Willie went with the cutter to James Dusty's wedding reception at Mr. Rodman's on Scugog island.

17 – Pretty rough and stormy in the afternoon. Helping C. Phair to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing and churning and Willie and her moved the stove. Willie got home from the Dusty reception at about 5 am.

18 – A fine day and thawing some. Cutting wood all day in a piece of ground C. Phair gave to brush up for the wood. Willie choring. Leola Luke called.

19 – Fine in the forenoon. Cutting wood at C. Phair's lot. Willie drew 2 loads of sugar wood from John Michie's. The afternoon turned out very stormy with snow from the E. At the wood. Willie came over and drew out 2 loads but we quit on account of the storm after we had got pretty wet. Jennie went to Port Perry for James and then went by way of Bethel for Annie. Leola Luke here in the evening.

20 – A fine day. Willie and I finished drawing out the wood cut on C. Phair's place and in the afternoon drew 4 loads of kettle wood from John Michie's. Jennie at J. Michie's in the afternoon. Clinton Midgley here for supper. Jennie, Annie and I at Luke's in the evening.

21 – A mild day and thawing. All hands at SS and church. Jennie and I rode and the rest walked. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

22 – Mild and thawing and lots of mud. Drove James to Port Perry school and on the way took Annie up to the east road as far as the 10th concession on her way to her school. Jennie washing. Willie drew one load of kettle wood from John Michie's. In the afternoon tapped the maple trees along the lane and road, Willie helping and Leola Luke driving the horses.

23 – A very mild day. Mud in plenty. Boiling maple sap but the run was not very good today. Jennie cleaning out the hen house. Willie drawing out some manure, breaking roads, and other jobs. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called.

24 – A very mild spring day. Cut down 2 apple trees and boiled sap, Willie helping. Mary Dusty here in the afternoon, also Leola Luke. Willie at meeting at Greenbank in the evening. Weston Phoenix died today.

25 – Another very mild spring like day. Word came that James had taken the mumps so I went to Port Perry for him. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening and joined the S.O.T. [Sons of Temperance].

26 – A fine day, getting some colder. Pruning apple trees all day. Willie choring.

27 – Snowing most of the forenoon. Boiling sap and pruning trees. Leola Luke and Jean Michie called. Willie at Port Perry. He went by way of Bethel and took Annie who did not come home on Friday on account of James having the mumps.

28 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Willie; 95 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Sap ran good today.

29 – About 1:30 am there was a thunder storm came up, apparently from the SE, but there was not a great deal of rain. Through the day it got colder with high NW wind. All day boiling sap. We got Luke's kettle and finished about 4 pm. Willie drawing off the brush in the orchard and from about 4 o'clock helping P. Luke to cut his wood (W. Real's machine). Leola Luke called.

30 – Ground white with snow in the morning. Willie helping P. Luke cut wood until about 11 while I was at the berry bushes. A very high wind in the afternoon. Willie cultivated awhile in the field NW of barn, the first that I have heard of for the season. Boiling sap in the afternoon. Jennie washing and ironing. Mrs. Wright called, also Leola Luke.

31 – A very fine day. Boiling sap and cleaning out berry bushes. Willie at John Michie's helping him to cut wood (for Ray Dusty); cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie churning. At Luke's in the afternoon cutting out dress for Leola. Olive and Eleanor Michie here in the afternoon. Leola Luke called.

APR. 1 – A beautiful day. At berry bushes and boiling sap in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry market with Mrs. Luke. In the afternoon Willie went to Jim Dusty's to cut wood while I went to Port Perry with 3 bags of oats to be ground and to attend McKee's livery sale. There was a large turnout. I bought a set of single harness. Jennie went to Bethel for Annie. Willie at SOT in the evening. Leola Luke called.

2 – Dull with rain in the forenoon and a thunder shower about 3:30 and then some snow in the evening. Gathered the sap and then went to Port Perry for the harness that I bought yesterday. As this is Good Friday there was nothing doing in town. Willie helping Jim Dusty to cut wood. At berry bushes awhile in the afternoon. Jean and Ruth Michie here in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at Missionary quilting in the basement of the church. Jennie took Mrs. Jas. Lee and Annie went with Mrs. John Michie. 4 quilts were manufactured. A man from Oshawa, who is with Lang trapping muskrats in the swamp, left his car in our barn. Blanche Luke, who is home for the holiday, called and Gladys Luke, who is also home, went with Annie and Willie to a play at Saintfield.

3 – A very high W wind all afternoon. At the berry bushes most of the day. Jennie boiling the sap. Willie helping C. Phair to draw off stones in the afternoon. Leola Luke called. In the evening we had a maple sugaring party. John Michie, wife and four girls; P. Luke and wife; Mrs. Wright; Blanche Luke; Leola Luke; and Dick Terry were over.

4 – Rather raw E wind. At SS and church with Jennie and Annie (Willie and James at home); 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. The trappers came for their car. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening. Jennie at Luke's in the evening to see baby.

5 – Wintery day; snowing quite heavy in the afternoon. Willie at Jim Dusty's cutting wood. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry. H. Jack and D. Boe called and bought the 2 steers for 11 ¼ cts. At the berry bushes.

6 – Pretty cold and rough. Making some whiffletrees in the shop. Willie took the waggon to Greenbank to get repaired. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie all day at Jas. Lee's helping Mrs. Lee to sew. Mrs. Wright called.

7 – Cold and snowing several times during the day. Drew up some wood from the swamp field and Willie drew out some manure. Mrs. Wright called.

8 – Cold and snowing several times and little done but the chores. Jennie and Annie went to Toronto. They drove to Port Perry and left the horse. Mrs. Wright called, also Jean and Ruth. Willie at S of T in the evening.

9 – Milder day. Little doing but the chores. Was not out much as I feel used up.

10 – Milder but snow not yet gone. Willie drawing out manure while I was at the berry bushes some. Mr. Cawker called wanting to buy cattle. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Wright called twice.

11 – Dull with some rain in the afternoon. At SS and Annie and Willie. 101 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Methodist church in the evening. Roads very muddy.

12 – Snowing a little nearly all day. Boiling sap all day which made over 4 gallons of molasses. Jennie and Willie picking over potatoes in the cellar. Willie drove Annie to her school. She is to stay at Mr. Armstrong's this week. James drove to Port Perry school. He put the horse into Mr. J. Wadell's stable.

13 – A fine day but the snow did not go very much. Was over at Luke's in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping C. Phair to dig a ditch for water pipes. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie choring and gathering sap. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the W.M. meeting in the church.

14 – A fine day. At C. Phair's all day helping him to put in his water pipes. Jennie cleaning the ceiling of the kitchen. Willie boiling sap; 3 ½ gal syrup. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening to hear the Saintfield play again. Mrs. Wright called.

15 – Mild with some rain towards night and in the evening. Drew two more loads of kettle wood from John Michie's. Jennie went to Port Perry market with Mrs. John M. Willie boiling sap and choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at S of T in the evening.

16 – A very fine mild day. With Willie's help took the two steers to Port Perry. They weighed 2080 @ 11 ¼ cts. Boiling sap in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning the kitchen. James drove to Port Perry school and came home on his wheel. Willie went for Annie at her school and took her to choir practice in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

17 – A very fine day. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning to get paint and paper for the kitchen. Willie cultivating E

of the orchard while I was boiling sap and at the berry bushes. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon. P. Luke called in the morning.

18 – A very fine spring like day. All but Jennie (who was unwell) at SS and church; 97 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Methodist church in the evening.

19 – A beautiful spring day. Willie drove Annie to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and I, with the waggon, went to Uxbridge with 12 ½ bags of potatoes which we sold for \$4.25 per bag, a drop of \$1.25 over Saturday's price. When we got home we found one of the calves had broken its leg. We got R. Terry, who is now at Mr. Luke's, to come over and bind it up. Willie boiling sap and over at Luke's in the evening.

20 – A fine mild day. Plowed the berry bushes, drilled up some for potatoes and planted 4 rows. Willie got started to sow oats in the field NW of the barn. Jennie painting the kitchen. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

21 – Dull and rain off and on all day. Willie was to help Sam Dusty to move to Port Perry but the rain prevented. Jennie washing and Willie and I were painting the kitchen in the afternoon. James did not go to school on account of the rain. Leola called twice.

22 – Dull with thunder and some rain in the evening. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie. Willie took a load of moving for S. Dusty to Port Perry. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at S of T in the evening. Clinton Midgley here for supper.

23 – Some little showers. All day helping Jennie to paper the kitchen. Willie drove James part way to Port Perry school and went for Annie in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening. Leola Luke called.

24 – Frost in the morning and cold and windy all day. Let off water in the forenoon and fixed fences in the afternoon, Willie helping. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon to see the dentist. Leola Luke, Mrs. Luke, Mr. J. Michie and Clinton Midgley called. Jennie somewhat used up with a cough.

25 – A fine day but rather raw and cold. All but Jennie, who is on the sick list, at SS and church; 72 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening.

26 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie finished sowing the field NW of the barn and harrowed it. I pulled down the fence W of the house and fixed the garden fence.

27 – Dull and foggy and almost rain several times. Sowed E of the orchard and cultivated, uncovered the strawberry plants which look good. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

28 – Dull with many showers. Willie got about half of the N field sown but had to quit on account of the rain. I fixed fences and gathered up the sap dishes. Got timothy seed from N. Midgley. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Leola Luke called.

29 – Cold and many showers of rain, almost snow sometimes. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Willie and I went to Port Perry in the forenoon. I called at John Michie's in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called. Willie at S of T in the evening. R. Terry called in the evening. We have an idea that he and P. Luke were at Port Perry getting the writings drawn for the sale of the Luke place to R.T. We spent the evening making out the income tax papers and a job it was.

30 – Some warmer and rain. Willie finished sowing N field. I fixed fences. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. R. Terry and Mrs. Wright called. Willie went for Annie and took her to choir practice in the evening.

MAY 1 – Cold again; almost snow in the afternoon. Fixed fences in the forenoon while Willie harrowed the N field twice. Jennie scrubbing, baking and ironing. Annie raking the door yard. James took the sap dishes borrowed from Luke's and J. Michie's home on his wheel. In the afternoon Willie and I cut up a maple tree near the road. Leola Luke called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

2 – A fine day but cold wind. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Rev. J.A. Miller and wife had their infant daughter baptized. John Michie came out with his new double rig for the first time. Willie and Annie at Methodist church in the evening. Eclipse of the moon in the evening.

3 – A fine but pretty cool day. Willie gang plowed some and then we cut down and drew to the woodshed the 2 maple trees from the roadside. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning. Leola Luke called.

4 – A fine and warmer day. Willie cultivated the SW field. Had [?] colt on the cultivator for the first time. I fixed fences in the forenoon and planted trees by the road in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright here in the evening playing croquet.

5 – A beautiful warm day. Sowed the SW field (which finishes the sowing). Willie drove Annie to her school and then went with P. Luke, R. Terry, and P. Leask to the creek sucker fishing. He did not get back until about the middle of the afternoon. They got about 3 bags. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie and Annie at choir practice in the evening.

6 – Another beautiful day. Fixing fences, planting trees and helping Jennie to clean the fish. Willie harrowed the SW field twice. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at S of T in the evening. Annie and Jennie over at Luke's in the evening playing croquet. Leola Luke called twice. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Alma over in the morning for some fish.

7 – Another beautiful day and warm. Willie rolling until about 5 when he helped John Michie to take some cattle to W. Real's for pasture. I was fixing fences and other chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school. This being Arbour Day, Annie's school had a picnic in Sleep's bush. Leola Luke, Velma Leask and Margery here in the evening. Mrs. Wright went with P. Leask to Toronto. W.H. Leask came over for some berry bushes.

8 – A fine day; some cooler towards night. Helped to plant the garden and other jobs. Jennie cleaning the pantry. Willie rolling all day. Mrs. Wright called. A. Akhurst called for berry bushes to plant in S. Dusty's garden at Port Perry. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

9 – Some rain and rather raw. All but Jennie at SS and church. Annie rode up with John Michie. Eleanor was left here with Jennie who has a cold again. 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie, Annie and Leola Luke at Methodist church in the evening.

10 – Not too warm. Willie cultivating for potatoes in the forenoon and I cultivated the orchard. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Marie Akhurst and Leola Luke called. Annie got her life insurance; [Nelson or Wilson?] Baird, agent.

11 – A fine day but colder towards night. Drilling up for potatoes S of the red gate and E of the orchard. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Midgley and boy Midgley here for tea. Olive and Eleanor Michie here in the afternoon while their mother was at W.M. meeting. Leola Luke and R. Terry called.

12 – A very fine day. Willie and I went to Port Perry in the forenoon and drew manure on the potato patch in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. He stayed at Dusty's for supper and then went to a ball match between the sen. and juniors of the high school. Mrs. Luke and Leola called in the afternoon to finish Leola's dress.

13 – A fine but rather cold day. Drawing out manure most of the day, Willie helping. Jennie went to Port Perry market with John Michie and wife. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Willie at S of T in the evening.

14 – A fine but quite cold day. Cutting seed potatoes most of the day. I drove Annie over to her school and Willie took her and Leola Luke to Seagrave station on their way to Toronto. Willie helped John Michie to take 2 steers to Port Perry. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie cleaning curtains. Mrs. Wright called twice and Leola Luke once. John Michie and Olive and Eleanor came up for some berry bushes.

15 – A beautiful day. Planted 30 drills of potatoes in the forenoon, boys helping, and in the afternoon drilled up and sowed 14 rows of mangolds. Willie washed the buggy and went to Port Perry in the evening. Jim Ward called after dinner wanting to sell a piano. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright called, Mrs. Wright twice.

16 – A beautiful spring day. At SS and church with Jennie and James. Willie at home with something like mumps (Annie at Toronto). 95 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I went to the Methodist service in the evening. Rev. Mr. Philp preached; subject Mother's Day.

17 – A beautiful summer day. Got John Michie's pig rack and took one pig to Port Perry; 250 lbs. @ \$19.00 = \$47.50. Jennie also went to Port Perry and met Annie and Leola Luke on their way back from Toronto. She drove Annie to her school. James

wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie in the house all day with the mumps. I sowed some more mangolds in the orchard. Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Wright called.

18 – A very fine day. Planted the plot near the barn pump in corn and hoed raspberry bushes. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Willie in the house all day. Leola Luke called. Mrs. Luke left for McDonald's at Epsom to nurse Mrs. McD.

19 – A very fine warm day. At the berry bushes and planted some potatoes. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie in the house most of the day. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to Port Perry and bought off Swan Bros. a new buggy (\$160.00). Jennie varnished chairs, etc.

20 – A fine and quite warm day. Some lightning in the evening. Planted 10 rows of strawberries, Willie digging the plants. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called twice and Mrs. Wright once. Dr. Mellow of Port Perry called in the evening to examine Annie for life insurance.

21 – A beautiful day and things growing fine. Willie drawing out manure while I finished hoeing and tying up berry bushes. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called. C. Phair came for the roller and J. Michie for the turnip drill. A fine rain through the night.

22 – A beautiful day. Scuffled the berry bushes and other jobs while Willie drew out manure. Both at the manure in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the new buggy (first time hitched up). John Michie's 4 girls up for hair-cuts, also Ruby and Alma Lee. In the evening Annie drove to choir practice while Willie went to Port Perry to meet Sydney Caney. Leola Luke called.

23 – Dull with rain in the evening. All hands including S. Caney at SS and church; 109 at SS. Rev. Mr. Mason of Sonya preached as this is SS anniversary. A full house. All out again in the evening. Mr. Mason preached again to a full house. Annie went to Alex Gordon's for tea.

24 – Somewhat dull until towards evening. Cleaned out pig and hen houses while Jennie baked for the anniversary. In the afternoon Willie drove Sidney Caney to Port Perry on his way home and all hands at SS anniversary. There was an immense crowd; more than the church would hold. Vicks orchestra of Manilla; Miss Newton, reciter, of Toronto; Miss Lora Marks; Russell Wallace were the performers. Over \$300.00 has been taken in.

25 – A very fine day. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school while Willie and I drew out manure. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Leola Luke called twice.

26 – A fine and warm day. Finished drawing out the manure in the forenoon and plowing corn land in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Jennie churning and other things. Leola Luke called.

27 – A beautiful but quite warm day. Did a number of small jobs while Willie plowed corn land. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called. Willie at S. of T. in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. Did some little jobs while Willie plowed and harrowed corn land. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Got supper at Mrs. S. Dusty's and in the evening attended the induction of Rev. Mr. Hall as pastor of the Presbyterian church. Revs. Mr. Haig, Simpson, and --- took part. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening. Leola Luke called.

29 – Another very fine day. Willie harrowed corn ground and I sowed it in the afternoon. Annie went to her school in the forenoon to help her two entrance pupils. Leola Luke called three or four times. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. P. Luke got the drill to sow mangolds.

30 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 102 at SS. Rev. Mr. [Bele?], Alliance man, preached. Annie Gordon came here for supper and Annie, Willie and James (on his wheel) went to Methodist church in the evening. Jas. Lee and family called in the evening.

31 – A beautiful warm day. Hoed the strawberry patch and some other jobs. Willie plowing turnip land. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called twice. Jennie painted the pantry and cook house floors.

JUNE 1 – A very warm day; some thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Scuffled and hoed most of the day. Willie plowing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Telephone man called. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called. Ray Dusty came for the waggon. C. Phair burning the brush heaps in the swamp. Jennie and Annie at Luke's in the evening and Willie at Blair's pond.

2 – Another fine warm day, no rain. Willie plowing all day. I went for the beef (the first) in the morning. Patched the roof of house. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here in the evening.

3 – A beautiful cool dry day. This being the King's birthday there was no school but Annie went to her school in the forenoon to help entrance scholar. Jennie and I went to Port Perry market and the aquatic sports which were of little account. James went on his wheel with Bert Gibson and got their dinner at Mrs. Dusty's and then at the sports in the fair grounds. Willie and Annie also went in the afternoon and Willie to the S. of T. in the evening. R. Terry and his brother visiting at Luke's.

4 – A very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to fight a fire that he started in his swamp but got into Harrison's swamp. Willie harrowing turnip land. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. The inspector visited the school. Marie Akhurst, Laura Thomas and Leola Luke here in the evening. Cook stove moved out to the cook house.

5 – East wind and cool; started to rain a little in the evening. Took two steers to C. Phair's for pasture. Hoed early potatoes and corn.

Just before dinner Willie Smith, his mother, Jessie and Ruth Mason came in their car and stayed until about 4 pm. Leola Luke called.

6 – Some rain through the night which was very welcome and a little more about 12:30. All hands at SS and church; 109 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Willie and James at Methodist church in the evening. Ed Luke of Sonya called in the evening. Jennie somewhat unwell.

7 – A fine and cool day. Hoeing in the forenoon while Willie cultivated the turnip land. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie hardly able to crawl about all day. In the afternoon helping P. Luke to fix the line fence. Mrs. Wright, Blanche and Leola Luke called.

8 – A little shower about 4 o'clock. All day working at P. Luke's. Plowing in the forenoon and digging post holes in the afternoon. Willie drawing gravel for C. Phair; 2 loads. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Blanche Luke called.

9 – A very fine day. Helping P. Luke with his fence in the forenoon. Hoeing in the afternoon. Willie drawing gravel for C. Phair; 3 loads. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Promotion exams start today. Blanche Luke and Leola Luke called. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

10 – Quite warm and dry. Helping P. Luke with his fence in the forenoon but was not in very good shape as my stomach was out. Did nothing in the afternoon. Willie rolling turnip land and helping Jennie to houseclean the cellar. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school; 2nd day of exams. Jennie and Annie at Luke's in the evening and Willie at S. of T. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

11 – A thunder storm came up about 1 am but there was only a few drops here. Drilling up turnips in the forenoon. Willie hoeing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. This is the last day of the exams and he got home after dinner. Went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church. There was very few out; Rev. Mr. Monroe of Cannington preached. William J. Caffley was received. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here in the evening playing croquet.

12 – Rain after dinner and thunder in the evening. Drilled up the rest of the turnips in the field and sowed them. Annie went to her school in the forenoon to help her entrance pupils. She went to Port Perry in the afternoon for turnip seed and to Port Perry again in the evening with John Michie. Willie laying about on the sick list. Jennie scrubbing and cleaning. Leola Luke called.

13 – A very fine day and warm. Went with Jennie to communion at Wick. There was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. All hands out in the evening. Willie went to Seagrave anniversary with L. Gibson. The rest at Greenbank; Mr. McDonald preached; there was not a very big turnout.

14 – Another very warm day. Drilled up and sowed turnips in the orchard and scuffled in the forenoon and at P. Luke's in the afternoon sowing his turnips (with horse). Willie at Jas. Dusty's all day

helping to draw gravel for silo. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing, James helping and hoeing strawberry patch. Annie and Jennie at Luke's in the evening playing croquet. P. Luke called.

15 – Warm and a little rain about noon and again in the evening but not enough to do much good. Scuffling and hoeing all day. James hoeing some. Jennie ironing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Mrs. J. Michie to the W.M.S. meeting in the church. Annie drove to her school and Willie helping Jas. Dusty to draw gravel. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening. James at the school in the evening playing football. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. Had the first strawberries of the season for supper.

16 – Rain twice but not enough to do much good. Hoeing all day. James scuffled the corn. Willie helping Jas. Dusty. Annie drove to her school but she came home after dinner as she was unwell. Mrs. Wright here most of the day getting Jennie to make her a dress. Leola Luke called in the afternoon and picked some strawberries.

17 – A fine day. Hoed the mangolds in the forenoon, James helping. Willie cultivating. Annie drove to her school. Afternoon helping C. Phair to hoe mangolds. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon finishing her dress. Gladys Luke came home today with the mumps. James at the school in the afternoon playing ball. Willie at S. of T. in the evening.

18 – Quite a nice rain after dinner. All day at C. Phair's hoeing mangolds. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for berry boxes and millet seed. Annie drove to her school. Jennie baking and sewing. Oliver [Hattley?] and --- Heron called about strawberries for the Wick party.

19 – A very fine day. Willie sowed the millet. James and I sowed turnip seed in the mangolds. Annie went to her school in the forenoon to help the entrance pupils. Jennie, Annie and James picked the strawberries that were ripe. Mrs. Wright called. Ross Blakely here in the afternoon and Clinton Midgley in the evening. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

20 – A very fine day. All hands (including Annie Gordon who came home with Annie last night) at church and SS; 76 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie stayed at R. Cragg's for tea. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

21 – A fine rain during the night from the SE and all through the day there was a misty fog and quite cool. Cut some maple limbs in the woodshed. Jennie washing, Willie helping. Annie drove to her school. Willie and James at ball play in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

22 – Some more rain during the night and some little showers in the afternoon. Willie went to Port Perry to get Fly shod while I talked to Norman Midgley who was here most of the forenoon. Annie drove to her school. Afternoon I made some berry crates while Willie drew gravel for road work. James went with Henry Thomas to a baseball match at Wick between Wick and Greenbank. Jennie and Annie at Dusty's in the evening. Willie somewhere.

23 – A very fine day. Drove Annie part way to her school, then went to Greenbank for the beef. Willie at road work drawing gravel. Helped Jennie and James to pick strawberries (about 50 boxes). Afternoon Willie went to George Leask's barn raising. James went to Port Perry with a crate of berries while I hoed the potatoes. Mrs. John Michie and Olive and Eleanor here in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright in the evening playing croquet.

24 – A beautiful day. About 9 am we started, with John Michie; Mrs. John; P. Luke; Mrs. Wright; and Jennie, for the U.F.O. picnic west of Brooklin. Got to Willie Smith's for dinner then Willie took us in his car to the picnic. There was a big crowd. Baseball, football, and speaking. Greenbank football boys beaten by Brooklin. Got supper at Smith's and got home about 10 pm. Annie at her school. Willie at road work drawing gravel. John Michie's girls all here all night.

25 – Another beautiful day. Annie drove to her school. Willie at road work. James at Greenbank school closing in the afternoon. Jennie and I picking strawberries. About 3 pm a letter came from Winnipeg saying Aunt Willa and family were coming today. Annie started to meet them on the last train but she met them on the 10th concession as they came on the 6 o'clock. Their names are Fred, Douglas, Willie and Sarah. Willie and James at Blair's pond in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

26 – A fine day and pretty warm. Started early for Uxbridge with a crate of berries and sold them to Dobson for 20 cts. Annie drove to her school and Fred and Will Laidlaw went with her and they came home at noon. In the afternoon I went to Port Perry for Willa's two trunks. Douglas and Will Laidlaw went with me. Willie helping Ray Dusty to hoe. Gladys Luke called. Mrs. Bryant, Alex Leask and E. Bryant called for strawberries. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

27 – Warm and hazy with a few drops of rain in the evening. All hands at SS 99 present). After that to the Methodist SS anniversary. Professor ---- of Victoria College was the speaker and pretty good he was. Annie and Willie and James at Methodist church again in the evening.

28 – Very warm day. Picking strawberries most of the day. Aunt Willa, Jennie and James also. Annie drove to her school but came home at noon which finishes for the year. Willie at Ray Dusty's. Jennie, with Willie and Sally Laidlaw, went to Port Perry with berries; and Annie, with Fred and Douglas, to Greenbank with some in the evening. Gladys Luke called. William Wilson and wife and Vera Cragg called for berries.

29 – Warm with some nice showers in the afternoon. All day at C. Phair's hoeing corn. Willie finished the road work. James hoeing corn. Aunt Willa preserving berries. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening. Gladys Luke and Marion Leask called.

30 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to hoe corn. All hands and Mrs. John Michie and Gladys Luke picking strawberries. Willie scuffling in the forenoon and helping P. Luke in the afternoon. James Paris Greened early potatoes. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. G. Till came for berries in the evening, also Mrs. A. Akhurst.

JULY 1 – Scuffled in the forenoon and picked berries with the others in the afternoon. James, Annie and Fred Laidlaw went to the Methodist anniversary and in the evening Aunt Willa and I went up. There was a packed house. Peter McArthur was the principal item and was good. The Uxbridge orchestra furnished the music. Over \$400.00 taken in. Willie all day helping P. Luke. About 11 am J.C. Mason and family called in on their way to Bobcaygeon.

2 – Thunder in the morning and a splendid rain which was very welcome. After the rain I took a crate of berries to Uxbridge. Picking berries in the afternoon with Jennie, Aunt Willa, James and Mrs. Wright. Annie at W. Thomas's for tea. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. A. Robinson and son Peter came in the evening for berries.

3 – Scuffling and picking berries in the forenoon. Jennie, Annie and Aunt Willa stemming and preserving strawberries. Willie helping P. Luke. After dinner a thunder storm came up and there was a deluge of rain which made it too wet to hoe. A maple tree by the road was blown down and we cut it up. Annie went to Port Perry in the evening with J. Michie. Mrs. Wright called.

4 – Quite cold for the day. All hands at SS and church. 103 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie stayed at J.M. Real's for tea. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

5 – A very fine day. All day helping P. Luke to hoe and scuffle, Willie also. Jennie, Aunt Willa, Annie, James and the rest picking strawberries. A number called for berries. Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. Marie Akhurst and Laura Thomas called in the evening.

6 – A fine day. All day helping P. Luke to scuffle and hoe, also Willie. James scuffled corn. Jennie and Willa washing and preserving.

7 – Rain through the night and all forenoon and several times in the afternoon. Not much doing. Got the mower rigged up and hoed some. Annie and Willie at garden party at Saintfield in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

8 – About 4 pm there was a deluge of rain with some sharp lightning. At P. Luke's helping to hoe. Willie at Ray Dusty's. James scuffled turnips in the forenoon and at C. Phair's in the afternoon. Jennie and the rest picking berries. Mrs. Wright called twice.

9 – A little rain after dinner. Scuffling and hoeing and all hands picking berries. Jennie and Willa preserving them, Mrs. Wright helping. Annie and Willie at choir practice. Telephone man called.

10 – A very fine day. Greening potatoes in the forenoon and hoeing turnips in the afternoon, Willie and James helping. Leola Luke, who has been away for some time at Epsom, came home yesterday and called today. Mrs. Wright also called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening and James at Midgley's. An aeroplane passed in the afternoon.

11 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie, Douglas and C. Laidlaw. 77 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Rather thin congregation. Willie and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

12 – Some rain in the early morning but a fine day. Hoeing turnips most of the day, Willie and James helping. Annie went with Leola Luke to Blackwater taking Mrs. Wright to the train on her way to Beaverton Orange Walk. Leola Luke and Bruce McDonald here in the evening when there was music and dancing.

13 – Fine until after dinner when a big thunder shower came up. At C. Phair's hoeing and haying until rain came on. Willie at P. Luke's in the forenoon. Jennie and James took Aunt Willa and family to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle for a time. James called on the dentist. John Michie and Leola Luke called. Willie, Annie and Leola at doings at Saintfield in the evening.

14 – Rain about 9 o'clock. All day hoeing turnips for C. Phair. James went for the beef. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and Annie, Willie and James at baseball tournament at Port Perry and did not get home until about 10. Mrs. John Michie and girls here in the afternoon picking strawberries.

15 – Fine but very cool towards night. All day at C. Phair's. Willie at Luke's. James hoeing turnips in the orchard. Leola Luke and Bruce McDonald called.

16 – A fine and cool day. All day at C. Phair's hoeing and haying. Willie hoeing turnips in the forenoon and helping John Michie with his hay in the afternoon. Jennie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon; James to see the dentist. Leola Luke and Bruce McDonald called.

17 – A fine day. Willie and I hoeing turnips in the forenoon while James mowed hay on the hill field. Afternoon helping C. Phair. Willie helping John Michie. The mower broke down about the middle of the afternoon. Mrs. W.H. Leask and Lucille called, also Leola Luke and Bruce McDonald. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Annie stayed at S. Dusty's over night and Sunday.

18 – Dull all day. Thunder shower about noon and again in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, James and Willie; 72 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. A terrible evening of lightning and rain.

19 – A little rain again about 4 pm. Scuffling in the forenoon while Willie went to Port Perry. Annie came home with Leola Luke. Jennie washing. In the afternoon James and Willie mowing. I finished hoeing the turnips 1st time. James at Greenbank in the evening. Word came by phone that Wilbert Lee had been operated on and was very low. Later word came that he died about 7 pm.

20 – A very fine day. Willie finished cutting the hay while I scuffled the corn. After dinner Jennie and I drove over to Alex Lee's. In the evening all hands attended the garden party at John McDonald's. There was a large turnout. Electric lighted. Woodville band. Ben Hokea, the Hawaiian guitarist, was the star and was fine. About \$450.00 was taken in.

21 – A fine day. Drew in 5 loads of hay. About 11 am I went, with W.H. Leask, to the Dryden Miller sale at Dryden's. There

was an immense crowd in a big circus tent. \$5,200.00 was the highest price for a cow and calf. The biggest thing I ever saw in this line.⁸³

22 – A very fine day. Finished drawing in the hay; 5 ½ loads, including rakings. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon. W. Cragg and Henry Thomas and Leola Luke here in the evening. Horse buyers called.

23 – Paris Greening potatoes until rain came on about 10 am. Willie scuffled the turnips. Afternoon Jennie and I went to Wilbert Lee's funeral. There was a large turnout; the service at the house conducted by Mr. McDonald. The bearers were Arthur Gordon; Harvey Real; Howard McMillan; Campbell Stone; --- Dobson; and ---. James went to Port Perry on his wheel to the dentist. John Michie's girls here while they were at the funeral.

24 – A fine cool day. Cleaning out the old strawberry patch and greening potatoes. Willie scuffling. Jennie oiled kitchen floor. Mrs. Wright called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

25 – A fine but very cool day for the time of year. Willie and I at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. We expected Aunt Willa and family and others to come from Port Hope so Jennie, Annie and James did not go to church, but they did not come. Willie and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

26 – A very fine cool day. Hoeing strawberries in the forenoon and helping Ernest Phair to hoe turnips in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and James picking berries and Annie took them to Port Perry to ship to Toronto. Jennie washing. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. Willie and Annie at Ray Dusty's in the evening and James at Greenbank. [Reuben or Ruby?] Lee here in the afternoon.

27 – A very fine day. Hoeing all day, strawberries and turnips. Willie all day at P. Luke's. James at Port Perry in the afternoon to the dentist. Willie and Annie at Bible Society meeting in the Methodist church. Willie Smith, his mother and Mrs. Joyce came in the evening.

28 – Dull with rain sprinkle after about 2 pm. All hands picking berries. Just as we were starting dinner George [?] with his mother, Bert and niece Jess and all the Laidlaw family arrived. George took Annie and James and two crates of berries to Port Perry then came back and started for home about 3 pm.

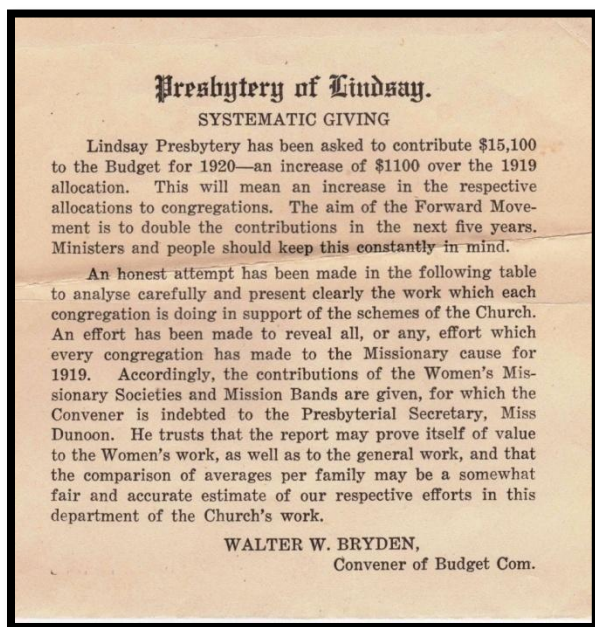
29 – A very high SW wind with a few drops of rain after dinner. Hoeing turnips 2nd time, Willie helping. Jennie and James at Port Perry in the forenoon, James to see the dentist. James at Wick SS picnic. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

30 – A fine day with a small thunder shower about 8 pm. All hands picking raspberries, about 180 boxes. Annie took berries to Alex Leask's and Port Perry. Leola Luke here in the evening. Annie engaged to teach Cowanville school at \$900.00.⁸⁴

⁸³ The original diary does read \$5,200.00, but perhaps it was an error in his writing?

⁸⁴ Cowanville was in the centre of Clarke Township at the corner of concession 4 and Morgan's Road.

31 – Fine and cool. Rain in the early morning. Finished hoeing turnips 2nd time and other jobs. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie and Willa preserving berries. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.



Name	Allocation for 1919	Contributed for 1919	Per Family	Allocation for 1920	Contrib'n W.M.S.	Contrib'n Miss. Band	Tot. Contrib. to Schemes	Total per Family
Beaverton	2100	2238	6.6	2500	341	139	2818	8.05
Bobsayson	225	75	1.2	225	26	101	151	1.6
Dunsford	125	93	3.01	125	60	153	238	4.8
Carleton	500	348	3.01	550	198	100	648	5.6
Cobocok	100	13	1.0	100	10	13	123	1.0
Rosedale	75	10	1.0	100	10	13	123	1.0
Norland	75	10	1.0	100	10	13	123	1.0
Eldon*	275	300	6.4	325	112	112	412	8.7
Eldon Station	175	130	3.2	200	66	106	266	4.9
Fenelon Falls	450	386	8.01	450	212	75	633	10.8
Burya Green	200	57	3.8	175	106	163	281	7.9
Cambridge*	300	486	5.6	450	123	101	631	10.8
Breckin	300	25	0.8	300	42	26	372	1.1
Glenarm	300	175	2.3	300	90	9	399	11.0
Kirkfield	250	163	3.8	250	69	232	319	5.4
Bolton*	550	546	12.1	600	94	740	1340	12.9
Leaskdale	600	292	9.4	600	90	9	699	11.0
Zaphyr	600	539	7.1	450	79	378	827	9.0
Lindsay*	2300	2326	7.7	2700	597	117	3414	9.8
Quaker Hill	300	236	7.8	300	150	398	648	10.8
Sony	300	301	8.7	500	151	58	609	6.3
Quaker Hill	450	189	4.02	400	122	25	527	7.8
Orford	450	35	1.2	150	122	107	279	5.4
Unbridge*	500	554	11.8	500	496	20	1020	10.2
Wick*	550	512	10.2	500	119	54	673	10.2
Greenbank	500	1611	11.5	1700	446	91	2237	19.2
Woodville*	1600	15	1.0	1600	90	15	1705	1.0
Elmwood	15	15	1.0	15	15	15	45	1.0
Minden	15	15	1.0	15	15	15	45	1.0
Oakwood	15	15	1.0	15	15	15	45	1.0
Total for 1919	13086	11564		3997	694			
Total for 1920		1022						

Those marked with *, over allocation—9 in 1919, 6 in 1920.

This was found tucked into the diary at this point.

AUG. 1 – A fine but very cool day for the time of year. All but Willa and [?] at SS and church; 115 at SS. Rev. Mr. McKay, the former pastor, preached to an extra large congregation. Willie, Annie and Mrs. Wright at Greenbank in the evening.

2 – A very fine and cool day. All hands picking berries (about 180 boxes). Mrs. Smith called for berries and Annie took two crates to Port Perry to ship to Toronto. Mrs. John Michie here in the after-

The school stood at the NW side of concession 4 and Walsh Road.

noon picking and the children playing. Annie at Luke's in the evening. Willie and James playing football at Thomas'.

3 – A fine but quite cool day. Did some small jobs. Jennie and Willa washing and ironing. James went to Port Perry in the morning to see the dentist and took out a crate of raspberries. Leola Luke called twice. Willie, James, Annie, Fred and Douglas Laidlaw at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

4 – A very fine day and a little warmer. All hands picking berries (about 100 boxes). Annie went to Port Perry with berries. Mrs. W. White and Mr. Crozier called for berries. Leola Luke called twice.

5 – A very fine day. Hoeing strawberry patch and picking berries. Annie and Fred went to Port Perry with berries and Jim Lee took some more. Jennie picking berries. Willie at J. Michie's in the afternoon picking black currants. Ray Dusty called for berries in the evening.

6 – Fine and very warm. All hands picking berries in the afternoon. Boys drawing wood up from the swamp field in the forenoon. Mrs. Jas. Lee and girls here for supper. Leola Luke called twice. Annie and Willie at choir practice. Harvey Real called for berries.

7 – A fine and very warm day. Doing some little jobs. Willie and the boys scuffled the turnips 3rd time. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. R. Terry, who came to Egypt yesterday, is getting lightning rods put on his barn and house. Leola Luke left for Cannington on a visit.

8 – Another very warm day. All hands at SS and church; 95 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

9 – A little drizzle of rain up to about the middle of the afternoon which prevented berry picking which is badly needed. Jennie washing. I helped P. Luke to fix up his binder and got supper there.

10 – All hands picking berries in the forenoon. After dinner I went to P. Luke's to help cut oats (the first of the season that I have seen). John Michie driving the binder. Got about 6 rounds when rain came on and we got pretty wet. Jennie, William and Mrs. John Michie got wet in the berry patch. Annie took a crate of berries to Port Perry and brought home with her Janet Sanderson, a Peterborough school chum. James went to Greenbank to a baseball game between Greenbank and Victoria Corners (Greenbank won). Willie, Annie and Miss Sanderson at choir practice in the evening.

11 – Another very warm day. Picking berries in the forenoon and helping P. Luke to cut oats. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with a crate of berries and took [?] to the Dr. to see her bad knee. Mr. Ronald Pell of Manchester came with his car in the evening for Janet Sanderson. Willie and Fred went for the beef.

12 – Another very warm day. Hoed some and other small jobs. James, Aunt Willa and Douglas Laidlaw at Port Perry in the morning and Jennie, Willie and Billie Laidlaw at J.M. Real's in the afternoon. Telephone men called.

13 – Very warm and close. Thunder in the morning and again in the evening but only a sprinkle of rain here. Got P. Luke's binder and cut most of the NW field (fair crop), boys helping. Jennie, Willa, Annie and Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Wright picked the berry patch through.

14 – Grain was so wet that no cutting and a big thunder storm came up just before dinner with some very sharp lightning which finished harvesting operations for the day. So there was little doing outdoors. Willie and Annie went to Port Perry in the evening.

15 – A very fine day and not quite so warm. All hands at SS and church; 99 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. Cook addressed the SS. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

16 – A very fine day. Finished the NW field and cut most of the SW field, boys helping. Jennie washing. Mrs. Smith and Keith McMillan called in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. Finished cutting the SW field and after dinner tried to cut the piece of oats with sweet clover E of the orchard with the binder but could not make it go, so we had to take the mower and it was hard enough to cut with it. Willie then took the binder to Luke's and they finished his cutting. Willa took Annie to Port Perry on her way to Port Hope and Newcastle. Willa visited at Mrs. A. Rennie's. In the evening, Jennie, Willa and I, with Billie and Cassie Laidlaw went in C. Whitter's car to a garden party by the Brooklin Presbyterian church at W. Lawrence's in the village. There was a good turnout and a very pleasant time. Got home about 12.

18 – Another very fine day. Cut the long field and that finishes the cutting for the year. Mrs. Wright called. Word came of the death of our old neighbour D. Lyle.

19 – A very fine day. Did some chores in the forenoon. James and Fred went to Port Perry to the dentist and brought home berry crates. Jennie and Willa and Cassie went to John Burn's south of Manchester and got home after 8 pm. Willie went before dinner to help P. Luke to draw in oats. Just as we were starting dinner there came by car George, Mable and Jess Slemmon. Jennie Perrin and our Annie, and Jessie Bell. They got dinner and all but J.B. started back to Port Hope. After that I went to Port Perry for Jess's trunk. Leola Luke called.

20 – A very fine day. We drew in two loads of oats but quit as they were not dry enough. Willie helping P. Luke in the afternoon while James and I turned the loose oats and sweet clover. Jessie Bell and Billie Laidlaw went to Port Perry in the forenoon for flour and things. Jennie, Willa and Cassie went to Greenbank in the afternoon to see about honey and got supper at Mrs. McMillan's. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

21 – A high SW wind which broke down the high corn. Finished drawing in the NW field and then after dinner raked up the oats and sweet clover and then drew in 4 loads but did not quite finish it as rain came about 6 but did not amount to much. Fred and Bill Laidlaw were in bed part of the afternoon as punishment for some

quarrel. In the evening P. Luke came over and Willie and I went to help to shore up the scaffold over his mow which has broken down.

22 – A fine and cool day. All but Willa and Jessie at SS and church. The organ in the SS would not work so it fell to me to start the singing. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. Drawing in all day. Jennie and Willa washing in the forenoon and, with the Laidlaw family, visiting Mrs. W.H. Leask in the afternoon and got home late in the evening. Blanche Luke called.

24 – A beautiful day. Finished harvest about 3 pm. John Michie, P. Luke and Ray Dusty finished today. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

25 – A very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to draw in grain. Willie went for the beef. James and Jessie Bell at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie helping Peter Leask to harvest. Jennie, Jessie and Willa at P. Luke's for tea.

26 – Another fine but quite warm day. All day helping C. Phair to draw in grain. Mrs. Wright and Blanche Luke here for tea and most of the folks at Luke's in the evening.

27 – Another very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to harvest and finished the job. Willie helping Jas. Dusty to thresh in the afternoon. Jessie Bell, Willa and her family visiting at P. Leask's in the afternoon and evening.

28 – A fine but pretty warm day. Willie at Jas. Dusty's threshing then to John Michie's. Started about 11 and finished a little before five. I also helped John. James and Fred went to Port Perry for Annie who has been away on a visit to Port Hope and Newcastle. Leola Luke called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

29 – A very fine warm day. All but Jennie (who was not very well) and Jessie at SS and church; 104 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

30 – Rain in the early morning but cleared up and was a fine day. Got up early and after watching the weather for some time and trying to get C. Whitter on the phone, about 6 am Mrs. Laidlaw and four children, with Jennie and I, started in C. Whitter's car for Toronto. All but me took the boat to Niagara Falls where they spent the day and got back to Toronto about 8:10, except Willa who went to Buffalo for the night. I spent the day at the exhibition. Got home about 1 am. A beautiful night but a little chilly. Willie helping N. Midgley to thresh.

31 – A very fine day. Scuffling and hoeing the strawberry patch. Mrs. Wright called in the evening. Willie went to Port Perry for Willa who came back tonight. She phoned when she got to Port Perry.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine day. Willie and the boys went to John Michie's for 4 bags of oats, got Luke's gang plough and started to

plough the N field while I hoed and other things. Rev. Mr. McDonald called in the afternoon. Leola Luke came over after dinner and took several pictures.

2 – A fine day. Dug the early potatoes while Willie plowed in the N field. Clinton Midgley called after dinner. Willa preparing to start for home on Saturday. Word came that Olive Michie has got the diphtheria.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Jennie and the rest packing up Willa's baggage and I took the two trunks to Port Perry. Willa, Annie and Cassie also went to Port Perry to get tickets. Willie and James left about 6 in the morning with Roy Leask to take in the Toronto Fair.

4 – A very fine day. Got up early and Annie and I drove the two rigs with Willa and family to Port Perry and got them started on their way home to Winnipeg. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie packing her trunk to start for Newcastle on Monday morning. Annie went to Port Perry in the evening with Ray Dusty. P. Luke called in the evening. Mary Dusty came home with Annie and stayed all night.

5 – A fine day, got dull towards evening and there was a few drops of rain which is very welcome as the ground is getting pretty dry. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie took Mary Dusty home to Port Perry in the evening which was pretty dark.

6 – Dull most of the day. Thunder in the afternoon and evening. Got up early and I took Annie to Port Perry on her way to Cowanville to teach school. She starts tomorrow. Willie plowing in N field while I was doing a few little jobs. Ruby Lee here in the afternoon.

7 – Some little showers in the forenoon but not enough to do any good. Willie ploughing while I did little but nurse a bad hip. James drove to Port Perry school; the first day of the term. He got home just after dinner. Jennie canning corn. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A very fine and dry day. Went for the beef in the morning while Willie ploughed. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing. P. Luke got our mower and cut his millet and then Willie cut our own which a poor crop. Map agent called.

9 – A fine warm day; some rain in the evening. Willie plowing. I dug some potatoes in the orchard. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Port Perry market. Mrs. Luke went with her.

10 – Quite a nice rain during the night but not enough to make any difference to plowing. James at Port Perry school. Cleaned out hen house and in the afternoon went with P. Luke to C. [Singles or Lingles?] sale which was not very large in numbers or articles for sale. Jennie went in the afternoon to the preparatory service in the church. Mr. Mason of Sonya preached. Mrs. W. Real came in by certificate. Willie plowing. Leola Luke called.

11 – Foggy morning. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie plowing. After rain came on and continued off and on most of the afternoon; considerable thunder. P. Luke called. Frank Dobson

Sr. buried at Greenbank ~~today~~ tomorrow. After we had gone to bed, about from 12 to 1, there was a terrific series of thunder storms with constant lightning.

12 – Another thunder shower at 6 am and much lightning in the E in the evening. All but Jessie Bell at communion service at Greenbank. Mr. McDonald preached and there was a pretty good turnout from both congregations. Ed Bewell was there. Willie at Seagrave or somewhere in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Willie plowing in the forenoon. Afternoon raked up and drew in the millet (poor crop); 2 small loads. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon. Looking for A. Leask to cut the corn but he did not come.

14 – A very fine day. Plowing all day while Willie was helping P. Leask to thresh. Jessie Bell drove him over. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke here 3 times. She is getting a dress made and Jessie is bossing the job. Willie at a corn roast at Wes Real's in the evening. Raleigh man called.

15 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. Willie at E. Leask's threshing. James at Port Perry school. Alex Leask came about 9 am and cut the corn. He then went to Luke's and cut his. He charged \$5.00. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon. Willie at choir practice in the evening.

16 – Cooler, with high NW wind in the afternoon. Willie harrowing in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon taking Mrs. Wright with her. James at Port Perry school. Drawing off corn in the afternoon. Willie at corn roast at G.A. McMillan's in the evening.

17 – A fine day. Drawing off the corn and finished the job. Willie went to Port Perry fair and stayed for the concert. James at Port Perry school in the forenoon and at the fair in the afternoon. The aeroplane that was to be the great attraction did not land on account of the wind. Moved the stove into the kitchen.

18 – A fine but cool day. Picked the sweet corn and other jobs. Willie harrowing most of the day. Leola Luke called.

19 – A quite hard frost in the morning and pretty cold all day. All hands at SS and church; 92 at SS; Mr. Johnson of Manchester was present and gave an address. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie and Jessie B. at Luke's in the evening seeing Mrs. Stone who is ill. P. Luke called in the forenoon.

20 – At P. Luke's helping him to draw off his corn. Worked until about 3:15 when rain came on and stopped us. Willie harrowing. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called 3 times, the last time to get Jennie to go over with her as Mrs. Stone had taken a bad spell and Mr. and Mrs. Luke were away.

21 – A beautiful day. James at Port Perry school. Willie plowing corn ground. Willie and I helping Ray Dusty to thresh for about an hour. Leola Luke called twice, also Gladys Luke. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

22 – A very warm day; 80 in the shade. Willie and I threshing at Ray Dusty's until about 2 pm. They then moved to P. Luke's but did not get done. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke called twice.

23 – Another very warm day. Finished threshing at Luke's in about an hour, then moved here and finished about 2 pm or five hours threshing (\$13.00). Those helping were John Michie; P. Luke; N. Midgley; Ray Dusty; C. Phair and Willie, James and I. Grain turned out better than last year. After that James and I drove to the school fair at Greenbank. There was a big turnout. Greenbank won the school parade and the physical drill. Willie somewhere in the evening.

24 – Another very warm day. Plowing corn ground all day. Willis threshing at Jas. Gibson's for C. Phair. James at Port Perry school. Leola Luke and P. Luke called.

25 – Another very warm day; 85 in the shade. Willie, James and I at C. Phair's threshing. Jennie making chili sauce. Leola Luke called 3 times.

26 – Very warm day and dry. All hands at SS and church. This was rally day and there was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McDonald gave an address and also preached at the church service. Willie away in the evening.

27 – Another warm day. Went with John Michie to Greenbank, then Billie Wilson in Joe Stone's car, took us to Blackwater to get a beef ring heifer but the cattle had not come so we went on to Sunderland and brought down to Greenbank 2 heifers (walked all the way). Got dinner at Joe Stone's and then home. Willie at C. Phair's threshing and finished his barn. James at Port Perry school. Jennie washing. A thunder shower about 3:30 pm which was badly needed. Willie met James on his way from school. Leola Luke called.

28 – A very fine day. Scuffling strawberry patch and picking apples. Willie plowing. James at Port Perry school. John Mark's barn burned today while threshing. Word came in the evening that our syndicate heifer has been rejected as too poor.

29 – A fine day. Willie plowing. James at Port Perry school. Went with John Michie to Greenbank for the beef. John brought the rejected heifer to his place and I delivered the beef. We then drove over to Cawker's on the 8th to see about another heifer but did not get one. After dinner we went to T. Carnigan's and G. Clements to see other beasts. About 6 o'clock I started with G.A. McMillan in his car, together with Ern. Jamison; J.H. Leask; and Blake Cragg for Oshawa to hear Ontario Premier Drury. The meeting was held in the armouries and there was a large turnout. Rollo, Minister of Labor; Chapman, U.F.O. candidate; and Mayor Stacy also spoke. I liked Drury but little of the others. Got home about 12:30.

30 – Somewhat raw with E wind and some rain in the afternoon and evening. Jessie Bell left for Rochester this morning. Leola Luke drove her to Port Perry while I drove Jennie and Jessie's trunk in the democrat. Jennie goes with Jess to Newcastle on a visit for a few days. Little doing here. Peter Leask called in the evening to pay Willie for work.

OCT. 1 – When we got up in the morning it was snowing quite heavy and continued most of the forenoon and again in the evening. Willie drove James to Port Perry school and went for him after school. P. Luke called in the afternoon.

2 – Raw with some rain after dinner. Willie plowing 2nd time. Ray Dusty and Jim came and took away Jimmy colt (\$130.00). Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

3 – A fine day. At SS and church with Willie and James; 81 at SS. Rev. Mr. Haig of Ashburn preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

4 – A fine day. Willie went with C. Phair's team silo filling at Jack Beare's (machine broke down about 4 pm). James drove to Port Perry school and put the horse in at S. Dusty's and brought Jennie home from her visit to Newcastle. Went with John Michie to G. Clements for the syndicate heifer and took it to Greenbank. Started to dig potatoes. Leola Luke called.

5 – Somewhat raw and cold. Digging potatoes in the forenoon, Willie helping. Afternoon at W. Nichol's sale at Greenbank. A good turnout and prices fairly good. Jennie washing and making pickles. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

6 – A fine cool day. Went for the beef in the morning and found that the heifer that we thought would go over weight was 4 lbs short. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry. As this is sports day there was no school. Digging potatoes in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke and Leola here in the afternoon picking crab and snow apples. Jennie ironing. Brought the steer home that was at C. Phair's.

7 – A very fine day. At the potatoes all day, Jennie helping. Willie at Peter Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Jas. Lee and Alma called. Leola Luke called.

8 – A beautiful day. At potatoes and finished, Jennie helping. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. All day picking sweet apples, James helping. Jennie baking and scrubbing. Willie at P. Leask's and at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

11 – A little rain in the afternoon and evening. Most of the day with Jennie packing 3 barrels of apples for Winnipeg. Got 2 of the barrels from P. Luke. Willie at P. Leask's. James drove to Port Perry school as his bike is out of repair. Leola Luke called.

12 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry with the waggon with the three brls. apples for Winnipeg and apples for Mrs. G. Byers; Mrs. S. Dusty and Mrs. W. Real. Jennie went with me. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's. Picking apples in the afternoon, Jennie helping. Mrs. John Michie, Olive and Eleanor, Mrs. P. Luke and Leola all here in the afternoon.

13 – A very fine day. All day helping W. Thomas to fill silo (for C. Phair). Willie at P. Leask's. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing and ironing.

14 – A very fine day. Drew in the mangolds, about 4 loads, James helping. Then drew in corn, James and Jennie helping. James is home on account of teachers convention. Willie at P. Leask's. Leola Luke called. Willie out somewhere in the evening. Returned soldier called selling war book.

15 – A very fine and warm day. Helping N. Midgley to fill silo. Finished about 3 pm, then moved to C. Phair's and had about 2 hours run. Willie at P. Leask's. James went to the 5 o'clock train for Annie who came home for Thanksgiving. In the evening Leola Luke; Russell and Laura Thomas; Marie Akhurst; Harvey and Mary Real; and Arthur, Bessie and Annie Gordon were in and dancing was the order.

16 – Willie stayed at home to help draw in the corn but we did not get started before a heavy rain came on with thunder which spoiled our plans. Willie plowing in the afternoon while I picked apples. Leola Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 90 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I rode with John Michie who was out today for the first time since they were shut in with the diphtheria. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Gladys Luke, who is also home on a visit, came home with Annie and stayed all night.

18 – Dull and foggy. At C. Phair's silo filling and finished about 5 pm. He did not have enough corn to fill his new silo. Willie at P. Leask's and stayed all night. James drove Annie to Port Perry on her way back to her school at Orono. Word came that Mr. Jones of Cannington died last night.

19 – A very fine day. Picking apples most of the day, Jennie helping. John Michie, wife and two girls came for apples; 3 bushels. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. Willie came home from P. Leask's.

20 – Rain in the morning with thunder. Picking apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 4 bags of apples. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Roy Leask came for 6 bushels of sweet apples. Leola Luke called.

21 – A very fine day. Plowing most of the day. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Jennie nursing a stiff knee. Carnigan's boys came for apples, also Mrs. Luke and Leola. Mrs. Wright called.

22 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to thresh and finished at noon. Plowing in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's and at Greenbank in the evening. James Dusty came for 2 bags of apples. Mrs. A. Akhurst came in the afternoon and picked up 2 bags of apples and Albert came in the evening for them.

23 – Another very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and drawing in corn in the afternoon, James helping. Willie at P. Leask's. Alex

Leask and Clinton Midgley came for apples. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

24 – A fine day but a little thunder storm in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 80 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Sonya church re-opening in the evening.

25 – A fine day, a little cooler. Plowing all day. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's (threshing at W. Leask's). Jennie washing. Picking apples and cleaning hen house. Isaac Clemens called to see about apples.

26 – Rain from the E in the morning. Drove James to Port Perry school. He stayed at S. Dusty's all night. Willie at P. Leask's. Jennie at Port Perry in the afternoon with Mrs. Wright. Plowing in the afternoon. Hunger striker MacSwiney dead.⁸⁵

27 – Heavy rain all through the night and morning. Little doing in the forenoon. Isaac Clemens called for 2 bags of sweet apples. Plowing in the afternoon. Willie at P. Leask's (afternoon). James at Port Perry school (exams on). Jennie at Luke's in the evening. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. A. Akhurst and Marie called.

28 – A fine but colder day. Plowing all day in N field. Willie at P. Leask's. He went with Jim Lee. James at Port Perry school. Jennie at Port Perry with Mrs. Wright.

29 – Quite cool all day. Plowing all day. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Jennie over at Jas. Lee's after dinner to see Alma who is sick. Willie at party at Saintfield in the evening. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

30 – Ground white with snow in the morning. Moved the kitchen stove and then drew in the last of the corn, James helping. Topped turnips in the afternoon. Willie at P. Leask's. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke picked a bag of Ben Davis apples.

31 – A fine but dull day and a little rain in the evening. About 11 Willie Smith and his mother came in their car. After dinner James, Mrs. Wright and I went to SS, Willie wheeled and the rest came later to church. 71 at SS. Rev. W.A. McKay, late pastor, preached (this being Wick anniversary). Willie at Wick or somewhere in the evening.

NOV. 1 – Heavy rain through the night. Willie did not go to P. Leask's but plowed all day while I puttied the windows in the forenoon and picked apples in the afternoon. James did not go to school but spent the whole day reading 'Waverly'. Jennie house-cleaning upstairs in the forenoon and drove up to Mrs. Walker's with a bag of apples in the afternoon. Willie went to supper and concert at Wick church in the evening. Leola Luke and Olive Real came over in the evening and Jennie went over to Lukes with them to play crokinole.

⁸⁵ Terence Joseph MacSwiney (b. 1879 d. 1920) was an Irish playwright and politician who died in the Brixton prison in England after 74 days on a hunger strike protesting his imprisonment on charges of sedition.

2 – Rain through the night and off and on all day. Lots of mud. Willie at P. Leask's. James started to wheel to Port Perry school but rain came on and he turned back wet through. Jennie washing. I did some wood splitting. Mrs. Luke and Leola called. Presidential election in US. Harding, Rep.; Cox, Dem.; Harding elected by big majority.

3 – Some little rain flurries in the forenoon. Plowing in the forenoon and topping turnips in the afternoon. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright, Leola Luke and Olive Real called in the evening.

4 – Harrowed out some turnips and got one load when rain came on and I plowed in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's. Mrs. R. Sonley, Mrs. J. McKinnon and Leola Luke called.

5 – A fine day. At the turnips all day alone and got in 7 loads. Willie at P. Leask's. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Leola Luke called.

6 – A very fine day. All day at the turnips, Willie and James helping, and got in 15 loads. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Leola Luke called.

7 – Snowing a very little in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church; 110 at SS; Rev. Mr. Gibson of Sunderland preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and at turnips and drew in 2 loads and finished topping and harrowing up. Jennie washing. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's and stayed all night. Mrs. Wright called.

9 – Somewhat dull foggy and windy. Drew in 1 ½ loads of turnips in the orchard and so finishes for the year. James at Port Perry school. Jennie went with Mrs. Wright to W.M. meeting in church. Willie at P. Leask's and stayed all night. Plowing in the afternoon. Scuffled strawberries for last time this year.

10 – Ground white with snow and a little snow fell off and on all day. Took a load of corn for Jim Lee to his Greenbank house. Plowing sod in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. Jennie killing chickens. Willie at P. Leask's and stayed all night.

11 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens and dropped them on the road. She went with Mrs. Wright. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's. Two years ago the armistice was signed.

12 – Hard frost and snow and wintery sure. Got the cattle all tied in and plowed some in the afternoon but it did not go too well. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James at Port Perry school and spent the evening reading the play 'Professor Pip' which the high school is getting up for their annual concert. He is to have a part in the play. Willie at P. Leask's. He came home and went to Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

13 – Rather cold and windy. Covered the strawberry patch with straw and drew out some manure. Willie at P. Leask's and at Port Perry in the evening. James at his studies. Leola Luke called.

14 – Rather raw but fine. At SS and church with the boys (Jennie had a cold starting and did not go); 95 at SS. Allan Wallace in our class. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

15 – A fine but rather raw day. Helping P. Luke to draw in his corn. Drew out 2 loads of manure; 1 from P. Luke in payment of a load of straw. James at Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's. Jennie washing. Mrs. Wright called.

16 – Pretty cool but fine day. Drawing out manure in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. James at Port Perry school. After dark when he got home as they were practicing the play. Willie at P. Leask's. Mrs. Wright called. Had Mr. Moon come in to see cow sick with indigestion.

17 – 4 or 5 inches of snow on the ground in the morning and snowed most of the day and drifting. A mid-winter day to all appearance. Willie at P. Leask's. James drove to Port Perry school; put horse in at S. Dusty's. Helping Jennie to pick chickens. James Lee called and P. Luke.

18 – A fine and mild day. Went with Jas. Lee to P. Leask's and helped to put in the glass in his stable windows. Willie drove the sleigh (first ride) to Port Perry taking Jennie, Mr. and Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Jas. Lee, Alma and five bags of oats and got them ground. James at Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

19 – Mild and the snow going a little; rain in the afternoon. Albert Akhurst came and helped P. Luke to kill 2 pigs and our one. Albert and Pascoe stayed to dinner. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's during the day and at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

20 – Fine but rather raw day. Helping Jennie to cut up pig in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to W. Nichol's furniture sale. Jennie rendering lard. Willie at P. Leask's and at Port Perry in the evening. Clinton Midgley called, also Leola Luke.

21 – Rain from the E most of the day which turned to hail towards evening. At church and SS with the boys; 70 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

22 – Raw E wind all day. Over at Luke's in the forenoon (R. Terry there) and in the afternoon helping C. Phair to cut wood with machine. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's and stayed all night. Leola Luke called twice. News of terrible murders in Dublin.⁸⁶

23 – Mild with some rain from the E. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's. Jennie went with Russell Thomas to Jas. Lee's to help them to move and after dinner I went with the sleigh to take a load for him to Greenbank, but when I got to Lee's Jennie had just fallen down the cellar stairs and as it afterwards proved to have broken one of the bones in her left wrist. I drove her to Port Perry in C. Phair's cutter and after a long wait Dr. R.

⁸⁶ November 21, 1920 is known as 'Bloody Sunday'. 31 people were killed during the Irish War of Independence.

Archer set it. It was almost dark when we got home and found Mrs. Luke and Leola getting supper ready. P. Luke came over late in the evening.

24 – Mild and snowing a little sometimes. Did little but the chores outside and in. Jennie nursing her broken arm. Leola Luke here twice. She helped with the work in the morning. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Leask's and came home in the evening. P. Luke called.

25 – A fine day. Willie drove Jennie to Port Perry to see the Dr. while I fixed holes in horse stable floor. James drove to school. Willie drew up some wood in the afternoon. Leola Luke here in the afternoon and did the ironing and got supper.

26 – Mild with a very little snow. Cut some wood in the shed and the chores. Willie went with a load for Jas. Lee. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright here most of the day baking and other work. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

27 – Mild with a very little snow. Did little but the chores. Willie scrubbed the floor. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon helping to bake. Boys at Port Perry in the evening.

28 – Mild and thawing a little. At SS and church with the boys; 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie somewhere in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Lee and girls called in the evening.

29 – Dull but fine day. Drove Jennie to Port Perry to see the Dr. about her arm (got Mr. Luke's cutter) while Willie kept house. James drove to Port Perry school but did not get home until late as they were practising the play. Richard Real and wife called to see Jennie.

30 – A fine mild day. Helping C. Phair to cut wood all day. Willie drove James to Port Perry school. He is to stay overnight at Roy O'Neill's as they have practice every night. Willie then did the washing. Frank Lawton and Mrs. J. Joyce of Sutton called in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon cooking.

DEC. 1 – A drizzling rain from the E most of the day and little done but the chores. P. Luke and Mrs. Wright called. Word came that Mrs. T. Phair was seriously burned this morning caused by a lamp.

2 – Brighter than usual but cold. Little but the chores. Willie went to Port Perry with the sleigh with 9 bags of oats to be ground but did not get them home. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon helping.

3 – Mild. P. Luke called in the forenoon. Ray Dusty brought our meal home from Port Perry. In the afternoon Willie and I helped C. Phair to finish cutting his wood and also cut our pile of poles. I went to Port Perry in the evening for James who was practicing in the hall. Willie at dance party at Saintfield; a party of raiders made things lively. Mrs. Wright and R. Terry called in the afternoon.

4 – Rain more or less all day. I did little but the chores. Willie scrubbed the floor. Jennie and James drove to Port Perry in the afternoon, Jennie to see the Dr. about her arm and James to prac-

tice. He stayed until the evening. Mrs. Wright drove home. Willie went for James in the evening and dark and rainy it was.

5 – Mild in the morning but turned rough and cold towards night. At SS and church with the boys; 85 at SS. Mr. Vassey, a returned missionary from Korea, preached an interesting discourse. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Leola Luke here in the afternoon and for tea. Word came that Mrs. T. Phair died this morning.

6 – Pretty cold and windy. Willie drove James to Port Perry school where he is to stay for the week. I plowed a few round E of the orchard and tried to plough sod but it would not work. Willie helping at road job in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon helping.

7 – A fine day but somewhat raw. Willie at road job in the forenoon. I went to Mrs. T. Phair's funeral in the afternoon. There was a pretty good turnout. Rev. Mr. Wilkison conducted the service. The bearers were G. Real; R. Real; John Stone; Joe Stone; Isaac Beare and Jack Beare. Mrs. Wright called. Leola Luke here in the afternoon.

8 – A fine day. Helped to wash in the forenoon. Willie at gravel pit all day. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Jennie to see the Dr. R. Terry and Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

9 – Somewhat foggy and raw. Did little but the chores. Willie at road job all day. Leola Luke here in the afternoon. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

10 – Foggy with everything covered with hoarfrost which looks beautiful. At preparatory service in the church in the afternoon; a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. C. Gordon and wife; Mrs. Bettie and Bernice Leask were received. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke here in the afternoon helping. Willie at road job all day and went to Port Perry in the evening for James. P. Luke and R. Terry were at Port Perry today getting the writings transferring the Luke farm back to P. Luke.

11 – Mild but dull. Did the chores including scrubbing the floor while Willie was at the road job. James wheeled to Port Perry for practice in the afternoon. He stayed at S. Dusty's for supper and Willie went for him in the evening. Mrs. Wright here in the forenoon baking. R. Terry was with her. Annie 21 years of age today.

12 – A very fine day. Went with Willie to communion at Wick. There was a fair turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away in the evening. Norman Midgley, wife and boys here in the evening.

13 – Mild and thawing. Took James to Port Perry school. He wheeled home for the night. Willie at road job in the forenoon and drew a load of gravel home for the hens. R. Terry called.

14 – Rain in the morning and a high SW wind in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry with Willie and James and got James a suit of clothes. He stayed for school and to the practice (the last one) and stayed all night. Jennie, when she got home, went to bed with a bad headache and other things. Willie at Luke's awhile in the afternoon. R. Terry left for home today.

15 – Somewhat rough and snowing. Little done but the chores. Jennie in bed all day. Mrs. Wright here in the forenoon baking. In the evening went with Mrs. Wright to the high school concert in the hall in Port Perry. The principal thing was a play by 8 boys and 8 girls of the school called 'Professor Peps'. The play was well acted and the hall full.

16 – Mild and fine except a little snow. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called. This is Port Perry Christmas fair. Willie went to the P.P. high school concert (2nd night).

17 – Mild; little done but the chores. Jennie up most of the day. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for James (and brought Leola Luke and Marie Akhurst home). He was also at Greenbank in the evening.

18 – A fine day. Scrubbed and cleaned up in the forenoon and helped Willie to draw up wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright here most of the afternoon helping. Jennie up in the afternoon.

19 – A fine day but pretty cold. At SS and church with the boys. Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. P. Luke here in the afternoon and Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke in the evening.

20 – A very fine day. Did the washing and the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at Xmas tree at Saintfield in the evening. Leola Luke called.

21 – A rather fine day. Willie drove his mother and Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in the afternoon; this being 4 weeks since she broke her wrist. The splints were taken off much to her satisfaction. James wheeled to Port Perry school. As two of the teachers are away there was not much of lessons but lots of skating on the lake. Leola Luke called.

22 – Mild with some rain in the evening. James wheeled to Port Perry school which closed for the holidays. Olive and Eleanor here for dinner. Clinton Midgley called. In the evening went with the buggy with James to Union Christmas Tree in the basement of the Methodist church. There was a full house and quite a good programme. I acted as chairman.

23 – Very dull and some hail flurries with high wind. Little doing but the chores. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie who is home for Christmas. Willie and Annie at party at Saintfield in the evening.

24 – Snowing a little in the morning. Jennie and Annie drove to Port Perry for Christmas things. James drove over to Gibson's and round by Greenbank. Annie baking Christmas pies and things. Mrs. Wright called twice, the last time to telephone for the Dr. for Leola who is unwell. Annie and the boys at Port Perry in the evening.

25 – A beautiful Christmas day and very quiet here. We ate our goose alone. After dinner Annie and James went skating at Blair's pond where many gathered. L. Wagner and wife and Mr. McDonald's 3 boys called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

26 – Very cold with E wind and some snow. All but Jennie at SS and church; 91 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. Our new care-

taker, Mr. Baldwin, did not have the church warm enough. Gladys Luke here for tea and Willie, Annie and her went to Methodist church in the evening. Blanche Luke here in the evening.

27 – E wind with some snow and pretty raw. The phone call came to Jennie in the morning and John Michie came after her and a boy was born in the forenoon.⁸⁷ Ruth and Olive here all day and night. Jean also here awhile in the afternoon.

28 – Cold with some snow from the NW. Helping to wash in the forenoon and over at C. Phair's settling up with him. Willie at Port Perry with 10 bags to get ground and at Port Perry again in the evening. Jennie at John Michie's all day. Ruth and Olive here all day and night.

29 – Some snow in the forenoon. Willie and Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for the meal. John Michie brought Jennie home just before dinner and took Ruth and Olive home but he came for Jennie again in the evening to stay all night. Leola Luke here for supper and Annie and the boys went to the annual SS meeting in the church. G.A. McMillan again Super.

30 – Heavy snow in the afternoon. Jennie came home before dinner. Churned for the first time in months. P. Luke called in the afternoon.

31 – A beautiful fine day. Did little but the chores. Willie was away all day with the team and sleigh taking a load for T. Carnagan who moved today from the brickyard to the 1st concession near Cedar Creek school. Annie and the boys at A. Gordon's near Saintfield in the evening.

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JAN. 1 – A very dull new year's day. Fog and some rain most of the day. Willie and Annie skating at Blair's pond in the afternoon. Leola Luke called in the afternoon. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening. No mail.

2 – Rain through the night and the snow nearly all gone. At SS and church with Annie, Willie, and James; 99 at SS. Average for the year 1920 is 95. Choosing teachers. Stanley McMillan spoke in SS and preached in the church. Annie Gordon here for supper and Willie, Annie and her went to the Methodist church in the evening.

3 – A beautiful spring like day. Went to Greenbank taking P. Luke to vote for council. Voted for Johnston for reeve; G. McMillan, dep. Reeve; and D. McDonald, John Stone and Thompson for council. Weir; McMillan, McDonald; Holtby and Thompson elected. Willie took Annie to the early train on her way back to Orono. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon to school which opened today. About 7 pm word came by phone that the brickyard house was on fire and Willie, James and I ran down but it was too far gone to do any good. It was empty as Carnagan moved out on Friday. How it started is a mystery.

⁸⁷ Robert Gordon Michie, b. Dec. 27, 1920; d. Oct. 5, 2010

4 – A very fine and mild day. Jennie and Willie washed in the forenoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. James and Mrs. Lee and Alma and Oliver Luke called in the afternoon. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

5 – A very fine mild day and some mud. Did chores and made up church books. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon. In the evening went with Willie in the buggy to annual church meeting in the church. There was not a very large turnout. The reports were pretty good. P. Leask; Alex Lee and John McDonald were chosen managers. Rev. Mr. McDonald was in the chair. Ernest Phair, who has been away to Washington on a wedding trip, returned today. Leola Luke called.

6 – Colder and hard frost. Cut some apple tree wood, Willie helping. Jennie visiting at John Michie's in the afternoon and got tea at Luke's. Leola came home with her. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at dance at Jas. A. Blair's in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. Little done but the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

8 – A fine day. Little done but the chores. James got his new skates from Eaton's and Willie and him were skating in the afternoon. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Word came that Mrs. Jas. A. Blair died this afternoon.

9 – A very fine day. At SS and church with the boys; 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

10 – A beautiful day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Went with Jennie in the afternoon to Mrs. James A. Blair's funeral. There was a very large turnout. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. The bearers were Rye Beare; Fleet Beare; Wes Real; Stanley Real; George Leask and Cecil Leask. Leola Luke called.

11 – A fine day with a little snow in the afternoon. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the buggy while James wheeled to Port Perry school. I went to P. Luke's and bought a piece of his swamp for wood for \$15.00. Willie away with Roy Leask in the evening. Jennie over at Luke's before dinner.

12 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie and Willie to pick chickens in the forenoon. Cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

13 – A beautiful but pretty cold day. Cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Willie drove Mrs. Luke to Port Perry market with chickens. After dinner Willie Smith and his mother came in their car and stayed the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie away skating in the evening.

14 – A little misty and soft. Cutting wood all day in P. Luke's swamp. Willie helping P. Luke to draw out wood in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

15 – Fine day. Cutting wood all day in P. Luke's swamp. Willie went to Port Perry with oats to be ground. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Leola Luke called.

16 – Snowing and rough from the SW. At SS and church with the boys and Leola Luke; 106 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached.

The church was quite cold. Willie started for Greenbank in the evening but turned back on account of a snow storm.

17 – Down to zero in the morning and a cutting wind. James did not go to school. Willie went to Port Perry for the meal with the waggon.

18 – About 10 below in the morning and never above all day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and I cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Leola Luke called. Willie away skating in the evening.

19 – About 8 below in the morning but got some warmer as the day advanced. All day cutting wood in Luke's swamp. Willie cutting in the afternoon. Willie and Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school.

20 – Quite mild and thawing; lots of mud. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon, Willie helping. Fixing clock in the forenoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called in the evening.

21 – Very dull foggy and rainy all day; snow nearly all gone. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Marsh Hill in the evening. Leola Luke called.

22 – Mild with lots of mud. In the forenoon went to Luke's swamp to cut wood but met with John Michie and spent the most of the time talking U.F.O. Willie scrubbing. Both cutting wood in afternoon.

23 – Some bad snow flurries and colder. At church and SS with the boys; 92 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called.

24 – Pretty cold all day. Getting colder towards night. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon and fixing the clock. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie was at Port Perry all day to hear the Ernie Heltby sheep stealing trial. The town hall was packed. Holtby is released on remand. L. Luke called. [note: in one place Robert uses 'Heltby' and in the other 'Holtby'].

25 – About 4 below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

26 – Four below zero in the morning. All day helping Jennie and Willie to pick hens (17 picked). James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Blair's and skating in the evening. L. Luke called twice.

27 – A very fine day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Willie went with the buggy to Port Perry market with chickens. Jennie stayed for dinner and also tea at S. Dusty's. Willie came home on the wheel and Jennie and James in the buggy after dark. I was cutting wood in the afternoon.

28 – A very nice day. Willie took 10 bags of oats to Blair's mill which is being run this winter by Robbie Leask and got it home. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie went to Port Perry to meet the train and brought home Mrs. W. Farrow and Annie who have come to our silver wedding tomorrow. Jennie baking. In the evening Leola Luke was over and there was music and dancing.

29 – A very fine day. Little doing. James at Blair's pond in the afternoon hockey playing. Annie and Mrs. Farrow at John Michie's in the afternoon. L. Luke here for supper (Silver wedding supper). Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Parcels came from Rochester that have been over 2 years on the way.

30 – Fine but pretty cold and raw. At SS and church with the boys, Annie, and Mrs. Farrow. 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie, Annie and Mrs. F. at Methodist church in the evening.

31 – Pretty raw wind from the NE. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry to the early train on her way back to Cowanville. James drove to Port Perry school. Cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp, Willie helping. In the afternoon we had a call from Mr. and Mrs. John Stone; Mr. and Mrs. G.A. McMillan and Leola Luke and in the evening from Peter Leask who came to settle up with Willie. Willie at Greenbank in the evening at a meeting to consider building a skating rink in Greenbank.

FEB. 1 – A very fine and mild day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp. Willie drove Mrs. Farrow to Saintfield where her cousin from Victoria Corners met her. James did not go to school on account of a bad cold. Willie drawing up wood with the waggon in the afternoon and at Blair's pond skating in the evening. Mrs. Wright called. She has been away about Epsom for some time.

2 – Mild with a little snow from about 11 am. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Willie helping Jennie to wash. James did not go to school. Jennie visiting at Luke's in the afternoon.

3 – Quite a lot of snow during the day and little doing here. James did not go to school. Willie drove to Saintfield in the evening and met Mrs. Farrow back from her visit to Victoria Corners. Leola Luke called twice. Mrs. Wright has got the pink eye.

4 – A fine day. Willie drove Mrs. Farrow to the station on her way home. Jennie went with him. James did not go to school. I was helping P. Luke in the swamp. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called. She leaves for a visit at Cannington.

5 – A very fine mild day. All day helping P. Luke to cut wood. Willie drawing up wood to the shed. Willie and James away in the evening skating.

6 – Fine but rather raw day. All at SS and church; 96 at SS. A student, Mr. Thompson, preached on Mission work in BC by Knox College Missionary Society. Jennie was at church for the first time since she broke her arm. She was over at Luke's in the evening. Mrs. Wright called in the forenoon. Willie away in the evening.

7 – Mild with snow from the E in the afternoon. All day helping P. Luke with wood. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie drawing up wood. Mrs. Wright called. West Peterborough by-election.

8 – A very fine day. All day helping P. Luke at wood. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Willie washing. Jennie at Missionary meeting in the afternoon with Mrs. Wright.

9 – Mild day. Helped Willie to draw up wood from the swamp field and one load from C. Phair's. Helping P. Luke to cut saw

logs in the afternoon. Jennie churning. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at John Michie's in the evening.

10 – Rather raw day. Jennie and I went to James S. Lee's for dinner and then I went to R. Cragg's sale. There was a good turnout and prices pretty good. Got supper also at Jas. Lee's. Willie doing the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

11 – Snowing from the E a little most of the day. Working in the woodshed most of the day, Willie helping. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. Willie and I drawing wood (poles) from P. Luke's swamp to the orchard. James at his books. Jennie went with Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Willie drove Mrs. Wright. 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Voting for a new elder resulted in a large majority for James H. Leask. Willie away in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Helping Willie to draw home wood in the forenoon and helping C. Phair to cut wood with machine. James did not go to school on account of cough. Jennie sewing.

15 – A very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to cut wood. Willie drawing up wood from P. Luke's swamp. James nursing cough. Jennie and Mrs. Luke visiting at W. Thomas's in the afternoon.

16 – Mild spring like day. What little snow there was is almost gone and lots of mud in its place. Helping C. Phair to cut wood and finished about 2:30. James did not go to school. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke and Willie took some oats to be ground but did not get the meal home. He got a new suit of clothes. Got a letter from brother George saying their youngest daughter Irene died on the 8th of this month.

17 – Rough and windy most of the day. Jennie and Willie washing in the forenoon while I split wood. In the afternoon Willie went to Port Perry for the meal with the waggon. Mrs. Wright here most of the afternoon baking. Leola Luke called. She has just returned from a visit to Cannington. Willie away in the evening. I have been nursing a bad eye, perhaps pinkeye. James did not go to school.

18 – Pretty cold day. Did little but nurse sore eyes. Willie did chores. P. Luke called in the forenoon and Leola Luke in the afternoon. Jennie busy getting ready to go to Toronto tomorrow. Willie at play in Methodist church given by Seagrave actors.

19 – A very fine but cold day. Did little but nurse my eyes and cold. Willie drove Mrs. Wright and his mother to the 9:30 train. They go to Toronto on a visit. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. John [Howsom's?] house at Greenbank was burned down about noon today.

20 – A very fine but sharp cold day. At SS and church with the boys; 103 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Church not warm enough. Willie away in the evening.

21 – A fine but cold day. All day nursing eyes and cold while Willie did the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

22 – A very fine day. Nursed cold and sore eyes while Willie did the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke and Marie Akhurst called in the afternoon. Willie at carnival in Sunderland in the evening. Got home at 3 am.

23 – Rough and snow but not very cold until towards night. Willie did chores while I did the housework. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

24 – Quite sharp cold. Willie did chores while I did the housework. James drove to school. L. Luke called. Willie at party at Alex Leask's in the evening. Got home about 3:30 am. House pump froze up.

25 – Cold and pretty rough all day. Willie did chores while I did the housework. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning for coal oil. L. Luke called. Ray Dusty and Henry Thomas called. They were canvassing for a skating rink at Greenbank.

26 – Rough and cold all day. Little doing but the chores and scrubbing. Leola Luke came over and baked some graham cakes for us. She stayed for supper. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

27 – Mild. Willie drove the sleigh to church (1st time this winter) and took Mrs. Luke and Leola. 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. James H. Leask was inducted to the eldership of Greenbank congregation. Willie away in the evening.

28 – Mild all day with a very little snow. Did the housework while Willie drew wood from C. Phair's. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Willie at J. Holdershaw's at a party in the evening.

MAR. 1 – Mild day. P. Luke called in the forenoon. Willie drew 2 loads of wood. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie went with P. Luke in the afternoon to help him home with the cattle that have been at R. Sonley's west of Greenbank. L. Luke called.

2 – Dull and rain in the forenoon with lots of mud. Kept house while Willie did the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. Leola Luke over making some cakes and she stayed for dinner. Word came by phone that they have got a new boy at Lew Wagner's.

3 – Rather colder, somewhat rough towards night. Willie took 10 bags of oats to be ground at Port Perry but did not get it home. James drove to Port Perry school. He went to the station and met his mother who has been on a 12 day visit to Toronto and Brooklyn. L. Luke called. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

4 – Zero in the morning. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal and brought home the new bookcase that Jennie got in Toronto. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing and baking. L. Luke called. This is inauguration day in the US. Wilson drops out and Harding goes in. At preparatory service in the afternoon. Mr. McDonald preached.

5 – Mild all day. Willie at P. Lukes in the afternoon while I did chores. Jennie scrubbing and cleaning. James drove to Uxbridge in the afternoon to help the Greenbank public school to play Uxbridge P.S. Uxbridge won 10 to 0. Mrs. Wright called for the mail. Boys at Port Perry in the evening which turned out very dark and rainy.

6 – Heavy rain through the night and the roads are very muddy. Went with Jennie and Willie to communion service at Greenbank. There was not quite as many out as usual. Mr. McDonald preached. Leola Luke and Marion Leask called. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

7 – A fine mild day. Cutting wood in the Luke's swamp while Jennie and Willie washed. James drove to Port Perry school. In the afternoon attended a meeting held in Jas. H. Leask's house composed of our church session and E. Jemison and L. Beare from the Methodist church on the question of church cooperation in Greenbank.

8 – Thunder during the night and forenoon. Quite warm all day, rain in the evening. Cutting wood mostly with the saw in P. Luke's swamp, Willie helping. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Mrs. Wright at Women's Missionary meeting in the church. Very muddy.

9 – Mild day but a little frost and some snow. Cutting wood in the afternoon in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie at John Michie's in the afternoon. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called.

10 – A fine day. Helping C. Phair to cut wood in the afternoon (Mr. Bots saw). James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Willie at Port Perry in the afternoon to get things for Willie who starts for the north west on Saturday. L. Luke called.

11 – Quite mild day. Cutting some apple trees in the forenoon and in the swamp in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie busy all day getting Willie ready to start for the west. James drove to Port Perry school.

12 – Mild with rain in the afternoon. James drove Willie to Port Perry where he took the train for Colfax, Sask. where he expects to work for the summer. James and I went to Luke's swamp in the afternoon to cut wood but rain came on and we quit. Jennie scrubbing, etc. L. Luke called.

13 – Mild with lots of mud. At church with Jennie and James. 85 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie at Luke's in the evening and Mrs. Wright came over with her.

14 – A very little snow on the ground which soon disappeared. Drew some wood out of Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Jennie washing. James drove to school. Afternoon went to the swamp to cut wood but rain came on. Jennie and Mrs. Wright making missionary quilt.

15 – Very dull and mild all day. Thunder in the evening. Mud deep. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp part of the day. Jennie cleaning upstairs. James drove to Port Perry school. Leola Luke went with him.

16 – Colder. Drawing out wood from Luke's swamp. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called 2 or 3 times. Ross Blakely called in the evening.

17 – Dull with rain and some snow in the afternoon. Drawing out wood in Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Jennie and Mrs. Wright went to Port Perry in the afternoon through the rain and mud. James drove to Port Perry school.

18 – A very fine day. Drawing out wood from Luke's swamp in the forenoon. Helping John Michie to cut wood in the afternoon (Jas. Bott's machine). Jennie whitewashing the kitchen ceiling. James drove to Port Perry school.

19 – Helping John Michie to cut wood and finished about 10 am. Jennie cleaning the pantry. About 11 am it started to thunder and never let up until about six pm. Storm after storm came up with terrible lightning and rain. I do not remember such a day in the month of March. L. Luke called. Got card from Willie from Winnipeg.

20 – Another heavy thunder storm between 4 and 5 in the morning. James and I drove to SS and church; mud very bad. The bridge near the new road was hardly passable and the church hill has a deep gully washed out of the middle of the road. There were 80 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached.

21 – Colder in the afternoon with high NW wind. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp, James helping as he did not go to school as the water was very high. Helping P. Luke to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Mrs. R. Dusty called in the afternoon.

22 – A very fine day. P. Luke came over and we killed the humpy steer. In the afternoon P. Luke brought over his land roller to get repaired. James drove to Port Perry school. P. Luke called. Olive and Eleanor came up in the afternoon. Got letters from Edinburgh and Winnipeg.

23 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with ¼ beef for Hall. Doing several jobs in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie cutting up beef. Mrs. Wright called. P. Luke started to plough, the first I have seen this season.

24 – Fine in the morning but got dull and rain in the evening. Cleaning out berry bushes in the forenoon. Jas. Bott brought his wood sawing machine and then went to C. Phair's for his engine and got an early start after dinner and cut the pile in the orchard and then moved to the other pile near Luke's swamp and nearly finished it. C. Phair, N. Midgley, John Michie and P. Luke helping and A. Akhurst with Mr. Bott. Jennie baking and cooking. James drove to Port Perry school. James at P. Leask's party in the evening. Got home after 4 am.

25 – A fine day (Good Friday). Finished cutting wood in about an hour, then helped P. Luke to cut his; finished about 3 pm. James went to the 5 o'clock train to meet Annie who is home for Easter holidays. Jennie at W. Missionary quilting in the basement; a large turnout. Mrs. John Michie and boy went with her.

26 – A fine and quite warm day. Cleaning out the raspberry bushes. Jennie and James went to Port Perry with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. Mr. Luke called in the evening. Got letter from Willie.

27 – Thunder and rain in the forenoon. At SS and church with Annie. Rather a thin turnout; 61 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James and Annie at Greenbank in the evening. Roads pretty bad.

28 – Much colder; high NW wind with some snow flurries. Cleaning out berry bushes. James drove to Port Perry in the morning and brought home Sidney Caney who is on a visit before going to England. Jennie washing. Annie baking. In the afternoon a hurry call came to Jennie from Jas. Dusty's. Ray Dusty came for her and a 10 lb. boy baby was born. Leola Luke called twice.

29 – Another pretty cold day. Cleaning out berry bushes in the forenoon and helping N. Midgley to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie baking and ironing. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. James and Sidney Caney at Luke's in the evening.

30 – A very nice day; hard frost in the morning. Helping N. Midgley to cut wood and finished about 2 pm, then at berry bushes. James drove Sidney Caney to the 9:30 train at Port Perry. Jennie sewing. A telegram came from St. John's, N.B., saying Annie Bell had landed there so Annie went to Port Perry to the train to meet her but she did not come so Annie stayed all night at S. Dusty's to wait for the morning train. L. Luke called.

31 – Rain and some snow in the forenoon. At the berry bushes. Annie had just got home from Port Perry when word came that Annie Bell from Edinburgh was at Manilla, so Annie turned back to Port Perry and brought A.B. here in the middle of a snowstorm. Spent most of the afternoon talking to her. Jennie sewing. L. Luke called.

APR. 1 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the wagon for Annie Bell's two trunks. Drew off the berry bushes in the afternoon, James helping. Jennie sewing. Jennie, Annie and Annie Bell over at Luke's in the evening. L. Luke called. Cawker, the drover, called.

2 – A very fine day; high wind in the afternoon. Scuffled berry bushes in the forenoon and plowing sod in the afternoon. Jennie making dress for Annie. Annie and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

3 – A beautiful fine day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at S; Mr. McDonald preached. James, Annie and Annie Bell at Methodist church in the evening.

4 – A very fine and summer like day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie and Annie Bell washing. James drove Annie to Port Perry to the early train on her way back to her school. James at Port Perry school in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

5 – A very fine summer like day; 72 in the shade. Plowing sod all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie baking. L. Luke called. In the evening went with C. Phair to referendum meeting in the basement of our church; about 20 were present.

6 – Another very warm day. Plowing sod all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke called in the evening.

7 – Another very fine but not quite so warm day. Plowing all day; finished the sod. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell making Annie a dress. James S. Lee and family called in the evening.

8 – Some rain in the morning. Gang plowing until about 4:30 when a heavy thunder shower came on. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell sewing. L. Luke called.

9 – Much cooler. Gang plowing in the forenoon and cultivating in the afternoon. Jennie scrubbing and baking. James and Annie Bell washed the buggy. All over at Luke's in the evening when Annie Bell treated us to some Scotch songs.

10 – Cold E wind. All hands at SS and church; 96 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached a good sermon on the referendum. James and A.B. at Methodist church in the evening.

11 – Hard frost in the morning. Took the two steers to Port Perry (Cawker). James helping on his way to school (exams this week). Jennie came with the buggy for me. Cultivating in the afternoon. In the evening all hands with Leola Luke went up to W. Thomas' where there was a musical evening. Ray Dusty and wife and Marie Akhurst were also there.

12 – A very nice day. Cultivating all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon Jennie and Annie Bell went with John Michie to the W.M. meeting in the church. L. Luke called.

13 – A very fine day. Fanned up seed oats (Jennie helping) and sowed most of the field W of the house (1st sowing). James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell went to Alex Leask's in the afternoon to rehearse a piece of music for Sunday. They stayed the evening.

14 – A fine day except a little rain in the evening. Finished sowing field W of the house and harrowed it. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell cleaning up the garden and yard. L. Luke called.

15 – A very fine day. Sowed field NE of barn and harrowed some of it. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. In the evening all hands at P. Luke's for a musical evening. John Michie and family; Peter and Mrs. Leask; and R. Terry were also there. Leola Luke had spill out on her way home from music lesson.

16 – Cold E wind. Harrowing in the forenoon. After dinner it began to rain from the E and freeze at it fell.

17 – Wintery day. Ice on everything that did not slacken all day. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. [Silcox?] of Toronto preached on the referendum. Annie Bell sang a solo. James and A.B. at Methodist church in the evening.

18 – Warmer and the ice soon disappeared. Went with Jennie to Greenbank to vote yes on the referendum on the importing of liquor into Ontario. Took the straw off the strawberry patch and piled some wood. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called, also Mrs. Wright. Referendum vote dry by a large majority.

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19 – A very fine day. Plowing most of the day for potatoes. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jas. Dusty took Jennie to Port Perry to assist at operation on Ray Dusty for appendicitis which was successfully performed by Drs. Archer. Mrs. Wright called.

20 – Plowing and cultivating N field. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went

with Annie Bell to Willie Smith's, Columbus, and stayed there all night. L. Luke called. Much thunder in the evening but not a great deal of rain.

21 – Dull with little drizzle of rain all afternoon. Planted some early potatoes and plowed the garden. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Annie Bell got home from Columbus about 8 pm. L. Luke called.

22 – Very dull with E wind and rain in the forenoon. Plowing orchard in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Annie Bell packing her trunk. Mrs. Luke called.

23 – Dull, bit rain from the E through the night and some in the forenoon. Finished cutting wood in Luke's swamp, James helping. Plowing in orchard in the afternoon.

24 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James and Annie Bell at Methodist church in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. Took Annie Bell and her big trunk to Port Perry on her way to Toronto to seek employment. Piling wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. John Michie, Eleanor and baby Robert were here in the afternoon and stayed for tea. L. Luke called.

26 – A fine and very warm day, about 75 in the shade after dinner. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. Cultivating in the N field in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie at the garden. L. Luke called.

27 – A fine and pretty warm day. Took the oats borrowed from John Michie home and finished cultivating the N field but it is too wet to sow. At the wood in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning. L. Luke called.

28 – A very fine day. Sowed the N field and harrowed part of it. Jennie went to Port Perry market. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Harry McMillan came in car for some strawberry plants.

29 – Heavy rain through the night and several showers through the day. Piled up wood and helped Jennie to paper the N downstairs bedroom. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called twice and Clinton Midgley in the evening.

30 – Rather chilly and dull. Went over to Luke's and helped him to make a new gate at the line fence that our horses demolished in a kicking scrape this morning. Finished harrowing the N field, at least such of it as was not too wet to get onto. Jennie housecleaning. Fred Real and Amy came for some raspberry bushes. L. Luke called.

MAY 1 – Cold, dull and rainy. All at SS and church; 101 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James took Leola Luke and Marie Akhurst to Methodist church in the evening.

2 – Dull in the morning but bright later. Went to Port Perry with Jennie in the forenoon. Helping to paper upstairs in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. E. Bryant came for some

strawberry plants. L. Luke and Marie Akhurst called and Eleanor Michie, who is 5 years old today, came for the first time alone.

3 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to paper our bedroom in the forenoon and plowed the strawberry patch in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jas. H. Leask called for some strawberry plants and Fred and Olive Real in the evening with flower plants. L. Luke called.

4 – A very fine day. Hoed all day at berry bushes but did not get done. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola and Mrs. Luke called.

5 – A very fine day. Scuffled the berry bushes in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. Planting strawberries in the

afternoon, Jennie digging the plants. Roy Moon called for some plants. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

6 – A fine day. Finished planting strawberries in the forenoon, Jennie digging the plants. C. Phair brought the roller home and I rolled the field W of the house. Edgar Butt came for some strawberry plants. James wheeled to Port Perry school. He was late in getting home as there was a baseball match between Port Perry and Bowmanville high schools. P.P. won. L. Luke called.

7 – A very fine day. Rolling most of the day. Jennie scrubbing and baking. James went to Jim Dusty's for eggs. L. Luke called. Ross Blakely called in the evening.

8 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie at Luke's in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. Rolling grass field in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Afternoon tying up berry bushes, Jennie helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Albert Akhurst came for some strawberry plants. Word came by phone that James Sleeman of Port Hope died this morning.

10 – A very fine day. Finished tying up the berry bushes in the forenoon and in the afternoon gang plowing root ground as sow thistle is plentiful. Jennie at Jim Dusty's in the evening for eggs. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

11 – A very fine day with rather high S wind. In the morning sowed some places in the N field that had been drowned out, then gang plowing the rest of the day. Jennie painted cookhouse floor. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cragg called in the evening. News today: The Germans have accepted the Allied demands.

12 – Rather raw with some rain from the S in the evening. Finished ganging root ground and cultivated, harrowed and rolled the potato ground. Jennie went to Port Perry market taking Mrs. Luke. James wheeled to Port Perry school and brought home a cadets uniform.

13 – Drilled up 28 potato drills and drew manure on part of it. Jennie painting and housecleaning. James wheeled to Port Perry school and brought home a Ross rifle. A thunder shower in the evening.



Photo of a Ross Rifle, which was produced in Canada from 1902 until the middle of WW1.

14 – A fine day. Finished manuring the potato patch in the forenoon and cut potatoes in the afternoon. Jennie painting. James went to Port Perry on his wheel for some paint. Leola Luke and --- McDonald called.

15 – Rather raw with a little sprinkle of rain in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 97 at SS. Rev. Mr. Miller of Quaker Hill preached. James wheeled to Methodist church in the evening. When we got home from church we found a calf in the swamp field. Jennie and I over at Luke's in the evening.

16 – Pretty cool most of the day, frost in the morning. Planted the potatoes, Jennie helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. The cadets were reviewed today. Mrs. Wright and Clinton Midgley called.

17 – Very hard frost in the morning which cooked the strawberries pretty bad. Cultivated root ground and orchard. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Went to Greenbank in the evening to a meeting about the hall but there was no meeting. A very fine evening.

18 – A very fine day. Drilled up 16 drills for mangolds and put manure between them. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening we attended meeting in church to consider union with the Methodist church in Greenbank. Mr. Brines, Sup. of Missions, explained the working of cooperation. It was decided to proceed. Mrs. Wright called.

19 – A beautiful day. Split the mangold drills and sowed them and drew out some manure. Jennie started for Port Perry, driving King, but he started to cough so bad that she turned back and took Fly. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

20 – Very warm; 82 in the shade. Drawing out manure and dirt to the barn door. Jennie baking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Wes Frise and wife came for strawberry plants. Mrs. Wright called.

21 – Very warm; 86 in the afternoon. Went to Port Perry in the morning for to meet Annie who is home for the 24th, and Jennie Perrin. Drawing out manure in the afternoon. Jennie scrubbing and baking. Blanche Luke here most of the afternoon and evening and Leola in the evening.

22 – Thunder and rain in the forenoon which was needed. All hands at SS and church, not so many at SS as it was raining about the time of starting. This is SS anniversary Sunday. Rev. Mr. Bryden of Woodville preached to a full house. All out again in the evening. Mr. Bryden preached to a packed house. Mrs. D. Archer

and Mr. MacIntyre of Port Perry helped in the singing. Raining when we came out. Annie and Jennie Perrin came home with John Michie.

23 – A very fine day. All day drilling and planting corn in the orchard and scuffling the berry bushes, strawberries and early potatoes. James drove to Port Perry school and got home early. Blanche and Leola Luke called in the afternoon and Jennie, Annie and Jennie Perrin at Luke's in the evening. N. Midgley and E. Bryant called. E.B. came for strawberry plants but I advised him not to plant as it is too late.

24 – Very dull in the afternoon with a little rain in the evening. Plowing corn land in the forenoon. Jennie baking. In the afternoon all hands at SS anniversary. There was a packed house in the evening. D. McGregor, singer; Miss Thompson, reciter; and Miss Cockburn, violinist were the entertainers and did pretty well.

25 – Rather dull all day. Got up early and took Annie and Jennie Perrin to the early train on their way to Newcastle. Plowing the rest of the day. Jennie, Velma Wright and Leola Luke at after social in the church. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

26 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for a load of brick for Billy O'Neil's new house at Greenbank. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Wright and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Drawing out manure in the afternoon.

27 – A fine day. Drawing out manure. Jennie baking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening at Greenbank to meeting about hall. Not many out and little done.

28 – Thunder in the early morning but very little rain. Warm day. Drawing out manure and finished just in time (about 4 pm) when a thunder shower came on and there was a fine rain. James Bott came in his car for 3 bags of potatoes. Mrs. Wright called in the evening, Leola Luke in the afternoon.

29 – Warm with many thunder storms in the afternoon. Willie Smith, his mother and sister Annie came by car about 11 am and I went to SS and church alone. Rev. D. McMillan preached on church praise; a fine address. Willie Smith left for home about 3:30.

30 – Very warm. Plowing turnip land all day. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening Jennie and I went with P. Leask in his car to Wick church where Rev. Mr. McMillan led a choir rally. There was a full house. Uxbridge, Quaker Hill, Sonya, Greenbank, Leaskdale and Wick were represented. Lunch was served after.

31 – Very warm. Much thunder in the forenoon and a shower after dinner. Went to G. Clements' in the morning and got 3 little pigs (\$5.00 each). Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

JUNE 1 – Chilly in the morning. Cultivating and harrowing corn and turnip land. Jennie picking over potatoes in cellar which are almost worthless. James wheeled to Port Perry school. John Michie brought the beef, the first of the season.

2 – A very fine day. Harrowed, rolled and sowed the corn land. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon, picking potatoes in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

3 – Heavy rain through the night and forenoon and things are well soaked. Did some odd jobs. James not at school as this is the King's birthday. Sports at Port Perry today. Mrs. Wright called.

4 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for some repairs to the mower and in the afternoon cut the sweet clover E of the orchard. Jennie baking and scrubbing. James studying. In the evening Willie Smith, Jessie Smith and Annie Bell came by car and stayed until about 10:30.

5 – A beautiful day. All at SS and church; 108 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. James wheeled to the Methodist church in the evening.

6 – A very fine day. Cutting fence corners, turning sweet clover and hoeing. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called and S. Sleep and had a long talk on various subjects.

7 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing strawberry patch. Harrowed the corn (not up yet) and scuffled. Jennie cleaning the cellar. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called; she found the first ripe strawberry.

8 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning, then drilled up for turnips. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and painted the pantry floor in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school in the forenoon and attended postponed sports in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

9 – A very fine but warm day. Finished drilling for turnips (62 drills) and sowed them in the forenoon and raked and cocked the sweet clover in the afternoon. Took heifer down to John Michie's to get her weighed but as she only went 800 lbs she will not be hardly heavy enough. Jennie housecleaning and baking. Mrs. Wright called. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

10 – Very warm day. Moved the stove out in the morning and Jennie oiled the kitchen floor. Plowing in the forenoon and drew in the sweet clover in the afternoon. Mr. Luke came over and helped me. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Mrs. Wright picked the first two boxes of strawberries.

11 – A little rain through the night and several showers through the forenoon. Plowing most of the day. Jennie baking. James at his books. Mrs. Wright called.

12 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 103 at SS. Rev. R. McEachrin of Keene preached. Rev. G. Miller and wife were there. Jas. S. Lee, wife and girls called in the evening and got a feed of strawberries which are now beginning to ripen. Mrs. Wright also called.

13 – A fine day with high NW wind in the afternoon. Scuffling potatoes, corn and mangolds in the forenoon. Helping Jennie and Mrs. Wright to pick strawberries, 58 boxes; the first picking.

James wheeled to Port Perry school for the forenoon only to get special lesson on French in preparation for the coming exams.

14 – A very fine and cool day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with crate of berries and brought home 1000 berry boxes. Cultivated, harrowed and sowed piece of Hungarian grass. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at W.M. meeting at the church with Mrs. Wright. James studying. In the evening Willie Smith and his mother came with car and brought brother George of Griswold, Manitoba; 8 years since he was here before. William Phoenix taking the census, was here for dinner.

15 – A beautiful day. Finished the Hungarian grass sowing and hoed corn. Jennie and Mrs. Wright went in Jim Boe's car to Women's Missionary meeting at Gamebridge and had a big time. D. McDonald brought them home. George down for some time at John Michie's. James at Port Perry in the afternoon to his first exam.

16 – A very fine day. A few drops of rain about 5 pm. Helping Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Nellie O'Neill to pick strawberries; 189 boxes. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with berries.

17 – Mild rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Took strawberries to Port Perry in the morning. Rain all the way there. Hoed some in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. Norman Midgley came about 11 am, stayed for dinner, and until about 4 pm. Mrs. Wright called. Clinton Midgley in the evening.

18 – A very fine warm day. Hoeing mangolds most of the day. George came back from Wick and he and Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Mr. Bryant came for strawberries. Mrs. Wright called, also Ross Blakely. John Michie came for turnip drill and sowed his turnips.

19 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached giving an account of the meeting of the general assembly. George stayed at J.M. Real's for tea. P. Luke and wife called in the evening. William Love died.

20 – A very fine warm day. Hoeing mangolds in the forenoon, George helping. Helping to pick strawberries in the afternoon and went to Port Perry with berries for the Methodist garden party tomorrow night. Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Nellie O'Neill picking berries; 175 boxes. James at Port Perry at exams and helped John Michie to take beef heifer to Greenbank in the evening.

21 – Very warm day. Helping Jennie and Mrs. Wright to pick strawberries in the forenoon. Hoeing in the afternoon while Jennie went to Port Perry. George went to Greenbank in the morning and attended W. Love's funeral. Jennie and I left about 6 pm and got George at Greenbank and went to Alex Lee's for supper and evening. Got home about 11 pm. James at Port Perry at exams.

22 – Very warm day. Sowed buckwheat in orchard in the forenoon. Jennie ironing. Mrs. Wright helping her and stayed for dinner. In the afternoon we got Jim Bott with his car to drive us to Willie Smith's wedding. We started at 3 o'clock but before we got to Port Perry rain came on. We got as far as Mrs. Baird's farm and took shelter in a woodshed and there was terrible lightning, rain and hail. Stayed there about an hour, then got back to the Presby-

terian church sheds and another deluge of rain and hail; then turned to home and got back about 5:30. James at Port Perry school for exams. Leola Luke called.

23 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Nellie O'Neill to pick strawberries, then went to Port Perry with some berries. Mrs. Jas. Blair, Maggie Blair and Mrs. D. McDonald called for berries, and Mrs. J.M. Real and Harvey in the evening. James at Port Perry at exams. Leola Luke called. George at G.A. McMillan's.

24 – A very fine day. Scuffling in the forenoon in the orchard and in the afternoon at preparatory service in the church. About the usual number out. Rev. Mr. Mason of Sonya preached. Mrs. Howard McMillan came in by certificate. John Michie's baby boy (Robert Gordon) was baptised. George went with P. Luke on a visit to Wes Luke's at Sonya. Jennie baking and housecleaning. James at Port Perry school exams, the last for the season. Expected a load including Annie from Port Hope.

25 – A fine but very warm day. Hoeing in the forenoon and helping Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke to pick strawberries. James scuffled the corn. Jennie preserving strawberries. Mrs. Ray Dusty called.

26 – Very warm day, some thunder to the SW but no rain here. Went with George to communion service at Wick; Mr. McDonald preached. A pretty good turnout. Jennie and James at Methodist SS anniversary service in the evening.

27 – A very warm day, about 85 in the shade. Hoeing in the forenoon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon took brother George to Port Perry on his way home to Griswold Manitoba. James at Greenbank public school in the afternoon where there was ice cream. Leola Luke called. This is the night of the Wick strawberry social. It is at Stanley [McLeoud's?]. Much thunder and lightning in the evening but no rain here.

28 – A little rain in the early morning and dropping a little all forenoon and then quite a shower about 7:30 pm. Plowing up the sweet clover patch to sow buckwheat as it does not appear to be a second crop. James went to Port Perry on the wheel and got a catching glove with the money given him yesterday by George. Jennie and James picking strawberries in the afternoon. Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called.

29 – Very warm. Many local thunder showers in all directions but just a little sprinkle here. Finished plowing sweet clover patch and sowed in with buckwheat. James went for the beef in the morning and helped Jennie, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke to pick strawberries, likely the last picking of the season. James at Greenbank in the evening to baseball practice.

30 – Another very warm day. Some thunder but no rain here. Greened the potatoes in the forenoon and hoed corn in the afternoon. James scuffled turnips in the forenoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning. James went on the wheel in the afternoon for something Jennie forgot. Leola Luke picked the cherries.

JULY 1 – A very warm day. Got up early and James drove Jennie and Leola Luke to the early train for Newcastle. Hoed corn in the

forenoon, James helping. C. Phair came for 2 bags of potatoes. In the afternoon went with James to Methodist SS anniversary. There was baseball and football. The concert was not quite so well attended as usual. A Mr. Spence and Miss Barrett of Toronto gave the programme. About \$325.00 was taken in. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – Another terrible day, up so high as 90 and 80 even in the evening. Hoeing corn and finished, James helping. The grading machine drawn by a tractor was working on our sideroad. W. McDonald, who is running it, was here for dinner. They worked until about 4 o'clock when they quit on account of the heat. Ross Blakely here in the evening.

3 – Another very warm day, up to about 90. Drove to SS and church with James and Mrs. Wright; 86 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Rather thin attendance.

4 – Another very warm day. Hoed some turnips and helped Ray Dusty to plough up the road at Ray's gate for the grader. James went to Port Perry to meet the train, also Mrs. Wright drove their buggy, expecting Annie and Leola but they did not come but Jennie did. She rode home with Mrs. Wright while James brought Annie's trunk home. W. McDonald here again for dinner. They finished the grading today. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon, James helping. I drove again to Port Perry for Mrs. Joyce of Sutton. James at ball at Greenbank in the evening.

5 – Another of the same kind; up as far as 95 in the shade. Hoeing turnips most of the day, James helping. Jennie and Mrs. Joyce visiting at John Michie's in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called. James went to Port Perry in the evening for Sidney Caney who has been away on a 10 week visit to England.

6 – Another of the same kind, 95 in the shade. Hoeing turnips most of the day, Sid and James helping a short time. James went to Port Perry in the morning to meet Annie and Leola Luke who came home. Jennie drove Mrs. Joyce to Greenbank in the evening. C. Midgley called in the evening.

7 – Very warm again. Finished hoeing turnips in the forenoon, Sid and James helping. Jennie washing. About 3 pm a thunder storm came up and it rained for about an hour which soaked things pretty well. There was also some hail but it is very little cooler.

8 – Warm. Started to thunder about 10 am and there was much of it until about 4 pm with lots of rain. Scuffled the strawberry patch and cleaned out 3 ½ rows of old ones. James drove Sidney Caney to the 9:30 train. He also went to Port Perry in the evening to get Annie Bell who has come for a visit. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon.

9 – Heavy rain in the early morning. Thunder all around but only a few drops about 3 pm. Cleaning out strawberry patch most of the day. Jennie, Annie, James, Annie Bell, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke picking raspberries until the rain came. James, Annie and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A fine day and pretty warm. Blanche Luke, who came home last night, and Leola here in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a hymn. Just as we were at supper Kennedy Mason came with his

car from Bobcaygeon and with him was Marion Allan and Dalton Swan. After they got supper they started for Toronto taking Annie Bell with them. Annie and James at Methodist church in evening.

11 – Warm day. Greened and hoed potatoes. Jennie, Annie, James, Nellie O'Neill, Mary Dusty and Leola Luke picking berries (175 boxes). James went to Port Perry with berries for Mrs. [Aude?], Toronto. Mrs. Alex Leask and Bernice came for berries and Mary Real. Les Beare called in the forenoon and bought heifer for beef ring.

12 – Another very hot day, over 90. Took the heifer for L. Beare to Greenbank. James drove the buggy. Saw W. Phoenix's bees and honey. James scuffled the corn 2nd time while I plowed the old strawberry patch, harrowed it and hoed the new patch. Jennie washing. Dr. --- and wife who are staying at Mr. Smith's called in the evening and we picked 4 boxes of berries for them. Jas. Bott took the Luke family to the Orange Walk at Uxbridge.

13 – Another terrible hot day, 94 in the shade. Rigged up the mower and cut hay in the afternoon, James helping. Jennie ironing. Leola Luke called 5 times, Mrs. Wright twice and John McKinnon's girl and Eva Luke.

14 – Another warm day. Helping John Michie to draw in hay in the forenoon. Jennie, Annie, James, Mary Dusty and Nellie O'Neill and Leola picking berries; about 180 picked. About 2:30 a thunder storm came up with much wind but not a great deal of rain. Rain again in the evening. I was raking hay when the storm came up. Annie drove Mary Dusty home after supper.

15 – Helping to pick berries for the garden party with Jennie, Annie, James, Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke. James drove Annie to McDonald's and came back for Jennie and I later. We went to the big party. The weather was threatening between 5 and 6 but turned out a very fine evening. There was an immense crowd. Ben Hockeys orchestra gave the programme which was pretty good. \$530.00 was taken in which beats the record for those parts. Got home about 1 am.

16 – Helped to pick berries with Jennie, Annie and James. Raked up hay after dinner and John Michie helped to draw in 3 loads when a thunder shower came up which did not appear to be of much account but there was quite a long rain. Annie went to Port Perry to get King shod. Mrs. Wright called.

17 – A very fine day. Some rain went around in the afternoon but none here. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and James at Methodist church in the evening. The Luke's had quite a family gathering.

18 – This is the day that Ontario goes bone dry but the weather has not been along that line. Very dull in the morning and started to thunder about 8 am and kept it up off and on all day and evening with rain every little while. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Nellie O'Neill to pick berries but the rain stopped us. Mrs. White and son from Marsh Hill came for berries and Annie took a crate to Port Perry to ship to Toronto and got caught in the rain. It was after 9 o'clock when Billy O'Neill came with his car for Nellie. Jean Michie also came up but did not get home and stayed all night. Leola Luke called.

19 – Heavy rain with thunder most of the night, cleared up in the forenoon and although there was some thunder to the SW in the afternoon there was no more rain here. The grain is pretty badly lodged. Helping P. Luke to rig up his binder in the forenoon. Norman Midgley here in the forenoon. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Mrs. Wright to pick berries. Gladys and Leola Luke called in the evening.

20 – Before we were in the bed long there came up a heavy shower from the NE but there was no rain during the day although there was thunder in the E. It was rather smoky and some cooler. Finished cutting the hay, sweet clover in it 6 or 7 feet high. Then, with James help, drew in two little loads that has been out in all this rain and was near rotten. James went for the beef in the morning. Jennie, Annie, James, Mrs. Wright, Leola Luke and Mrs. John McKinnon of Pinedale, who came for berries, picking berries. Annie took crate to Port Perry to ship to Toronto. Mary Real came for berries in the evening.

21 – A very fine day; no rain, no thunder, but a red sun. At John Michie's in the forenoon with P. Luke helping him to finish hoeing turnips. John then came over to Luke's and we got out the binder and John started the binder and then I drove it. It proved to be very bad to cut sweet clover and twitch grass made it hard to cut. Jennie, Annie and James picking berries. J. Michie's girls were up for berries. Clinton Midgley and Leola Luke called. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning for binder twine. Jennie and Annie at Luke's in the evening.

22 – A fine day and pretty warm. Raked up the hay in the forenoon and in the afternoon, with Mr. Luke and James' help, drew in 7 loads. Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Wright, Leola Luke and Mrs. Alex Gordon, who was brought by Mr. Huddleston, Jennie Gordon's best young man. He also came for them in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beare came for berries in the evening.

23 – Another warm day. Did almost nothing as I am so used up with flu or something. Jennie, Annie, James and Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke picking berries in the afternoon. James and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. J. Bott ran into and smashed Luke's gate.

24 – Another pretty warm day but there was a nice breeze from the SW. All hands (James wheeled) at SS and church; 98 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and James at Methodist church in the evening. Bruce McDonald called in the evening. Leola Luke also called.

25 – John Michie came up in the morning and started Luke's binder in the field W of the house, then he went home and James and I worked away until about 3 o'clock when a thunder storm came up from the west with a terrific wind which broke some limbs from trees and flattened the grain worse than ever, which was needless. Annie and Leola Luke picking berries. W. O'Neill brought Nellie to pick berries but she had barely got started when the rain came on and James drove her home. Annie and Leola went to Port Perry after the rain. Annie, James, Gladys and Leola Luke at R. Dusty's in the evening.

26 – Very warm day, threatening rain about the middle of the afternoon but no rain here. All hands all forenoon, including Leola

Luke, setting up tables, cleaning the yard and lots of washing and dusting in preparation for the W.M. meeting. The turnout proved good; 73 were present, consisting of women and girls. Mr. D.D. McDonald was the only man. \$13.75 was the collection. James and I were cutting oats. The binder did not work very well but we managed to get it chewed down.

27 – Another very warm day. High wind in the afternoon; a few drops of rain about 6:30 pm. John Michie came up in the morning and got the pinion off the binder. Mr. Luke got a new one and John came up again after dinner and got the binder rigged up and drove it all afternoon in the field N of the barn. It is so badly down that he had to cut it one way. Jennie and Annie picking berries in the afternoon, washing and cleaning up in the forenoon. Mrs. Ray Dusty called in the evening for berries.

28 – A fine day and some cooler. James finished cutting field NE of barn (one way) while I shocked it up. After early supper I drove

to Port Perry to see Dr. D. Archer who says my trouble is in the stomach and liver. Mrs. Ray Dusty here picking berries in the afternoon. Leola Luke called twice and Mrs. Wright.

29 – A very fine day and not too warm. Got the binder rigged up again after breaking links in main driving chain and James drove for awhile, but had to quit on account of sickness at the stomach so it fell to me to finish which I did at 5 pm, which finished the cutting for the year and this is still July. The N field which we were cutting is a very poor crop. Harvey Real called to pay for the berries got for the garden party. Bruce McDonald over a number of times, also Leola Luke and Annie and her went to basketball practice at Greenbank in the evening.

30 – Another pretty warm day. Shocked up the N field. James nursing sore foot. Jennie sewing for Annie. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Gladys and Leola Luke called. We had got to bed only a short time when a terrific storm came up very quickly. James and Annie were caught at S. Dusty's in Port Perry with many others and did not get home until about 1 am. A barn burned near Victoria Corners. Acton was the name.

31 – A fine day and very much cooler. Went with James and Annie to SS and church. Mr. McDonald preached. Several from Toronto present as tomorrow is their Civic holiday. James and Annie at Methodist church in the evening.

AUG. 1 – Dull with showers about 8 am and 3 pm, which soaked the grain. A very poor harvest today. Scuffled and partly hoed the strawberry patch which is badly needing it. Jennie sewing for Annie. James repairing his wheel. Leola Luke called. Annie, James, Leola and Bruce McDonald at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

2 – A very fine day. Hoeing strawberry patch in the forenoon while James scuffled turnips. Hoeing turnips 2nd time in the afternoon, James helping. Jennie washing in forenoon and dressmaking in the afternoon. Annie ironing. Annie and Mrs. Wright picking thimbleberries. Leola Luke and Bruce McDonald called, also Mrs. Luke. James and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. First threw out the sheaves in the field W of the house, then drew a load of sweet clover into the barn yard.

Then drew in oats, James helping. Jennie at Luke's most of the day helping to make a dress for Mrs. Jones. Annie ironing. Bruce McDonald here several times. Man called selling fire extinguishers.

4 – A very fine day but pretty warm. Drawing in all day, James helping. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry market. Jennie helping in the barn in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at Luke's in the evening. Annie went with Mrs. Wright and Leola to Port Perry with Jas. Bott.

5 – Threatening rain but none came. Drawing in all day and finished but the rakings, Jennie helping in the barn. Annie acting as cook. Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Wright and Bruce McDonald called.

6 – Dull all day with thunder and a little rain about 3 o'clock and on. Hoeing turnips while James raked stubble until the rain came on. Jennie baking. Bruce McDonald here several times. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. All hands at SS (Annie went with Mrs. Luke) and church; 86 at SS. Rev. Mr. Lawrence of Eldon preached a good sermon. Annie, James and Mrs. Wright at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A nice day; a little rain about 11 am. James finished raking stubble while I hoed turnips, and drew in rakings (2 loads) in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Olive Michie here most of the day. Mrs. Wright called. Annie engages to teach Epsom school for the year for \$1000.00.

9 – A very fine day. Got up early and Jennie and Annie drove to Port Perry. Put the horse in at S. Dusty's and took the morning train to Toronto. James and I drew the last of the sweet clover and put it in a washout. Then we hoed turnips (2nd time) and finished the job.

10 – A very fine day, although threatening rain. Fixing line fence between us and Ray Dusty as the horses broke through last night. James started for the beef but as C. Phair's beast was put in, he brought the beef. Jennie sewing. Afternoon hoeing strawberry patch. Annie, James and Mrs. Wright went to the ball playing at Port Perry.

11 – Finished hoeing strawberry patch in the forenoon. Little doing in the afternoon as it rained off and on most of the time. Jennie sewing. Word came in the papers that James has passed the Junior Matric and Normal entrance exams. Mrs. Luke called.

12 – Finished hoeing the strawberry patch in the forenoon. About 3:30 Willie Smith and wife came with his car and took Jennie and I to Bobcaygeon to J.C. Mason's cottage on Pigeon Lake. Got there about 6:30. Annie and James at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

13 – Annie and James keeping house and at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. Wright called.

14 – Annie and James at SS and church; Mr. McDonald preached. Also at Methodist church in the evening. We went to church at Bobcaygeon in the morning and on the lake part of the afternoon.

15 – A fine day. Annie washing. Mrs. Luke called to phone. Word came that John McKinnon's youngest girl died at Belleville. At Bobcaygeon there was little doing. Was down at Bobcaygeon with W. Smith and Jas. Mason. Many men working on the canal improvements.

16 – A fine day. James, with Ray Dusty's help. Took 2 cows to Port Perry. They weighed 2530 lbs at 4 ½ cts. per pound. Annie also at Port Perry. James helping J. Michie to draw in P. Luke's millet, Mr. Luke having gone to the McKinnon funeral. At Bobcaygeon Jennie and Mrs. Williams got up early and caught a lunge. About 4:15 we started for home by way of Fenelon Falls and got here about 7 pm. Willie and wife got supper here and then started for home. L. McDonald and Peter Leask called in the evening.

17 – Dull all day. James went for the beef while I hoed the strawberry patch. Jennie and Annie canning corn and making pickles. Started to plough the N field in the afternoon but rain came on about 3 and I quit. Leola Luke called.

18 – A fine day. Fixed the line fence between here and Ray Dusty's again and then went to Port Perry with Jennie. Plowing in the afternoon. Ray Dusty and wife; Marie Akhurst; Russell and Laura Thomas; Leola Luke; Clinton Midgley; Ross Blakely and Gordon Hall here in the evening.

19 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and helping John Michie to thresh (Jas. Blair's machine); took about 3 hours; some he did not thresh, thinking it not worthwhile. The turnout of grain was rather poor. Jennie cooking crab apples. Annie went to Port Perry after about 5 pm.

20 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and cut the Hungarian grass in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry to meet Jessie Bell and Miss Mildred Clare of Rochester. Expected them on the 5 o'clock train but she had to wait until the late train. James went to Port Perry on his wheel.

21 – A very fine day. All but J.B. at SS and church; 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Rev. W.A. McKay was present, also Jas. Dusty, wife and boy. Mrs. Luke and Leola called in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and helping Ray Dusty to thresh in the afternoon. Annie and Mildred Clare went to Port Perry for Jessie's trunk. Jennie canning corn. Leola Luke here in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and drawing in Hungarian grass, 3 loads, James helping. Jennie making pickles and churning. Annie and Mildred Clare at Mr. Wannamakers in the afternoon. John Michie's girls called. Jas. Lee, wife and girls called in the evening. Leola Luke called twice. Louise Luke of Oshawa was with her.

24 – A very fine day. Finished drawing in grass in the forenoon. Plowing until about 3 when I went to help C. Phair to thresh. James helping him awhile after dinner. Jennie washing. Jessie Bell sewing. Annie and Mildred Clare at Port Perry for express parcel. Leola and Louise Luke called 3 times.

25 – A very fine day. Threshing at C. Phair's and finished at noon. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie, Mildred Clare and Leola Luke went to Epsom to find a boarding place when she goes there to teach. She has arranged to board at Mrs. Waggoner's.

26 – A fine and warm day. Plowing all day. Jennie drove Annie and Mildred Clare to Port Perry on their way to Port Hope. James also went to Port Perry on his wheel and stayed to see baseball game between Stouffville and Port Perry. Stouffville won. Leola Luke called twice.

27 – A very fine day. James harrowing in the forenoon while I hoed the strawberry patch. Plowing in the afternoon. W. Phoenix and C. Whitter called to consult about the Greenbank hall. Jean Michie here all night as John and wife are gone on a visit to Agincourt. Leola Luke called.

28 – A fine and pretty warm day. All but J.B. at SS and church; 82 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Leola Luke called in the evening.

29 – Very warm. Heavy rain about 6 am. Thunder to the N most of the afternoon but no rain here. Plowing in the forenoon. Cut path about corn after dinner. Alex Leask came with his corn cutter; started at 4 and finished at 7. Jennie washing in forenoon and went with Leola Luke to Greenbank for plums. James wheeled to Port Perry. Mary Dusty came in the morning and Jessie Bell is making her a blue silk dress.

30 – Another very warm day. Much thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Drawing off corn all day, James helping. James went to Port Perry for Annie and Mildred Clare who have been on a visit to Port Hope. Jennie preserving plums. Mary Dusty here and Jessie Bell making her dress. Leola Luke called in the evening.

31 – A very fine day. At corn drawing and finished about 4 pm, James helping. Jennie ironing. Annie drove over to Epsom to commence teaching there tomorrow. Jessie Bell sewing.

SEPT. 1 – Pretty warm day. James went for the beef, a day late on account of W. Phoenix being away at Toronto fair. I finished digging early potatoes and cut some corn in the orchard. About 2 pm W. Smith, wife and Jessie, who has just returned from her trip to Europe, arrived on their way to Bobcaygeon. James went with them. Jessie B. and Mildred Clare sewing. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – Another very warm day. Plowing most of the day. Jennie making pickles. Jessie B. and Mildred Clare sewing. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright called. Annie, Willie Smith and party came from Bobcaygeon and got supper on their way home. Annie came home from Epsom after 2 days teaching.

3 – Another warm dry day. Plowing all day. Jennie making shirt for James. Annie, James and Mildred Clare at Port Perry in the evening.

4 – Somewhat cooler. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 85 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. Wright here for supper. Annie, James and Mildred Clare at Greenbank in the evening.

5 – Dull with some little rain in the afternoon. Got up early and Jennie, James and Mildred Clare drove to the early train for Toronto fair; Mildred on her way home. Mary Dusty drove the horse back and stayed all day. Jessie Bell helping her to make dress. Mrs. Wright called. I was cutting corn in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. After supper drove Annie to Epsom to her school. Mary Dusty stayed all night. Had to hunt for Topsy in the morning.

6 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jessie Bell and Mary Dusty dressmaking. Mrs. Wright called. Mary Dusty drove the rig to Port Perry in the evening and Jennie, James and Leola Luke drove it home.

7 – A beautiful day. Plowing in forenoon, harrowing in afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school, his first day in the 4th form. Mrs. Wright called and Jennie and Jessie Bell went over to Luke's for a cup of coffee. Jennie washing. Leola Luke called twice.

8 – A very fine day. Harrowing in the forenoon. Drawing in wood on the stoneboat, Jennie helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called twice.

9 – A very fine and very warm day. Drawing in wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to preparatory service in the church. A fair turnout. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Mrs. John McDonald and Miss Maggie Blair came in by certificate. Jennie drove me to the meeting and then went on to Epsom for Annie. Leola Luke called twice and Mrs. Wright once.

10 – Fine and very warm. Hoeing strawberry patch in the forenoon and helping N. Midgley to fill silo in the afternoon. Leola Luke called twice. Jennie scrubbing. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

11 – Another very warm day. A few drops of rain in the morning. All but Jessie Bell at communion service at Greenbank. A fair turnout. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. Annie and James at Methodist church in the evening. L. Luke called.

12 – A fine day and cooler. Helping N. Midgley to fill silo and finished at 10 am, then moved to C. Phair's for the rest of the day. Jennie drove Annie to her school at Epsom. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

13 – A very fine and cool day. All day helping C. Phair to fill silo. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Jessie sewing. Leola Luke here all afternoon.

14 – Dull all day and a little rain several times. Plowing the Hungarian grassland. Cleaned out the cistern. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon. Mary Dusty and Fred Clark were married today.

15 – A fine day. At Phair's silo filling and finished about 10 am. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and then to Epsom for Annie who is getting a holiday tomorrow on account of Port Perry fair. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke here most of the afternoon and twice besides.

16 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. C. Gordon came for strawberry plants. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with Annie and Leola Luke to Port Perry fair. There was a pretty good turnout and it went off all right.

17 – Started to rain in the morning as if for a days rain, but it soon cleared up. Moved in the stove and fixed the washing machine and other little jobs. L. Luke called. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening. R. Terry and Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

18 – Cooler with some rain. At SS and church with Annie and James; 86 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening. About 11 pm Mrs. John Michie phoned for Jennie to go down there as Eleanor was very ill. She stayed all night as the girl was very bad having been in convulsions and Dr. Mellow was called.

19 – A fine day. Cut the buckwheat in the orchard, fixed gate and some other jobs. Jennie drove Annie and Mrs. Wright to Epsom in the morning. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called. Jennie went down to John Michie's for the night.

20 – A very fine day. Did some small jobs. Cut part of the buckwheat. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jessie Bell making Jennie a dress. Leola Luke called.

21 – Some rain through the night and several small showers during the day. Went for the beef in the morning and a number of small jobs. Jennie washing and churning. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

22 – A fine day. Finished cutting and shocking the buckwheat. Jennie and Leola Luke went to Port Perry. Jessie Bell dressmaking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called.

23 – A fine day. Digging potatoes most of the day, fair crop, rather scabby. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the day finishing her new sweater. Jennie went to Epsom for Annie. She drove Luke's Dick horse as King is lame. In the evening Annie, James and Leola Luke went to Alex Lee's to a shower for Bella who is to be married next week.

24 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes all day. James helping to pick awhile in the afternoon. Jennie baking. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with Mrs. Ray Dusty. James and Leola Luke went in the evening.

25 – Quite a heavy rain through the early morning but cleared up with a high wind and cooler. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 94 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon. Jennie drove Annie to her school at Epsom. James wheeled to Port Perry school but came home at noon to go to the school fair at Greenbank. Jennie and I were also there. There was a large attendance and a pretty good show. Leola Luke went with us.

27 – A very fine day. All day helping P. Luke to build new fence around his barnyard. Jennie washing and ironing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called.

28 – A beautiful day. All day at the potatoes, Jennie doing the picking up. Jessie Bell doing the cooking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon knitting something. In the evening went to Port Perry for Annie Bell who is coming for a visit. Bella Lee married today to --- Diamond.

29 – A very fine day with high SW wind. Finished digging potatoes, Jennie and Annie doing the picking. We then drew in 2 loads. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon.

30 – Cool with rain about 10:30 and some little showers. Brought in the last of the potatoes, 2 loads, and scuffed the strawberry patch. Jennie baking. Jennie and Annie Bell went to Epsom for Annie. Leola Luke called twice.

OCT. 1 – A fine cool day. All hands took out the top of the pump at the house and found it needed a new sucker so I went to work and made one, James helping. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for a leather for sucker and got the pump working again

before supper. Jennie scrubbing etc. Annie and Annie Bell picking up the fallen apples. James, Annie and A. Bell at Port Perry in the evening.

2 – Dull with a drizzle of rain in the evening. At SS and church with Jennie, Annie and James. 105 at SS. Miss ---, a retired missionary from China, spoke. No one out in the evening.

3 – A little rain in the morning and about 4 pm. Drove Annie to Epsom, Leola Luke going with us. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon helping Jennie and Annie Bell to pick and pack apples for Winnipeg. Did not get along very fast as the apples are a very poor quality and not very plentiful. Mrs. Wright called.

4 – Much cooler with NW wind. Helping Jennie and Annie Bell to pick and pack apples in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with the waggon to Port Perry with 2 barrels of apples for Winnipeg and 2 boxes for Edinburgh. It cost \$9.24 to send the 2 barrels to Winnipeg and \$9.70 the boxes to Scotland. Jennie and A.B. picking in the afternoon. Jessie Bell cooking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

5 – Cooler. Plowing corn stubble all day. Jennie washing. Jessie Bell and Annie Bell knitting. James wheeled to Port Perry to the high school sports. Mrs. Luke called.

6 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Annie Bell went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jessie Bell doing the cooking. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

7 – Rain through the night and nearly all day. Little doing. James drove to Port Perry school. Annie did not get home. Norman Midgley called in the forenoon.

8 – Quite cool all day. Plowing all day. Jennie cleaning up. James and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the evening. Jessie Bell at John Michie's in the afternoon.

9 – Rain through the night and some snow (the first of the season) in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright called. All hands at SS and church;

86 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. D. McDonald fainted in church. James, Annie and Annie Bell at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. E. Phoenix died this morning.

10 – Rain again during the night and nearly all forenoon. Annie Bell drove Annie to Epsom school, the first time she ever drove a horse alone. I drove James to Port Perry school in the democrat. Plowing in the afternoon. Jennie making shirt for me. Mrs. Wright called.

11 – Dull morning. Annie Bell drove Jessie Bell to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Luke were here when they started away and took a picture of them. Jennie churning. James went to Port Perry school. He rode with Keith and Mable McMillan and stayed at Dusty's all night as it turned out a very wet night. I was plowing till about 3 o'clock when the rain came on. Mrs. Wright came for the mail.



Photo of Jessie Bell and Annie Bell

12 – A fine day. Plowing all day. James wheeled home from Port Perry school. Jennie making me a shirt. Rev. Mr. McDonald called in the afternoon but I did not see him. Annie Bell at John Michie's in the afternoon. In the evening attended meeting in the hall at Greenbank about a community hall. Not very many out. Trustees were appointed to hold and control the hall as follows W. Phoenix; G.A. McMillan; E. Jamison; Blake Cragg; and R. Michie. Mrs. E. Phoenix's funeral was to have been today but was put off to let Ed come from the west. Cistern fell in this morning.

13 – Cool in the morning but a fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie Bell went with Mrs. Wright to Port Perry in our democrat. Mrs. Wright called in the evening. James and Annie Bell went to Greenbank for the beef in the evening, this being the last of the season, and the annual meeting.

14 – A very fine day. All forenoon repairing cistern which caved in lately and drew in 4 loads of mangolds in the afternoon, James helping. There was no school today on account of teachers convention at Peterborough. Annie Bell went to Epsom for Annie and Leola Luke.

15 – A very fine day. Drew in one load of mangolds, 1 load of wood and 1 load of corn, James helping. In the afternoon went to trustee meeting of hall. W. Phoenix, G.A. McMillan, E. Jamison and I present and we talked over the repairs needed to the old Anglican church. Jennie went with me and visited Mrs. W. O'Neill and we both got supper there. James, Annie and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the evening. A beautiful night.

16 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 99 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Annie Bell went to W. O'Neill's for tea and James drove up for them in the evening.

17 – Dull and foggy in the morning and very threatening most of the day with some sharp lightning but only a few drops of rain here. Annie Bell drove Annie to Epsom, Leola Luke going with them. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Plowed awhile in the morning but when it started to thunder we got in one load of buckwheat before dinner. P. Luke helped to finish after noon, 3 ½ loads in all. Jennie and A. Bell at Luke's in the evening. Cyler Whitter and Ed Phoenix (who came from Sask. to his mother's funeral) called to get me to sign deed of hall.

18 – High SW wind, some thunder but only a few drops here. Plowing all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie and Mrs. Wright went to missionary meeting in the church in the afternoon and Jennie and Annie Bell went to chicken pie social in Methodist church in the evening.

19 – Dull. Plowing in the forenoon. Started to rain about 11 and drizzled all afternoon. Mrs. Wright called. James wheeled to Port Perry school but did not come home. He stayed at Roy O'Neill's.

20 – Plowing until about 10:30 when it started to rain from the NE. Plowing in the afternoon but it was rainy. Annie Bell knitting. Jas. Lee came for apples. James came home from Port Perry school with Keith McMillan.

21 – Cool. Plowing all day. Jennie baking. Annie Bell went to Epsom for Annie. James at Port Perry school. Annie and Annie Bell at W. Thomas'. Mrs. Wright called. Jennie and A. B. called at Lukes.

22 – Cool and rather rough with high NW wind. Plowing all day. James wheeled to Port Perry to get money from the bank for Annie. All John Michie's family here in the afternoon while they were at Port Perry. Jennie at Luke's in the evening. Mrs. Wright called twice. No one went to Port Perry as the night was rough with high wind.

23 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 94 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a solo. James, Annie and A. Bell at Greenbank in the evening.

24 – Rather a dull day. Plowing all day in N field. Annie Bell drove Annie to Epsom school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Mrs. Wright called.

25 – A very fine day. Finished plowing N field and started the buckwheat patch E of the orchard. James wheeled to Port Perry

school. Jennie ironing. Mrs. Akhurst and Marie and Mrs. Wright called. Jennie and Annie Bell at Luke's in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. After dinner, with Jennie, went with Peter Leask, Mrs. Leask and Mrs. Wright to Woodville to the conference in the church there. They have a fine new church there and the meetings in the afternoon and evening were large. McKenzie, Robinson and Young spoke in the afternoon and McKenzie and Young in the evening and fine addresses they were. The others from Greenbank were Jas. S. Leask; Nettie Leask; Mrs. Edgar Leask; Mary Real and Olive Real. Got home at 12 o'clock. Fine roads. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called. Annie Bell keeping house.

27 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie took Annie Bell and her trunk to Port Perry on her way to Toronto. She is to stay at Brooklin tonight. Mrs. Wright and Eva Luke called.

28 – Dull day. Plowing sod all day. Jennie drove to Epsom for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. James at Midgley's in the evening. Mrs. Wright and Eva Luke called.

29 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove with Jennie to Willie Smith's at Columbus to see Barbara who has been in bed ill for three weeks. Got there at dusk (good roads) and found Barbara some better. The Dr. called it intestinal gripe, something like typhoid fever. Annie Mason and Jessie were there also. Mrs. Wright called. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening and Leola Luke stayed all night. Mr. Clifford chosen Liberal candidate in South Ontario.

30 – A fine day. Went with Willie Smith and wife and Jessie Smith to SS and church. Rev. Mr. Fraser preached from the book of Jonah. Got home about 9 pm. Annie and James at SS and church at Greenbank and at Greenbank again in the evening. Rev. Mr. [?] of Lindsay preached in the afternoon.

31 – Plowing until about 11 when rain came on. Jennie drove Annie to Epsom in the morning. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Cleaned out the hen house in the afternoon and helped P. Luke to put in his implements. Jennie cleaned the hen roosts. Mrs. John Michie called.

NOV. 1 – Rather raw. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. But about 2 o'clock a phone call came from Mrs. (Dr.) Mellow saying James was there with a badly sprained ankle. Jennie drove after him. He sprained his ankle while vaulting and will be laid up for a time. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – Fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Topping turnips which are very poor; very few but are more or less rotten. Jennie picking chickens. James nursing his ankle. Mrs. Wright called. In the evening went to Port Perry taking P. Luke to the UFO political meeting. The hall was packed. The speakers were Mrs. Cronk; Mr. Chapman, the UFO candidate; and Premier Drury. Drury pretty good, Chapman no good.

3 – Plowing in the forenoon while Jennie went to Port Perry taking James to the Dr. who says it is doing all right. Topping turnips in

the afternoon. Rain came on about the middle of the afternoon. Leola Luke called.

4 – Dull. Plowing until about 4 when the rain that had been dropping nearly all day started in earnest. James drove for Annie. Leola Luke called twice.

5 – Rather cold and freezing some. Finished picking apples and plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry for a load of metal shingles for the hall at Greenbank. Leola Luke called twice. Annie went to Port Perry in the evening with Mrs. Wright.

6 – Hard frost and pretty cold. All but James at SS and church; 105 at SS. Several thanksgiving visitors. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie went home with Peter Leask for supper.

7 – Thanksgiving Day. About an inch of snow on the ground in the morning and pretty cold all day. Plowing sod in the forenoon. Harrowed up the turnips and got in two loads in the afternoon, the worst sample I ever took in; hardly a turnip but was more or less rotten. Jennie making dress for Annie. Blanche and Gladys Luke who are home for Thanksgiving called, also Leola and Bruce McDonald. Jennie, Annie and James at Luke's in the evening. Freezing pretty hard in the evening.

8 – A fine but cold day. Jennie drove Annie to Epsom in the forenoon while I did a number of chores and John Michie came up and helped to fix the pump at the barn. He stayed for dinner. After dinner went to Port Perry for the last of the shingles for the Greenbank hall.

9 – Snowing from the E all day and winter looking for sure. Did several jobs; swept the stable. Mrs. Wright called. Expected the threshing machine but did not come.

10 – Somewhat dull. James Blair's threshing machine got here in time to get into the barn (which was bad to do as it was very slippery) before dinner and threshed all afternoon. John Michie; N. Midgley; P. Luke; Ray Dusty; Harold Bayley. Mr. Haffey was with J. Blair.

11 – Dull. Threshing about 1 ½ hours, then they moved to P. Luke's and finished about 4 pm. James went to Epsom for Annie. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

12 – Dull and cold. Threshing all day at C. Phair's. Annie and Mrs. Wright at Port Perry in the evening.

13 – A fine but cold day. All hands at SS and church; 87 at SS. Mr. McDonald preached on the Woodville convention.

14 – Dull with a little snow in the morning which turned to a fine rain. Got up early and Jennie took James to Port Perry school for the week. He is to stay at Roy O'Neill's. She then drove Annie to Epsom while I went to C. Phair's threshing and finished in about 1 ½ hours work. Put on storm windows and doors in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

15 – Dull with a little snow in the morning. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon. Drew in one more load of turnips (picked

out of the snow and very poor stuff). Jennie drove to the W.M. meeting in the church taking Mrs. Wright and Mrs. John Michie.

16 – A fine day and mild. Drawing out manure on next seasons strawberry patch and plowed it under in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

17 – Very dull and foggy all day. Drawing in turnips; 3 ½ loads, which finishes the job; 6 loads in all, the poorest crop ever grown on the place as far as my memory goes. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Wright called.

18 – Very dull. Plowing sod until about 10:30 when rain came on. Plowing again in the afternoon. Jennie went to Epsom for Annie. Leola Luke came home with them. James came home with P. Luke. Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

19 – Dull with some rain in the afternoon. Plowing sod and finished except where there is a bad washout. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

20 – A fine day. After we had gone to bed last night about 12:30 Willie, who has been out in Sask. since spring, came home. All hands at SS and church; 112 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Marie Akhurst came home with us for supper and Annie, Willie and her went to Greenbank in the evening.

21 – A rather dull day. Willie drove James to Port Perry school and Annie to Epsom while I filled in washout below the hill. Drawing in corn in the afternoon, Willie helping. Jennie washing. Leola Luke called twice and Mrs. Luke.

22 – A little snow in the afternoon. Drawing in corn all day and finished, Willie helping. Jennie ironing. Mrs. Luke called in the afternoon. Nominations for Dominion election.

23 – Pretty cold E wind. Drew out straw and covered the strawberry patch, Willie helping. Helping to pick chickens in the afternoon. Jennie and Willie also at it. Ray Dusty and Mrs. Wright called.

24 – Cold and raw with E wind and a little rain. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry market with chickens while I did a few little chores. Leola Luke called in the afternoon. Willie away in the evening. Ray Dusty came for the waggon and rack.

25 – Milder. Most of the day repairing cattle stable floor. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. James came home from Port Perry with Ray Dusty. Leola Luke called. Willie, Annie and James at Luke's in the evening.

26 – Cold, dull and snowing a little from the E. Little done but the chores. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon and he and the boys were skating on the pond. Annie at Port Perry in the evening with Mrs. Wright.

27 – Raw with a little rain which froze as it fell. All hands at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. I went to the Methodist SS on invitation and taught the Bible class; 16 were present. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

28 – Rather dull and raw with E wind. Willie drove James to Port Perry school and Annie to Epsom. Jennie washing. R. Terry called in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright also called. Helping P. Luke in the afternoon to build fence on N side of lane. Willie and Leola Luke at doings at Sonya in the evening.

29 – Raw damp sort of day. All day at P. Luke's helping to fence. Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie and Leola Luke at party at Saintfield in the evening.

30 – Another very dull day. All day helping P. Luke to build fence. Jennie and Willie picking chickens. Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Wright called.

DEC. 1 – A mild day. Making fence on N side of lane near Luke's gate, Willie helping. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with chickens. In the evening went with Jennie and Willie to UFO meeting in new hall. There was a pretty good turnout. Chapman, the candidate; a Mr. Percival; Mr. Reesor; and another man spoke.

2 – Rainy almost all day and little doing. Jennie whitewashed the kitchen ceiling and Willie varnished the stovepipes. Willie drove to Epsom for Annie and James from Port Perry. In the evening (which was dark and stormy) to Liberal meeting in the hall. The candidate Mr. Clifford; Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Mobray spoke. A fair turnout and rather a quiet meeting. Margin note: Birthday, 64.

3 – Some cold and blustery. Finished the fencing. Leola Luke called.

4 – A milder day. All hands at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

5 – Somewhat cold. Willie drove Annie to Epsom and James to Port Perry schools while I cleaned up the rubbish from the lane fence. Jennie washing. Leola Luke called in the afternoon. James wheeled home the first time since he had his ankle sprained. Willie away in the evening.

6 – A fine day but pretty cold. Went with Jennie to Greenbank in the morning, it being Dominion election, and voted for Clifford, the Liberal candidate. Willie went to Port Perry with 12 bags of oats and got them ground. James wheeled to Port Perry school. P. Luke came over to hear the election news but no word came while he was here.

7 – A fine but rather cold day. Got election returns which gave the Liberals 122, Progressive 60, Con. 51, and Labour 2, which means the defeat of the government. Drew in some wood with the stoneboat, Jennie helping, while Willie drew 2 loads of gravel for road work. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Mrs. Beatty's funeral which was held from J.H. Leask's. Mrs. B. died at her son's in Michigan. Mr. McDonald conducted the service and there was a fair turnout.

8 – Rather a fine but cold day. Cut some wood at the woodshed. Willie drew 2 loads of gravel for road work. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called. Mr. Luke called in the morning to get the democrat to go to Sonya. Willie away in the evening.

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MUNICIPALITY OF _____

I, _____, Pathmaster, Statute Labor Division Number _____ for 19 _____, do certify that _____ of gravel were drawn under my direction from _____ pit and laid on said Statute Labor Division No. _____

Pathmaster

Note—All Pathmasters are required to give this Certificate to owner of gravel when work is completed. All owners of gravel receiving certificates are requested to present them to the Councillor for the Ward in which the gravel was laid, on or before the first Monday in October in each year.

9 – A fine day. Went down to John Michie's in the morning for a piece of pork. Willie went to McMillan's pit for a load of gravel but on the sideroad near the 10th concession he got off the waggon to turn back a wild steer of R. Woon's, the horses ran away and came home alone (nothing broke). Willie went to Epsom for Annie and I went with him to the preparatory service at the church. About the usual number out. Rev. Mr. Monroe of Cannington preached. Rode home with John Michie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening went to a hall trustee meeting and did not get home until after midnight. Leola Luke called.

10 – Very dull and raw. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning. In the afternoon cut elm tree at line fence that blew down, Willie helping. Annie, Willie, James and Leola Luke skating in the evening near the new road.

11 – A fine day and mild with some rain in the evening. Went with Jennie to communion service at Wick. Mr. McDonald preached. There was not a very good turnout of the Greenbank people. We got dinner at the manse. Annie, Willie and James at church in the evening. Mrs. John Michie, Ruth, Eleanor and Bob stayed here while John was away at church. Leola Luke called.

12 – A fine day. Annie did not go to her school at Epsom as she was unwell but Willie drove her over in the afternoon. Willie drew another load of gravel which finishes our road work for this year. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with John Michie to the hall at Greenbank where we lifted up the seats in the centre and south side of the old church. Leola Luke called. Willie away in the evening.

13 – Fine with cold E wind. Attending Presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Willie drove me to Seagrave in the morning and came to Blackwater for me in the evening. The principal business was the budget and the ministers salary. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie skating in the evening.

14 – Another pretty cold day. Went to Port Perry in the morning to pay taxes. Willie went to Port Perry also with P. Luke's team for a lamb for Mr. Luke. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie helping John Michie to feed in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called.

15 – A sharp but very fine day. Finished cutting tree at line fence. James wheeled to Port Perry school. This is Port Perry Christmas

Fair but no one from here attended. Willie went to the concert in the evening. Leola Luke called.

16 – Dull, with a little snow and then rain in the evening. Little doing but the chores. Willie went to Epsom for Annie, taking Mrs. Luke who is going to McDonald's. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie, Willie, James and Leola Luke at dance in the community hall at Greenbank, the 1st held there.

17 – Very dull with rain nearly all day. Willie drove Annie to Epsom as she had to be at practice for their Christmas tree. Little doing.

18 – A high SW wind started during the night and continued all day with snow. Not so very cold but a terrible day. SS and church were called off so we were home all day.

19 – Mild day after the storm which did much damage some places. Willie started to drive James to Port Perry school but he fell in with G.A. McMillan who took him on. James is staying at town this week. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon. Willie helping John Michie to cut feed in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

20 – Mild day. Willie helping John Michie in the forenoon. Eleanor here all afternoon. Jennie helping Luke's to pick geese. Willie at Saintfield Christmas tree in the evening.

21 – Down to about zero in the morning and pretty sharp all day. Little doing. Just before dinner came Walter Bratley of Prince Albert, Sask., who has been in the Mounted Police force for many years. Clinton Midgley, Leola Luke and Mrs. Wright called. Willie went to High School concert at Port Perry in the evening.

22 – Rather cold day. Little doing except Jennie who was baking. Walter B. went down to John Michie's. Willie went to Port Perry for James. The school is now closed for Christmas. In the evening went with Walter B. and James to the Union Christmas tree in the Methodist church. There was a very full house and the programme good, C. Milne being director and did it well.

23 – A fine day. Little doing. Willie drove Walter Bratley to Port Perry on his way home and then went to Epsom for Annie. Jennie went to John Michie's to keep house while they were at Port Perry. Mrs. Wright called. Boys at N. Midgley's in the evening. Settled up with P. Luke.

24 – Cold day. Willie and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning and brought home a new heating stove. Jennie baking and scrubbing etc. Mrs. Wright called. Willie helping P. Luke to cut feed in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Annie Bell came home with them.

25 – Christmas day. About zero in the morning. All hands at SS and church; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a solo. In the evening Roy Hart of Epsom called and took Annie and Annie Bell to church at Greenbank. Willie went somewhere also.

26 – A fine mild day. Cooking in the forenoon. John Michie, wife and all the family, and W. O'Neill and wife came for dinner and stayed until about 8 pm. A big day. Willie hitched up the team and took most of them for a sleigh ride. Willie, James and Annie

Bell at Port Perry in the evening, the new skating rink being opened tonight.

27 – Some snow about noon but fine after. Little doing but Jennie washing. Willie drove Annie Bell to Port Perry to the early train. Mrs. Wright called.

28 – Rather a fine day. Willie took 11 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground but did not get them home. In the evening at the annual SS meeting with Jennie. There was a fair turnout. Jas. Blair was chosen superintendant but it is doubtful if he will act. Money matters are in good condition. R. Terry and Mrs. Wright called in the evening.

29 – Cold and pretty rough in the morning. Willie went for the meal at Port Perry. R. Terry visited us in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and James at party at Howard McMillan's in the evening. No mail today as there was an accident on the RR somewhere about Myrtle.

30 – Pretty cold in the morning. Jennie and Annie drove to Port Perry, left the horse, and went to Toronto for some clothing for Annie. Little done at home but the chores. Mrs. Wright called. Jennie and Annie got home about 10.

31 – Mild but some rough with snow. Went over to P. Luke's and bought a wood lot for \$15.00, then we were all at John Michie's for New Year's dinner and supper. W. O'Neill and wife were also there. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Annie Bell.

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JAN. 1 – A very rough cold day. All hands at SS and church. Election of teachers in SS which passed off pretty well. C. Gordon, vice super. in the chair. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a solo. Annie and Annie Bell at John Michie's for tea and Willie and the girls away in the evening. G.W. Michie of Sask. came to Blackwater last night.

2 – 10 below zero in the morning but rather a fine day. Willie drove Annie Bell to the 12 o'clock train at Port Perry. G.W. Michie came after dinner and stayed until after 9. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon to the municipal election. Weir and Johnson for reeve; and McMillan and Cook for deputy reeve. (Weir and McMillan elected). James skating at new road. P. Luke came over in the evening to hear the election news. Word comes that Fred O'Neill's little girl Myrtle has died, diphtheria the cause. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening to the opening of the new skating rink.

3 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to Epsom in the morning. James did not go to school. At Port Perry in the afternoon with the buggy. Leola Luke called.

4 – Snowing most of the forenoon. In the forenoon drove the cutter (the first time of the season) to the annual church meeting. There was not a very large turnout. Rev. Mr. [Bennie?] of Uxbridge made a plea for the rise in minister's salary from \$15.00 to \$18.00. After discussion it was decided to let the question lay for

three weeks. Edgar Leask, C. Stone and Howard McMillan were chosen managers. Leola Luke went with me to W. Real's for music lesson. James drove to Port Perry school.

5 – Freezing a little with high wind and a few flakes of snow. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and I were invited to P. Lukes for dinner of roast goose etc. Mrs. Luke's sister Mrs. Singer of Niagara was the guest of honor. Leola Luke called twice.

6 – A fine day and mild. James drove to Port Perry school. Cutting wood (1st time) in P. Luke's swamp. Willie doing chores. L. Luke called. James went from P.P. to Epsom for Annie. They got supper at Dusty's and went to the hockey match in the rink between P.P. and Uxbridge. Uxbridge wins 4-2.

7 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie drew up two loads of wood cut last spring but had to quit as the horses could not stand on account of ice. Leola Luke called. Annie, Willie, James and Leola Luke skating at the new road in the evening.

8 – Rather a fine winter day. Some snow in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 61 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Not the usual turnout as the diphtheria scare kept some at home. R. Hart called after supper and took Annie to church at Port Perry and from there to Epsom. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

9 – Fine until about 4 pm when it started to snow. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp all day. Jennie and Willie washing. L. Luke called. She is 16 years of age today.

10 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie doing the chores. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Exams in French on today. L. Luke called. Boys away skating in the evening.

11 – Rather raw with E wind and a little snow in the afternoon. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. James did not go to school as the exams today did not apply to him. Word came by phone that Annie was sick and Willie drove over to Epsom for her. She appears to have an attack of grippe. Mrs. Jas. S. Lee and girls here for dinner while Jim was at Port Perry. Willie went to Jas. Bott's for 100 lbs. beef. Mrs. Wright called.

12 – Pretty cold day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie choring. Annie in bed. After dinner called up Dr. D. Archer who came out and called the trouble grippe. Willie skating in the evening.

13 – A fine day, a little bit of snow after dinner. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie choring. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie out of bed in the evening.

14 – Rough with high SW wind. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and he and James were skating at the new road in the afternoon and Willie back again in the evening.

15 – Very rough and getting colder towards night. Jennie, James and I drove to SS and church. Willie went over to Luke's to drive

them up but it got very rough just then and they did not go. 80 at SS. W. Hill gave a report of his experiences at the boys convention at Lindsay. Mr. Howell, representing the Christian Brotherhood, preached. Very rough coming home. Willie away in the evening.

16 – A rather fine day with a little snow in the afternoon. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie drove James to Port Perry school in the morning and in the afternoon drove Annie to Epsom and then to Port Perry and brought James home.

17 – A very fine day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Jennie and Willie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie at W.M. meeting in the church and Willie playing hockey at the new road. Ray Dusty got his face hurt. Willie skating in the evening. L. Luke called.

18 – Fine in the forenoon, a little snow in the afternoon. Went down to John Michie's in the morning McHaffy's grinder and expected him to come up to grind but he did not come. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie drawing it up to the house. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Clarence O'Neill arrested for taking straw and is in Whitby coop.

19 – Fine but got rough towards evening. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie drawing it home. James did not go to school as he was not feeling well. Jennie went to Port Perry with John Michie.

20 – A fine day. Drew up two loads of wood from Luke's swamp when Mr. McHaffy came with his engine and ground oats until near 6 pm. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie, Willie, James and Leola Luke at dance in hall at Greenbank.

21 – A very fine day. Mr. McHaffy came up and we cut corn all forenoon. Willie took the engine home and then Willie, James and I went to the hockey match at the new road between Victoria Corners and Greenbank. This is the first hockey game I ever saw. The teams were very evenly divided; each side scored 3 goals. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke called. [Margin note: Pope died].⁸⁸

22 – Very high wind through the night and a blizzard all forenoon, then a little milder with snow in the afternoon. No SS or church (called off). Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

23 – Below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Willie drove Annie to Epsom taking James to Port Perry school and brought Jean Graham over with him from Epsom. Miss G. got dinner and Jennie and her went over to Luke's for tea and Willie drove J.G. to P. Leask's in the evening. Willie and P. Luke went to Port Perry in the afternoon to hear the C. O'Neill trial but it did not come off. L. Luke called. Pump at house frozen and all day trying to thaw it out but did not succeed.

24 – Below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Little doing but the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

⁸⁸ Pope Benedict XV.

Ray Dusty came for a bag of potatoes. Willie, James and Leola Luke at hockey match at Port Perry. P.P. against Markham. Markham wins 9 to 5.

25 – A very fine day. Willie drawing wood from Luke's swamp while I was cutting some. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. Greenbank played Seagrave at hockey and won 4-0.

26 – Below zero in the morning but a very fine bright day. Drawing wood from Luke's swamp most of the day. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke here for tea. Willie went with F. Lee to Sonya carnival.

27 – About 8 below zero in the morning but a very fine day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie took 3 pigs to Seagrave, 600 lbs. @ \$11.50 = 69. Drawing home wood in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called. Willie and James went to Uxbridge (by way of Epsom to get Annie) to the hockey match Port Perry against Uxbridge.

28 – A very fine day. Sawing wood all day in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. Annie and Mrs. Wright went to Port Perry with the cutter. L. Luke called and C. Midgley.

29 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. Drove the sleigh taking Mrs. Luke, Leola and Mrs. Wright; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Horne from Sask. came home with us and stayed all night. We had a great talk. R. Hart came and took Annie to church and left her at Epsom. Willie at Greenbank. 26th anniversary of wedding.

30 – A very fine day. Drove Edgar Horne and wife to J.M. Real's. Willie went to Port Perry with P. Luke to hear C. O'Neill's trial but it was put off for another week. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Cutting wood with saw in the afternoon. It being an extra fine day Jennie and Mrs. Wright walked to Greenbank and visited Mrs. D. McDonald and Mrs. Walker. I went up in the evening to the adjointed meeting in the church to consider the raising of the minister's salary. The meeting was not very large and the discussion was not to put it up to \$18.00 or to ask for augmentation.

31 – Another beautiful day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. Jennie and Mrs. Wright visiting in the afternoon at Ray Dusty's and John Michie's. Willie at hockey match at Uxbridge. Uxbridge vs. Markham; Uxbridge wins 4-2. Mrs. Wright called.

FEB. 1 – Somewhat dull with rain from the S in the evening. Drawing up wood from Luke's swamp all day. Jennie churning. James wheeled to Port Perry school and stayed at R. O'Neill's all night as there is a carnival at the rink tonight.

2 – Rain through the night which turned to snow in the afternoon and quite rough. Jennie went to Port Perry with John Michie. Little doing but the chores.

3 – Not too fine, some snow. Drew the last of the wood from P. Luke's swamp and the elm tree at the line fence. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie got a ride home from Epsom with Peter Leask. Willie, Annie and James at choir practice at the church in the evening.

4 – Some snow and a little rough but not very cold. Willie and I went down to John Michie's and got three little pigs @ \$5.00 each. In the afternoon Willie took Annie to Port Perry to select library book for the Sunday School. She stayed for supper while Willie came home and he and James went back to Port Perry again in the evening. Clinton Midgley called.

5 – Fine day. All hands at SS and church; 97 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Ed Luke called in the forenoon. R. Hart called in the evening and took Annie to Epsom. Willie somewhere in the evening.

6 – A fine day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie went to Port Perry with P. Luke to hear the C. O'Neill trial and did not get home until about 3:30. Clarence was discharged. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon. Mrs. Wright called.

7 – Pretty cold all day. Threw back the wood in the shed in the forenoon and in the afternoon drew up dry wood from Luke's, the wood that was cut last spring. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie and James at orchestra practice at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Drawing up dry wood to the shed in the forenoon. In the afternoon M. McHaffy came with his sawing machine and cut until about 5:30. Clarence O'Neill was with him. John Michie; P. Luke; and Willie helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie drove the buggy (splendid roads) to Port Perry. Mrs. Wright called. Willie at Sonya in the evening skating.

9 – A very fine day. Cutting wood with McHaffy's mill and finished in an hours run after dinner, J. Michie and P. Luke helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie and Clinton Midgley skating on the Nonquon creek in the afternoon. Mrs. Wright called.

10 – Rather cold. Finished drawing up the dry wood into the shed in the forenoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. Charles Gordon and wife and Clinton Midgley here in the evening. Charley had his snare drum and we had a great musical evening. Mrs. Wright called.

11 – Fine in the forenoon but got rough towards night. Piling wood in the orchard, Willie helping. The boys and C. Midgley skating on the creek in the afternoon. Annie went to the church to arrange the new library books in the afternoon. In the evening the boys went to Port Perry while I went to Greenbank to a meeting of the hall trustees held at P. Phoenix's. W. Phoenix, G.A. McMillan, B. Cragg and I were there and we are hoping that things are now in better shape.

12 – A bitter cold E wind which turned to snow in the evening. All but Jennie (who is almost laid up with a bad leg) at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Church not warm enough. Willie away in the evening.

13 – A very fine but rather cold day. Willie drove Annie to Epsom school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright came over about 10 o'clock to get Jennie to make her some waists and stayed until about 5:30 while I was splitting and piling wood in the orchard. Willie and James at party at Lee Wagner's at Epsom.

14 – A fine day. Piling wood in orchard. Mrs. Wright went to Port Perry and Jennie went with her and she was here in the afternoon sewing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Assessor Brown called. In the evening Jennie and I went to the hockey game at Port Perry between Port Perry and Moss Park team Toronto. It was a good game. P.P. won by 8 to 5. This is the first time that I was inside the new rink and it looks good. Willie and James at orchestra practice at Greenbank.

15 – A very fine day. Went with John Michie to Greenbank and took up the rest of the seats in the community hall. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

16 – Very cold, below zero in the morning. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie drove to Pleasant Point to ask the Gilson brothers to play at the dance to be held in the hall tomorrow night. In the evening all at oyster supper at John Michie's in honor of G.W. Michie of Sask. P. Luke and wife; Mrs. Wright; A. Akhurst, wife and Marie; W. Thomas and wife and Laura; W. O'Neill and wife and Willie; Ray Dusty and wife; Jim Dusty and wife were there. [margin note: Mona Boe married].

17 – Very cold in the morning but got a little milder but raw with high SW wind. Piled up some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Mrs. James Miller's funeral in the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Wilkison conducted the service. There was a fair turnout. The bearers were J. Blair; R. Flewell; J.M. Real; R. Cragg; Isaac Beare and myself. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at Greenbank preparing for the party. In the evening Willie and James at dance in community hall in Greenbank. Annie came over from Epsom and came home with them after the show was over. They say it was quite a success.

18 – Much milder and thawing a little. Willie went to Greenbank in the morning to clean up after the dance. G.W. Michie of Sask. came before dinner and stayed until about 5 pm. P. Luke came over and we had a great talk. Annie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Wright. In the evening Annie making lunch box for box social to be held next week.

19 – A little snow through the night but the afternoon was soft and the evening rain with some thunder. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh); 110 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away somewhere in the evening. Very dark night.

20 – Colder again. Willie drove Annie to her school at Epsom and brought Leola Luke home. Roads pretty icy. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Piling and splitting wood in the orchard. Mrs. Wright called.

21 – A beautiful day. Splitting wood in the forenoon, Willie helping. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Afternoon helping P. Luke to cut wood in his swamp. Jennie and Mrs. Wright at missionary meeting in the church. Willie skated down the creek to Seagrave. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

22 – Several inches of snow from the E during the night and snowing, hailing and raining all day. Willie drove James to Port Perry school and had to break the road most of the way. James stopped at R. O'Neill's all night. Leola Luke here all afternoon making a box for the box social to be held on Friday evening next.

23 – Hail and rain most of the day; colder in the evening with high wind. Little doing but the chores. P. Luke was at Port Perry with the sleigh and brought us a sack of sugar.

24 – A very fine day but pretty cold. At the wood some. Willie drove to Epsom for Annie and called for James at Port Perry. Jennie washing. In the evening went with John Michie in the sleigh to public school concert in community hall. Annie, Willie and James drove also. There was a full house. The Greenbank orchestra played. Mr. Tipper spoke and showed moving pictures. Inspector Ferguson spoke and a debate by 6 scholars. Then a box social which did not finish up until about 1 am. Over \$60 was realized.

25 – A beautiful day. At the wood awhile. In the afternoon went to Greenbank with the cutter to sale of the old Temperance hall. Prentice of Sonya bought the hall for \$120.00 and R. Flewell the sheds for \$49.00. Jennie went with me and visited Mr. Walker who is in a pretty weak state. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Leola Luke called twice.

26 – A fine day. Mrs. Wright was called to the phone by R.T. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie at Seagrave in the evening. R. Hart came over and took Annie to Epsom.

27 – Fine day. Willie drove James to Port Perry school; he walked home. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon. After dinner I went to Greenbank to help tear out the wainscoting from the old hall but it was all done before I got there. Leola Luke called. R. Terry visiting at P. Luke's.

28 – Cold and somewhat stormy all day. James drove to Port Perry school, put his horse into R. Wallace's stable (1st time). Split some wood, Willie helping. Leola Luke called. In the evening Willie and James took a sleigh load to a party at D. Truax's. Mrs. John Michie got word by phone that her father died this morning. Princess Mary married today.

MAR. 1 – A fine day. All day helping P. Luke in the swamp. James drove to Port Perry school. Eleanor Michie came up and stayed all night as her mother is away to her father's funeral.

2 – A very fine day. Got Ray Dusty's sleigh and drew 13 logs to Blair's mill. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Eleanor and Ruth here; Eleanor stayed all night.

3 – A very fine day. Splitting wood in the forenoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. I went to Greenbank and helped W. Phoenix to tear up the platform in the hall. Willie at play at Wick and Annie and James at carnival at Port Perry. Leola Luke, Mrs. Wright and Ruth Michie called and Eleanor here all day.

4 – A very fine bright day. Word came by phone that Mrs. Jas. Walker died this morning. After dinner Annie drove Jennie to Greenbank to Mrs. Walker's. She stayed the afternoon and Willie went for her in the evening. Ruth and Eleanor Michie here all day. L. Luke called. Willie helping P. Luke to cut feed in the forenoon. Clinton Midgley also called and Ray Dusty for a bag of potatoes.

5 – A beautiful sunny day. Too warm for the sleighing. All hands at SS and church; 99 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

6 – A very nice day and snow going fast. Splitting wood in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Willie drove Annie to Epsom (with the buggy). James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon, with Jennie, attended Mrs. Walker's funeral. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. The bearers were A. Akhurst; A. Gordon; S. Dusty; Jas. H. Leask; Alex Lee and I. Leola Luke and Marie Akhurst called and Willie drove them home.

7 – Rain off and on all day. Little doing. Split some wood. Leola Luke called. Jennie started to make a mat. James did not go to school on account of the rain.

8 – Rough and snowing in the morning. James started to drive to Port Perry school but the horse could not go on the ice. Little doing all day. L. Luke called. Mrs. John Michie came home from Agincourt and Eleanor went home. Jennie went down to John Michie's about 4 pm as Bob was sick.

9 – Fine day and thawing. James drove to Port Perry school. Water over the road which was covered with ice. Jennie making mat. Went to Greenbank in the afternoon for Mrs. Joyce of Sutton (who has been at W. Watson's) to bring her here, but she had left for home this morning, so I called on C. Gordon who is sick in bed. Mr. Boe and Mrs. W. O'Neill and Clinton Midgley here most of the afternoon. L. Luke called.

10 – A very fine day. Willie drove James most of the way to Port Perry school. I went to preparatory service in the church. About the usual turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. Those received were by certificate – Mr. and Mrs. S. Dusty; transferred from Wick – Mrs. Ray Dusty; by profession of faith – Mary Real and Laura Thomas. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. Jennie hooking mat and baking. L. Luke called twice. James and Annie at party at Mrs. A. Boe's in the evening.

11 – A very fine day. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Not much doing outside. In the evening all hands went up to N. Midgley's and had a musical evening. A beautiful moonlit night.

12 – A beautiful day. All at communion service at Greenbank. There was a fair turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away in the evening. R. Hart came and took Annie to Epsom.

13 – A fine spring-like day. Willie drove me to Greenbank where I was all day helping W. Phoenix to rebuild the platform in the hall. Got dinner with Fanny Phoenix. James came for me at night. Jennie was in bed all day with what appears to be gripe. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie doing the housekeeping and chores.

14 – Mild and spring-like. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie able to be out of bed but not able to do much. I did little but nurse a bad toe. Willie went to Tyson Lee's sale with P. Luke. Willie away in the evening. Leola Luke called.

15 – A little colder. Cleaning out berry bushes part of the day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie helping John Michie all day to saw wood. Willie and James at orchestra practice at I. Beare's in the evening.

16 – Rather rough and cold. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Willie helping P. Luke to draw out wood from the swamp. James drove to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called. Jennie washing and making mat. Boys at Greenbank in the evening to a play in the Methodist church given by Wick players.

17 – Pretty cold and windy. James drove to Port Perry school. Spent most of the forenoon trying to make the separator work but failed. Willie went to Epsom for Annie. Willie, Annie, James and Leola Luke at dance in Greenbank hall. Word came that Sandy Gordon died this afternoon. [margin note: Alex Gordon Sr. died].

18 – A fine day. Willie at Luke's helping to cut wood. I went to Port Perry and got a second hand Melotte separator from Mr. Switzer on trail and set it up in the afternoon. In the evening went to hall trustee meeting at W. Phoenix's. R. Cragg was chosen trustee in place of E. Jamison. Leola Luke called.

19 – A fine day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie, Jennie and James being on the sick list. 95 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie somewhere in the evening. R. Hart came over and spent the evening. He took Annie to Epsom. Very dark and rain from the SE.

20 – Dull in the forenoon but brighter in the afternoon. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Sandy Gordon's funeral at Saintfield. John Michie went with me. There was a pretty good turnout. L. Luke called. James did not go to school. Willie drew out some manure.

21 – Rough and snowing some. All day at the Greenbank hall fixing the seats, Jas. Lee helping. Got dinner at Jim's. James did not go to school.

22 – Pretty cold and rough. Cleaned out pig house and at berry bushes. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning. Jennie housecleaning the pantry. James did not go to school. Willie away in the evening. L. Luke called.

23 – A nice day. Whitewashed the ceiling of the kitchen. Jennie cleaning the woodwork. Willie at C. Phair's in the afternoon helping to cut wood. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Willie at Seagrave in the evening. Harry Guy and Annie Carnegie married today.

24 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to paper the kitchen. Willie at C. Phair's cutting wood all day. I went to Epsom for Annie. James in bed in the forenoon. L. Luke called.

25 – A fine day. Ray Dusty called in the forenoon and talked horse. Took off the storm windows and cleaned berry bushes. Jennie and Annie housecleaning. Mrs. Wright and Leola Luke called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 96 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. R. Hart came over and took Annie to Epsom. Willie away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called.

27 – Dull and rain all afternoon and evening. At berry bushes and fixing fence at the road. In the afternoon we ripped two cedar poles for ladders. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. Exams are on and he got home quite early.

28 – Dull and warm with rain in the evening. At berry bushes part of the day. James drove to Port Perry school. Got home early. Jennie housecleaning. Willie at Ben Hokey concert at Port Perry in the evening.

29 – Somewhat cold in the morning. At the berry bushes and finished, Willie helping. Jennie housecleaning. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke and R. Terry called.

30 – Dull. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning. I walked over to James Blair's sale. I had hardly got there when it started to snow from the E and got worse and worse. A very disagreeable day. There was a big turnout and things went to a good price. James did not have to go to school. Sir John Eaton died.⁸⁹

31 – Dull and raw with E wind which turned to rain about 4 pm. Painting in the pantry in the forenoon. Went to R. Dusty's to see about a cow. Willie drove to Epsom for Annie.

APR. 1 – Rather cold and raw. Went to Port Perry with John Michie (in the cutter) to see cow at Mr. William's but he was not at home. Annie drove to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jennie painting bedroom floor. L. Luke called twice. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

2 – Milder and thawing. All hands at SS and church; 101 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached and he gave us a plain talk on sleeping in church. Willie drove up John Michie's rig. R. Hart came over and took Annie to Epsom. Willie at Seagrave in the evening.

3 – Mild. Went to Ray Dusty's and bought a cow and a calf for \$76.00. Drew up two loads of cedar poles from Luke's swamp cut last winter which cleans up everything there. Pruning orchard in the afternoon. Willie cutting brush on the side road in the forenoon, helping N. Midgley to cut wood (Bott's machine) in the afternoon and at Luke's in the evening. James drove to Port Perry school; exams on. Jennie housecleaning. L. Luke called.

4 – Dull with a little rain in the forenoon. Pruning orchard most of the day. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 9 bags of oats to get them ground. James went with him to school (he did not have to go in the forenoon). Jennie pretty well used up with cough. L. Luke called. Willie at Luke's in the evening.

5 – A fine day. Pruning orchard most of day. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie laying around half sick and also Willie. Willie at Luke's in the evening. L. Luke called.

6 – Dull all day with rain in the evening. At the orchard most of the day. Cut down old tree near SW corner, Willie helping. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie in bed in the forenoon, her cough not any better. A Hebrew cloth dealer called and stayed for dinner. Willie at Saintfield in the evening. L. Luke called.

7 – Warm. Thunder and rain from 6 to 8 pm. At orchard most of the time. Jennie in bed all day. Willie went with Luke's buggy to Epsom for Annie. James drove to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called in the forenoon and did some baking. L. Luke called in the afternoon.

8 – A very fine day. Finished pruning orchard in the forenoon and drawing off the brush in the afternoon, Willie helping. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for a new hat, etc. Jennie in bed most of the day. Mrs. Wright called.

9 – A fine day. At SS and church with James. Jennie, Annie and Willie at home with colds. 89 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. R. Hart came over and stayed awhile and took Annie to Epsom. L. Luke called.

10 – A very fine day. Finished drawing away brush from orchard, fixed fences and Willie scuffled berry bushes 4 times. Jennie up all day but not able to do much. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

11 – Heavy rain from the SE from early morning until about 1 pm without any letup. James did not go to school. Willie put on the screen doors. L. Luke called.

12 – Dull with some rain. Helping to wash in the forenoon. Jennie up all day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Saintfield and James at choir practice in the evening. Word came that Philip Stone of Columbus is dead.

13 – A fine day. Splitting wood in the forenoon. James drove to Port Perry school. Leola Luke here most of the forenoon helping Jennie. Willie went to Epsom in the afternoon for Annie and in the evening Annie went to Port Perry to meet Annie Bell and a friend Madge Allan who have come to spend Easter here.

14 – Good Friday and a very fine day. Making a ladder. Annie and the girls at quilting bee in the church and they and the boys at G.A. McMillan's in the evening.

15 – Some snow on the ground in the morning. Little doing but music and nonsense. After dinner Willie went to Jeff Whitter's for three old pump logs for to put in the washout at the foot of the hill. The three girls at John Michie's in the afternoon and at Luke's in the evening. The boys also. Gladys Luke called.

16 – A beautiful Easter Sunday. All but Jennie at SS and church; 115 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a solo and Miss Allan and her a duet. James and the three girls at Methodist church in the evening.

⁸⁹ John Craig Eaton (28 Apr. 1876-30 Mar. 1922), the youngest son of Toronto department store magnate Timothy Eaton. John took control of the Eaton holdings at his father's death in 1907. He made many donations to the Omemee area (home town of his wife Flora), including the Coronation Hall.

17 – Thunder in the morning and rain all forenoon. Annie drove Annie Bell and Miss Allan (through the rain) to Port Perry on their way back to Toronto. Making ladder in the afternoon. Jas. Lee and girls called in the afternoon for some berry bushes. L. Luke called. Much lightning in the evening but only a few drops of rain here.

18 – High wind through the night and some rain in the afternoon. Not much doing. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called. Jennie and Annie washing some.

19 – A very fine day until about 4 pm when there was a shower and heavy rain in the evening. Got up early and took Willie and James to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle on a visit. Annie went with Leola and Mr. Luke. Did some odd jobs. Mrs. Wright called. It is said that Arthur Gordon and Myrtle Goode are getting married today.

20 – A perfect blizzard all day from the north west. Nothing doing

21 – Cold and windy all day. Little doing. Mrs. Wright called twice.

22 – Snow flurries during the day. Little doing. Went to Port Perry in the evening for Annie and the boys.

23 – A fine day. All but Jennie at SS and church; 100 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. L. Luke called in the forenoon. R.H. came over and took Annie to Epsom. Willie somewhere in the evening. Mrs. Luke called in the evening.

24 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to wash in the forenoon and hoeing berry bushes in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie helping John Michie to fill a washout on the 11th conc. near Jim Dusty's. L. Luke called. Cyler Whitter's car was burned on the sideroad near the bridge tonight.

25 – A very fine day. Willie and I working all day filling up washout in field S of house. James wheeled to Port Perry school and at choir practice at the church in the evening. N. Midgley dragged the road.

26 – A fine day until about 5 pm when it rained a little. Forenoon at filling up washout. Afternoon went to Port Perry for grass seed while Willie plowed sod. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie went to Greenbank with Mrs. Wright.

27 – A fine day but rather cool. Willie and I at Jas. Blair's sawmill getting logs sawn. Willie plowing in the afternoon while I uncovered strawberry patch. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. L. Luke here most of the afternoon. Willie at Saintfield in the evening.

28 – Pretty cold all day. Choring in the forenoon while Willie filled in furrows. In the afternoon went to Epsom for Annie while Willie cultivated. Jennie housecleaning. Leola Luke here most of the afternoon and evening.

29 – A very fine day. Uncovered strawberries and hoed raspberry bushes while Willie sowed the field NE of barn. Leola Luke here

all afternoon helping Annie to paper her room while Jennie knitted sweater for her.

30 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. L. Luke in the choir for 1st time. R.H. came over and took Annie to Epsom. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

MAY 1 – A beautiful day. Helped Jennie to wash in the forenoon and hoed in the afternoon. Willie harrowing and cultivating. James wheeled to Port Perry school. James Blair and wife came for berry bushes and in the evening A. Akhurst came for 2 bags of potatoes. Mrs. Wright called.

2 – A beautiful day and things show signs of budding out. Did several jobs. Plowed the garden, scuffled the berry bushes. Willie sowed field NW of barn. James wheeled to Port Perry school and in the evening to choir practice. Mrs. Wright called twice.

3 – A beautiful warm day, dull towards night. Planted some early potatoes and several other jobs. Willie harrowing and cultivating. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Wright called twice.

4 – Rain through the night and very dull and foggy all day. Willie cultivating hill field but cultivator broke down. Sowing it in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie papering upstairs and in the afternoon went with Mrs. Wright to Alex Lee's for flower plants. Mrs. Wright called.

5 – Rather dull most of the day. Went to Port Perry in the morning with Jennie while Willie finished sowing the hill field and in the afternoon rolled the grass field while Willie went to Epsom for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. 7 third formers expelled for week for bad behaviour in school. Mrs. Wright called twice. Mrs. D. McDonald died.

6 – Very dull all day with rain in the evening. Went to the woods and got some trees and planted them, James helping. Willie harrowed the hill field twice over. Jennie making me some shirts. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Luke called.

7 – Dull with rain and high NW wind in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church; 94 at SS. This was Mrs. D. McDonald's funeral and the church was not able to hold all that came. Mr. McDonald preached. R.H. took Annie to Epsom. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Helped Jennie to wash and some other chores. Willie cultivated and sowed the piece E of the orchard which finishes seeding except the rolling. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called. Word came that Frank Bratley was in a very serious condition in Oshawa hospital.

9 – A very fine day. Fixing fences and picking off stones. Willie drawing out manure. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie baking. Boys at choir practice in the evening. Mrs. Wright had her tonsils removed by Dr. Shire of Uxbridge. L. Luke here for dinner and most of the afternoon.

10 – A beautiful day. Fixing fences and other chores. Willie plowing in the orchard in the forenoon and drawing out manure in

the afternoon. Jennie papering boys room. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Leola Luke called and Wes Luke called for some raspberry and strawberry plants. Word came that Frank Bratley died in Oshawa hospital last night.

11 – A very fine day. Did some jobs; fixed around barn pump. Willie drawing out manure. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie at Port Perry market. After supper went with Jennie to Willie Smith's at Columbus. Got there about 10 pm.

12 – A very fine day. Went with Jennie and W. Smith in the car to Brooklin in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Willie Smith and wife and Jennie to Frank Bratley's funeral near Whitby. The Anglican minister of Whitby conducted the service. Came back by way of Oshawa and got back to W.S.'s about 6 pm. Willie went to Epsom in the afternoon for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Church union meeting at Greenbank.

13 – Another beautiful day. Got home from Brooklin about noon. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Jean, Eleanor and Bob Michie here in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Blanche Luke called in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 101 at SS; Rev. Mr. Buchanan of the Dominion Alliance preached. R.H. came and took Annie to Epsom. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

15 – A beautiful day. Rolling grain all day. Willie at P. Leask's. Jennie washing in the forenoon and drove to Port Perry in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Jennie at Luke's in the evening.

16 – A fine and quite warm day. Finished rolling in the forenoon. Plowing root land in the afternoon. Jennie at missionary meeting in church. Mrs. Wright went with her. James wheeled to Port Perry school and at choir practice with L. Luke in the evening.

17 – A fine day, some dull and few drops of rain in the evening. Plowing all day in root field. Jennie oiled kitchen floor and painted some. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Wright called.

18 – Some rain through the night and heavy rain in the evening. Finished plowing potato land and harrowed it 4 times. Jennie housecleaning and planting garden. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called twice. C. O'Neill came for some strawberry plants.

19 – Rain through the night and several times during the day. Cutting potatoes and drilling up for potatoes. Jennie picked over potatoes and went to Epsom for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. James Blair came for strawberry plants.

20 – Fine day. James and I took 2 heifers to Port Perry to Jack and Boe; 1880 lbs. at 7 1/2. Annie drove down for us. In the afternoon planted potatoes in the N field, Jennie and James helping. Willie came home from P. Leask's and he, Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. All hands but Jennie at SS and church; 115 at SS. This being SS anniversary there was a very full house. Rev. Mr. Rob of Beaverton was the preacher. All hands out again in the evening and a packed house and a fine sermon by Mr. Rob. R.H. took Annie to Epsom.

22 – A beautiful day. Helping P. Luke to drill up and sow his mangolds from morning until about the middle of the afternoon. Willie harrowing. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Planting strawberry plants in the afternoon, Jennie and Willie helping. Mrs. Wright called in the evening and L. Luke in the afternoon.

23 – A beautiful day. Drilled up and sowed 28 drills of mangolds. Willie finished planting strawberry plants. Jennie baking for the party. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie went to Epsom for Annie and then to Port Perry for Annie Bell. Annie Mason also came. Gladys Luke, Mrs. Wright and L. Luke called. Clinton Midgley also.

24 – A beautiful day. Dull in the evening. Plowed the little patch near the barn pump. Jennie baking and preparing for SS anniversary. Jas. Lee came for some strawberry plants. All hands at the anniversary in the afternoon and evening. Jennie and Annie waiting on tables. There was a full house at the concert. Jessie Alexander, Annie Bell and the Brownscombe girls of Uxbridge gave the programme which was good. Took in about \$265. R.H. took Annie to Epsom.

25 – Another very fine day. Got up early and Willie drove Annie Mason and Annie Bell to the early train at Port Perry. Planted corn at the barn pump and scuffled berry patches and then helped Willie to draw out manure. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at after social at the church in the evening. Eleanor Michie and Mrs. Wright called.

26 – A beautiful day. Helped Willie to draw out manure, fixed gates and hen coops. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie churning. L. Luke went to Epsom for Annie. Mrs. Wright here in the afternoon getting some help at sewing. All but me at Luke's in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Helping Willie to draw out manure, hoed berry bushes between times. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie went with her. Mrs. Wright and L. Luke called. L. Luke and Bruce and Gordon McDonald here in the evening.

28 – Another beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 114 at SS; Rev. H. Horne of Toronto preached. Willie away somewhere in the evening. R.H. came and took Annie to Epsom.

29 – A very fine day. Drawing out manure alone. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie cleaning cellar. Robert Akhurst of Cannington came in the forenoon and stayed for dinner. Willie went to Peter Leask's to help him but took sick and Peter brought him home about 4 pm. I got ready to drive him to the Dr. but he was not able to go so we called up and asked him to come. Dr. Archer came about 6:30 and pronounced him in a dangerous state caused by infection from a wound on his finger. Mrs. Luke and

Leola called to see him in the evening. P. Luke called in the morning.

30 – Another very fine day. Dr. R. Archer and wife came about 9 am and he cut and cleaned out the infected part of Willie's finger. Both Dr. R. and D. Archer came again about 7:30 and pronounced him much better and it would not be necessary to come again. James wheeled to Port Perry school. I hoed berry bushes. Finished drawing out manure and plowed in the orchard. Mrs. Luke and Leola called twice. Clinton Midgley called in the evening.

31 – Another fine day. Planting corn in the orchard in the forenoon and plowing for corn in the field in the afternoon. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie got out of bed and has been laying about. Mr. A. Akhurst and Marie called in the evening.

JUNE 1 - A very fine day. Plowing corn land all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

2 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Willie went to Epsom for Annie in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. George W. Michie of Sask. came to P. Luke's and is to be married to Mrs. Wright tomorrow.

3 – King's birthday. Finished plowing long field and harrowed some in the forenoon. Willie harrowing in the afternoon until a heavy rain came on about 3 o'clock. L. Luke here in the afternoon. P. Luke got drill to sow his corn. G.W. Michie and Mrs. Wright married. They went with P. Leask's car to the manse at Wick and were married by Mr. McDonald. Then they went by car somewhere north. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening.

4 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 105 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Miss Hattie Bewell sang a solo. Willie took Annie and L. Luke to Epsom, this being their SS anniversary.

5 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to clean up the woodshed and move out the stove. Willie harrowing. Afternoon sowed the field corn while Willie went to Port Perry and got the buggy tires set. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

6 – Quite warm. Scuffled in the orchard while Willie harrowed N field. James did not go to school as he is not feeling well. Jennie washing. Cecil Phair came for 4 bags of potatoes. When he was here we had a call from G.W. Michie and wife who are now on their honeymoon. Afternoon planted sweet corn in the orchard and hoed potatoes. L. Luke called three times. A lot of thunder in the NW all afternoon but only a few drops of rain here as the shower was spent before it got here. The boys and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening.

7 – A fine and very warm day. Went to Port Perry with the waggon for shingles for the woodshed but I got roofing paper instead. Willie went for the beef in the morning, 1st time. The bike being out of order, James went to Port Perry with me. Afternoon mostly spent fixing up the woodshed. L. Luke called. Willie and

L. Luke went to see Marie Akhurst who has been having an operation to her throat. Shivaree at P. Luke's in honor of G. Michie and wife.



George Walter Michie and Velma (Luke) Wright (2nd wife)

8 – A fine and very warm day. Most of the day at roof of woodshed, Willie helping. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for more roofing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. All over at Luke's in the evening to a little reception to George and Velma Michie. John Michie and family; P. Leask and family; and W. O'Neill and wife were there also. L. Luke called twice.

9 – Another fine and warm day. Willie harrowing while I finished roofing the woodshed. In the afternoon Willie went to Epsom for Annie while I went to predatory service in the church. Rather a small turnout. Rev. Mr. Hall of Port Perry preached. L. Luke called 3 times. George and Velma here for supper and evening. James, Annie and Leola Luke at choir practice in the evening. Later in the evening a big thunderstorm came up with heavy rain and Annie and James got some wet getting home. Lew Wagoner's barn was burned by lightning.

10 – Rain again in the morning and very dull. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke drove to Greenbank and left the horse and went by car to the picnic of SS classes to Oshawa beach. Spent all day fixing floor and other things about the woodshed.

11 – A very fine day. Jennie and I drove to communion service at Wick. Mr. McDonald preached. A fair turnout. When we got to Greenbank on our way home we found Willie Smith and wife at W. O'Neill's. They came down here for dinner and went back by Greenbank later on. Annie, Willie and James at service in the church at Greenbank. R.H. took Annie to Epsom.

12 – Very high NW wind and a great drop in temperature. Worked in orchard in the forenoon. Jennie washing. We went over to Luke's and bid goodbye to George Michie and wife who start today for the west. Scuffled potatoes and mangolds in the afternoon. Willie drove James to Port Perry school in the morning and went for him in the afternoon. In the evening drove to a meeting in the Methodist church of the committee of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to arrange details of proposed union. The following were the delegates: Presbyterian – Rev. D. D. McDonald, chairman; Harvey Real, sec.; J.M. Real; Jas. Blair; G.A. McMillan; Alex and Peter Leask; C. Stone; H. McMillan; Edgar Leask; and John McDonald. Methodist – Isaac, Rye and Les Beare; R. and Blake Cragg; George and Tyson Lee; Jas. Bott; Ernest and Cecil Phair; Herb Hook; and Amos Rodd. John Heron; Jas. Leask and Joe Stone from Wick. It was decided to go on with union. Willie at Seagrave tea party.

13 – A fine day. Hoeing nearly all day. Willie plowing and harrowing turnip ground. James did not go to Port Perry as there is no classes in his form on account of exams now on. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie at WM meeting in the church. John Michie came for the turnip drill. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called.

14 – A very fine day. Most of the day drilling up for turnips. Willie cutting weeds about the fence sides. James studying at home. Jennie picked the strawberry patch the first time of the season. L. Luke called. Jennie Gordon was married in the Presbyterian church to a Mr. Huddalstein of Toronto.

15 – A very fine day. Sowed the turnips in the forenoon and hoed in the orchard in the afternoon. Willie and P. Luke went to Port Perry in the forenoon. James studying. Jennie sewing. L. Luke called 3 or 4 times.

16 – Dull day. Picking strawberries and hoed the field potatoes. Willie went to Port Perry with berries and to Epsom for Annie. James drove to Port Perry for exams in the forenoon only. Annie, James and L. Luke got ready to go to choir practice but the weather was threatening so they did not go. Rain came on and continued off and on most of the night with much thunder and lightning. Leola stayed all night.

17 – Heavy rain again and little doing outside. Fixing up the mower. Emerson, the insurance man, called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. W. Farrow and wife; Jean Perrin; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Couch, all of Newcastle, came in W.F.'s new car about 11. James and I went to SS and church. Annie came in the car. 120 at SS. Mr. Bell, representing the Bible Society, preached what may be the last sermon in the church if as expected local church union takes place. L. Luke here for supper. The Newcastle

folks left for home about 5:30. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at Methodist church in the evening. Mr. Bell also taking the service.

19 – A very fine day. Willie drove Annie to Epsom. I helped Jennie and L. Luke to pick strawberries. James wheeled to Port Perry school; exams on. In the afternoon I took berries to Uxbridge while Jennie, Willie and L. Luke finished picking; about 90 boxes in all. H. Thomas came for bag of potatoes. Willie and L. Luke at shower for Nettie Leask at J.M. Real's. Norman Midgley bought a Ford car.

20 – A very fine and warm day. Helping to fill wagons drawing dirt from near Mrs. O'Neill's to the low place on the sideroad. Jennie washing, ironing and baking. Willie gang plowing and scuffling corn. James wheeled to Port Perry school exams. Willie, James and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening.

21 – Fine all day but rain in the evening. Shovelling all day at road work. Jennie, L. Luke, Mrs. John Michie, Mrs. W. O'Neill and Willie picking strawberries. Willie took 2 crates (108 boxes) to Uxbridge in the afternoon. James studying. Gordon McDonald and Nettie Leask married.

22 – A fine day. Hoeing mangolds all day. Willie on road job with team. James studying. L. Luke called. Jennie, Willie and James at Luke's in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Willie and team at road job. Helping Jennie; Nellie O'Neill; Mrs. John Michie; and L. Luke to pick strawberries in the forenoon. James at Port Perry at exams which finishes it. Afternoon took berries to Port Perry. In the evening went with Jennie in Jim Bott's car to strawberry festival at Pinedale which was a very enjoyable affair. Willie, James and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening.

24 – A very warm day. Hoeing mangolds all day. Willie and team at road job. Jennie picking berries. Annie kept school for entrance class. Willie, James and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening.

25 – A decided drop in temperature. All hands at SS (95 present) and Methodist SS anniversary. Rev. Mr. Brown, Super. of Missions preached. A fair turnout. All but Jennie out again in the evening. Mr. B. preached again. The union choir did extra well. R.H. took Annie to Epsom.

26 – A fine day. Most of the day helping Jennie, James and L. Luke to pick berries (about 150 boxes). James took a crate to Port Perry. Willie at road job with horses. Mrs. Stanley Real and Mrs. J.M. Real called for berries. Laura Thomas, Marie Akhurst and L. Luke called in the evening.

27 – Dull with some rain in the afternoon. Willie sowed buckwheat and I hoed mangolds and corn. Jennie washing. James at Greenbank in the evening. Willie away somewhere. Jas. Lee and family here in the evening. L. Luke called.

28 – Fine and warm. Willie went for the beef in the morning while I scuffled mangolds and potatoes. Jennie and James and L. Luke picking strawberries. I helped in the afternoon while Willie cut the field W of the house. James went to Port Perry to baseball match

between Port Perry and Uxbridge (Uxbridge won). In the evening went with Jennie in C. Phair's car to meeting in Methodist church to reorganize the new United Sunday School. There was a fair turnout. I was put in as super; Les Bear, assistant super; Edgar Cragg, sec.; Edgar Leask, treas.; H. Cragg, lib.

29 – A little rain through the night and a very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Willie at road job with team. In the afternoon James went to Epsom for Annie which finishes her term there. I was at P. Luke's scuffling mangolds and corn. Annie, the boys, and L. Luke at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

30 – Fine day. Scuffling in the forenoon. Willie on road job with horses. James raked up hay and I cocked it up. Drew in one load after supper. Annie went to Port Perry and met Annie Bell and her sister [Crissie?] who makes her first visit here. Jennie picking berries. L. Luke called. James at Greenbank in the evening.

JULY 1 – Rain through the night and all forenoon and showers in the afternoon and little doing. In the afternoon Willie drove me to Greenbank Methodist anniversary and James and Willie came later. There was a full house in the evening. A troop from Toronto gave instrumental music, Mrs. Wes Real sang and a reciter from Toronto. \$270.00 took in. Annie and the Bell girls went with [Kerry? Chrissie?] to Port Perry to concert.

2 – A beautiful day. All hands at Sunday School, this being the first session of the United School held in the Methodist church. There was a big turnout; about 175 and the time was taken up arranging the classes and choosing teachers. Mr. McDonald preached to a large congregation. Annie Bell gave a solo. After supper Annie went away to Port Perry with R.H. Willie away somewhere with L.L. and W. O'Neill came with his car and took the Bell girls to Myrtle on their way back to Toronto.

3 – Dull and a few drops of rain in the forenoon but cleared up. Hoeing, throwing out hay and helping pick berries, Annie and James helping. Willie helping P. Luke all day. James and Annie at [Chautangua?] meeting. Jennie washing. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

4 – A very fine day and cool. Drew in the rest of the hay in the field W of the house; 7 loads in all, Willie and James helping. Jennie preserving strawberries. Mrs. John Michie and all the family; Mrs. W. O'Neill; and Mrs. Mark, who is down from Sask. on a visit; and G. Michie's girl Edna and boy Billie were here in the afternoon picking the last of the strawberries. L. Luke also called. Willie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening.

5 – A beautiful day. Hoeing in the forenoon. James scuffling. Willie at Luke's all day. About 10 am. T. Cuthbert, wife and boy; Mrs. W. Farrow; and Douglas Patton and his newly married wife, came from Newcastle. They left for home again about 6 pm. I was at P. Luke's in the afternoon. James at Greenbank to orchestra practice in the evening. Annie, Willie and L. Luke went to Port Perry in the evening in Kerry's car.

6 – A very fine day. Got up early and with Annie drove to Port Perry. Took train to Toronto (had a talk on the way with S. Farmer) and spent most of the day piano hunting and finally got one from Heinzman's. Annie playing the shot. Got home about 9

pm. Jennie and James picking cherries. Mrs. John Michie and all the family and Mrs. Mark and G. Michie's boy and girl here for supper. Willie at P. Luke's all day. G.A. McMillan and wife came over to talk SS but he was away before I got home. John Michie came for a bag of potatoes.



Edna and Bill Michie, date unknown

7 – Very high wind in the afternoon and rain in the evening. Jennie preserving cherries. Willie all day at P. Luke's and I was there in the afternoon drawing in hay, Mr. Luke being in bed most of the day. Greening potatoes in the forenoon. James wheeled to Greenbank in the morning for green. Scuffling and hoeing the rest of the day. L. Luke called.

8 – A very fine day. Finishing greening potatoes in the forenoon while Willie hoed corn. In the afternoon Willie was at P. Luke's. James hoeing corn and I plowed up the old strawberry patch and sowed it with buckwheat. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening. P. Luke had the Dr. today, pleurisy is his trouble.

9 – A fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 177 at SS. R. Beare, F. Howsam and James and Mary Real formed an orchestra for the first time. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie at P. Luke's for supper and Annie, Willie and L. Luke away in H. Kerry's car in the evening.

10 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing corn until about 10 am when I went to Luke's and helped at hay. Willie at Luke's all day. Jennie washing. James hoeing corn. In the evening R. Pell came bringing with him Janet and Helen Sanderson of Peterborough and stayed the evening. Rain while they were here.

11 – Hoeing mangolds in the forenoon. James scuffling mangolds and turnips. Willie at Luke's all day. I was at Luke's in the afternoon drawing in hay till about 5:30 when a terrific thunder storm came up. Torrents of rain fell which lodged some grain. James at Greenbank in the evening. Willie and Annie at Ray Dusty's.

12 – A fine day. Cutting weeds about the root field while Willie and James hoed turnips. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. James and I hoeing turnips. C. Midgley here in the evening and we had a musical evening. Orange celebration in Lindsay.

13 – A fine day. Hoeing mangolds in the forenoon while Willie hoed turnips. James at C. Phair's helping at hay all day. Afternoon Willie and I helping P. Luke at hay and finished but some rakings. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke, Roy Hart, Annie and Willie playing croquet in the evening.

14 – A beautiful day. Scuffling in the morning and then cutting hay in SW field. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon. James at C. Phair's. Hoeing in the orchard in the afternoon. Willie cutting hay. The mower broke down and he got Luke's mower. Annie went over to Mr. Wanamaker's to sign up for Bethel school. Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

15 – A beautiful day. Hoeing most of the day. Willie finished cutting hay and cleaned harness. Raked up some hay after 5 pm. James at Phair's all day. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening.

16 – A fine but very warm day. All hands at SS and church; 160 at SS. Miss Bewell sang a solo. At church service Miss ---, a returned missionary from China, spoke. Annie, Willie and L. Luke went for a car ride with H. Kerry in the evening.

17 – Rain about 5 am which spoiled the chances of haying. Greened potatoes and got about half done. Willie hoeing turnips. Rain coming, we hastened and got in one load, but a thunder shower about 11 put a stop to that and washed the green from the potatoes. Hoeing potatoes until another heavy rain came up about 5:30. James went to C. Phair's but came home after the first rain. Jennie churning and washing. Willie went to Port Perry on the wheel for paint for buggy. By-election at Port Perry for reeve. Rundle and Figary running. Figary elected. Annie got word that her entrance pupils have passed.

18 – A fine day. Greening potatoes in the forenoon. Willie painting the buggy. James at C. Phair's. In the afternoon drew in 5 loads of hay, Jennie helping in the barn. Annie at Greenbank to Elsie Leask's wedding which was held in the church. She stayed for the evening. Blanche Luke, who came from Toronto today on her holidays, called in the evening. Manitoba general election. Farmers win.

19 – A beautiful day and cooler. Went for the beef in the morning and then Willie and I drew in 6 loads of hay which finishes but the rakings. Jennie helping in the barn and picking berries between times. Willie painting buggy at odd times. James at C. Phair's all day. Annie and L. Luke at baseball tournament at Port Perry.

20 – A very fine and pretty warm day. Greened part of the potatoes. Raked the hay stubble and drew it in which finishes the haying. Willie painting buggy between times. We went over to Luke's and put up scaffold for Blanche to paint their house. James at Phair's all day.

21 – A very fine day. Willie got C. Phair's waggon and Willie, James and I went to Port Perry and brought Annie's piano home

and in it's place. Hoeing turnips in the afternoon, James helping, and finished. Willie painting buggy. Jennie and Annie picking berries. Blanche Luke here for supper. Annie, James and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

22 – Scuffling until about 10 when rain came on and little done the rest of the day. James awhile at Phair's and Willie at Luke's in the forenoon.

23 – Rain through the night and very heavy all forenoon but cleared up and Annie, James and I went to SS and church; 122 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. Luke, Blanche and Leola here in the afternoon. Willie away somewhere in the evening. H.C. called and took Annie for a ride.

24 – A beautiful day. Scuffling in the forenoon. Willie at Luke's all day painting. James at Phair's all day. In the afternoon I was helping Jennie, Annie and Mrs. W. O'Neill to pick raspberries. Young Willie O'Neill brought his mother down in the car and came for her after supper. Annie went to Port Perry with crate of berries for Mrs. Ade, Toronto.

25 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to pick berries and other jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with C. Phair's band waggon to Port Perry for the waggon wheels that were having their tires set. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning with a crate of berries for Toronto. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie at Luke's painting all day. Jean, Ruth and Bob Michie here in the afternoon while they were at P.P. Willie, Annie and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening. N. and C. Midgley called in the evening for berry boxes.

26 – A very fine day. Hoeing mangolds and turnips all day but for the time cleaning out the hen house. Willie scuffling turnips and corn. James at C. Phair's all day. Jennie baking for garden party. L. Luke here in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Mrs. W. O'Neill to pick berries for the garden party of the United Church at Cyler Whitter's. Picked all the patch in the forenoon, 106 boxes. Little doing in the afternoon. Willie made two trips to Greenbank. Norman Midgley came for the berries. All hands at the party in the evening. A good supper and a pretty good crowd but rather poor programme. A Toronto troop performed.

28 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips, 2nd time, all day. Willie drawing gravel on road work, 3 loads. James at Phair's all day. Annie at Port Perry in the morning and at Greenbank to arrange the SS library books. L. Luke called. Blanche Luke and Bruce McDonald called in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Hoeing turnips in forenoon and finished. Willie drew two loads of gravel for road work and finished. James at C. Phair's all day. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening. H. Real called to pay for berries used at garden party. C. Midgley called in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 133 at SS; Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. James went to G. McMillan's for supper. Annie, Willie and L. Luke went with E.C. for a car ride in the evening.

31 – A beautiful day. Helping Jennie, Annie, Willie and Nellie O'Neill to pick berries; 114 boxes. Annie took 2 small crates to Port Perry to ship to Toronto and then took Nellie home. James at C. Phair's all day. Mrs. P. Leask and Marion came for berries in the evening and Willie took some to Mrs. John Michie. L. Luke called in the evening. Blake Cragg fell from the roof of Arthur Gordon's barn and broke both legs and other injuries.

AUG. 1 – Quite a lot of thunder and several local showers went around but only a little sprinkle of rain here. Spent most of the day repairing the cistern which caved in yesterday, Willie helping. James all day at C. Phair's. Willie at Luke's awhile. Jennie washing. Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

2 – Most of the forenoon at P. Luke's helping him to rig up the binder. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon for binder twine and repairs for Luke's binder. Thunder shower came up while I was there. Willie at Luke's until it rained. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie, Annie and L. Luke at garden party at Wick in the evening. Jennie ironing. Word came that several buildings were burned by lightning.

3 – Most of the forenoon at Luke's fixing up binder. Jennie, Willie, Annie and Nellie O'Neill picking berries. Thunder storms were going around all afternoon and some rain about 4 pm. James at C. Phair's until the rain came. Annie drove Nellie O'Neill home and then after supper went to Port Perry with berries for Mr. Clark. L. Luke here in the evening. Bruce McDonald over several times.

4 – A beautiful day. Hoed mangolds, 4th time. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning and put up window blinds in the afternoon. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke here in the evening. P. Luke cut oats, 1st of the season.

5 – A very fine day and cool. Got Luke's binder and cut the field NW of barn. Annie driving the binder in the afternoon. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie, Annie and James went to Port Perry in the evening and met Annie and Chrissie Bell.

6 – Rain in the early morning. About 11 am Willie Smith, wife and mother came in his car. All hands but Jennie and Barbara at SS and church; 169 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell sang a solo. Willie Smith left for home after supper; it was raining a little then. H.K. came with car and took Annie and Annie Bell to Uxbridge and Willie took Leola and Gladys Luke and R. Babington to the Baptist church at Greenbank. A great rain came on and the whole bunch landed here in the rain and there was music until near 12 o'clock.

7 – Dull, with a very heavy rain about 10 am and again about 4 or 5. Nothing doing outside at least. From 10 to 4 was given up to music, Annie Bell being the leader on the piano. A great day for music. L. Luke called. Willie drove Annie and Chrissie Bell to Uxbridge to the train.

8 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie and Annie to pick berries in the forenoon and cutting field NE of barn in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke called. Mrs. John Michie and Jean came for berries. Willie twenty-one today. James at C. Phair's all day.

9 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. Nellie O'Neill and Ruby Lee came with me to John Michie's. Finished cutting field NE of barn and after dinner Willie took the binder and cut P. Luke's NW corner field, which finishes his cutting. We then started the hill field. Jennie washing and churning. James at C. Phair's all day.

10 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Finished cutting hill field. Jennie ironing. James at C. Phair's all day. L. Luke here in the evening.

11 – A very fine day. Jennie took Annie to Port Perry in the morning on her way to Newcastle for a visit. Willie and I cut the little field E of the orchard which finishes cutting for the year 1922. James at Jim Bott's helping to fill silo for C. Phair. Willie and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening. P. Luke called in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. All day at P. Luke's fixing up hay rack and drawing in oats. Willie drawing dirt to fill holes in barnyard. James at C. Phair's. Willie took L. Luke to Blackwater on her way to Cannington. James at Port Perry in the evening.

13 – A fine but warm day. All hands at SS and church; 170 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie away in the evening.

14 – A fine but pretty warm day. Willie and I drew in the oats in the field NE of barn; 9 loads. James all day at C. Phair's. Jennie washing. Mrs. Luke called. James went with C. Phair to Port Perry in the evening to see Mr. Folick but he was not at home.

15 – Another warm day. Willie and I drew in oats from the hill field; 8 loads. Jennie helping in the barn in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry in the morning and interviewed Mr. Folick, then at C. Phair's the rest of the day, and at orchestra practice at Greenbank in the evening. Drover Sleep called.

16 – Another very warm day. Some thunder to the SW but no rain here. Willie and I finished the hill field (9 loads in all) and also finished field NW of barn (8 loads), Jennie helping in barn. James at C. Phair's all day. Willie somewhere in the evening.

17 – Another very warm day. Hoeing strawberry patch in the forenoon. After dinner started to rake hill field but about 4 pm a heavy thunder shower came up. Willie at C. Phair's. James studying. Jennie making apple butter.

18 – Warm in the morning but much cooler towards night. Went to Port Perry in the morning. Willie plowing in field NE of barn. James studying. All of John Michie's children here in the afternoon while they were at Greenbank. Willie somewhere in the evening.

19 – A fine day and quite cool. Willie plowing in the forenoon while I finished raking stubble. In the afternoon drew in the last of the oats (3 loads) and so finished harvest. W. Thomas threshing. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Harold Cragg was buried at Greenbank today.

20 – A very fine and cool day. All hands at SS and church; 174 at SS; Rev. Mr. Cannon of Sunderland preached. Tom Sharp sang a solo in the SS. When we got home we found Tom Bell and wife,

his son George and wife and little girl Margaret, all of Oshawa, who had come in a car and got here after we had left for church. They stayed for tea and started for home about 6:30. Willie away in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Drawing in wood into the woodshed with the stoneboat all day, Jennie helping. Willie plowing. James helping John Michie to finish harvest in the afternoon. L. Luke called in the afternoon and again in the evening.

22 – A very fine day. Drawing wood into shed in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Filled the shed pretty well up. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with the waggon for new couch. Willie at P. Luke's helping him to finish harvest. Willie, James and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening. Leola stayed all night.

23 – Very warm. Thunder and rain started about 4 o'clock. Did some odd jobs; puttied windows. Willie plowing til rain came on. Jennie washing and oiling kitchen floor. James at W.H. Leask's in the evening practicing music. L. Luke called in the afternoon and again in the evening and stayed all night.

24 – Dull and threatening rain. Willie plowing. Jennie ironing. Did some small jobs. Making a sucker for the barn pump. Keith McMillan called in the evening for some high school books. L. Luke called in the afternoon and again in the evening and stayed all night.

25 – Dull with high SW wind and rain several times during the day. Willie plowing a short time. I went to Port Perry in the late afternoon for pump sucker leather. L. Luke here most of the day. Willie, James and Leola at choir practice in the evening. Leola stayed all night.

26 – A fine day. Got the barn pump working again and moved the stove in from the cook house. Willie plowing. In the evening James went to Port Perry and brought Annie, who has been on a visit to Newcastle, and Jessie Bell of Rochester. L. Luke here most of the day and stayed all night.

27 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 205 at SS, likely the largest number ever at a SS in Greenbank. Mr. S. Farmer of Port Perry gave an address; Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. --- of Toronto gave a solo. Annie, Willie and L. Luke went for a ride with E.C. in the evening and James drove somewhere.

28 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to can corn in the forenoon and puttied windows in the afternoon. Willie plowing. Jennie and Anne went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie went to see the Dr. about her ear but he was not at home. Willie away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called.

29 – A very fine day. Willie plowing in the forenoon. Jennie washing. I was plowing in the afternoon while Willie shovelled at road job. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at J.M. Real's in the evening. Jessie Bell making shirts.

30 – A fine day. Jennie took Annie, James and I to Port Perry and took the morning train to Toronto fair. Got there about 10 and had a good time. The fair is bigger than ever. Took in the grandstand

show which was good with Annie and Chrissie Bell and Madge Allan, and then went with Annie and Chrissie to their rooms and stayed all night. Jennie making pickles. Willie at road job.

31 – This is music day at the fair and a great crowd was there and there was lots of music. Annie and James went shopping in the morning while I went to the fair. Got home all right. Willie met us at Port Perry. Jennie ironing. Jessie Bell sewing. Willie at road job.

SEPT. 1 – A very fine and warm day. Plowing all day. Jennie baking. Jessie B. making things. Willie at road job all day. L. Luke called. Boys and Annie and L. Luke at choir practice at Greenbank in the evening.

2 – A very fine day. Finished plowing hill field. Willie at road job all day. Jessie B. making hat for Annie. Jennie doing many things. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening and brought home Annie and Chrissie Bell of Toronto for a visit over labour day.

3 – A beautiful day and pretty warm. All but Jessie and Chrissie Bell at SS and church; 197 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Annie and C. Bell, went for a car ride in the evening with H.C. Willie and James somewhere also. Mrs. P. Luke called in the evening.

4 – A very fine but warm day. Harrowed field NE of barn twice over. Willie at road job all day. Annie took Annie and Chrissie Bell to Uxbridge on their way back to Toronto. Jessie B. making Jennie a dress. L. Luke called.

5 – Very warm day, nearly 90 in the shade some of the time. Harrowing the hill field. Jennie washing and churning. Jessie B. dressmaking. Willie at road job all day. James started another year at Port Perry High School. He got home to dinner. Annie, Willie and James and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening.

6 – Very dull all day with some sprinkles of rain, some thunder in the morning. Swept out granery and hoed strawberry patch. Willie harrowing. Annie started to teach the Bethel school for the year. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

7 – A fine day. Cut road around corn patch and cut some corn in the orchard. Jennie went to Port Perry with John Michie. They came home this way and John, Lizzie, Eleanor and Bob stayed to dinner. Willie at Midgley's threshing in the forenoon and Ray Dusty's in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school.

8 – Very warm. Helping Jennie in the forenoon to can corn. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie threshing at Ray Dusty's in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie to preparatory service in the Union church, the first under the new dispensation. There was a rather small turnout. Rev. Mr. Cameron of Sunderland preached. Tom Sharp and Harry Bewell came in by certificate. Willie, Annie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

9 – Very warm day, thunder storm came up about 5 o'clock and rained off and on until 7:30. Alex Leask here for breakfast and

then he cut our corn and moved to Ray Dusty's before dinner. Willie got up early and James drove him to Greenbank when he went with Markham Truax in his car to Toronto fair (the last day). Jessie Bell making hats. James studying. Annie and James went to Port Perry after the rain. L. Luke called. Drawing off corn in the afternoon.

10 – Heavy rain in the morning with thunder. Went with Jennie, Annie and James to communion service at Greenbank, the first under the union. A fair turnout; Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. Wes Real sang a solo. In the evening Jennie and I went to the Presbyterian church at Port Perry; Mr. Hall preached. Annie out for a ride with E.C.

11 – Thunder and heavy rain through the night and most of the forenoon from the NE. Did little but a few odd jobs. Jennie washing. Annie drove over to her school. James at home studying. L. Luke called. Willie got home from the Toronto fair about 9 pm.

12 – Rather dull and much cooler. Dug early potatoes, Willie helping, and cut threshing wood. James studying. Annie drove over to her school and did not come home but went direct to Port Perry for Annie Bell who came to spend her holidays here. Jennie at W. Missionary meeting at Greenbank in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Willie and L.L. at Greenbank in the evening.

13 – Went to Greenbank for the beef in the morning then drew off corn til noon. Rain came on after dinner. Willie at C. Phair's threshing. James wheeled to Port Perry and took the train to Whitby for sup. exams on algebra. He came back to Port Perry in car with another of the boys. Jessie Bell dying yarn and made a poor job of it. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Had a musical night.

14 – Dull all day with a little rain in the evening. Annie drove to her school. Word came by phone that they have got another boy at L. Wagoner's. Annie Bell went with L. Luke to Epsom. Jennie baking. Jessie Bell making Annie a dress. James did not go to school. He got word that his appeal for a re-reading of his exams was not allowed. Willie threshing at C. Phair's in the forenoon. The machine (Jas. Blair's) then came here and threshed in the afternoon. John Michie; P. Luke; N. Midgley; Clinton Midgley for R. Dusty; and Harold Bailey for C. Phair, were the men. Young W. O'Neill was foreman. Grain turning out better than last year.

15 – Dull in the morning but fine later. Finished threshing in about 1 ¾ hours. They then moved to P. Luke's and finished him about 3 pm, then moved to John Michie's and threshed about 2 hours. Jennie helping Mrs. John with the supper. Both self and Willie at Luke's and J. Michie's. James wheeled to Port Perry school in the forenoon and at Port Perry fair in the afternoon. Annie and Annie Bell also at the fair. Annie, James and Annie Bell at choir practice in the evening. Willie and L. Luke somewhere in the evening.

16 – A fine cool day. Willie at John Michie's threshing and finished about 10 am. Drew in the last of the corn, Willie and Annie Bell helping. Jessie Bell sewing. Willie, Annie, James and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. At SS and church with Annie, Willie, James and Annie Bell. Jennie did not go as she was not feeling well. 170

at SS; Rev. Mr. Duncan preached as Mr. McDonald is away on a trip to the US. Annie Bell sang a solo (Abide With Me). Willie away somewhere in the evening. Got word that Mildred Somerville was killed by a runaway horse.

18 – Rather dull. Plowing corn land. Willie helping P. Luke to set up his corn. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. In the evening went to Greenbank to community hall trustee meeting at Blake Cragg's who is still in bed on account of his fall.

19 – Rain all forenoon and little doing. Annie drove to her school. James did not go to school. Willie plowing in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Word came that Dick Rodd was killed today by being thrown from a horse.

20 – A fine day. Went for the beef in the morning while Willie cleaned out calf pen. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Jennie making pickles. In the afternoon Willie helping Howard McMillan to fill silo while I helped P. Luke to finish drawing off his corn. L. Luke called. Clinton Midgley called in the evening and there was much music.

21 – A very fine day. Willie drawing gravel all day on the sideroad. I hoed the strawberries. James went with Keith McMillan in his car to Port Perry school and went home with Keith for dinner and to Dick Rodd's funeral. Jennie and I went with C. Phair. There was a very large turnout. Rev. Mr. Rowland of Brooklin conducted the service. Annie drove to her school. Annie Bell went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. L. Luke called. Annie, James and Annie Bell at Alex Leask's in the evening and got home about 1:30 am.

22 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes all day. Potatoes good size but some are started to rot. Willie drawing gravel. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Annie Bell at W. Thomas' in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Jessie Bell in bed towards night. Annie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening. Willie and Annie Bell went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Madge Allan of Toronto who is coming for a visit.

23 – A very fine day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon. Willie drawing gravel. James got word that he has failed in the sup. exams on algebra. Cut the buckwheat in the afternoon with the mower, Willie helping. Annie and Madge Allan at Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke here in the evening and stayed all night as her father and mother are away to Epsom.

24 – A very fine day. All hands but Jessie Bell at SS and church. This is rally day in the SS; 223 being present. Rev. Mr. Carswell of Toronto preached. Annie Bell and Madge Allan sang a duet. Willie, Annie, Annie Bell, Madge Allan and L. Luke went for a ride with HC in the evening.

25 – A fine day and quite cold in the morning with frost. Digging potatoes. Willie plowing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie Bell and Madge Allan went to meet Annie at her school and had quite an experience in G.A. McMillan's car getting stuck in the mud holes on the 11th concession. Annie, Willie, James, A. Bell and M. Allan at Luke's in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon while Willie took Annie to her school and then Madge Allan to Seagrave on her way home. James wheeled to Port Perry school but he came home at noon as the school furnace smoked so bad that they closed the school. Jennie washing and ironing. Annie Bell at John Michie's for dinner. L. Luke called. James and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to fill silo, Willie also. Jennie took Annie to her school and Annie Bell to Seagrave on her way back to Toronto. James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening went with Jennie, Annie and James to C. Gordon's at Greenbank when we had a musical evening. Arthur Gordon and wife and Annie Gordon were also there.

28 – A beautiful day. Turned the buckwheat and dug potatoes. Willie at W. Thomas' filling silo. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke here two or three times.

29 – A very fine and warm day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon and in the afternoon took Jessie Bell's trunk to Port Perry station. Willie helping fill silo at W. Thomas' and Jim Dusty's. Jennie picking crab apples. James wheeled to Port Perry school but there was no school in the afternoon as it was a half holiday on account of it being the day the hydro electric power was turned on. Annie drove to her school. Annie, James, Willie and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

30 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes until about 4 pm when I went to N. Midgley's to help fill silo for Wes Real. Willie helping at Jim Dusty's and N. Midgley's. James helping C. Phair in the afternoon. Annie drove Jessie Bell to the early train at Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. Jennie preserving crab apples. Willie, Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening.

OCT. 1 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 185 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie stayed at G. Lee's for supper. James and Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

2 – A beautiful day. Digging potatoes in the forenoon and helping C. Phair to fill silo in the afternoon. Willie helping N. Midgley in the forenoon and C. Phair in the afternoon. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school and she had quite an experience. Between 9 and 10 o'clock the man that was painting the schoolhouse fell and broke his right leg near the ankle. Chambers is his name. Annie and L. Luke at Greenbank in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair to finish silo filling; about 2 ½ hours work. Then finished digging potatoes. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie drove Willie to Harry Bewell's to help him for a few days. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon went with N. Midgley in his car to R. Woon's sale. There was a pretty good turnout. Annie at a SS class meeting at H. Bewell's and James at Greenbank to practice to sing at a social at Wick.

4 – A very fine day. Helping N. Midgley to fill silo and finished about 11 am. Turned the buckwheat and picked apples in the

afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. This was sports day. In the evening he went to Wick to sing in a quartet. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called.

5 – A very fine day. Picking apples in the forenoon, Jennie helping, and in the afternoon went to Greenbank school fair. Annie went in the forenoon and L. Luke went with me. There was a pretty good exhibit but did not appear to be so many out as last year. James wheeled to Port Perry school and drove to orchestra practice in the evening. Word comes of terrible fires in northern Ontario.

6 – A very fine day. Picking apples most of the day. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. W. Mark here for dinner and in the afternoon W. O'Neill and wife came for some apples and stayed for supper. Will is laid up from work by a broken rib which he got in an auto accident. Edna and Billie Michie of Sask. and Eleanor Michie were also here for supper. Mrs. Luke and L. Luke here in the afternoon picking up some snow apples. Annie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

7 – A little rain in the morning. Plowing in the forenoon. In the afternoon drew in 1 ½ loads of buckwheat but rain came on and we had to quit. L. Luke called. No one out in the evening.

8 – Rain through the night and early morning. All but Jennie at SS and church; 188 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie came home from Bewell's and went away after supper. Annie went for a car ride with E. Hooper and Co. H.C. came later; too late.

9 – Somewhat dull all day. James drove Willie to H. Bewell's in the morning and then wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. I was plowing all day. Dr. Moon called in to see little Reddie cow which is sick. Pascoe and Mrs. Luke came for apples in the afternoon. Annie and James at Greenbank in the evening to a meeting to organize a young people's society.

10 – Rain off and on all day; mostly on. Plowing part of the forenoon. Annie drove to her school and then to Port Perry after school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called.

11 – Rather dull with a little rain towards night. Went for the beef in the morning. Plowing rest of the day. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mr. Luke called. N. Midgley came to pick apples.

12 – Dull with rain in the afternoon, almost snow. Plowing all day. James drove Annie to Greenbank in the morning on her way to the teacher's convention at Cannington. Jennie and James picking apples. Jim Lee came for a barrel of apples before we were out of bed in the morning. John Michie and N. Midgley also came for apples. Mrs. Luke called. Ray Dusty threshing his buckwheat.

13 – A fine but cool day. Plowing in the forenoon. James studying. In the afternoon went with Jennie and Mrs. John Michie to Mrs. Smith's funeral from G.A. McMillan's. Rev. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. She was taken to Cannington for burial. James went to Blackwater for Annie on her way back from the

teacher's convention at Cannington. They stopped at Greenbank for choir practice.



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Back Row: Mr. Stillman; Viola Butson; Velma Leask; Marjorie Leask; Charlie Cragg; Telford Love; Theodore Cragg; Harold Howsam; Leroy Till
Middle Row: Florence McMillan; Ruby Lee; Clara Gibson; Jean Michie; Helena Boe; Ruth Michie; Ross Blakely; Alvin O'Neill

Front Row: Harry Phoenix; Frank Gibson; Wallace McMillan; Ernest Till

14 – A very fine day. Brought in the potatoes from the pits in the field, James helping. One pit of the five was very rotten, the worst that I ever saw. Sam Dusty came for apples. P. Luke called.

15 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 183 at SS; Mr. ---, a Methodist minister who has been living about Wick lately, preached. Mary L. Real and Frances Lee here for tea and the evening when music was the programme. Willie at Epsom in the evening.

16 – A fine day. Jennie drove Willie to H. Bewell's in the morning. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Marie here in the afternoon for apples. I topped and harrowed up the mangolds. Annie at H. Bewell's at a meeting about the newly formed young people's society.

17 – Cold with high NW wind. Drawing in mangolds, got in 9 loads. Jennie picking up apples. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Thomas and Henry; Ray Dusty; and John Michie came for apples. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to missionary meeting at the church. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

18 – Drew in the last load of mangolds, then came on a snow blizzard (the first of the season) and a number of snow flurries during the day. Drew in some corn in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie and James at young people's meeting in the church, the first

meeting. C. Phair brought the beef in the evening, the last for the season.

19 – Cold and rough most of the day. Plowing all day on hill field. Jennie took Annie to her school and then went on to Port Perry. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie did not come home but stayed at Mr. Armstrong's and went with them to play at Seagrave. L. Luke called.

20 – Very hard frost in the morning, too hard to plow. Picked apples and cut the last of the corn in the orchard in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie went to Bethel for Annie after school. Annie and James at choir practice in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Drew in the two loads of buckwheat and 1 load of corn in the forenoon, James helping. Annie went to Port Perry to see Miss Gibson about music lessons. Put up parlor stove after dinner. Plowing in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

22 – A beautiful day. In the forenoon Blanche Luke; Mr. and Mrs. L. Wagner and two children came over for a visit, and about 11:30 Mr. and Mrs. W. Farrow; Mrs. F. Perrin; Jean Perrin and a Mr. W. Farrow from Guelph came. At SS with Annie, James and Mrs. Farrow. Jennie came later to church. 179 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie came home from H. Bewell's. In the evening Annie and James went to choir practice in the church. Willie drove L. Luke to Epsom.

23 – Very dull and heavy rain in the forenoon which prevented James from going to school. Annie drove to her school. Little doing in the forenoon. Cleaned out the calf pen and hen house. Willie plowing in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke called. Dr. McClinton of Uxbridge called to examine Annie for life insurance.

24 – A very fine day. Topping turnips all day and finished the job. Willie plowing. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

25 – Rather rough and windy. Drew in the last of the corn at the line fence (Ray Dusty's), then harrowed up the turnips and got in 3 loads. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Annie, Willie and James at CE meeting in the evening.

26 – Rather cold and rough. Willie and I drawing in turnips, 12 loads. Jennie baking. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Mrs. Luke called.

27 – Fine day but rather raw. Finished drawing in turnips, 6 ½ loads; 21 ½ in all. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. Miss Dale Armstrong came home with her. Annie, James, Willie and Miss A. at choir practice in the evening.

28 – Rather cold with hard frost in the morning. Did some little jobs. Willie went to Port Perry with 16 bags of oats and did not get back until about 3 pm. Annie, L. Luke and Dale Armstrong went to Port Perry in the morning. Annie to get her first music lesson from Miss Gibson. Music and dancing in the evening. L. Luke here also.

29 – Bright day, but cold. All hands at SS and church; 185 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. In the evening James went to choir practice at the church. Annie and Dale Armstrong away with E.H. and Willie away somewhere.

30 – A very fine day; cold in the morning. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school taking Miss Armstrong home. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie helping P. Luke to draw in his corn. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening; the boys to orchestra practice and Annie to another meeting.

31 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at Luke's helping to get in his corn. Annie drove to her school. Jennie sewing and ironing. James did not go to school as there is exams on. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at Halloween party in the hall at Greenbank.

NOV. 1 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Finished hill field and started SW field. Willie helped P. Luke with corn awhile in the morning and then painted the cutter. James wheeled to Port Perry school; exams are on. Jennie sewing and baking. Annie drove to her school. Annie, Willie and L. Luke went to SS convention at Uxbridge in the evening. Jew from Brooklin called and we got a smock and a pair of pants. Eleanor Michie here most of the day.

2 – Very dull with some rain before dinner and some in the afternoon. Plowing sod all day. Jennie drove Willie part way to H. Bewell's to help him. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school in the afternoon to exams. L. Luke called.

3 – Very dull most of the day. Plowing sod all day. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school for the forenoon only which finishes the exams for this time. L. Luke called. Annie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening. Willie came home from Bewell's.

4 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. Boys doing little. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry in the forenoon for music lessons. James at orchestra practice in the evening and Willie and Annie went to Port Perry for Annie Bell who is coming for thanksgiving.

5 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Annie and Annie Bell rode up with C. Phair. 190 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie B. sang a solo. James at choir practice. Annie and Annie B. went with E.H. and Willie away somewhere.

6 – Very dull, foggy, and a little rain sometimes. Thanksgiving day. Plowed in the forenoon. In the afternoon Willie drove Annie Bell to the 4 o'clock train at Port Perry. In the evening all hands at chicken pie supper by the Ladies Aid in the church. There was a good attendance. The choir gave a cantata. Miss Fallowdown of Sunderland recited. About \$110 was taken in.

7 – A fine day. Plowing sod all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Willie most of the day cleaning up the shop. L. Luke called.

8 – Rather dull with some rain in the afternoon. Plowing sod all day. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and James

wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie taking to pieces the old buggy. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at CE meeting in the evening.

9 – Fine but pretty cold. Plowing sod all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. Willie helping C. Phair to thresh in the afternoon. L. Luke called. James at Ben Hokey concert at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Finished plowing sod and some of the north field. Willie all day helping C. Phair to thresh. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

11 – Dull with some rain after dinner. Drawing out manure on strawberry ground and orchard, Willie helping. Annie went with L. Luke to Port Perry for music lesson. Jean, Ruth and Olive Michie called in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening.

12 – Fine but pretty cold. All hands at SS and church; 177 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie out in the evening with E.H. Willie away somewhere.

13 – Rather a fine day. Pretty hard frost in the morning. Plowing strawberry patch and orchard. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Willie and Ray Dusty went to Uxbridge to hear the trial of the Greenbank boys for the trouble with R. Flewell on Halloween night. The boys were fined \$2.00 each with costs. In the evening Rye Beare; F. Howsam and Mary L. Real were here for practice and Harry Bewell, Hattie Bewell, Dorothy Real and Mr. Stillman at a CE meeting.

14 – Dull day with a little rain in the evening. Plowing and harrowing orchard in the forenoon. Willie plowing in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. In the evening Annie and L. Luke went to SS class meeting at R. Real's and Willie to Seagrave.

15 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to pick chickens in the forenoon and fixing fences in the afternoon. Willie plowing all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Willie and James at CE meeting in the evening. C. Stone and Eva Leask married. Braden's store at Saintfield burned.

16 – Some snow several times during the day. I drove Annie part way to her school and then Jennie went to Port Perry market with 8 chickens (got 25 cents per pound). James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie plowing. I did some small jobs. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank (wheeled).

17 – A fine day. Puttying windows and other jobs. Willie harrowing. Annie drove to her school and Dale Armstrong came home with her. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Jennie baking. In the evening Annie, Willie, James, D. Armstrong and L. Luke at Greenbank to choir practice and after to a dance in the hall.

18 – A very dull and sometimes rainy day. Harrowing the sod field while Willie took Dale Armstrong home. Annie and L. Luke

at Port Perry for music lesson. In the afternoon put on storm windows and banked up house. Jennie went down to John Michie's to see Eleanor who is under the Drs. care with rheumatism. James wheeled to Port Perry almost after dark for things Annie forgot.

19 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

20 – Pretty cold and rough. Put straw on strawberry patch, Willie helping. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. Afternoon Willie painting cutter while I was sweeping down the stable. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening helping to wash the dishes used at the dance on Friday last. Joe Stone's fine new garage was burned this morning.

21 – Hard frost and pretty cold day. Did some small jobs. Willie painting cutter. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the afternoon Willie went with Francis Lee to Uxbridge to hear the trial of R. Sonley for assaulting --- Thompson. Sonley fined \$5.00 and costs.

22 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to pick chickens in the forenoon and helping P. Luke with fence in the afternoon. Willie drawing gravel on sideroad. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. About the middle of the afternoon Willie Smith came with his car bringing his mother for a visit. Annie, Willie, James and L. Luke at CE meeting in the evening.

23 – Rather cold. All day helping P. Luke with fence. Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens. Willie drawing gravel all day. Annie walked to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. All home in the evening.

24 – Pretty rough with some snow. All day helping P. Luke with fence. Willie drawing gravel on sideroad. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Willie, James and L.L. at choir practice. Annie did not go as she has a cold.

25 – Rough with some snow. All day helping P. Luke with fence and finished. Willie drawing gravel on sideroad. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry in the forenoon for music lesson and in the afternoon to sewing bee at I. Beare's. L. Luke here in the evening and Jennie and Barbara at Luke's in the evening

26 – Rather cold and rough. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS. Annie, Willie and James out somewhere in the evening.

27 – Ground covered with 2 in. snow in the morning and some more came during the day. Did chores and some small jobs. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. Willie drawing gravel all day. Willie and Annie at Ray Dusty's in the evening. L. Luke called.

28 – Some snow at times. Did little but the chores. Willie at gravel job. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. James at orchestra practice in the evening. William O'Neill and Nellie brought Barbara home in his car in the evening.

29 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. Willie drawing gravel. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. Jennie ironing. Mrs. Midgley and Mrs. Bryant here for tea. In the evening went with Annie, James and L. Luke to C.E. meeting in the church. A fair turnout. I acted as chairman.

30 – Warmer and the snow going. Drove Annie to her school and then drove Barbara to Port Perry on her way home. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at gravel job. Mrs. John Michie left Eleanor and Bob here while she went to Greenbank. L. Luke called.

DEC. 1 – High wind all day and getting colder towards night. Willie and I cut down apple tree and partly cut it up. P. Luke came over after dinner and killed and dressed a pig. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called and Annie, Willie, James and L.L. at choir practice in the evening.

2 – A very fine day. Helped Jennie to cut up pig and finished cutting apple tree, James helping. Willie at gravel job. He started at 5 am. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry for music lesson. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Annie went with E.H. to Platon's at Layton for a visit and James at N. Midgley's.

3 – A very fine day. All (but Annie, who is away) at SS and church; 185 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James away in the evening.

4 – Mild and fine day. Did little but the chores. Willie drawing gravel all day. They were drawing on the 10th concession in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school and Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Jennie washing and ironing.

5 – Pretty rough and cold with high wind. Did little but the chores. Willie drew 2 loads of gravel which finishes the job. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. In the evening the 2 girls' SS classes and the orchestra met here. Those present were Mrs. I. Beare; Hattie Bewell; Amy Real; Dorothy Real; Mary L. Real; L. Luke; Florence Lee; Lora Thomas; Marie Akhurst; Bessie McMillan; Mona and Bernice Leask; Hugh Leask; Rye Beare; F. Howsam and Ernie Lee.

6 – Still cold and rough. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. In the evening Willie, James and L. Luke went to C.E. meeting and Annie went with E.H. to picture show at Port Perry.

7 – Very rough, cold, and snowing a little from the E. Annie drove to her school. James did not go to school as it was very rough at the time he should have started. Little doing outdoors. Jennie cleaned the pantry. L. Luke called. Eleanor and Bob here while John and Lizzie were at Port Perry. The boys, Annie and L. Luke at dance party in the hall at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A fine day. Got John Michie's pig rack and I took two pigs to Port Perry; \$10.50 per 100. Rather rough in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. In the evening went with Jennie and James to preparatory service in the church. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. Keith

and Bessie McMillan and James came in by profession and Mrs. Arthur Gordon and Mrs. C. Stone by certificate.

9 – Colder. Willie took 12 bags of oats to Port Perry and got them ground. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. In the afternoon I helped P. Luke to kill a pig. Boys skating; 1st of the season. L. Luke called two or three times. Music in the evening.

10 – Fine but pretty cold. Went with Annie and James to communion at Wick. Mr. McDonald preached. Not very many out from Greenbank. Got dinner at W. O'Neill's and went to SS at 2:30; 160 at SS. Jennie went up with John Michie and Willie wheeled. In the evening Annie, Willie and James at church at Greenbank.

11 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school and she stayed at Mr. Armstrong's. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Willie and James skating at the new road in the evening.

12 – Cold and rough with W wind. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Little doing outside at least. Jennie went to the W.M. meeting at the church taking Mrs. John Michie with her. Eleanor here while her mother was at the meeting. Clinton Midgley and L. Luke called. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

13 – Pretty cold and rough. Jennie, Willie and I all day picking roosters and hens in the stable. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Telephone man called to fix the phone which has not been working well lately. Willie, James and L. Luke at C.E. meeting in the evening. A debate was on; the subject resolved that the world is getting worse. G.A. McMillan and Mrs. E. Leask took the affirmative and R. Cragg and Avelena Carnegie the negative. Negative won out.

14 – Pretty cold day. Jennie went with John Michie to Port Perry market with chickens. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie took his skates to W. Thomas to be sharpened. In the afternoon went with Norman Midgley to Frank McClintick's sale. A good turnout and pretty good prices. L. Luke called. Willie away in the evening skating.

15 – A fine winter day. Some snow in the morning. Willie drove James most of the way to Port Perry school. In the afternoon Jas. Bott came from John Michie's with his engine and grinder. He had trouble getting up and setting and did not grind over half an hour. Willie drove over for Annie. James and Annie at choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

16 – A fine day but pretty cold. Jas. Bott came in the morning and we ground oats until about an hour after dinner. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. Willie, Annie, James and L. Luke skating in the evening.

17 – A fine day with a little snow at times. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie away in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie drove Annie to her school. I was up at Midgley's in the forenoon. Jennie at Luke's most of the day helping to pick geese. Willie and

I got out the sleigh and drew in some corn from the orchard. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

19 – A fine winter day. Jennie washing. James started to wheel to Port Perry school but the chain of his wheel broke and he came back. Willie went to Greenbank for curtains for Annie. In the afternoon James and I went with John Michie to Port Perry Christmas fair. There was a fair turnout but little to see. Willie and L. Luke at high school concert at Port Perry.

20 – Rough and some snow from the SW. At Greenbank helping at the hall. Abe Hall plastering. Willie drove Annie to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school and stayed for the play in the evening and all night at Roy O'Neill's. Jennie and Willie packing clothing made for two Toronto families by the girls SS class and then they took it to Port Perry and sent it off.

21 – A fine mild day. Willie drove me to Greenbank where I helped at the hall all day. Got dinner at W. Phoenix's. Willie came for me towards night. James came home from Port Perry school. James at orchestra practice and Willie skating in the evening. L. Luke called. Mrs. Wadge of Manitoba, with 3 children, came on a visit to P. Luke's. Fire to the south about 5:30 pm.

22 – A fine mild day. Put new knives into turnip pulper. Willie helping John Michie, who is laid up with rheumatism, with the chores. James did not go to school which closes today for Christmas but he drove over for Annie after school. In the evening Willie drove the sleigh taking Mrs. John Michie and children, Leola Luke and all here but Jennie, to Christmas tree at our SS. There was a packed house and everything went off pretty well. Lots of noise. \$52.00 taken in.

23 – Mild and snowing a little. Little doing outside at least. Willie helping J.M. at chores. In the afternoon took the sleigh to Port Perry, Annie and Mrs. John Michie going with him, and got Annie and Chrissie Bell who have come for Christmas. He then took the sleigh to Bethel Christmas tree taking Annie, James and the Bell girls.

24 – A fine mild day. All but Chrissie Bell at SS and church; 180 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Gladys and Blanche Luke called after we got home. All hands out to church in the evening. Rev. Mr. Bell of Port Perry preached to a fair turnout.

25 – Rather mild and dull most of the day. The boys, Annie and the Bell girls skating part of the time. I went down to John Michie's to see John who is in bed with rheumatism. The girls were all here for dinner and supper. Music in the evening. What little snow there was is going fast.

26 – A very fine day. Got up early and Annie drove Annie and Chrissie Bell to Port Perry on their way home. Willie drove me most of the way to Greenbank where I helped at the hall. Got dinner at Blake Cragg's. James came for me. P. Luke called.

27 – Somewhat colder. Jennie washing. James went to the public school meeting. W. Phoenix was put in trustee in place of George Till. I went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Boys and Clinton Midgley skating in the afternoon. Willie helping Mrs. John Michie with the chores. John had the Dr. to see him today; inflammatory

rheumatism he calls it. James at picture show at Port Perry in the evening (The Four Horsemen) and Willie and Annie at CE in the evening.

28 – A fine but pretty cold day. At the hall in Greenbank in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. Willie helped J.M. with chores. In the evening the orchestra had a practice here and there was music galore. Rye Bear; Freeman Howsam; Mary L. Real; --- Thompson; Arthur Gordon and wife; C. Gordon; C. [Whyat?]; Clinton Midgley and L. Luke were here.

29 – A beautiful day. Little doing in the forenoon. In the afternoon drove to Greenbank and helped at the hall. Boys skating. Ray Dusty, C. Midgley and Ross Blakely also skating. Annie went to Port Perry. L. Luke called.

30 – A fine day. Did little but the chores. James went to Greenbank in the afternoon to help clean out the hall. Willie, Clinton Midgley, --- Bryant, Leola Luke and Miss Coates skating on our pond. Willie and Annie at Luke's in the evening and James at Port Perry rink.

31 – Rather dull with some rain from the S. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Leola Luke and Jean Cotes here for supper. Willie, Annie, L. Luke and J.C. at church at Greenbank. James Bewell conducted the service.

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JAN. 1 – Rather dull all day. Mild in the morning but got colder towards night. All hands at John Michie's for dinner and the afternoon. W. O'Neill and wife were also there. John is much better. Willie, Annie, James and L. Luke at dance in the community hall got up by the orchestra. A big time; upwards of 200 present. \$47.00 taken in.

2 – Mild with snow in the evening. Little doing but Jennie washing. Jennie and Mrs. W. Thomas drove over to see Mrs. Alex Leask who is ill. L. Luke called. Annie and James went to Greenbank in the evening; Annie to SS class and James to wash up the dishes used at last night's party.

3 – Rough with snow from the E. Willie drove Annie to her school to start after the holidays. James drove (buggy) to Port Perry school. Little doing but the chores. Helped to pick some hens. L. Luke called. In the evening went with Willie to annual SS meeting. There was about 35 out and the meeting was quite harmonious. The old officers were re-elected except W. Hill, assistant sec., who is moving away. Ernie takes his place and Dorothy Real takes the place of Mrs. Fleet Beare.

4 – A fine day. Willie hitched the sleigh and first took John Michie's girls to school and then took Mrs. John; Mrs. Wadge; L. Luke and Jennie to Port Perry market. L. Luke called. In the evening Willie and L.L. skating at Greenbank rink run by Ernie Lee.

5 – A very fine day. Did little but the chores. Went for Annie. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie most of the day at Luke's helping to cut feed. Jennie making nightgowns. L. Luke called.

James, Willie and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening. Annie at hockey match in Port Perry. Port Perry against Beaverton.

6 – Cold E wind all day which got down to 12 below zero in the evening. Little doing outside. Mrs. Jas. Allan of Uxbridge was buried at the 12th concession but on account of the cold we did not go. Willie down helping John Michie whose rheumatism is worse today. L. Luke came over in the evening to go to Greenbank to skate but they did not go; too cold.

7 – Very cold with E wind. Willie drove John Michie's team and took all but Jennie to SS and church. SS time was taken up with choosing teachers and 4 classes did not succeed in getting one as yet. Mr. McDonald preached. Church not well heated. L. Luke called on way home from church. James and Willie away somewhere in the evening and E. Hooper, E. Wallace and Annie Gordon here in the evening.

8 – A fine day. I did little but the chores. Helped John Michie with his chores at noon. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie drove Annie to her school and then went to the agricultural class in the hall at Greenbank conducted by R.M. Tipper and is to continue 4 weeks. Willie put his horse in at G. Lee's. The girls also have a sewing class in the basement of the Presbyterian church. L. Luke attends it. In the evening James and I went to the annual meeting of the United church (the first annual meeting). There was not many out. Mr. McDonald was in the chair. A new lot of managers were elected; 6 from the Presbyterian and 6 from the Methodist side. Talked of a Sunday evening service and hydro electric lighting.

9 – A fine mild day; some snow from the E. Helped Mrs. J.M. with the chores. James drove to Port Perry school and to orchestra practice in the evening. Willie and L.L. at Aggie class. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to WM meeting in church.

10 – A fine winter day. Did chores and helped Mrs. John Michie to do hers. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie at Aggie class. They were at Edgar Leask's judging cattle in the afternoon. Willie at CE in the evening.

11 – Rough and snowing sometimes, especially in the evening. Did chores and helped Mrs. J.M. with hers. James drove to Port Perry school and Willie to Aggie class at Greenbank. Hockey match between Greenbank and Victoria Corners. Greenbank won 4-0. Mrs. Wadge called.

12 – Pretty cold and rough. Did chores. Willie at Aggie class. He went by way of John Michie's as our road is blocked with snow. The mare, however, got through all right. James drove to Port Perry school. Cecil Phair called in the afternoon. Annie came home part way by Mr. Armstrong.

13 – Rather a fine day. Willie hitched up the sleigh and went through the fields to break the road and we then went to John Michie's for two little pigs. In the afternoon Willie drove P. Luke's team and sleigh to Port Perry taking Annie, Leola and Mrs. Wadge. Annie, Willie and James skating at Greenbank in the evening.

14 – Pretty rough with E wind but not quite as cold. All hands at SS and church (drove the sleigh). Took Mrs. John Michie and girls

and Mrs. Wadge and L. Luke. 182 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mrs. Wes Real sang a solo. Willie and James away in the evening. Annie went with E.H. somewhere and she landed at Mr. Armstrong's for the night ready for school in the morning.

15 – High NW wind and drifting most of the day but not very cold. Did chores and helped Mrs. J. Michie with hers. Jennie washing. Willie and L. Luke at Aggie class. Leola here for supper and piano practice in the evening. James did not go to Port Perry school.

16 – Rough and stormy all day and getting colder towards night. Did chores and helped Mrs. J. Michie at noon. Willie and L. Luke at aggie class. James did not go to Port Perry school until afternoon as exams are on and he had nothing to do in the forenoon. Willie went with Ray Dusty to hockey match at Uxbridge; Port Perry plays Uxbridge; Uxbridge wins 3 to 0.

17 – 15 below zero in the morning but got warmer as the day advanced. Did chores here and at J.M.'s. James at Port Perry school in the forenoon only; exams on. Willie and L. Luke at aggie class. Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

18 – Mild and thawing most of the day. Did chores here and at J.M.'s. Willie and Leola Luke at aggie class. James drove to Port Perry school exams. Jennie visiting at Luke's in the afternoon. L. Luke here in the evening practising. James at orchestra practice.

19 – A very fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and L. Luke at aggie class. I helped Mrs. John Michie do chores and then went with her in the cutter to Greenbank and went to the aggie class in the hall. There was a debate on the subject of mixed or specialty farming. Specialty won. Willie went for Annie and all at Greenbank at choir practice in the evening.

20 – Mild and thawing some with rain in the evening. Did little but the chores. Willie helped John Michie with his. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry for music lesson. L. Luke here in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Drove the sleigh and took all hands, including John Michie's girls and Lukes, to SS and church; 180 at SS. A student named Connor preached on his experiences as a missionary in the NW. Willie, Annie and James out to church in the evening; the same man preached.

22 – A beautiful day. Did little but the chores. Jennie washing. James drove Annie to her school and then went on to Port Perry school. Willie at aggie class in the hall and at Greenbank skating in the evening.

23 – At zero in the morning and a fine day. Did the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie to the aggie class. They went to Alex Leask's in the afternoon to judge dairy cattle. Willie drove over to Mr. Armstrong's afterwards for a quarter of beef. L. Luke here in the evening practicing piano. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

24 – Snowing from the S most of the day. Did chores and helped Jennie to pick chickens. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and L. Luke at aggie class and at C.E. meeting in the evening.

25 – Clear and cold day. P. Luke drove the sleigh to Port Perry market and Mrs. Luke, Jennie and I went with him. James drove to Port Perry school and to choir practice in the evening. Willie drove to aggie class in the forenoon and to hockey match at Seagrave in the evening. Greenbank beat Seagrave 2-0. L. Luke here in the evening practicing piano.



Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe Luke, date unknown.

26 – A fine and mild day. Did little but the chores. Willie at the aggie class and brought Dale Armstrong home with him. James drove to Port Perry school and came by Bethel school and brought Annie home. In the evening all but Annie at the hall trustees concert. There was music by the orchestra; vocals by T. Sharp, Hattie Bewell and Mrs. W. Real. The Bethel people put on the play 'Cranberry Corners' and did it well. Then a pie social and then finished with a short dance. About \$45.00 was made clear. Dale Armstrong, who was in the play, stayed all night here.

27 – A beautiful day. Little doing but the chores. Dale Armstrong, who is half sick with a cold, did not get up until near noon. Her mother came for her after dinner. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. James went to Greenbank in the afternoon to see a hockey match but it did not come off. Annie went to Port Perry rink with E.H.

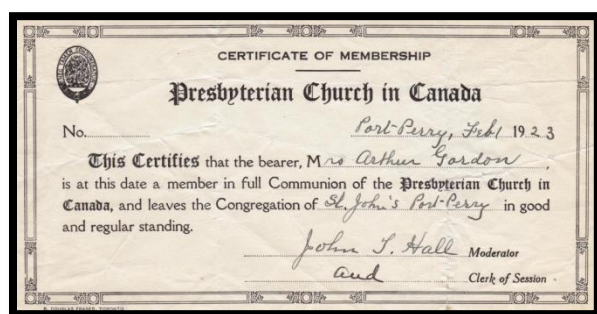
28 – Rough and cold with raw E wind. All but Willie (who is half sick with a cold) at SS and church. Took the sleigh and went by way of John Michie's. 150 at SS. Archie McMillan of Winnipeg was present and gave a little speech. Mr. McDonald preached. James away somewhere in the evening.

29 – A beautiful but pretty cold day. I drove Annie over to her school in the sleigh. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Willie did not go to the aggie class. He did not get out of bed till noon. Mrs. Luke called in the morning.

30 – A beautiful but sharp day. Little doing but the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie did not go to aggie class. Jennie helping Mrs. Luke to quilt in the afternoon. James at Port Perry in the evening at hockey match; Uxbridge vs. Port Perry and Uxbridge wins 2 to 1.

31 – A fine day and milder. James drove to Port Perry school and to C.E. meeting in the evening. Little done but the chores. Jennie ironing. Jennie, Willie and I all more or less sick with grippe or something like it.

FEB. 1 – Mild and foggy all day. Willie did the chores while I stayed at the house to nurse my cold. Jennie in bed all day with mustard plaster on part of the time. James drove to Port Perry school but came home early as two of the teachers are sick with this grippe that is all about those parts. L. Luke called after being away some days with grippe.



2 – Dull and foggy all day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie did the chores while Jennie and I nursed our grippe. Willie went for Annie. L. Luke called. Annie and the boys at a party in the hall got up by the aggie class which closes tonight.

3 – Stormy all day and got below zero in the evening. Willie did the chores. I was in the house all day.

4 – 10 below zero in the evening. Annie, Willie and James went to SS and church; only 92 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I did not go as we still had the remains of the grippe. Annie went out in the evening with E.H. but did not go very far.

5 – Below zero in the morning. James drove Annie to her school but did not go to school himself as he is coughing quite a lot. Willie did the chores while Jennie did the housework and I stayed near the stove. Willie at Greenbank skating in the evening.

6 – Below zero in the morning and clear and cold all day. Willie did the chores while James and I stayed close to the house. Jennie making over her fur coat. L. Luke called and practiced piano. James at orchestra practice at Greenbank in the evening. Uxbridge played hockey at Oshawa and got beat 9 to 1.

7 – A very fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Willie doing chores. L. Luke at piano practice. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

8 – Rough but mild. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie did chores. L. Luke at piano practice. Nobody out in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. Willie did chores. James drove to Port Perry school and came home by Bethel bringing Annie home. Jennie studying up for missionary topic. L. Luke and G. Wadge called in the afternoon. Willie and L.L. and Annie and E.H. at hockey match at Uxbridge; Oshawa vs. Uxbridge; Oshawa 4 Uxbridge 0.

10 – A beautiful clear day. Willie doing chores at home and at Luke's. Annie drove to Port Perry in the morning. L. Luke and G. Wadge and little sister called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening skating and James at Greenbank skating. Mrs. Ed Till died.

11 – Pretty cold day. All hands at SS and church; 134 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

12 – A fine day until towards night when it got rough with snow from the S. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie drove Annie in the sleigh to her school. Jennie washing. Willie choring at home and at Luke's. L. Luke at piano practice. Annie came home with Mr. Armstrong's horse and Willie, Annie, James and L. Luke went to party at Harry Bewell's.

13 – Milder day. Willie did chores at home and at Luke's. Jennie ironing. James drove to Port Perry school and at orchestra practice at Greenbank in the evening. G. Wadge called for the mail.

14 – A terrible rough day, snowing and drifting. I was in bed until about 6 pm with bad back. Willie did the chores. James did not go to school. He brought Rye Beare's slide trombone home with him and spent most of the day trying to play it. No mail today.

15 – Another terrible day of wind and drifting but it got milder in the evening. I was in bed in the forenoon and miserable all day. Willie did the chores and went to S. Dusty's for the mail. No one on the Port Perry road. James did not go to school. Annie had no pupils at her school today. L. Luke and G. Wadge called.

16 – A pretty cold day but clear. I was in bed until noon and did nothing the rest of the day. Willie and James chored and Willie took Mrs. Luke to Port Perry with chickens. Jennie went with John Michie and Lizzie in the sleigh to missionary meeting at the church. She had the topic which she has been studying for some days from the book of building of the nation. James went for Annie with the sleigh.

17 – About zero in the morning and sharp cold all day. Nursing myself all day. Willie choring. John Michie and his 4 girls and boy came up and got all their hair cut and had music. L. Luke and G. Wadge called. Annie went with C.M. to Port Perry in the evening skating.

18 – A fine but cold day. All but me at SS and church; 146 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie went to see John Stone who is on the sick list. James went to Alex Leask's for tea. Willie, Annie and L. Luke out in the evening.

19 – Clear and cold all day. In bed in the forenoon. Willie drove Annie to her school and did the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Jennie washed in the forenoon.

20 – A beautiful bright clear day. I was in bed part of the day. Willie did the chores. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie over at Luke's in the afternoon helping with quilt. Rev. Mr. McDonald called and stayed a little over an hour. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

21 – A beautiful day. Around the house all day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with John Michie and wife in the sleigh. Willie at Port Perry in the evening skating and James at C.E. meeting in the church.

22 – Clear and pretty cold. Did little all day. Willie did chores. The well at the barn is dry (the first time for perhaps 50 years) and we had a job getting the cattle to come to the house for a drink and did not get them all. James drove to Port Perry school and stayed after school to skate. L. Luke here to practice on piano.

23 – Very cold all day. Never very much above zero. Helped a little with the chores. Willie choring at home and at Luke's. James drove to Port Perry school. He came home early as there was no school in the afternoon on account of Mrs. Harris' funeral. Willie went for Annie and in the evening all at dance at the hall in Greenbank.

24 – Below zero in the morning, snow through the day and milder in the evening. Willie at chores. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry for music lesson. L. Luke called in the afternoon.

25 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 161 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie at Luke's for supper. Willie, Annie and James out in the evening.

26 – A fine day and thawing a good deal. Willie drove Annie to her school with the sleigh. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Mrs. Wadge went with James to Port Perry on her way to Toronto.

27 – A very fine mild day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie choring. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to congregational meeting in the church. The meeting was called to consider the proposal to rearrange the churches in this part of the presbytery. The proposal was to put Sonya and Cresswell together and Greenbank to be a charge alone. After a lot of discussion the question was left without any action being taken. Mr. McDonald was in the chair. I acted as sec. and Rev. Mr. Davis of Woodville represented the presbytery. There was not a very large turnout. After the meeting the Ladies Aid had a supper and quite a number were present. A programme of music was given by the orchestra, Tom Sharp and Mrs. Wes Real. \$19.00 was taken in. A beautiful evening.

28 – Another beautiful day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. He brought Mrs. Wadge back from her trip to Toronto. Willie and L. Luke at C.E. social meeting at Harry Bewell's.

MAR. 1 – A fine mild day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. I went with P. Luke and wife to Port Perry in the sleigh to get another bottle from the Dr. Mrs. Wadge also went on her way for a visit at Brooklin and Raglan. On our way to Port

Perry we met Rev. J.A. Miller who was on his way to G. Lee's to marry Florence to --- Smith. Did not get home from Port Perry until near 3 o'clock. L. Luke here in the afternoon at piano. Willie at Seagrave in the evening skating.

2 – A very fine day and thawing some most of the day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Eleanor Michie came up with quilt patches. L. Luke at piano practice. Willie went for Annie with the sleigh and Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening. Eclipse of the moon in the evening.

3 – Another very fine day and thawing most of the time. Willie choring. Jennie scrubbing etc. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the morning for music lessons. L. Luke also here in the afternoon. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Annie at home in the evening. Willie painting the buggy in the shop.

4 – Heavy rain sometimes in the forenoon but got colder again towards night. Annie, Willie and James at SS and church; 108 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. I did not feel able to go and Jennie was not too well. Leola Luke here for supper. Annie, Willie and James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

5 – Another very fine day; not thawing very much. Willie drove Annie to her school with the sleigh and then broke the sideroad which has been blocked for some time. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie making quilt patches. L. Luke at piano practice. Willie and L. Luke at shower for Florence Hickman who is likely to be married soon. L. McDonald of Epsom here in the evening.

6 – Colder and some rough. Jennie washing. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke called early in the morning and again in the afternoon. L. McDonald here most of the forenoon; Willie trying to learn him to play the fiddle. James at orchestra practice in the evening. Mrs. Ernest Phair died.

7 – Rather a fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Willie picking hens in the forenoon. Mrs. Wadge called early to say goodbye. They leave for home in Manitoba today; Leola Luke going with them as far as Toronto. James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie and Mrs. Luke drove to Port Perry market with chickens. In the afternoon Jennie went with John Michie to Mrs. Ernest Phair's funeral. There was a large turnout; Mr. McDonald conducted the service. She was buried at Wick. A man for Boe's Cream Co. of Toronto called to work up a cream route in these parts. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

9 – A fine but pretty cold day. Willie choring. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie churning. Willie went to Wes Real's sale. I drove over for Annie after James came home. Clinton Midgley here in the evening with his fiddle and we had a musical evening. W. Hill and Florence Hickman married.

10 – Rather a fine day until evening when it became rough and snowy. I went to Port Perry in the morning with Annie who went for music lesson. Willie choring. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening to bring home L. Luke who has been in Toronto. James away somewhere.

11 – A very fine day. All hands at communion service at Greenbank. There was a good turnout; a good number coming from Wick. Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I went to W. O'Neill's for dinner; James to T. Sharp's; and Annie and Willie came home with John Michie. Sunday School was held at 3 o'clock; there was 131 present. Annie and Willie did not get back to SS. Annie and James at choir practice and Willie away somewhere in the evening.

12 – Very rough in the morning with snow from the E which later turned to rain which made the snow settle quick. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie drove Annie in the sleigh to her school. Little doing but the chores.

13 – A fine but pretty cold day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and I was most of the day fanning up oats for P. Luke who also helped. Jennie washed in the forenoon and went to the WM meeting in the church in the afternoon taking Mrs. Midgley and Mrs. Bott.

14 – Cold but fine. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and I cleaned up barn floor after yesterday's fanning. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

15 – A fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and I cutting elm tree in the long field. Jennie making quilt.

16 – A very high wind and getting colder towards night. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie painting buggy in the forenoon. Willie and I finished cutting tree and then Willie went with the sleigh for Annie. Willie, James and Annie at dance in the hall at Greenbank in the evening.

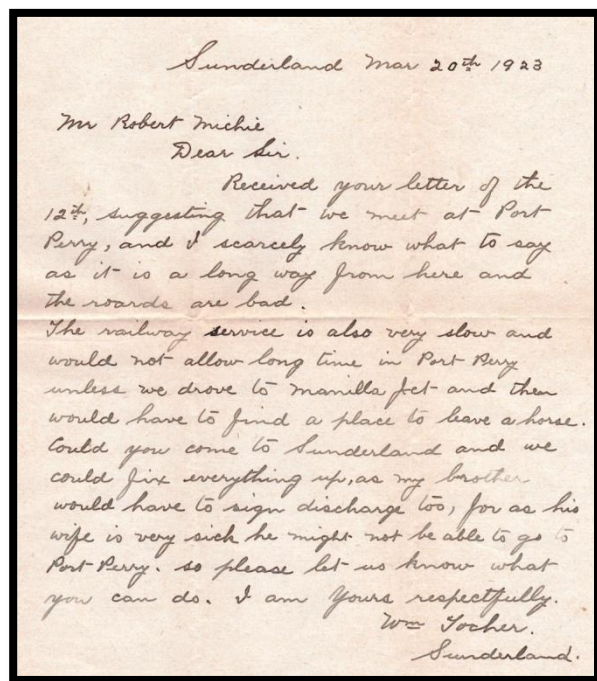
17 – A very fine day. Willie and I cut up another elm tree. Annie drove to Port Perry for music lesson. Ruth and Eleanor called in the morning.

18 – A fine day and mild. All hands at SS and church; 171 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James at choir practice in the evening and Willie away somewhere.

19 – Very rough and cold with high NW wind and snow. James drove to Port Perry school. I drove Annie to her school. Willie went to Harry Bewell's to help prepare for his sale on Wed. In the afternoon went to congregational meeting in the church. There was about 35 present. After a lot of talk a committee of G.A. McMillan, Blake Cragg; Les Beare and Alex Leask were appointed to confer with Wick congregation to try to rearrange the Sunday services. The Dr. came out to see L. Luke; some throat trouble. Ruth and Olive Michie called.

20 – A very fine day in the morning but rough and snowy in the afternoon. Split some elm wood in the forenoon. James did not go to school but studied at home in preparation for exams tomorrow. Jennie washing. P. Luke called in the afternoon.

21 – A very fine day. James drove to Port Perry school. In the afternoon went with P. Luke to Harry Bewell's sale. There was not many out and prices rather flat. Willie came home from Bewell's.



22 – Dull foggy and some rain in the forenoon and evening. Willie and I cut two more little elm trees. Jennie cleaning the silverware. James went to Port Perry school with Mrs. Luke (he did not need to go in the forenoon on account of exams). He stayed at Roy O'Neill's all night. Annie phoned over that she was sick and had no school.

23 – Rather dull. Whitewashed the kitchen ceiling while Jennie cleaned woodwork. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the waggon for James. Annie did not come home on account of the water being across the road. Boys at orchestra practice in the evening.

24 – Very rough and cold especially in the afternoon; high NW wind. Willie and I cut another elm tree in the forenoon. Willie at Mrs. O'Neill's in the afternoon helping to cut wood. Jennie housecleaning.

25 – Drove the buggy with the boys to SS and church; 159 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. The service was held in the basement as the dry wood has run out. Jennie did not go as her arms were bad. The afternoon turned out very rough with snow from the E. Mrs. Luke called in the forenoon. Willie and James out in the evening.

26 – A fine bright day. Willie at Mrs. O'Neill's in the forenoon and John Michie's in the afternoon cutting wood. I drove James to Port Perry school after dinner. He is to stay at Roy O'Neill's overnight; exams are on. Jennie making missionary quilt.

27 – Mild in the morning but about noon a terrible blizzard started and continued all afternoon and got much colder. Willie and I drew the elm wood to the house. Jennie washing. P. Luke came for a sleigh load of turnips. Willie at Lukes in the afternoon.

28 – A terrible day; high NW wind and snow and very little above zero. Went with cutter to Port Perry for James and other business. Willie went with buggy to Wilson's sale on 8th conc. near the lake and on his way home he ran against post of Luke's gate and bent the hind axle.

29 – Rather cold day, rough in the afternoon. Drove with the cutter (fairly good sleighing) to Blackwater where I met Tocher Bros. and settled up with them. Willie went to Port Perry with the buggy and got the buggy axle straightened out and in the afternoon went for Annie who is home for Easter holidays. Snowing heavily. L. Luke called, the first time for quite awhile as she has been sick with sore throat. In the evening James and I drove to Greenbank, he to orchestra and I to a congregational meeting in the church. There was 19 present and little done but talk. R. Cragg; B. Cragg; Alex Leask and I were appointed to go to Cannington on Tuesday next.

30 – Good Friday. Rather cold. Willie and John Michie went for a load of wood from Wes Real's swamp to the church. Jennie went with Mrs. Luke to a missionary quilting bee in the church basement. About 60 women were out and 7 quilts quilted. James, Annie and Mary Real at Port Perry skating rink in the evening.

31 – Very cold and rough all day and little but the chores was done. Annie drove to Port Perry and waited until the 5 o'clock train for Mabel and Jessie Slemon of Port Hope who are out for a visit. Had music in the evening.

APR. 1 – Easter Sunday. A bright clear but rather cold day. Willie drove the sleigh to SS and church taking Mrs. Luke; Gladys, who is home for the day; and Leola. 169 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. All away in the evening but Jennie and I.

2 – Much warmer, thawing rapidly. Willie and I drew away brush and stove wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Luke's and helped him to get out wood. Jas. Bott and C. O'Neill also helping. Willie went to Port Perry with 10 bags of oats to be ground but he did not get it home. He took the sleigh, but the sleighing was poor. Mabel Slemon went with him. In the evening Annie, Willie, James and Mabel and Jessie Slemon at dance party in the hall at Greenbank.

3 – Rain in the morning and very dull all day. Drove the buggy to Blackwater, taking Alex Leask, and then by train to Cannington to Presbytery meeting. No action was taken on the question of rearrangement of charge until after the general assembly meeting in June next. Got home about 4 o'clock.

4 – A fine day and thawing fast. All day helping P. Luke in swamp. Willie went to Port Perry for the meal with the waggon. Annie took Mabel and Jessie Slemon to Port Perry on their way home. Willie and James at CE meeting in the evening. L. Luke called.

5 – Dull and a little rain in the forenoon and heavy in the afternoon which turned to snow towards evening. Jennie and Annie went to Toronto to do some shopping. James drove them to Port Perry. Willie and I cutting wood in P. Luke's swamp; 6 poplar trees which Mr. Luke gave for Willie's help with his chores. P. Luke called in the afternoon for the mail.

6 – A fine day. Willie and I cutting wood in P. Luke's in the afternoon and in the afternoon Willie helping P. Luke to cut wood with Mr. [?] machine. James keeping house. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening for Jennie and Annie on their way back from Toronto. James at choir practice.

7 – Dull day. Willie and I helped P. Luke to finish cutting wood; about 1 ½ hours. Did little in the afternoon. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. L. Luke called in the afternoon. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening.

8 – Rather rough and cold. All but Jennie at SS and church. 147 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. In the evening Willie took Annie to Seagrave on her way to her school, the water being over the roads hereabouts, and James went to choir practice.

9 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew in wood into the woodshed and James piled it up. He did not go to school as we were afraid of ice on the water which is over the road. Jennie washing. Clarence O'Neill called in the evening. Willie at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

10 – Some frost in the morning and snow in the afternoon. Willie helping C. Phair to cut wood all day. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie went with John Michie and wife to W. Missionary meeting in the church. I drew out the wood we had cut in P. Luke's swamp. P. Luke called in the morning and L. Luke in the evening to practice. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

11 – Dull; rain came on about 11 which turned to sleet and quite cold in the evening. Willie and I went to Luke's swamp and cut and drew out the last tree of the six we got from P.L. James drove to Port Perry school. Clinton Midgley here in the afternoon and stayed for supper. L. Luke over in the evening practicing and Willie, James and her went to C.E. meeting.

12 – A very fine day. Willie and I cut down the big elm tree in the swell north of the barn known as the crow tree, and cut some of it into wood. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke here in the evening practicing music.

13 – A very fine day. Willie and I all day cutting big elm tree. John Michie was up awhile in the morning. James drove to Port Perry school and came home by Bethel bringing Annie home. Jennie went to Port Perry with John Michie and wife to get James a new suit of clothes. L. Luke practicing in the afternoon.

14 – A fine day. Willie and I all day cutting elm tree. Annie went with L. Luke to Port Perry for music lesson. Jas. S. Lee, wife and girls here for tea and the evening; and P. Luke, wife and Leola; and John Michie, wife and family for the evening. There was much music.

15 – Raw and quite a snow storm from the SW. All hands at SS and church; 162 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie at Luke's for tea. Willie and James somewhere in the evening.

16 – Some snow in the forenoon. All day at the elm tree; finished cutting in the forenoon and splitting in the afternoon. James drove to Port Perry school. He first took Annie to her school. L. Luke practiced in the afternoon.

17 – Some snow and not very warm. Willie and I most of the day splitting the elm tree. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

18 – Snowing most of the forenoon. Willie drawing out manure, I at the berry bushes. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke here in the afternoon. C. O'Neill and [?] came for a load of straw. Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

19 – A fine and warm day. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie helped John Michie to take cattle to Port Perry while I was at berry bushes. Cut apple tree in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Jennie housecleaning.

20 – A decidedly warm summer-like day. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie started plowing in the orchard and in the afternoon I planted some potatoes. Willie went for Annie and brought another buggy home from John Michie's.

21 – Another very warm day. Did little but fix up the grain seeder. Willie and I took heifer to John Michie's and got it weighed (680 lbs). James overhauling his wheel. Annie and L. Luke at Port Perry for music lesson. L. Luke here in the afternoon. J. Michie's girls here getting their hair cut. Annie and the boys at Luke's in the evening. Word came by phone that Mrs. R. Akhurst of Cannington is dead.

22 – Not quite so warm. All hands at SS and church; 165 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. As the job of [painting?] the church is not yet finished the service was held in the basement. Willie, James and Annie at choir practice in the evening. Some rain in the evening. L. Luke called before dinner.

23 – A very fine day. Went to N. Midgley's and got 40 lbs of timothy seed. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Willie drawing out manure and rolling new seeded field. Jennie washing. James drove to Port Perry school. He first took Annie to her school, and after school he brought from the station Miss Chrissie Bell who has come on a visit. L. Luke called in the afternoon.

24 – A very fine day. Willie went up to N. Midgley's and got an old cultivator and cultivated the SW field while I was at berry bushes most of the day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. P. Luke got our seeder and sowed field SW of his house (the first sown in this locality that I have heard of). L. Luke here in the evening practicing.

25 – A very fine day. Willie cultivating hill field; broke the tongue of cultivator and we put in the old one. Cleaning out the berry bushes. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. In the evening all hands went to C.E. meeting in the church. There was a fair turnout. There was a debate. Resolved that a limited monarchy is better than a republic. H. Bewell and I took the affirmative and G. Lee and Mrs. Rood the other side. The affirmative won out. A very fine night.

26 – A beautiful day. Willie sowed the SW field. I took Chrissie Bell to the midday train at Port Perry on her way back to Toronto. Pruning apple trees in the afternoon. L. Luke practicing. James did not go to school as his stomach is out of order.

27 – A very fine day. Uncovered the strawberry patch and pruned apple trees. Willie harrowing in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Willie at concert at Port Perry in the evening.

28 – Some rain in the forenoon. Most of the day in the orchard. Willie drawing out manure. Annie went with L. Luke to Port Perry for music lesson. Later Jennie drove to Port Perry for paper for front room. L. Luke called in the afternoon, also John Love who was wanting to get some oats. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

29 – Some little rain showers at different times. All hands at SS and church; 184 at SS, the largest attendance so far this year. Mr. Conner, for the Dominion Alliance, preached a good address. Annie and the boys out in the evening.

30 – Cold and some rain in the forenoon. Jennie drove Annie to her school and then went on to Port Perry to change the room paper she got on Saturday. Willie drawing out manure and I scuffled the berry bushes. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Jennie tearing off the paper in the front room.

MAY 1 – A very fine day. Willie cultivated N field while I burned the brush of the big elm tree. Fanned up some seed oats in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning and painting front room. James wheeled to Port Perry school and went to orchestra practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

2 – A very fine day. Willie sowed the N field and partly harrowed it. I did some painting and planted some berry bushes near the barn pump. Jennie washing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

3 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to paper front room. Willie harrowed N field and then sowed part of the hill field. James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called.

4 – A beautiful day. All day helping Jennie to paper room. Willie finished sowing hill field and harrowed it once over, then went to Bethel for Annie. James wheeled to Port Perry school and brought a Ross rifle home with him as he belongs to the H.S. Cadets.⁹⁰ L. Luke called in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

5 – A beautiful day. Helped Jennie to finish papering room and some other jobs in the forenoon, and planting some trees along the road, James helping, in the afternoon. Willie harrowed hill field and drew out manure. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. Willie, Annie and L.L. at Port Perry in the evening.

6 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 176 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. L. Luke here for dinner and supper as Mr. and Mrs. Luke are at Epsom. Willie, Annie and James out in the evening.

7 – Another very fine day. I drove Annie to her school and then at fence on N side of lane to Luke's. Willie plowing. Jennie wash-

⁹⁰ High School Cadets.

ing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. The H.S. Cadets were inspected today. L. Luke called in the afternoon.

8 – Dull in the forenoon and foggy and some rain in the afternoon. At fence while Willie cultivated and harrowed mangold ground. Jennie at W.M.S. in the church in the afternoon. L. Luke called. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Boys at choir practice in the evening.

9 – Snow all forenoon which melted about as fast as it fell. Jennie, Willie and I picked over the potatoes in the cellar in the forenoon. Little doing in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

10 – Very cold and winter-like; snow on the ground and hard frost, but it got warmer towards night. Little doing in the forenoon. In the afternoon I finished fencing and Willie drew out manure. James drove to Port Perry school. L. Luke at practice in the evening.

11 – Dull with rain in the afternoon and evening. Willie drew out manure in the forenoon while I cleaned up rubbish of new fence. James drove to Port Perry school. In the afternoon Willie drove Jennie and I to Greenbank church to a SS conference (Willie then went for Annie). Mrs. Williamson of Beaverton and Dr. Robinson were the speakers and they were very good. Supper in the basement and Robinson gave two addresses in the evening which were fine. Attendance not very good. Annie, Willie and James were also there.

12 – A fine day. Hoed berry bushes and trimmed maple trees along the road. Willie plowing. Annie and L. Luke went to Port Perry for music lesson. G. McMillan came for some berry bushes. L. Luke called.

13 – A fine day but pretty cold for the time of year. All hands at SS and church; 207 at SS, the largest attendance this year so far. Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James out in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Drove Annie over to her school and trimmed maple trees the rest of the day. Willie drawing out manure. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie went to Jas. Blair's in the afternoon for some cherry trees. L. Luke called. Rawleigh man called.

15 – Rain most of the forenoon and again in the evening. James drove to Port Perry school. Jennie papering and cleaning pantry. In the afternoon Willie and I drew off the brush and limbs cut from the maple trees. Howard McMillan came for some berry bushes. L. Luke called. Willie away at Sonya and James at orchestra practice in the evening which was very dark and wet.

16 – Very heavy rain through the night and the water is laying on the fields. Did several odd jobs. Willie plowing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie washing. Ray Dusty came for berry bushes. N. Baird of Oshawa and L. Luke called. Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening. We had just got ready to get into bed when the telephone rang and there was a fire to the west which proved to be Russell Sonley's barn.

17 – A cold drizzle of rain from the NW and sometimes snow; continued all day. Cleaned out hen house and cut maple limbs. James drove to Port Perry school. Willie also went to Port Perry in the forenoon. L. Luke called.

18 – Much warmer and fine day. Willie plowing and harrowing orchard. I helped Jennie in the garden and finished cutting maple limbs. James drove to Port Perry school and went for Annie. L. Luke called. Willie, James and Annie at dance party in the hall. After 3 am when they got home.

19 – A beautiful day. Drilled up for mangolds and potatoes. Willie and James washed the buggy. L. Luke called. Annie and L.L. went to Port Perry in the evening to meet Blanche Luke who is home on a visit.

20 – Rain started a little after six in the morning and continued off and on all day. Quite a lot of thunder. All hands at SS and church. This is Go to SS day and we expected a great turnout but the attendance only reached 142. Mr. Godfrey of the Bible Society preached. He was very English in his speech. Annie, Willie and James at Wick in the evening to anniversary services there.

21 – A fine but not too warm day. No rain. Drove Annie to her school and then to Port Perry for some mangold seed. Jennie papering pantry. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie drawing out manure. I was cutting potatoes in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

22 – A fine but rather cool day. Cutting potatoes in the forenoon and planting them in the afternoon (alone). Jennie washing and ironing. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie drawing out manure. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

23 – A beautiful day. Finished dropping the potatoes and covered them in the forenoon and sowed the mangolds in the afternoon. Willie plowing. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and came home by Bethel and brought Annie home. James wheeled to Port Perry school.

24 – A beautiful day. Planted corn in the little plot near the barn pump and the orchard. Willie drawing out manure in the forenoon. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at tea party at Wick in the evening. Nothing doing at Greenbank.

25 – A beautiful day. Helping Willie to draw out manure and finished the job. There was enough manure to go over all the field, the first time for many years. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school and did not come home as there is choir practice over there. Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Planting strawberry patch (12 rows). Willie dug the plants. Annie came home before dinner. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Arthur Gordon and wife called in the evening for strawberry plants.

27 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 185 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. I rode home with C. Phair in his car. Willie at Bethel anniversary meeting. James away somewhere.

28 – A fine day. Rolling the grain all day. Willie helping P. Luke. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove over to her school and back for night. L. Luke called in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Rolling in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Jennie painting the woodshed floor. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Mr. Luke's all day. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

30 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day and finished the root field. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie at P. Luke's all day. Jennie cleaning the cellar. Mrs. Luke called. Annie drove to her school. Willie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

31 – A very fine day. Planting corn in the orchard and helping Jennie to move the stove into the cook house. Willie at P. Luke's all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called.

JUNE 1 – A very fine dry day. Harrowing in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Willie at P. Luke's until about 4 pm. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Jennie cleaning and oiling kitchen floor. L. Luke called. Willie, James and Annie at choir practice. Mrs. Alex Gordon and Annie Gordon came for some strawberry plants.

2 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon, scuffling in the afternoon. Willie at Luke's all day. L. Luke called twice. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening and brought Janet Sander-son home with them.

3 – Thunder and a fine rain in the morning which was beginning to be needed. All hands at SS and church; 174 at SS. Willie and L. Luke went to Epsom after SS. James went to Seagrave anniversary. Ronald Pell came with car for Janet in the evening.

4 – Heavy rain with thunder about 6 in the morning and several showers during the forenoon. Much thunder all day. James did not go to school as this is a school holiday (King's birthday). Willie drove Annie to her school. She is going to Seagrave SS anniversary with Armstrong's. I fixed stable floor and finished tying up berry bushes. L. Luke called twice. Willie and James at party at W. Boe's in the evening.

5 – Very warm with much thunder and rain. Jennie washing in the forenoon. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Willie went with P. Luke to L. Wagoner's with cattle for pasture. In the afternoon Jennie went to W. Missionary meeting with Mrs. John Michie and came home in a big thunder shower. I went for Annie and also got a shower. A terrible storm between 6 and 7 and things are flooded pretty bad. Part of the roof of W. Leask's barn was blown off.

6 – Very dull all day. Went for the beef in the morning (the first number) and hoed strawberry plants the rest of the day. Willie at P. Luke's all day. Annie drove to her school and James wheeled to Port Perry school. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and L.L. at C.E. meeting in the evening.

7 – Dull and rain from the E most of the forenoon. Went to Manchester to the voters list court to get some names put on the list, then by way of Port Perry home and hoed some. In the evening

with Jennie and Annie went to preparatory service in the church. About 30 turned out. Mr. McDonald preached. Con. political [meeting?] in the hall. Thunder and rain on the way home and very dark. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Willie at P. Luke's.

8 – More rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Willie and I threshed the buckwheat with the flail. Found some little squirrels. Annie drove and James wheeled to school. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening. Very cool for the time of year.

9 – A very fine and cool day. Scuffling in the orchard in the forenoon and hoeing in the afternoon. Jennie over at C. Phair's as there is a new baby girl there and she stayed with Mrs. P. while Cecil was away for a nurse. Annie went to her school for the benefit of the entrance class (2). Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and cultivating here in the afternoon. L.L. called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Went with Jennie and Annie to communion service at Wick. There was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. We got dinner at Alex Gordon's and then to SS at 3 o'clock. There was 145 at SS. L. Luke here for supper. Annie, Willie and James at church in the evening.

11 – A very fine cool day. Jennie went to Port Perry while I planted corn in the orchard. In the afternoon I harrowed and rolled the corn land. Willie at Luke's all day. James wheeled to Port Perry school. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Marie called in the evening for eggs. L. Luke called. Church union carried in General Assembly by 426 to 129.

12 – A very fine day. Sowed the field corn and plowed turnip land. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the Presbyterial W.M. meeting at Greenbank. There was a large turnout. James at home studying for exams. Annie drove to her school. Willie at P. Luke's all day and at Greenbank in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie at P. Luke's all day. James at home studying. Annie drove to her school, then to Seagrave Ladies Aid at Mr. Wanamaker's for tea and then to C.E. meeting at Greenbank. Willie also went. About noon Willie Smith, his wife and mother and Annie Mason came by car and stayed the afternoon and for tea and we had a musical afternoon for sure. They brought a homing pigeon with them and let it go.

14 – A fine cool day. Plowing turnip ground (2nd time). Annie drove to her school. Willie at Luke's all day. Jennie washing. James went to Port Perry in the afternoon to his first exam (Bot- any) for honor matrick. Annie, Willie and L.L. at choir practice.

15 – A very fine day. Hoed strawberry patch while Willie harrowed and rolled turnip land. Drilled up some turnip drills in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon for exams. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called.

16 – A very fine day. Drilled up for turnips in the forenoon and sowed them in the afternoon and scuffled potatoes. Annie, Willie and James at SS class picnic at Oshawa. P. Luke called.

17 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 162 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale preached. Jennie went home with Cecil Phair for tea. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Harrowed corn and plowed in the forenoon. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon while I fixed the spring water trough. James at Port Perry in the afternoon at exams (history). Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Gladys and Leola Luke here in the evening.

19 – A very warm day; about 88 at noon. A good deal of thunder and a heavy storm went S but only a few drops of rain here. Drilled up 14 more turnip drills and sowed them and scuffled the mangolds. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie painting floors of front rooms. Annie drove to her school. James home all day studying. L. Luke called. P. Luke got seed drill and sowed his corn. John Michie came for the turnip drill.

20 – Another very warm day; about 90 at noon. Some thunder to the N in the afternoon but no rain here. Willie cut the sweet clover E of the orchard while I hoed in the orchard and in the afternoon drew to the barn the firewood cut from the crow tree. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry for exams in the morning only. Jennie painting. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening. L. Luke called. Gladys Luke went to Uxbridge to act as bridesmaid at Miss Hart's wedding.

21 – Another very warm day; up to about 90. Willie and I drawing dirt to fill up holes in barnyard. Jennie varnishing chairs. James at home all day studying. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at Ray Dusty's in the evening.

22 – Another very warm day; some thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Jennie. Annie drove to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry for exams (algebra). Willie hoeing. In the afternoon Willie sowed the piece of Hungarian grass while I planted the last of the corn in the orchard. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

23 – Another very warm day. Much thunder to the N and a little rain between 5 and 6 pm. All day at P. Luke's making and hanging gate at sideroad. Willie rolling and hoeing. Annie at her school in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

24 – Another very warm day. All hands at SS and church; 152 at SS (quite a few were at the Methodist conference at Whitby). Mr. McDonald preached. Some thunder but no rain here. Got a little cooler in the evening. Willie, Annie and James away in evening.

25 – Not quite so warm. Several showers in the afternoon and quite a long drizzle about six; some thunder. Willie and I went to Greenbank to vote at the general provincial election. Sinclair, Lib.; More, Tory; and Richison, U.F.O. were the candidates. Jennie and Annie went to vote after 4 o'clock. Hoed mangolds and picked

strawberries. Willie raked up the sweet clover. James at home studying Latin for the exams (the last) tomorrow. Sinclair elected and U.F.O. government wiped out. Tories win by big majority.

26 – Lot of thunder and some rain through the night. Thunder again in the forenoon then cooler with high wind. Hoeing mangolds while Willie scuffled corn. Willie drove Annie to her school. James wheeled to Port Perry to exams. Jennie washing and preserving strawberries. James and Willie at garden party at Watson's on E road in the evening. L. Luke called.

27 – A fine and cool day with high wind. Willie went for the beef in the morning. Jennie, Willie and I picking strawberries, about 20 boxes. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon while I cut the hay in the orchard and hoed mangolds. Mrs. John Michie and Eleanor here in the afternoon. L. Luke called twice. Annie drove to her school and Annie, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Hoeing mangolds most of the day. James hoeing corn in the orchard. Willie at P. Luke's all day. Annie drove to her school and finished at noon. She then drove to Port Perry. L. Luke here in the evening. John Michie's girls up getting hair cut.

29 – A fine and cool day. Hoed strawberry patch and potatoes. Jennie, Annie and Willie picking berries in the morning. In the afternoon Willie hoeing. Annie went to Port Perry. L. Luke called. James helping Ray Dusty to hoe. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

30 – A fine day. Some local thunder showers went around but very little rain here. Willie and I drew in the sweet clover, 3 small loads. Willie then went to P. Luke's and helped him to finish his clover. I started to plow the land. James at Ray Dusty's. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. L.L. called. Dr. R. Archer's house in Port Perry was burned down this morning.

JULY 1 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 181 at SS. This being SS anniversary, the service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Byrnes of Barrie and he made a fine address and there was a full house. All out again in the evening. Mr. B. spoke again to an even fuller church. \$38.00 at collections.

2 – A very fine day and not too warm. Plowing in the forenoon and the rest picking strawberries. All hands at the anniversary in the afternoon. There was a large turnout to supper and a full house at the concert. The programme was given by two men and two ladies, all of Toronto, but not of a very high order.

3 – Got up early and Jennie drove Annie and L. Luke to Port Perry to the early train on their way to Rochester NY on a visit on the invitation of Jessie Bell. Willie, James (who is 18 today) and I went to help C. Phair to fill his silo with sweet clover, but it started to rain and I came home but had hardly got home when a phone call came to go back. Worked until about 4 pm when a thunderstorm came on and stopped the work. Willie and James at 10 cent after social in the church.

4 – A beautiful day. Willie, James and I all day at C. Phair's silo filling. Jennie picking strawberries in the afternoon and Mrs. John Michie helping her. All the children also here. James at C.E. in the evening.

5 – A very fine day and some warm. Plowing in forenoon. James at C. Phair's. Willie at C. Stone's. Jennie baking. About 11 am there came by car, Tom --- and wife and little boy Stewart; Jennie Perrin and Mrs. D. Patton, who stayed until about 6 o'clock. Music most of the afternoon. P. Luke called in the morning and Mrs. R. Sonley in the evening.

6 – A fine day and pretty warm. Finished plowing E of orchard, harrowed twice, and sowed it with buckwheat. Got the seed from C. Phair (200 lbs). Jennie picking berries. James at C. Phair's. Willie at C. Stone's. James wheeled to Greenbank to choir practice but there was no practice as most of them were at the party at Wick. John McDonald called in the evening for berries.

7 – A very fine day. Harrowed and rolled buckwheat. Scuffled mangolds and potatoes in the afternoon. James at C. Phair's. Jennie ironing. She went to Port Perry in the evening with John Michie. Willie came home from C. Stone's. Mrs. Luke called.

8 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 144 at SS. Rev. Mr. Gaffley, Methodist minister of Sunderland, preached. James and Willie away in the evening.

9 – A very fine day. A few drops of rain in the evening. Greened the potatoes and finished hoeing the corn and potatoes. Willie at C. Stone's. James at C. Phair's and at Port Perry in the evening. Jennie picking strawberries most of the day, Mrs. John Michie helping awhile in the afternoon.

10 – A fine day and pretty warm. Hoed mangolds (2nd time) in the forenoon while Willie scuffled corn (2nd time). James at C. Phair's. Jennie washing. Afternoon scuffling in orchard. Willie at Luke's helping at hay. Jennie at W.M. meeting at the church. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

11 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing in the orchard in the forenoon while Willie scuffled the turnips. In the afternoon we went for 3 little pigs to Ray Dusty's \$11.50. James at C. Phair's. Jennie ironing. In the evening Jennie and I went with John Michie and family to see Mr. Kent's rose garden at Port Perry, and a fine sight it was. James and Willie at C.E. meeting.

12 – A fine and warm day. Willie cutting hay in the forenoon while I was cutting fence corners. Willie at Luke's in the afternoon while I finished cutting hay. James at C. Phair's. Jennie picking berries; Mrs. John Michie and Mrs. Luke helping.

13 – A very fine day. Willie and I hoeing turnips in the forenoon. Willie helping at Luke's in the afternoon while I hoed. James at C. Phair's and at choir practice in the evening. A heifer and a steer which was on the roads with the cows did not return and Willie and I went on the hunt but did not find them.

14 – Willie and I spent nearly all the forenoon hunting the lost cattle which were found at last in John Somerville's ranch. James at home raking hay. After dinner Willie and I went to cocking up the hay but rain came on before we got it done. James went to Port Perry to meet the first train and got Annie Bell and her young man R. [McClymont?] and Willie went to Port Perry and got Annie and L. Luke who are back from their visit to Rochester. Big musical evening.

15 – Dull all day. All hands at SS and church; 159 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Willie, James and visitors out in the evening.

16 – A very fine day. Willie and I hoeing turnips in the forenoon and drawing in hay in the afternoon, 4 loads. James at C. Phair's. Annie drove R. [McClymont?] to Uxbridge on his way home. Annie Bell went with her. L. Luke called in the evening.

17 – A fine and warm day. Willie and I drew in the rest of the hay, 9 loads. James at Phair's. Jennie washing and at Greenbank with Mrs. John Michie. Annie and Annie Bell in the afternoon to Bethel to hoe the garden. L. Luke called. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

18 – Very warm day. Raked the hay field and drew it in, Jennie helping. Willie at Luke's. James at C. Phair's. Annie and Annie Bell went for the beef. Annie, Annie Bell, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

19 – Another very warm day. Greened potatoes and hoed turnips. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and John Michie's in the afternoon. James at Phair's. Annie and Annie Bell went to Port Perry. In the evening the orchestra had practice here. Rye Beare; Mary Real; Freeman Howsam; Arthur Gordon and wife; Annie Gordon and Clinton Midgley and L. Luke.

20 – Another very warm day. Willie and I hoeing turnips most of the day. James at Phair's. Annie Bell at John Michie's for tea. Willie and James at choir practice.

21 – Very warm day. Willie and I finished hoeing turnips in the forenoon. James at Phair's. Willie scuffling in the afternoon while I was hoeing. Annie drove Annie Bell to Port Perry on her way back to Toronto. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Word came that Fred Clark's barn was burned today.

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23 – A fine day and quite cool. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie scuffled the corn (3rd time). In the afternoon we fixed the pump at the barn. James at Phair's. Jennie washing. L. Luke, Bruce and Gordon McDonald called in the evening. Stoffer, the piano tuner, called.

24 – Rain through the night and a sort of misty rain at times most of the day. Little doing outside; hoed some. James did not go to Phair's. Jennie churning. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

25 – A fine and quite cool day. Scuffled turnips 2nd time, and hoed. Willie doing road work drawing gravel from W. Thomas' pit to the road near Ray Dusty's gate. James at C. Phair's who is cutting his fall wheat today. Jennie and Annie picking raspberries. Willie and Annie at social at Sonya and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

26 – A fine dry day. Paris greened the potatoes (3rd time) in the forenoon; hoeing in the afternoon. Willie at road work drawing gravel. James at C. Phair's. Annie went to Port Perry with berries.

Mrs. Joyce of Sutton and her friends Mr. and Mrs. Murray of Victoria Corners here for dinner. They were on their way to Port Perry. L. Luke called in the evening.

27 – Dull and in the afternoon it rained a little but not near enough as things are needing rain badly. Went to Port Perry in the morning with 2 hogs (450 lbs @ \$8.50). Willie helping P. Luke to cut wood (McHaffy's machine) in the forenoon and John Michie in the afternoon. Jennie picking berries. Annie, Willie and James at lawn party at Adam Wallace's in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Picking berries in the forenoon while Willie drew 2 loads of gravel for cement and in the afternoon John Michie came up and we tore out the NE corner of stable wall which is likely to fall down and partly built it up again. James at Phair's. Jennie and Annie picking berries in the afternoon. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the evening. All three McDonald boys called in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. 164 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. On our way home Mrs. Midgley came out and asked us in for supper and we went. Annie, Willie and James away somewhere in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lee and Alma called in the evening.

30 – Another very warm and dry day. Helping Jennie, Annie and Willie to pick berries. Annie took a 54 box crate to Port Perry for Toronto. Leola Luke and her cousin Miss Louise Luke of Oshawa called in the evening. James at C. Phair's.

31 – Warm and dry. Most of the day finishing the stable wall, Willie helping. Rev. Mr. McDonald called about 5 pm. James at C. Phair's. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

AUG. 1 – Another warm dry day. Helping Jennie, Annie and Willie to pick berries. Annie took berries to Port Perry. James at Phair's. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

2 – Warm and fine until between 3 and 4 when a thunder storm came up from the W but it went S of us. Only a few drops here but later it drizzled a little. Rain is badly needed now. Willie and I cleaned out the cistern and hoed turnips (2nd time). James went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. Leola Luke called twice. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. P. Luke took away the oats which he bought last winter. Olive and Bob Michie here for dinner.

3 – A fine dry day and not quite so warm. Helping Jennie, Annie and Willie to pick berries. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with some berries. James at Phair's. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening. A basketball match between Sonya and Greenbank is on the plan; Greenbank wins; followed by a dance in the hall. Word came that U.S. President Harding died last evening.

4 – Warm day. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Lizzie Moffat's sale at Port Perry. Got a wheelbarrow and lamp. A thunder shower came up soon after we go there. Lightning struck Irwin Bagshaw's barn and it was burned. Willie at Luke's and James at Phair's. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Ruth, Eleanor and Bob Michie here all afternoon and all night.

5 – A very fine day. L. Wagner and wife called in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 177 at SS. Rev. Mr. Fraser of Fenelon Falls preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening. [Revival?] services start today in the Baptist church.

6 – Another warm dry day. Helping Jennie and Annie to pick berries. Willie at Luke's and James at Phair's. L. Luke, Louise Luke and R. Babington called. Cyler Whitter and wife called for berries. After we had gone to bed Mrs. White and son came for berries. There was some rain in the evening.

7 – Warm and dry. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning for cement while I did some chores and in the afternoon I plastered the cistern, Willie mixing the mortar. James at Phair's and at Greenbank in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Finished plastering the cistern and then Willie got P. Luke's binder and we cut the SW field which shocked up rather better than I expected. Jennie washing. James at Phair's. Annie went for beef in the morning. Mrs. Luke called.

9 – Another fine day. Cut the long field and go the most of it shocked up. Willie, after finishing cutting the field, went to Luke's and finished cutting for him. He then went to Greenbank in the evening. Annie went to Port Perry with E.H. James at Phair's. Jennie and Annie picking berries.

10 – Another warm dry day. Willie and I spent most of the forenoon fixing different things on Luke's binder and in the afternoon cut the N half of the hill field. James at Phair's. Jennie oiled the kitchen floor. Annie walked to Greenbank and back to get her first music lesson from Annie Gordon. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

11 – A fine dry warm day. Finished shocking what was cut. Cement washed the cistern, cleaned out hen house and scuffled and hoed the strawberry patch. Willie at Luke's. James at Phair's. Jennie sprayed hen house. L. Luke and Louise Luke called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

12 – A fine day with high wind and lots of dust. All hands at SS and church; 148 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James out in the evening. Mrs. Jas. Dusty operated on.

13 – A fine day and some cooler. Finished cutting hill field (which finishes cutting) and drew in three loads from the SW field. James at Phair's. Jennie washing. L. Luke called.

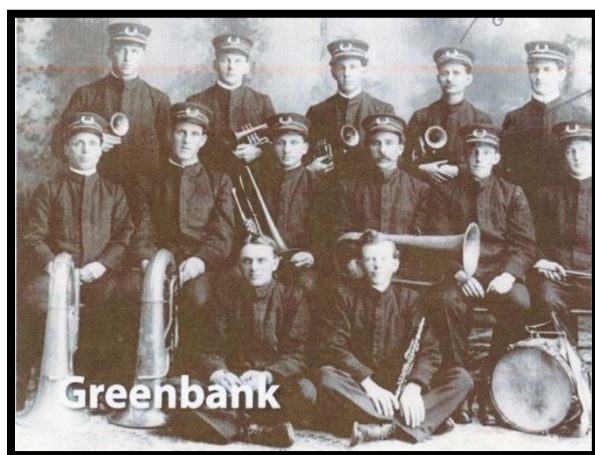
14 – Dull and few drops of rain in the forenoon. Willie finished drawing the SW field, 3 loads. Jennie churning. James at Phair's. After dinner a thunder shower came on and there was quite a good rain which was badly needed even if it is harvest. First rain in the cistern since it was plastered. James came home from Phair's. L. Luke called. Willie and James at Bessie McMillan's birthday party in the evening.

15 – A very fine day and quite cool. Willie and I spent the whole day building the SE corner of the horse stable wall which was almost falling down but we did not get it quite done as the cement was done. Jennie ironing. James at Phair's. L. Luke and Louise

Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening. E.H. and H. Bewell called in the evening.

16 – A very fine cool day. Willie and I drew in long field, 6 loads, and 3 from hill field. Jennie helping in barn. James at Phair's. Annie at Bethel school in the afternoon to hoe the school garden. L. Luke and Louise Luke called in the evening.

17 – A fine day. Finished drawing in hill field. Annie at Greenbank for music lesson. Willie and James at Sonya in the evening to basketball game (Greenbank against Sonya and Sonya won). After the game there was a dance at which the Greenbank orchestra put up the music. Jennie and I went to Greenbank in the evening to revival service in the Baptist church by a Mr. [Smuht?] which was very good but too long. James at Phair's all day.



Picture of Greenbank orchestra, date unknown. Names on back are identified as: (back row) Rick Woon, George Michie, Norman Phair, Mr. Harrington, Ryerson Beare, Mr. Jamieson; (middle row) Armour McMillan, ?, John Michie, Mr. Love, Sam Love; and (front row) Everett Love, Charles Love. [editors note: I believe the names to be incorrectly identified and that actually the Michie's here are James and Willie – in the middle row third from the left and second from the right. There is no known record of there being an orchestra in Greenbank at the time of John and George Michie.]

18 – A fine day until 6 pm when a thunder shower came up. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry. Willie, James and I all day helping C. Phair to draw in. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

19 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 170 at SS. Rev. W.A. McKay of Streetsville preached. We had visitors for supper. George, Mabel, Bert, Jessie and Mrs. P. Slemon and Mildred [Clover?] came out from Port Hope. They left for home about 5:30. Annie went with them. Also Walter and George Fowle from Manchester. I have not seen Walter for about 35 years. Willie and James out in the evening.

20 – A very fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon while Willie horse raked stubble. James at Phair's all day and Willie and I also in the afternoon. Jennie washing. L. Luke called.

21 – Raining when we got up in the morning and off and on most of the day, quite heavy about 3 or 4 pm. Did some cement work at stable and root house. James went to thresh at Ernest Phair's in the afternoon. L. Luke called.

22 – A fine day but quite chilly with high NW wind. Jennie and I started about 10 am and drove to Lee Wagner's, Epsom. Got there before dinner and left for home about 3:30. Quite a lot of grain over that way not drawn in yet. James at Ernest Phair's in the forenoon and at C. Phair's in the afternoon. Willie raking. L. Luke called. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening. Rev. Mr. McDonald called.

23 – A fine cool day. Willie and I drew in the rakings and so finished harvest. Drew some clay into hen house. James at Port Perry. All three helping C. Phair at harvest in the afternoon. Jennie cleaning stovepipes. L. Luke called in the evening.

24 – Cool. Spent most of the day doing several little jobs, principally fixing horse stable door. Willie went over to C. Phair's for a bag of buckwheat and then plowed till noon. Rain came on for awhile, and about 3 a thunderstorm came up with hail. James went to Phair's but came home when the rain came. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening. P. Luke and L. Luke called.

25 – A fine cool day. Most of the day putting in a cement door sill in the separator room and painting hen and pig house. Willie plowing. James at C. Phair's all afternoon trying to fix E. Phair's car. L. Luke called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 137 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and James out in the evening. John Michie, wife and family called in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Did several small jobs. Fixed separator house. Willie plowing. James at Phair's. Annie came home from Newcastle. Henry Thomas brought her from Port Perry. Jennie washing. C. Midgley and L. Luke called. Word came that James has passed 6 out of 7 of the subjects he tried, failed on Latin. McDonald's barn burned in the evening. W. Forsythe and Marion Leask married.

28 – Some rain in the morning and thunder towards night. Willie plowing and harrowing. James at Phair's in the afternoon only. Jennie went with N. and Mrs. Midgley to Ladies Aid meeting in the church. I did some little jobs. L. Luke called. James at orchestra practice.

29 – A very fine day. Harrowing most of the day. Willie at C. Phair's. James at home studying Latin for the sup. exam. Annie drove over to G. Clement's in the afternoon to see the girl who passed the entrance. Jennie went to S. Dusty's with her. Willie, Annie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening. Jean and Olive Michie up in the afternoon.

30 – A fine and warm day. Plowing all day in hill field. Willie at Phair's. Jennie and James went to Port Perry in the morning. Big run on Standard Bank. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

31 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Willie at Phair's. James went to Port Perry in the afternoon to post his Normal School

application and to bring Jessie Bell from the station. Annie walked to Greenbank for music lesson. L. Luke called in the evening. James at choir practice.

SEPT. 1 – A fine and very warm day. Plowing all day. Willie at Phair's. L. Luke called. John Michie brought Jessie Bell's trunk from Port Perry. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke stayed here all night.

2 – A fine warm day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church; 148 at SS; Rev. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, James and Willie out in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Willie at Phair's. Jennie washing. James took the beef heifer to Greenbank in the afternoon. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

4 – A very fine and warm day. Plowing all day. Willie at Phair's. In the evening went with Annie, Willie and James to moving picture show by Rev. Mr. Smith of Oshawa. Many pictures; most of them good but the attendance was not very big. Annie drove to her school (1st day) since holidays.

5 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. No. 14 was our beast, which came out 23 lbs. short. Plowing in the afternoon. Willie at Phair's. James helping Ray Dusty to thresh in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. P. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James all at home in the evening.

6 – A very fine warm day. Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. James at R. Dusty's all day threshing. Willie at Phair's. Annie drove to her school. Jessie Bell sewing. All at home in the evening.

7 – A little rain in the early morning. Cutting and drawing threshing wood most of the day. Willie at Phair's in the afternoon only. James making a windmill. Annie drove to her school. Jessie Bell sewing and knitting. In the evening all but Jessie went to preparatory service in the church; a fair turnout. Mr. Binnie of Uxbridge preached. Hattie Bewell, Mrs. Trotter and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Kyler came in by certificate. A thunder shower came up we came home in the rain it was very dark.

8 – Some little thunder showers during the day. Cutting threshing wood in the forenoon and hoeing strawberry patch in the afternoon. Got 4 bags of oats from N. Midgley. Willie at C. Phair's (sowed their fall wheat). Annie at Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called and John Michie and girls for crab apples. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

9 – Some rain through the night and a little shower about 12:30. All but J.B. at communion at Greenbank. There was a good turnout; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I went to W. O'Neill's for dinner and to SS at 3 o'clock; 153 at SS. Mary L. Real here for tea. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

10 – A fine cool day. Harrowed hill field in the forenoon. Willie at Phair's. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Helped Jennie in the afternoon to can corn. Jessie Bell sewing. Willie and James went to a shower for Mrs. W. Forsythe held at Amos Rodd's. Partial eclipse of the sun.

11 – Dull most of the day. A little rain in the evening. Hoeing in the forenoon and in the afternoon cut the Hungarian grass, a fair crop. Jennie canning corn. James helped P. Luke awhile in the afternoon. Willie, L. Luke, Frank Lee and Laura Thomas went by car to Oshawa fair. Jessie Bell knitting. James at orchestra practice in the evening. Willie got home about 2 am. Very dark and raining heavy. They had trouble with their car on the way home.

12 – A little rain in the forenoon. Spent most of the day cleaning out the granary and root house. Willie at Phair's. Jennie ironing. Annie drove to her school. James got his admission card to normal school. Annie and James at C.E. in the evening.

13 – Cold and raw with some rain in the afternoon. Turned H. grass and cultivated some. Willie at Phair's. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jean and Olive Michie came home with her and stayed all night as John and Lizzie were away at Cannington. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

14 – Rather cool and some little rain flurries. Dug the early potatoes (poor crop) and some other little jobs. Willie at Phair's. No school as this is Port Perry fair but no one went from here. Annie, Willie and James, by different rigs, went to the concert in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing (2nd time) all day. Willie at Phair's. Annie at Port Perry for music lesson and see about library books for SS. L. Luke here all night as her father and mother are away to Wes Luke's.

16 – A very fine day. All but J.B. at SS and church; 151 at SS; Rev. Mr. R--- of Uptergrove preached. L. Luke here for supper. Willie and James out in the evening. Willie played the trombone in SS for the first time.

17 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon raked up and drew in 2 loads of Hungarian grass. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. Willie at Phair's. L. Luke called.

18 – Very dull day. Raked and drew in the rest of the H. grass, James helping. Plowing the rest of the day. Willie at Phair's. Annie drove to her school. She attended Howard Mark's funeral in the afternoon. Jennie ironing. James at orchestra practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

19 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and plowed. Jennie making corn salad and preserving plums. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Phair's digging potatoes. Jennie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke here twice to practice, also Dorothy Wagner. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

20 – Dull with a little rain in the afternoon. Plowing all day. Willie at Phair's. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke here for practice.

21 – Thunder and rain through the night and very dull all day. Jennie and Jessie Bell went to Toronto to get a boarding place for James who starts normal school next week. James drove them to Port Perry. Willie at Phair's. Annie drove to her school. I was

plowing in the afternoon. James and Willie at choir practice in the evening. Jennie and Jessie Bell came back to Willie Smith's for the night.

22 – A fine day. Plowing all day. James went to Port Perry for Jennie and Jessie. Willie at Phair's. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Clinton Midgley here in the evening practising.

23 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 164 at SS; Rev. Mr. Smith of Oshawa preached. Annie stayed for tea at Albert Akhurst's. Willie and James out in the evening. Mrs. [McHaffey?]; Mrs. Baldwin; and --- were [dipped?] in the Baptist church this forenoon.

24 – A beautiful day. Got up early and drove James to Port Perry to the early train on his way to Toronto to start the normal school (starts tomorrow). Willie at Phair's. Annie drove to her school. Plowing in the forenoon. Cutting buckwheat with the mower in the afternoon, Jennie helping. L. Luke called. Ray Dusty is getting his new silo put up today.

25 – A very warm fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Phair's in the morning but came home about 9 o'clock. He was helping N. Midgley to fill silo in the afternoon. I drove C. Phair's team at Midgley's. L. Luke called. Annie and Jessie Bell at Greenbank in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. Helping N. Midgley with silo and finished about 9:30, then to W. Thomas' the rest of the day, the work at Thomas' being for C. Phair. Willie at silo filling for C. Phair. Annie drove to her school. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

27 – A very fine and very warm day. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie at Thomas' silo filling until about 9:30 when they moved to Ray Dusty's but did not start to work as there was 3 sales on hand. Willie came home and plowed in the afternoon while I turned the buckwheat. Annie drove to her school. Leola Luke here most of the day making a fancy bedspread under the guidance of Jessie Bell. Willie at orchestra practice in the evening.

28 – A very fine and warm day. Thunder in the early morning and forenoon but only a few drops of rain here. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie at Ray Dusty's silo filling for C. Phair. In the afternoon Jas. Bott came and cut our corn. The silo fillers went to C. Phair's and I went with them and worked about 2 hours. Jennie and Jessie Bell at Luke's for supper. L. Luke here in the evening. Annie drove to her school and after 4 o'clock to Greenbank for music lesson and later E.H. called and took her to choir practice.

29 – A very fine day. Helping C. Phair's to fill silo in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Jennie, Annie and Jessie Bell in Norman Midgley's car and driven by him to Oshawa. Called at Brooklin to see Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen and then by way of Whitby and the base line (the Kingston being closed) to Oshawa where we visited Tom Bell and family and got supper and back to Port Perry about 8 pm. Good roads and a nice trip. Willie at Phair's all day and at Port Perry in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. This was rally day in the SS and the attendance was 202. Mr. McDonald gave the

address and preached at the church service. We were home but a few minutes when Mundo Perrin and Jean came by car and they stayed all night. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

OCT. 1 – Somewhat cool but fine. Mundo Perrin and Jean left for home in the morning taking Jessie Bell with them. I went to Port Perry in the forenoon and in the afternoon Willie and I drew off corn and put it along Luke's line fence. Moved the cook stove in. Annie drove to her school and went to Mr. Wanamaker's for tea and stayed there all night. L. Luke called to practice.

2 – A fine but rather dull day. Willie plowing in the forenoon while I painted the house cellar wall with cement. In the afternoon Willie went to Jas. Bott's to help him draw in buckwheat while I finished drawing off corn. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Annie went to Port Perry after school. Willie at orchestra practice in the evening.

3 – Dull with some rain about 9 pm. Plowing most of the day. Willie at Jas. Bott's. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called twice. Willie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

4 – Rather dull and cold. Plowing corn land most of the day. Willie cutting corn in the orchard. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called in the evening.

5 – Cold and raw with some sprinkles of rain. Topped mangolds in the forenoon. Willie at Bott's threshing for C. Phair. Annie at school fair at Greenbank. Jennie went to Port Perry for Jessie Bell but she did not come caused by train from the E being taken off. Jennie went again to the 5 o'clock and got her. In the afternoon I walked to the school fair. There was a fair turnout and a pretty good show but it was too cold to be pleasant. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Jessie Bell packing her trunk.

6 – Pretty cold day. Plowing all day. Annie took Jessie Bell to the 9:30 train on her way back to Rochester. Willie all day threshing at Phair's. Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon marking the new SS library books. Willie at Port Perry and Annie at Uxbridge in the evening.

7 – A fine but rather cool day. Word came by phone that Harold Howsam died this morning after an operation for some bowel trouble. All hands at SS and church; 163 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mr. Madill sang a solo. Willie got supper at G. Lee's and went to Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke and Jean Cotes called in the forenoon.

8 – A very fine day; digging potatoes. Jennie helping. Got up 10 drills (small crop). Annie drove to her school. Willie at Phair's threshing and finished about 3:30. L. Luke called.

9 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew in the buckwheat (2 loads) in the forenoon. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon went with Jennie and Willie to Harold Howsam's funeral. There was a large turnout. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. Willie at W. Thomas' in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Willie went for the beef while I did some chores. James Blair came with his new Case threshing machine

just in time for dinner and threshed us out in the afternoon. Gordon Cummings was the other thresher. N.V. Luke; John Michie; Ray Dusty; C. Midgley; and Dick --- from C. Phair's were the men. Annie drove to her school and after school went partway to Port Perry to meet James who is home til Monday next as it is teacher's convention. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

11 – A fine but dull day. Willie and I threshing at P. Luke's in the forenoon. They then moved to John Michie's but did not thresh as they cleaned the boiler. Willie and I drew in 4 loads of mangolds (poor crop). James drove Annie to Port Perry on her way to teacher's convention at Beaverton. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. Willie at John Michie's threshing until about 4 o'clock. I finished drawing in mangolds (6 loads in all) and dug 4 rows of potatoes. Jennie ironing. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke called. James at choir practice in the evening.

13 – A fine dry day. At potato digging and finished about 4 pm, Willie and James helping. John Michie's children all here getting their hair cut. L. Luke called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry and James somewhere in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 161 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Dick Canniff came home with Willie for supper. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening. Mrs. L. Wagner and family and L. Luke called.

15 – A fine day. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry on his way back to the normal school in Toronto. Plowing mangold ground most of the day. Annie drove to her school. Willie and Jennie picking apples. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at J.M. Real's in the evening. Run on Dominion Bank in Uxbridge.

16 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie picking apples. Annie drove to her school. Afternoon Jennie went to Port Perry for Mrs. Joyce of Sutton, who stayed all night, while Willie and I picked apples. L. Luke called. Annie and L. Luke at Greenbank to a SS class meeting.

17 – A fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie picking apples. In the afternoon I drove Mrs. Joyce to Frank Lawton's on her way home. Jennie and Willie picking apples. Annie drove to her school. About 5 o'clock we had a surprise when James walked in. He had come with Chuck Cawker by car to Jean Crozier's funeral at Port Perry. He went back with him starting from here about 9 o'clock. Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening. Willie also attended beef ring meeting and drew No. 19.

18 – A beautiful day. Plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon Willie and I drew out manure. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. John Michie, wife and Bob up with the waggon for apples. L. Luke called.

19 – Dull and some rain in the afternoon. Willie and I finished drawing out the manure. In the afternoon Willie took waggon wheel to Port Perry in buggy and got it set. L. Luke called. Annie

drove to her school and to Greenbank for music lesson. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

20 – Rather dull and cool. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with 15 bags of oats and got them ground while I did some cement pointing. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie went with Normal Midgley to Oshawa. L. Luke called. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

21 – A fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 187 at SS. Mr. Murphy of Prince Albert visited the SS and gave a few words. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Plowing most of the day. Willie picking apples. Jennie fixing my overcoat and other clothes. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called.

23 – Got up early and Willie drove me to Port Perry and took the train for the provincial SS convention at Nappanee. Got there at noon and with John Allan of Blackwater, was billeted at a Mr. Norris'. Attended the meeting in the afternoon and evening which were good.

24 – Heavy rain through the night and some in the day. Attended the convention meetings. The great speakers at the convention were Professor Kerr of Winnipeg and Masih of India.

25 – Dull all day. At the convention which closed with a great meeting in Grace church.

26 – Took the train at 1 am at Nappanee for home. Got to Whitby at 5 am and had to wait over 3 hours. Got to Port Perry at 9:20 and walked home. Topped turnips in the afternoon. Willie at Port Perry. Annie brought Dale Armstrong home with her and she stayed all night. Willie at Greenbank.

27 – A fine day. Willie and I finished topping turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon started to plow sod W of the house. L. Luke called. Annie and Dale went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie, Annie and Dale went to Port Perry in the evening. Annie went home with Dale and stayed there all night.

28 – A very fine day. Annie went with Mr. Wanamaker to Toronto by car, saw James and Mason's and got back to Mr. Armstrong's about 7 pm. Jennie, Willie and I at SS; 178 present. I gave part of report of Nappanee convention. Mr. Donald of Lindsay spoke on missionary giving and made a good address. Willie away in the evening.

29 – A fine day. Harrowed up the turnips and drew in 10 loads, Willie helping. Jennie washing. L. Luke called.

30 – Rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Willie had a hunt for 3 young cattle in the rain. Annie drove to her school. Jennie ironing. L. Luke called. Willie at practice in the evening.

31 – Some snow in the morning, 1st of the season. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. Willie plowing sod and I banking the house. Annie drove to her school. Drew in 6 loads of turnips in the afternoon.

NOV. 1 – Ground covered with snow in the morning which did not all go off during the day. Did a number of little chores (put up the parlor stove) while Willie plowed. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called in the evening. P. Luke and wife at John McKinnon's sale.

2 – Quite a hard frost. Willie tried to plough but found it too hard. Put on storm windows and doors then we went at the turnips and finished 8 loads, 24 loads in all. Annie drove to her school and after school to Greenbank for music lessons. Dale Armstrong came here with her and stayed all night. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew in the corn. Dale Armstrong here all day knitting a pullover and she, with Annie and Willie, went to Port Perry in the evening.

4 – Dull all day with some rain in the afternoon and evening. All hands, including Dale Armstrong, at SS and church; 130 at SS. John Mark was a visitor at the school and gave a nice address. Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Willie and Dale out somewhere in the evening.

5 – Dull all day and some rain. Did some little jobs while Willie plowed. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and Dale Armstrong went home with her. Clinton Midgley here in the evening with his fiddle.

6 – Dull day. Doing some chores while Willie plowed. Willie drove Annie to her school. She stayed at Armstrong's over night to attend a meeting about Christmas tree. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. L. Luke called to practice. In the evening went with Willie (who went to orchestra practice) to meeting of session and managers of church to consider the question of a Sunday evening service and other things. There was a pretty good turnout but nothing settled. Very dark night.

7 – Dull with a little drizzle of rain sometimes which turned to snow towards night. Helped Jennie to pick chickens (6) in the forenoon while Willie plowed and I plowed in the afternoon and Willie went for Annie. Willie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening. A weasel got into henhouse and killed 5 chickens.

8 – A fine but cold day. Willie plowing sod and finished while I did some chores. Jennie went to Port Perry with chickens. I drove over for Annie. L. Luke called.

9 – Rather dull most of the day. Took out straw and covered the strawberry patch, Willie helping. Annie drove to her school. Willie drove to Uxbridge to meet the 6:40 train to get James and Annie Bell. L. Luke also drove to Uxbridge to meet Gladys. Dance in the Greenbank hall. Annie drove to it and P. Luke went with her to bring Leola's horse home. James turned sick at the party and E. Wallace brought him home in his car.

10 – A fine day. Little done in the forenoon. Caught a weasel in the henhouse. Willie harrowing sod in the afternoon. Annie drove Annie Bell to Port Perry on her way to Brooklin where she is to sing tomorrow and Thanksgiving day (Monday). L. Luke called. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening to clean the dishes used last night.

11 – Rather dull all day. All hands at SS and church; 189 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached a Thanksgiving sermon. Nelson Baird sang a solo. L. Luke here for supper and Willie and her went to Epsom in the evening. Annie and James also away in the evening.

12 – A fine day. Willie harrowing in the forenoon while I cleaned out the calf and pig pen. All hands at Thanksgiving supper under the Ladies Aid. There was a full house; a good supper. The programme was given by the Johnson family from Blackwater and Miss Fallowdown of Sunderland and it was a good. \$189.00 taken in.

13 – Rather dull and raw. Willie drove James to Greenbank where he went to Toronto with J.A. Blair in car. Willie plowing turnips land. I wheeled in firewood. Annie drove to her school and after school drove to Port Perry for Annie Bell. Willie at practice in the evening.

14 – Dull day. Willie plowing while I helped Jennie to pick chickens. Annie drove to her school. In the evening Jennie, Willie, and I went to the C.E. meeting in the church. There was a debate on if it is better to develop one or two faculties than all the faculties. Negative won. L. Luke and Marie Akhurst called.

15 – Rather dull day. Jennie and L. Luke went to Port Perry with chickens. Annie Bell got us dinner. In the afternoon W. Real came with his tractor and grinder and worked for 2 ½ hours. L. Luke called. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening to play practice and Annie and Annie Bell at John Michie's. Cat got caught in trap in henhouse set for weasel and Jennie got bit on the hand trying to release it.

16 – Dull and foggy with rain in the afternoon. Willie finished plowing in the orchard. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Wheeled in some firewood and planted some potatoes as an experiment.

17 – Dull and foggy. Little done outside but some wood taken in. Annie and Annie Bell went to Port Perry to meet Bob [McClimate?] who is here for a weekend visit.

18 – Fine but cold day. All hands at SS and church; 177 at S. Rev. Mr. Bruce, a returned missionary from China, spoke on his work there. Willie and L. Luke went for tea to Harry Bewell's. Annie, Annie Bell and Bob McClimate out again in the evening.

19 – A fine day; quite a hard frost. Willie drove Annie Bell and Bob McClimate to Port Perry on their way back to Toronto. I wheeled in wood. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon helped P. Luke to make a watering place at the spring. John Michie also helping. L. Luke called.

20 – A fine day. All day at P. Luke's fixing a watering place at the spring and the well at the house. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. Willie doing the chores. L. Luke called. Willie and Annie at Greenbank in the evening. P. Luke called in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. At P. Luke's until about the middle of the afternoon. We tried to dig out a water trough from a poplar log but

gave up the job. Annie drove to her school. Willie choring and at C.E. in the evening.

22 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to her school. She is to stay at Armstrong's overnight as there is a meeting about a Christmas play to be held in the evening. Willie at Luke's all day. L. Luke and Lillian Rodd called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

23 – Dull; started to snow from the E about noon and continued most of the afternoon. Fixing fence on 10th concession in the forenoon. Willie went for Annie and away to concert at Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke called for practice.

24 – Cold day. Fixing fence awhile in the forenoon. P. Luke called in the forenoon and L. Luke in the afternoon. She goes to L. Wagner's tonight. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

25 – A fine but cold day. All hands at SS; 181 present; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie and Annie came home after SS and Willie went to Epsom. Annie also went out in the evening.

26 – Rain nearly all day. Snow nearly all gone. Willie drove Annie to her school. She is to stay all night as there is a play practice. Little doing. Jennie knitting a sweater for Willie.

27 – Rather a fine day. Drew off the fence around the calf pasture in the orchard and plowed it up, the first time in perhaps twenty years or more. Jennie washing and ironing. Willie went for Annie. In the evening went with Willie to Greenbank, he to orchestra practice, and I to meeting in church of the ex board; 12 present; Mr. McDonald not there. It was decided to canvas the congregation with the view to getting a resident minister. Ernest Phair and Donald McArthur to canvass W of the centre road and Isaac Beare and I east of the centre road.

28 – A fine day. Some odd jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon Willie was helping P. Luke and I was pruning orchard. Annie drove to her school. No mail came today; a wreck somewhere on RR it is said.

29 – A very fine day. Drove Annie to her school as she is to play practice in the evening. Then pruned apple trees. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to Port Perry. Willie at Luke's all day and at Greenbank in the evening. Clinton Midgley called.

30 – A day of rain and mud. Little doing. Jennie baking. Willie went for Annie and Willie and Annie went to public school concert at Port Perry. Annie stayed all night at Roy O'Neill's to take the early train for Oshawa.

DEC. 1 – A fine mild day. Finished pruning orchard. Willie at P. Luke's plowing in the afternoon. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening for Annie. P. Luke called in the evening. John Michie's four girls up getting their hair cut.

2 – Rain in the forenoon and very dull all day. All hands at SS and church; 163 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie away in the evening. Willie some sick during the night.

3 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school. She is to stay overnight as there is play practice. Jennie washing. I plowed some in the afternoon in the SW field; not the least frost.

4 – Some dull day. Drove with Isaac Beare canvassing for funds to get a resident minister for Greenbank. Went by Saintfield and wound up at Jas. Blair's. Did not get very good encouragement. Willie went to Port Perry for Aunt Barbara and Chrissie Bell who are here for a visit. He went over for Annie and to Greenbank in the evening to orchestra practice.

5 – Snowing off and on most of the day. Drove up to Isaac Beare's and put the horse in there and canvassed the village. Got dinner at Beare's. Annie drove to her school. Willie choring. He went to C.E. meeting but as it was a very dark night there was no meeting.

6 – Rain and some snow most of the day. Willie drove Annie to her school and then drove Chrissie Bell to Port Perry on her way to Toronto. She leaves for her home in Edinburgh, Scotland, in a few days. Little doing outside.

7 – A fine day. Willie got John Michie's pig rack and took the 3 pigs to Seagrave (190 lbs. each). Jennie, Barbara and I went to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. Scott of Cannington preached. Willie went for Annie. Barbara stayed at W. O'Neill's all night. Word comes that the Baldwin conservative government in Britain is almost beaten in the election.

8 – Very dull all day with rain in the afternoon. Did some small jobs in the forenoon while Willie plowed. In the afternoon Willie helping P. Luke to plow while I helped C. Phair to clean out well at the spring. Elmer Clements came for Annie to go to play practice at Bethel. A very dark night. Jean, Ruth and Bob Michie and L. Luke (who is better of a sore throat) and Dorothy Wagner called.

9 – A very fine day. Annie and I drove to communion at Wick. There was a pretty good turnout. Mr. McDonald preached. Got dinner at Jas. H. Leask's. Annie at W. O'Neill's and then to SS. 168 present. Jennie and Willie came to SS. Barbara came home with us. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school and plowed some while I chored. Jennie and Barbara went to S. Dusty's and John Michie's. L. Luke called. While we were at supper Alan Byers, who had not been for many years, came in and stayed all night. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

11 – A fine day. Drove Barbara to Port Perry on her way home and in the afternoon went with Isaac Beare canvassing. Got supper at C. Leask's and finished up at N. Midgley's. Willie went for Annie and both went to Greenbank in the evening to practice. Jennie washing.

12 – Some rain in the evening. Annie drove to her school. Helped Jennie and Willie to pick some chickens. In the evening all hands went to the play in the hall by the girls' SS class entitled 'Star Bright'. There was a packed house and the play went off pretty good. \$52.00 was taken in at the door and \$32.00 on the sale of pies which went to the orchestra to pay the piano. Dark foggy night.

13 – Dull and rainy nearly all day. Willie drove Annie to her school and Jennie went to Port Perry market with chickens. Little doing but the chores. L. Luke and C. Midgley called.

14 – Ground covered with snow and some more during the day. Willie went to Greenbank in the afternoon to a shooting match got up by R. Sonley. I went for Annie. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

15 – Cold and some wintery. Little doing outside but the chores. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and to play practice at Bethel in the evening. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening.

16 – Somewhat cold. All but Willie (who has a headache) at SS and church; 187 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie out in the evening. Willie at home.

17 – A fine day but cold. Jennie washing. Little doing but the chores. L. Luke called. Willie drove Annie to her school. In the evening went with Jennie to congregational meeting to consider the question of having a minister at Greenbank. It was decided to proceed to ask to be made a separate charge. There was a fair turnout.

18 – A beautiful day. Willie drawing gravel for the road. Jennie at Women's Missionary meeting in the afternoon. I walked to Greenbank in the morning and went with Jas. Leask; Isaac Beare; Ernest Phair; and Donald McArthur to the presbytery meeting at Lindsay to present the case of the church in regard to the course proposed last night. We were well received and hope that action will be taken. Willie at practice in the evening.

19 – Quite mild and warm. Helped Jennie to pick chickens in the forenoon. Willie went to Greenbank with the wagon to get horse shod and take up Christmas tree and brush. He went for Annie in the afternoon. In the evening I went to Greenbank to help to decorate the hall for the Christmas Tree. Vet Moon came in the evening to see King horse and pronounced it distemper. Annie at Port Perry high school concert in the evening.

20 – Rain in the early morning and very mild all day with mud in plenty. Willie drove Annie to her school. Jennie went to Port Perry with chickens. This is Christmas fair day and a poor day it is for a fair. Willie at high school concert in the evening.

21 – A very mild dull day. Little doing outside but the chores. Jennie baking. I went for Annie and was at the close of the school concert. Willie went to Port Perry for James who is home for Christmas. In the evening all hands at our SS Christmas Tree. The hall was packed to the doors and the programme was pretty good. Miss Ferguson and Miss Forsythe, the teachers, were the managers.

22 – Another dull warm day. Music a good part of the day. After dinner Willie drove Annie to Bethel church for the final practice of their play. Jennie making dress for Annie. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Eleanor and Olive Michie up in the afternoon.

23 – A little snowing from the E. All but Jennie (who was unwell) at SS and church; 178 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

24 – A fine day. James and Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. I drove Annie to Bethel church after dinner to practice for

the Christmas Tree there tonight. Willie and James went to it in the evening.

25 – Snowing a little most of the forenoon. John Michie, wife and family here for dinner and supper. Annie went to play at Little Britain and the boys to a dance at Sonya.

26 – A fine day. Little doing but Jennie washing. Clinton Midgley called in the afternoon. Annie went to Bethel church in the evening to play practice.

27 – Snowing some from the SW. Willie helping P. Luke to draw in corn in the afternoon. L. Luke and Bruce McDonald called and George Cragg selling fruit trees. Jennie ironing. Annie, Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

28 – Rough and snowing but not so very cold. Willie all day drawing gravel on 10th conc.; 6 loads. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Ruth and Olive Michie called twice. L. Luke called and Bruce McDonald. I went over to C. Phair's to see Dick Canniff who is sick. James away in the evening.

29 – A fine day. Willie helping C. Phair all day. I was helping P. Luke to make a bull pen in his stable. Mr. Stoffer here in the afternoon tuning the piano. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Dick Canniff is said to be in a very serious condition.

30 – Pretty raw and cold with NE wind. All hands at SS and church; 168 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James stayed somewhere for tea. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

31 – Dull day. Willie at C. Phair's. I helping P. Luke at stable in the afternoon. Nomination day. The old council elected by acc.

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JAN. 1 – Pretty rough and cold during the day but a fine but cold evening. All hands at John Michie's for dinner. W. O'Neill and wife and young Willie O'Neill were also there. Annie left after dinner to go with the Bethel players to give their play at Little Britain. Willie and James went to the dance party in the hall at Greenbank. No mail today.

2 – A fine day. Little doing in the forenoon. James and Annie went to Port Perry. In the afternoon Willie went with the sleigh to Seagrave Station for a load of cordwood from the north country for the church at Greenbank. There was 18 teams on the job but the sleighing was very poor and it was a hard trip. John Michie's 4 girls were up in the afternoon. L. Luke called. James at Real's in the evening.

3 – Pretty round and cold, snowing some. I drove Annie to her school. Willie drove James to Port Perry on his way back to normal school Toronto. Willie went for Annie. In the evening, with Jennie, Annie, and Willie, attended annual SS meeting in church. There was about 35 present. The old officers were re-elected.

4 – A fine but cold day. Willie drove Annie to her school and went for her in the afternoon. Jennie making Annie a dress. Willie at SS class meeting at Jas. H. Leask's in the evening.

5 – A lot of snow through the night and more during the day and drifting. Little done outside but the chores. Willie drove the sleigh up the side road. Jennie making dress for Annie. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

6 – Drifting some in the forenoon. Jennie, Annie and I at SS and church; 149 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached in the school room as the church could not be heated. A terrible blizzard coming home and all the evening. Willie and Leola Luke went to Epsom in the morning and did not get home on account of the storm. E. Hooper called in the evening notwithstanding the storm. Word came that Mrs. John McCully of Wick died today.

7 – Drove Annie to her school and had some job getting through the drifts. She stayed all night at Armstrong's. Willie came back from Epsom after dinner. L. Luke called. In the evening Jennie and I went to Jas. Bott's for tea and the evening and had a very pleasant time. In the afternoon went over to Phair's to see Dick Canniff and found him getting along fine after his illness. Jennie washing.

8 – A fine day. Jennie ironing and in the afternoon went with John Michie in the sleigh to Women's Missionary meeting in the church. Willie went for Annie and they went to oyster supper of the play people at Isaac Beare's.

9 – A very fine day and thawing some in the afternoon. Drove Annie to her school. Willie at C. Phair's all day. In the afternoon attended the annual church meeting in the union church. A fair good turnout; Mr. McDonald in the chair; the usual business done. Church funds about \$60.00 behind. Willie at C.E. annual meeting in the evening.

10 – Mild and thawing most of the day with rain in the evening. Willie at C. Phair's in the forenoon. I went to Port Perry with the cutter. Jennie knitting sweater. In the evening Willie went to supper of the Bethel play people at Mr. Wanamaker's.

11 – Heavy rain through the night and Willie was pretty well soaked when he got home. Got colder again towards night. Little doing outside. Jennie knitting. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Willie went for Annie in the afternoon.

12 – A fine day. Jennie making dress for Annie. Willie and C. Midgley skating on the creek in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. About 10 pm Harold Baylos came in and stayed all night.

13 – Some snow from the east. Willie and Harold Baylos went over to C. Phair's to see Dick Canniff. Then all hands at SS and church; 185 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Mary Real here for tea and Annie and Willie went out in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school and then to see Harry Bewell about his pay for work. He did not get back till about 4 o'clock but got no satisfaction. L. Luke called. Jennie knitting. Willie skating in the evening at the new road.

15 – A fine day. Willie at Phair's all day. Jennie washing. Cleaned out the calf pen and did the chores. L. Luke called. In the evening went to hall trustees meeting held at Blake Cragg's. Wil-

lie went to hockey match at Port Perry between Port Perry and Uxbridge. A great crowd; P.P. won 3 to 1.

16 – Snowing from the SE in the morning which turned to rain and continued nearly all day. Helped Jennie to pick some hens in the afternoon.

17 – Colder and a fine day. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning and did not get home until about 3 o'clock. Dick Canniff came over from Phair's and stayed all night. C. Midgley here in the evening playing. L. Luke called.

18 – A fine day. Willie went to Seagrave with cow for C. Phair in the forenoon and for Annie in the afternoon. Little doing but the chores.

19 – A fine but dull day. Willie and Dick Canniff went to Greenbank in the forenoon and in the afternoon went skating with Clinton Midgley. They went down the creek by Seagrave to Seven Mile Island. Annie and L. Luke also were skating on the creek. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Some snow in the evening.

20 – Cold and pretty rough in the afternoon. Willie drove Dick Canniff over to C. Phair's. All hands at SS and church; 167 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

21 – About 8 below zero in the morning and a terrible wind all day. Willie drove Annie to her school but only one came and no school was held. Little doing all day. It continued about the same temperature all day.

22 – About zero in the morning but got milder towards night but rough and snowing some. Little doing. L. Luke called and Willie and her drove in the evening to hockey match at Uxbridge where Port Perry plays. Port Perry wins 4 to 3. No mail today.

23 – Rather rough and drifting in the morning but got milder after dinner. Jennie and I went to Archie Black's at Seugog to the marriage of George Bratley to Miss Vera Black. Rev. Mr. Higgs of Port Perry did the job. About 20 were present. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

24 – A fine winter day. Jennie washing. I went to Greenbank in the afternoon to put up the curtain in the hall but could not make it roll. L. Luke called. Willie at orchestra practice at Greenbank in the evening.

25 – Turned out very rough and got much colder in the afternoon. Went to Greenbank with a pole for hall curtain and got it to work fairly well. Went for Annie to Bethel in a blizzard and Dale Armstrong came home with us. Willie went with the sleigh to Port Perry for James and had a job to get through in places. The train that James was on got stuck in the snow a number of times about High Point. The Bethel people was billed to give their play 'Willowdale' in the hall at Greenbank tonight but on account of the terrible weather it was postponed. Clinton Midgley came down and we had a musical night.

26 – About 8 below zero in the morning and very rough all day until evening when the wind ceased. Little but music except

Jennie who was washing James' clothes. James away somewhere in the evening and Annie, Willie and Dale Armstrong at Luke's.

27 – Very cold day. About zero most of the time. All hands including Dale Armstrong at church and SS; 173 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Service held in the basement on account of the cold. James at tea at J.M. Real's. Willie took Annie and Dale to Armstrong's in the evening.

28 – Much milder all day. Got up early and I drove James to the early train at Port Perry on his way back to Normal school. Willie at C. Phair's all day. Jennie washing. L. Luke called in the afternoon and again in the evening to play piano.

29 – Milder day. Drove to Greenbank and then rode with Jas. H. Leask and Isaac Beare to Blackwater and then by train to Lindsay to the Presbytery meeting to consider rearrangement of congregations. 6 were there from Wick; very little progress was made. Willie drew in some wood and went to practice in the evening at Greenbank.

30 – Rain in the morning and soft all day. Willie at Phair's in the afternoon. I split some wood in the shed. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called. Willie at C.E. meeting in evening.

31 – A fine day. Jennie went to Port Perry market with P., Luke and family in the sleigh. Willie at C. Phair's in the afternoon. L. Luke, D. Wagner and Ruth Michie called.

FEB. 1 – A fine day. Willie took 9 bags of oats to Port Perry and got them ground. I was over at Luke's in the forenoon. Willie went with the sleigh for Annie and Dale Armstrong came home with her. In the evening all hands at the community hall where the Bethel people gave the play 'Willowdale'. There was a full house and the play went off good. After the play there was a pie social and then a dance. \$54.00 was taken in.

2 – Mild and snowing a little most of the day. Willie and D. Armstrong at W. Thomas' in the afternoon and Annie, Willie and D.A. at Port Perry in the evening.

3 – A fine winter day. All hands at SS and church; 208 at SS, the largest attendance for months. Mr. McDonald preached. Jas. Blair first Sunday as caretaker. Annie out in the evening.

4 – Very stormy with snow from the E all day. Willie drove Annie to her school. Little doing but the chores.

5 – Another very rough day with snow from the E. Little doing. Willie drove the sleigh breaking roads and at practice in the evening. No mail. No dinner.

6 – Some better weather. Went over to Luke's in the afternoon to try to get some wood in the swamp. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Jennie washing and ironing.

7 – A fine day. L. Luke here most of the day getting dress made. Willie at C. Phair's in the afternoon.

8 – Bright cold day. Not feeling very well. Ground the axe in the forenoon. L. Luke here in the forenoon making dress. Willie went to Uxbridge to meet James who is coming to party in the hall to-

night. I went with the sleigh for Annie. Dale Armstrong came with her and they both went to the party in the hall.

9 – Pretty sharp day. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning taking Dale Armstrong on her way home. Willie drew in 2 loads of wood. L. Luke called. Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

10 – A terrible rough day, snowing and drifting from the NW. All but Jennie at SS and church; 104 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James out in the evening. L. Luke here in the evening playing piano.

11 – Rather a fine day after the storm. Willie drove James to Port Perry 9 o'clock train on his way back to Normal school. I drove Annie to her school in the sleigh. Willie at C. Phair's. Jennie washing and ironing. In the evening I went to congregational meeting in the church. There was a fair turnout and a committee appointed to meet a like committee from Wick to confer as to services. Tom Sharp; Alex Leask; G. Lee; Les Beare and Cecil Phair were the committee. Snowing on the way home.

12 – A fine day; a little rough in the morning. Willie at Phair's all day and at choir practice in the evening.

13 – A very bright cold day. Willie and I went to Port Perry in the afternoon to consult Mr. Harris about the prospect of getting the \$42.00 due Willie from H. Bewell for wages, Harry Bewell's chattels being now under seizure, but there is no hope of getting it. Jennie making coat for L. Luke. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

14 – More snow in the forenoon. In the afternoon Willie and I drew up the wood from Luke's field cut last winter. Jennie making coat for L. Luke who was here twice getting it fitted.

15 – Snow from the E in the morning and turned rough in the afternoon. Jennie making L. Luke's coat. Willie went for Annie with the sleigh and in the evening went to W. Hill's on the 3rd concession to a dance. Put in one horse with Ray Dusty and drove the sleigh. Annie, L. Luke and Dick Canniff went with them.

16 – Clear and cold; about 6 below zero in the morning. Willie, Annie and L. Luke got home from Billy Hill's party at 5.15 am. Leola stayed until after dinner. Little doing outside but the chores. C. Midgley called in the evening. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

17 – Rather a fine day. All hands at SS and church; 189 at SS. Mr. Wilton, Baptist preacher, was at our SS and gave a short address. Mr. McDonald preached and gave his views on the question of rearranging services with Wick. Coming home in the cutter we upset at the gap at the concession and King ran away with the cutter on its side but there was nothing broken. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

18 – A fine bright day. Willie drove Annie to her school and cut wood in Luke's swamp while I cut and split some wood in the shed. Jennie washing. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called.

19 – Snowing some from the E. Willie went to Harry Bewell's bailiff sale in the afternoon but the sale did not come to enough to leave anything for his bill of \$42.00 for wages. In the evening, with Willie and L. Luke, went to Ladies Aid social in the church. A good supper and a fair turnout. \$25.00 taken in. Coming home it was very stormy from the east.

20 – Storming and snowing all night and snowing nearly all day from the E. Little doing. No trains, no mail. L. Luke over in the evening playing piano.

21 – Another terrible day of snow and drift from the NW. Saw no one, nothing doing, no trains, no mail.

22 – Another day of drifting; not quite as bad as yesterday. Willie drove the sleigh up to the 11th concession and down E to the sideroad then home by Luke's. No trains that we have heard. No mail. Could not go for Annie. L. Luke here in the evening playing.

23 – Fine clear and cold day; 5 below in the morning. Went with Willie and John Michie in the sleigh and broke the road on the 11th concession through the swamp. Willie went to Armstrong's for Annie while John and I went in to see John's woodlot. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon, Annie staying until evening. Willie and L. Luke at Port Perry in the evening. Indian called selling baskets.

24 – A very fine but cold day. All hands at SS and church; 193 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie at Seagrave church in the evening.

25 – A beautiful winter day. Willie drove Annie to her school. Jennie washing and quilting. In the afternoon P. Luke and I went to Good's sale west of Port Perry. A large crowd and things sold fair.

26 – A beautiful day. Little doing but the chores. Willie went up to Jas. Bott's for butter. Jennie quilting. R. Brown, the assessor called. L. Luke called in the afternoon and again in the evening, also C. Midgley and Dick Canniff and there was music.

27 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp all day. Willie doing chores. Jennie quilting. Mrs. Luke came over after dinner and helped to finish. A phone call came saying that Alan Black was there. Willie went for him and then went to C.E. meeting.

28 – A very fine day. Cutting wood most of the day in Luke's swamp. Willie and Alan Black went to Port Perry in the afternoon and to Ray Dusty's in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp all day. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with sow for P. Luke and Alan Black and Willie went for Annie and all three to dance in the hall got up by C. Wyatt and Roy Leask.

MAR. 1 – A beautiful day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp and Willie drew up some to the house. Alan Black drove Annie to Port Perry to the dentist and she stayed until evening. Willie and Alan

B. went to the rink at Port Perry in the evening. John Michie's family and Ruby Lee here getting their hair cut.

2 – A very fine day. All hands, including Alan Black, at SS and church; 185 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Marie Akhurst came home for tea. Annie, Willie and A.B. out in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp all day. Willie drew some home in the forenoon. Jennie washing and quilting. Alan Black drove Annie to her school and then went with John Michie to Greenbank. Willie at C.E. meeting in the church. The Port Perry Methodist League are coming for a visit. Oswald Love's barn burned in the evening.

4 – Dull day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp. Willie drawing it home. Worked until about the middle of the afternoon when rain came on. Jennie quilting. Willie at orchestra practice in the evening.

5 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp, Willie drawing home. Jennie finishes 2nd quilt. Willie at choir practice in the evening. Pedlar called.

6 – A very fine day. Cutting wood and Willie drawing. Alan Black, who has been visiting about Greenbank, came back for dinner and he and Willie went to Jim Dusty's in the evening.

7 – Some rough in the morning but fine later. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp, Willie drew some up. In the afternoon went with Jennie to preparatory service in the church. Mr. McDonald preached. Rather a small turnout. Leola Luke came in by certificate. Willie went for Annie. In the evening went with Jennie in John Michie's sleigh to G.A. McMillan's to celebrate his silver wedding and a big time it was; about 125 present and supper for all. They presented him with silver knives and spoons. All of J. Michie's family stayed here while they were at the party and all night. L. Luke here in the evening.

8 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp and Willie drawing up. Alan Black and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon and Willie, Annie and Alan at Port Perry again in the evening skating. L. Luke called. Oshawa became a city today. Dale Armstrong came home and stayed all night.

9 – A very fine day. All hands, including Dale Armstrong, at communion at Greenbank. A fair turnout; Mr. McDonald preached. Jennie and I got dinner at W. Phoenix's and went to SS at 3 o'clock. Willie and the rest came home and back again. 163 at SS. Gordon Sweetman here when we got home and stayed for tea and the evening. E. Clements also called. Willie and Allan Black away somewhere. Annie went with E. Clements to Mr. Armstrong's.

10 – A fine day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp and Willie drew up some. Alan Black went to J.M. Real's.

11 – A very fine day. Willie drove me to Greenbank in the morning and then with George Lee to Blackwater, then by train to the presbytery meeting at Lindsay. The presbytery decided to set apart Greenbank as a separate congregation. Willie at wood and at prac-

tice in the evening and I drove the horse home from Greenbank. Alan Black came back in the night sometime.

12 – A very fine day. Cutting and drawing out wood all day. Jennie washing. Alan Black went down to John Michie's. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

13 – A fine day. Cutting and drawing home wood. Jack and Boe called buying cattle (did not sell). Alan Black went to John Michie's.

14 – A fine day. Finished cutting and drawing home the wood from the lot in Luke's swamp at noon. In the afternoon I went for Annie with the sleigh. Dale Armstrong coming home with her. Willie and Alan Black went to Uxbridge for James and all at party in the hall in the evening.

15 – Fine but rather raw with high NW wind. Willie helping P. Luke to cut wood; McHaffy's machine. They came here from Luke's and cut about 2 hours. John Michie; P. Luke; C. Midgley helping. Alan Black, Annie and Dale Armstrong went to Port Perry in the evening to skate and Willie and James went to Greenbank to play practice or somewhere.

16 – Very rough and snowing in the forenoon. All but Jennie at SS and church; 142 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie, Willie, James and A. Black out in the evening.

17 – A fine but rather cold day. Cutting wood with McHaffy's machine until about the middle of the afternoon when they finished; eight hours at \$1 per hour. They then moved to John Michie's and Willie helped him. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry and Alan Black drove Annie to her school. Willie and Alan at Greenbank in the evening to the play 'Star Bright' given for the piano fund. This is the second time it has been given.

18 – Rather a fine day. Splitting and piling wood. Willie at John Michie's helping him to cut wood until about the middle of the afternoon. Jennie washing. I drove Alan Black to John Leask's at Port Perry. He is going north tomorrow. Willie went with the orchestra to a party at Manchester.

19 – A fine day. Splitting and piling wood. Willie doing chores. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

20 – A fine day. Splitting wood. Willie drawing out manure and breaking roads. L. Luke and Dick Canniff here in the evening.

21 – A fine and mild day. Splitting wood. Willie at Greenbank in the forenoon and went for Annie in the afternoon.

22 – Mild and fine. Willie and I took two fat cattle to Port Perry; sold to Calacutt; 2080 lbs @ 6 1/4 ; \$130.00. Jennie on the sick list. Annie drove the cutter (poor roads) to Port Perry. Splitting wood in the afternoon. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

23 – A very fine day and snow going fast. All but Jennie at SS and church; 171 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Buggies running. Willie out in the evening.

24 – A very fine day and snow going fast. Splitting wood most of the day. Willie drove Annie to her school (water over the road)

and at C. Phair's in the afternoon helping to cut wood and at Luke's in the evening. Mr. Perry from the 7th conc. brought sister Margaret on a visit.

25 – A very fine day. R. Akhurst of Cannington came for a visit and stayed for dinner and supper. Willie at practice in the evening.

26 – Rather raw with E wind and a little snow. Splitting wood. Willie mending harness. Jennie baking. Helen Phair came over for the mail, the first time for her. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

27 – Mild day. Splitting wood most of the day. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning and took Margaret to Greenbank (W. O'Neill's) in the afternoon.

28 – A fine day. At the wood all day. Willie mending harness and at C.E. in the evening. L. Luke called. Did not go for Annie on account of water over the road.

29 – Dull and raw with E wind until about 4 o'clock when it started to rain which froze as it fell. There was some thunder. Splitting wood and nearly finished the job. Willie mending harness. He went to Greenbank for Margaret in the afternoon and to Port Perry in the evening.

30 – Rain and snow and rather rough. Willie and I at SS and church; 167 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Willie out in the evening.

31 – Rather rough and windy. Finished splitting and piling wood in the forenoon. Willie helping P. Luke to saw wood in the afternoon. Jennie and Margaret visiting at John Michie's and P. Luke's in the afternoon. L. Luke called in the evening.

APR. 1 – Raw E wind with some snow in the afternoon. Drove Margaret to Lamb's at Manchester on her way home. Jennie washing. Willie at practice in the evening.

2 – Rough and snowing in the forenoon. Willie helping P. Luke to cut wood in the afternoon and at C.E. in the evening. Jennie ironing.

3 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the morning. Went down to Mrs. O'Neill's to pay McHaffy for cutting wood. Willie at C. Phair's all day drawing out manure. Jennie house cleaning upstairs.

4 – A fine day. Willie and I drew the brush from the orchard and I worked at the berry bushes. I went to Uxbridge to meet the train to bring James home. Stopped awhile at the dance in the hall. Willie went for Annie and then to the party. Roads pretty poor to Uxbridge. Cream man got stuck in the lane from snow.

5 – A very fine day. At berry bushes most of the day. Jennie washing first and then went to Port Perry with Annie. L. Luke and Alice Real called in the afternoon.

6 – Rain through the night but a fine day. All hands at SS and church; 173 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. James went to G.A. McMillan's for tea. Annie and Willie somewhere in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. Willie took James to Port Perry to the early train on his way back to Toronto Normal school. I drove Annie to her school (very bad roads through the swamp). Willie at Luke's in the afternoon. Jennie house cleaning.

8 – A very fine day. At berry bushes most of the day. Willie at Luke's all day and at practice in the evening. Jennie cleaning cellar in the forenoon and went to missionary meeting with Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon.

9 – Dull with some rain in the afternoon. Got two small loads of straw from Mr. Luke which is very acceptable as we are completely out. Willie filled in some furrows. Jennie house cleaning. L. Luke called. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

10 – Fine in forenoon but rather rough and raw in the afternoon. At berry bushes in the forenoon. Willie at Port Perry. In the afternoon Willie and I went to George Haddon's sale. Rather a poor lot of stuff. Jennie housecleaning. L. Luke called in the evening.

11 – A rather raw day. At berry bushes part of the time. Jennie preparing to go to Newcastle tomorrow. Willie helping Norman Midgley to cut wood over in his pasture field and at choir practice in the evening. I drove over for Annie.

12 – A fine day. At berry bushes and Willie drawing out manure. Annie drove Jennie to Port Perry on her way to Newcastle to act as nurse at W. Farrow's. Willie helping N. Midgley to finish cutting wood for about an hour. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

13 – Fine until the middle of the afternoon when rain came on. Thunder and lightning in the evening. At SS and church with Annie and Willie; 179 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

14 – Some raw. Drove Annie to her school. Willie cultivated field W of house while I acted as cook. Word came from Jennie that she is in Toronto instead of Newcastle as Alma was taken to the hospital. A baby girl born. Willie at Mrs. O'Neill's in the evening.

15 – Quite a frost in the morning. Scuffled berry bushes twice. Got Mr. Luke's fanning mill and fanned up seed and Willie started to sow field W of house. L. Luke called in the evening.

16 – A very fine day. Willie finished sowing field and harrowed it. I did some small jobs. Not feeling very well. P. Luke called. Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening. N. Midgley burning brush in his pasture.

17 – Hard frost with raw SE wind. Willie tried to cultivate but too hard frozen. About noon it started to rain from the S and a bad rain it was and continued during the evening. Willie went to Port Perry for Jennie and James, who is home for Easter.

18 – Good Friday. Rain through the night and most of the day which turned to snow towards night but a fine evening. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie Bell and Bob McClimate who have come for Easter. James went to Bethel for Annie. Music was the order of the day. Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

19 – A fine day, but not much doing as everything is so wet. Took straw off strawberry patch. Willie harrowing awhile for P. Luke in the afternoon. Annie, Willie, James and Bob McC at Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke called. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon.

20 – A very fine day but a little raw. All hands at SS and church; 194 at SS; Mr. McDonald preached. Annie Bell gave a solo. Mary Real here for supper. Annie, Willie and James away and Annie Bell and Bob McC at John Michie's.

21 – Got up early and Willie drove Annie Bell and Bob McC to Port Perry. They decided to go by a new bus line lately started but after letting the train leave without them, the bus did not turn up so they, with Gladys and Leola Luke, had to hire a car to drive them to Toronto. Jennie washing and little else doing. Mrs. John Michie and Olive called and after Mrs. R. Sonley of Pinedale called. Willie and Annie at C. Gordon's in the evening which turned out rough with snow from the south.

22 – Dull all day; snow and sleet in the afternoon. Willie plowed and harrowed in the orchard while I did some small jobs. Jennie ironing. Annie went to play at Sonya and James to practice at Greenbank. Willie at home.

23 – Rather a fine day. Willie and I went to Alex Lee's and got 1800 lbs of hay @ \$10.00 per ton. In the afternoon went to Port Perry with Annie; I to see the Dr. who says my trouble is in my stomach. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening. Mrs. Sonley called. C. Phair brought the beef, the first of the season; under new rules.

24 – A fine day. Willie cultivating while I let off water and some other jobs. Planted some potatoes. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry in the morning on her way to Toronto and went for her in the evening. I went to congregational meeting in the church called by Rev. Mr. Binney, interim moderator, to arrange for hearing candidates in the approaching vacancy. There was a fair turnout and a list of 5 names was chosen. \$18.00 per Sunday is to be paid to candidates.

25 – A fine day. Willie rolling grass fields while I did some small jobs. In the evening we had a visit from Clinton Midgley, Mr. and Mrs. Wanamaker and two boys and music was the order of the evening. Mr. E. Boe died.

26 – A beautiful day. Willie rolling and scuffling. I making hen coops. Mrs. Jas. S. Lee, Ruby and Alma called and all of John Michie's family to get their hair cut. Mrs. Luke called in the evening. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening and James away somewhere.

27 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 161 at SS. Mr. Boe's funeral was at 2 pm and there was a large turnout. Mr. McDonald preached and this is his last Sunday as pastor. Annie stayed at N. Midgley's and James went to Alex Gordon's for supper. Willie away in the evening. John Michie, wife and family called in the evening.

28 – A very fine day. Jennie washing. Drove Annie to her school and she walked home. I drove James to the 4 pm train at Port Perry on his way back to Toronto. Willie drawing out manure.

Willie at orchestra practice in the evening. Dick Canniff and --- Green called in the evening.

29 – A beautiful day. Willie cultivating and sowing. Jennie and I put in some garden stuff. Annie walked to and from her school. L. Luke called in the evening.

30 – Fine in the forenoon but started to drizzle a little after dinner. I went for the beef in the morning and to Bethel for Annie (she walked over in the morning). Willie finished sowing and harrowing field NE of barn. L. Luke called. Got 74 lbs of pork from John Michie at 8 cts. lb. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

MAY 1 – A very fine day but rather cold. Willie drove Annie to her school (she walked home), then finished cultivating SW field and sowed it in the afternoon. I tied up berry bushes. John Michie came up after dinner for a lot of raspberry bushes. Leola Luke left today for Newcastle to help Mrs. Farrow awhile.

2 – A very fine but rather cool day. I at the berry bushes most of the day. Annie drove to her school. This is arbour day and they had a picnic. Willie harrowed SW field and then sowed wheat E of the orchard but he did not finish as the seed went done. Ruth Michie called, also Mrs. Luke. Willie at choir practice in the evening.

3 – Fine until evening when a heavy thunder shower came on and soaked things pretty well. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon while I hoed berry bushes. In the afternoon Willie finished sowing and harrowed piece E of orchard. I went to C. Phair's and had a settling up. He owed me \$4.80 which is to go in cattle pasture. Mrs. Sonley called. Willie, Annie and Mary Real at Port Perry in the evening through the rain.

4 – A fine bur rather cold windy day. All hands at SS and church; 181 at SS; Rev. Mr. Benny of Uxbridge preached and declared the pulpit vacant. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

5 – A fine but rather cold day. Drove Annie to her school and then to J.M. Real's to see Mary about acting as pianist in the church as Mona Leask wants an increase in pay and the session do not seem to be willing to give it, but I had no success. Had a long talk with Tom Sharp about the choir. Went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie drawing out manure. Jennie cleaning front bedroom. Mrs. Luke called.

6 – Heavy rain and some thunder during the night and the ground was white with snow in the morning. Annie drove to her school. I went to Greenbank and helped R. Cragg to cut down 4 trees that stood close to the S side of the hall. After dinner P. Luke came with his rig and I went with him to a bailiff sale at Mr. Soper's on the 12th concession west of the D. Whalen place. There was a fair crowd but things went rather flat. Jennie and Willie papering the front bedroom. Willie at orchestra practice and Annie fishing in the evening.

7 – A little rain in the morning and some thunder to the N after dinner. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I went to Ernest Phair's for a load of sweet clover (\$5.00) in the forenoon and to Alex Lee's in the afternoon for a load of hay (\$10.00). Jennie washing. In the evening went with Les Beare to Alex Gordon's to

see Annie about acting as church organist. Have some hope that she may be got. Came home in a wild thunder storm.

8 – Some rain several times during the day. Harrowed in the orchard. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Alex Lee's helping to press hay. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Mrs. Luke. Got word from Annie Gordon that she will play next Sunday at least.

9 – E wind and raw until about 11 am when it started to rain and a terrible rain all afternoon which will do a good deal of damage. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Alex Lee's helping to press hay and finished at noon. He got his fork stolen to all appearances. Jennie house cleaning and painting. P. Luke called for the papers.

10 – Dull and some more rain. Hoed berry bushes and planted trees near the road and some more potatoes. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon and again in the evening. Jennie cleaning up.

11 – A fine day. Jennie, Willie and I at SS and church; 184 at SS. Mr. Armour preached; this is the first candidate for the pastorate. There was a good congregation. Annie went to Bethel SS to pick out pieces for their anniversary. In the evening Annie, Willie and I went to church again when the same man preached to a full congregation.

12 – Annie drove to her school. We took 8 young cattle to C. Phair's pasture but 5 of them got out and came home. Willie plowed awhile before dinner. Rain from the E came on at noon and it rained all afternoon and things are very badly soaked and some grain will be drowned out. In the afternoon Norman Midgley, wife, Clinton and Mrs. Bradley came in his car. Mrs. Midgley was getting some cutting out done. Norman went for Clifford at the school and they were all here for supper. Willie at G. Lee's in the evening showing Francis Lee how to tune up his fiddle.

13 – Dull all day. Some rain in the evening. I drove Annie to her school and harrowed orchard in the afternoon. Willie helping P. Luke in the afternoon. Jennie at Missionary meeting in the afternoon.

14 – Rain through the night and dull until about noon when it started to rain again. Willie and I planted strawberries; a small patch this year. Jennie washing. Willie drove over for Annie and went to Greenbank in the evening. C. Phair came with the beef.

15 – Another terrible rain through the night and everything swimming. Annie drove to her school. Jennie drove to Port Perry taking Mrs. Luke. Willie and Clinton Midgley were boating on the creek most of the day. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

16 – Very little rain today. John Michie came for strawberry plants. Hoeing and some little jobs. Willie whitewashed calf pen. Annie drove to her school. Willie, Frank Lee, Mary Real and Laura Thomas went fishing for mudcats at Lake Scugog in the evening and got some but did not bring any home. Annie and I went to Port Perry in the evening to a reception to George Stone

who is retiring after teaching 40 years in Port Perry High School. There was a good turnout. The speakers were S. Farmer; General McBrien; Professor DeLurey; James A. Miller and the guest of the evening G. Stone.

17 – A high SW wind. I scuffled in orchard and plowed in root field. Willie went on a visit to Newcastle; went to Port Perry on wheel. Annie went to Port Perry in the evening with Norman Midgley. Mrs. Luke called and Jean and Olive Michie who came for a few more strawberry plants.

18 – Rain in the morning. All hands at SS and church; 170 at SS. Rev. Mr. Harris of London, Ont. preached to a good congregation. He also taught the men's class in SS. Annie and I at evening service. Mr. Harris preached again. Turned quite cold with high wind.

19 – Quite a hard frost in the morning and cold all day. Annie drove to her school and I plowed in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for cow bran. Jennie remaking hat. Mrs. Luke called for mail.

20 – A fine day, no rain. Drove Jennie to Greenbank where she went with Jas. H. Leask to the Women's Missionary meeting at Uxbridge. Harrowing in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and in the evening to practice at Bethel church. Willie came home from Newcastle.

21 – Willie went for the beef. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing while I planted some corn in the orchard. Willie sowed the hollow NE of barn the second time. Norman Midgley and Joe Burton came along in car. Willie started to roll grain but a cold rain came on from the NW. Mrs. Midgley here in the afternoon getting help with knitting sweater. She stayed for supper. Willie at C.E. and Jennie at P. Luke's in the evening.

22 – A very fine day and no rain. Drilled up for potatoes and mangolds on the hill field just W of the Luke spring in the forenoon and cut potatoes in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. Luke. Willie went to Port Perry to the 5 train for James who is home for the 24th. Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Willie went with Hugh Leask and Jas. A. Blair to Newcastle on a hunt for hay to press and did not get home until about 10 pm. L. Luke came home with them. Annie drove to her school and as there was practice there for next Sunday she did not come home but stayed at Armstrong's. I finished drilling, sowed some mangolds and corn and in the afternoon dropped the potatoes, James helping. James and I also had a boat ride on the creek. After supper I went to Port Perry to meet Annie Bell who is come on a visit. Jennie cleaning up.

24 – A terrible rain through the night and until about 10 am, then turned colder with high NW wind. Little doing outside at least. I plowed the potatoes under. Boys had a boat ride. Jennie sewing some. L. Luke called. In the evening Annie, Willie, James and Annie Bell at church tea and concert at Wick.

25 – Some snow and rain during the afternoon and quite cool. E. Clements came for Annie and took her to the anniversary at Bethel.

All the rest at SS and church. 183 at SS. Rev. Mr. Gardiner of Pickering preached. E.C. here for supper and Annie, Annie Bell, Willie and L. Luke went in E.C.'s car to Bethel in the evening. Annie B. gave a solo there. James stayed at Real's for supper.

26 – Rather a fine day. Got up early and Willie drove James and Annie Bell to Port Perry to the early train on their way back to Toronto. L. Luke also went back to Newcastle. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing and cleaning woodshed. Willie drawing out manure and I hoeing berry bushes and other jobs. Jennie drove to Greenbank alone in the evening. Frank Lee called in the evening to get a start at the violin. Mrs. Luke called.

27 – Dull and spitting a little rain. Willie took sick during the night and was not able until about noon. I worked all day plowing and drilling in the orchard with one horse. Annie drove to her school. Willie painted woodshed floor in the afternoon and at orchestra practice in the evening. Jennie over at Luke's in the evening.

28 – A very fine day and no rain. Drove Annie to her school. She is going to Mr. Egelson's for the night. Then planted corn in the orchard. Willie rolling grain. Jennie painting. Mrs. Luke called. Willie at C.E. in the evening. Clinton Midgley called.

29 – Rather a fine and cool day. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning. Mrs. Luke went with her. Willie drawing out manure. I cleaned out hen house and other jobs. I went after Annie. John Michie came for drill to sow mangolds. Willie at choir practice.

30 – A fine but pretty cool day with high NW wind. Willie drawing out manure. I fixing fences in the forenoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie sewing.

31 – A fine but rather cool day. Willie drawing out manure. I helping Jennie cleaning up. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Watson moved from Toronto to Greenbank.

JUNE 1 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Mrs. Luke went with us. 192 at SS. Mr. McConnahugh of Centerville preached to a good congregation. Annie, Willie and I out again in the evening. Mr. McC preached again.

2 – A very fine day. Helping Willie to draw out manure. Jennie washing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry with John Michie for paper for the kitchen. Annie drove to her school. Willie at orchestra practice in the evening; walked up.

3 – A very fine day. As this is the King's birthday, there was no school. House cleaning was the order of the day. I whitewashed the ceiling in the forenoon and patched the roof in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie cleaning up. Willie plowing corn land. Mrs. Luke called.

4 – A very fine day. All day helping Jennie to paper the kitchen. Annie drove to her school. Willie plowing. Willie at C.E. in the evening. Annie away for car ride. Leola Luke came home from Newcastle.

5 – A fine and warm day. Helped to draw off some stones from the root land and hoed the strawberries (1st time). Willie plowing and harrowing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie finished papering the kitchen and oiled the floor. L. Luke and Dorothy and Fred Wagner and Jean McDonald called. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

6 – Warm day. A thunder shower about 12:30. Drawing out manure. I planted little patch near barn pump. Annie drove to her school. Jennie at Luke's in the afternoon. Willie went to Port Perry to the 5 o'clock to meet James, and Annie, Willie and James at dance in the hall in the evening.

7- A fine day. Helping Willie to draw out manure in the forenoon and finished job. Willie cultivating corn land in the afternoon while I fixed lane fence. Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie at Jas. Bott's in the evening for butter. Mrs. Luke starts on trip to Sask.

8 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 190 at SS. Rev. Mr. Dyer of Mount Albert preached. Jennie stayed for supper at W. Watson's (who have moved to Greenbank last week). All out again in the evening and Mr. Dyer preached again. Jennie and I came home with C. Phair.

9 – A beautiful day. Got up early and Willie drove James to Port Perry on his way back to Normal school at Toronto. Willie then harrowed and rolled corn land while I fixed lane fence. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon I sowed the field corn; 60 rows. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

10 – A fine day. Willie went with Hugh Leask to Newcastle to help press hay. I harrowed corn and orchard things and fixed line fence in afternoon. Leola Luke here getting help with her dress. Annie drove to her school. In the evening Annie, Jennie and I went to congregational meeting to choose a minister. There was a fair turnout. Rev. Mr. C. Dyer of Mount Albert got almost an unanimous vote. Mr. Bennie of Uxbridge was moderator.

11 – Dull with some thunder during the day and a thunder shower in the evening. Went for the beef in the morning and got some names on the ministers call. Plowing in the afternoon. L. Luke here getting dress made. Annie drove to her school. C. Midgley called. Ernie Lee and Estella Till married.

12 – Warm. Thunder in the afternoon but only a few drops here. Plowing and harrowing turnip land. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the morning with Leola Luke and Leola here in the afternoon and finished her dress. Willie came home from Newcastle about midnight.

13 – A beautiful day. Willie rolled turnip land and I drilled it up; 42 drills. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. He let the water out of the pond in the swamp field.

14 – A beautiful day. Sowed the turnips in the morning and then helped Willie to make a calf pen. Annie taught school in the forenoon for the entrance class. Willie helped P. Luke to sow corn. C. Phair called. John Michie's girls up getting hair cut. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Annie Bell came for a visit.

15 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS. Rev. J.G. Miller of Brandon preached. Elmer Wallace and Annie Gordon here for tea. All out again in the evening. Mr. Miller preached again and Annie Bell sang a solo. N.P. Luke went with us.

16 – A beautiful day. Willie plowing on the hill while I hoed some and some other jobs. Jennie washing and helping Annie Bell to make a dress. Annie drove to her school and she and Dale Armstrong and Annie Bell at Jas. Bott's for supper. L. Luke called.

17 – A fine day; a few drops of rain about 4 pm. Scuffled in the orchard awhile and hoed. Helped P. Luke to sow his turnips about 2 hours. Willie harrowed the corn and plowed. Annie drove to her school. Dale Armstrong went home with her. Jennie ironing. L. Luke called at noon and again in the evening. Annie Bell dress making. Annie and Annie B. went with E.C. on a fishing trip at the lake in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Willie plowing in the forenoon and finished. I hoeing and scuffling. Jennie and Annie Bell dressmaking. Annie drove to her school. Willie at C.E. in the evening. L. Luke called.

19 – A very fine day. Got up early and I drove Annie Bell to Port Perry early train. Ordered SS anniversary bills. Harrowing hill in the afternoon. Willie all day at Luke's plowing. Annie drove to her school and choir practice in the evening.

20 – Dull with some thunder but no rain here. Annie drove to her school. Willie picked over potatoes in cellar. I drove to Greenbank at 10:30 taking Jas. Bott with me where we met Les Beare who took us in his car to Sunderland to presbytery meeting to arrange for the call to Mr. Dyer of Mount Albert. Alex Leask was also there. Got home again about 1:30. Worked in orchard the rest of the day. Jennie sewing. Willie went to the last train at Port Perry for Annie Bell and Annie and Leola Luke went to a presentation to Mrs. Ernie Lee of a tablecloth.

21 – A beautiful day. Went to Port Perry in the morning for James who came home from the Normal school for the last time. Willie harrowing. Jennie cleaning up. Hoed some in the afternoon. Annie, Willie, James and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the evening.

22 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Small attendance at SS (121) as there is doings at Uxbridge. Mr. Drury is there. Mr. Edmonds, retired Methodist minister, preached. All but Jennie and I out again in the evening.

23 – Rain about noon. Willie gang plowing the hill while I hoed mangolds and other jobs. Annie drove to her school. Jennie and Annie Bell making A.B. a dress. James wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon for exam in Latin that he failed on last year. L. Luke called twice. Annie, James and L.L. at choir practice in the evening. Jennie and Annie Bell at John Michie's in the evening.

24 – Dull and warm. Hoed mangolds in the forenoon while Willie harrowed. In the afternoon I sowed Hungarian grass on the hill, harrowed and rolled it. Willie, James and Annie Bell at Oswald Love's barn raising. There was to be a barn dance but quite a heavy rain came on about 7 pm. However Willie and James went

to it. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. A. Bell dress-making. L. Luke called.

25 – A fine day. Scuffled orchard and potato and some of the corn land. Willie at C. Phair's all day hoeing mangolds. Annie Gordon came for tea on wheel and stayed all night. Clinton Midgley here in the evening and there was music. Annie drove to her school. Olive Michie and L. Luke called. Annie Bell dressmaking.

26 – Willie and I at C. Phair's hoeing mangolds. After dinner there was a little shower followed by several more quite heavy with lightning so we came home about 4 o'clock. Annie Bell and Annie Gordon wheeled to Greenbank and Willie, James and Annie went to choir practice in the evening. Annie drove to her school. Jennie and Annie Bell sewing.

27 – Warm. Willie and I hoeing at C. Phair's until about 2 pm when a thunder shower came on and it rained and rained so we had to come home. Annie drove to her school and Annie Bell went with her. Jennie sewing.

28 – Very dull all day. Started to rain about 3 pm and off and on until about 6. Hoeing mangolds. Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon and scuffling corn for P. Luke until the rain came on. James finished scuffling corn. Annie drove to her school and held school for the 2 entrance pupils. Jennie cleaning up. Ruby Lee came with the mail man for dinner and John Michie's girls to get hair cut. Annie and Annie Bell at W. Thomas' for tea and Willie, Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening. L. Luke called.

29 – Dull and a little rain in the afternoon. All hands at SS and church; 173 at SS. This being SS anniversary there was a full house. Rev. W. Higgs of Port Perry preached; children sang. All out again in the evening (rode up and back with C. Phair). Church again filled. Mr. Higgs preached. Annie Bell sang a solo.

30 – Got up early and took Annie Bell to early train at Port Perry and James on his way to Brooklin to apply for teachers position. But he did not get much satisfaction. Annie drove to her school and held school for the benefit of the two entrance pupils. Willie and I finished hoeing the mangolds and potatoes. Willie helping John Michie in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Annie went to Port Perry to meet James. Jennie washing and baking for anniversary. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening. Thunder going round most of the afternoon and a deluge of rain and some hail about 7:30.

JULY 1 – Several thunder storms went round but only a few drops of rain here. Hoed some in the forenoon. After dinner we picked about 24 boxes of strawberries, the first picking. About 3 o'clock two cars of people came from Toronto, Annie Bell being with them. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and some friends; 13 in all. They stayed about an hour. All hands then went to the SS anniversary. There was about the usual turnout. The Brooklin male quartet; Miss Clark of Pickering; and Miss Cockburn of Port Perry violinist; and Luella Leask were the actors. Jas. A. Miller made a short address. About \$250.00 taken in. Rode home with Cecil Phair.

2 – A very fine day. I went for the beef in the morning and hoed in the orchard. Willie at road work in the afternoon drawing gravel. L. Luke called. Jennie and Annie went to after social in the

church, which turned out quite a success. James and Annie went to a party at Alan Wallace's in the evening. Mrs. Midgley went to the Dr. at Port Perry.

3 – Fine until afternoon when thunder came up and there was some rain about 6 o'clock. Scuffled in the forenoon and helping Jennie, Annie and James to pick strawberries; 135 boxes. L. Luke helping a little while and Ruth and Jean Michie. Willie at road work all day. James at choir practice in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Went to Uxbridge with two 54 box crates of strawberries; 15 cts per box. James at Jas. Bott's hoeing. Jennie made two dresses, one for Annie and the other Leola Luke. Willie up to Greenbank in the afternoon getting Fly shod. In the evening went with C. Phair to Wick to strawberry festival and play. There was a good turnout and the play went off pretty good. Annie also went and the boys and C. Midgley went swimming in the creek. Church Union Bill passed in House of Commons.

5 – Warm and some thunder but no rain here. Hoeing corn all day. Annie and the boys went to SS class picnic at Oshawa. B. Wagner here most of the day. Mrs. John Michie and Jean Michie up in the afternoon picking strawberries; about 50 boxes picked.

6 – A fine and warm day. All but Jennie at SS and church; 165 at SS. Rev. Mr. Edmunds of Uxbridge preached. Annie went to J.M. Real's for tea. Willie, James and I out again in the evening. Mr. E. preached again. [margin note: Aunt Janet died].

7 – Dull all day with rain several times. All hands at berries. I took 132 boxes to Uxbridge and Annie took some to Port Perry. C. Phair and R. Cragg came for berries. About 280 boxes picked. L. Luke helped awhile.

8 – Warm and dull; a little rain about 5 pm. All hands at strawberries. I took 132 boxes to Uxbridge and Annie took some to Greenbank. 190 boxes picked. Mrs. H. Brown and Mrs. John Stone and Ray Stone came for berries. Willie and I hoeing corn and Jennie washing in the afternoon. Willie and James at Greenbank in the evening.

9 – Dull with a few drops of rain about 4 pm. Jennie, Annie, Willie and I picking strawberries in the forenoon. 131 boxes picked. Annie took a lot to Port Perry in the afternoon. James wheeled to Marsh Hill in the morning to see about the school but he did not find the sec. so he went back in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Jennie, Willie, Annie and I picking strawberries in the forenoon; 136 boxes. Willie took crate to Port Perry for Toronto. I hoed corn. Annie at Mission Band at the church. James went to Bethesda and Epsom to see about school but did not get very much satisfaction. John McMillan and Fred Real came for berries. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice.

11 – A very fine day and not too warm. All but Jennie picking strawberries in the forenoon (about 75 boxes). Hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Willie scuffling. James hoeing potatoes. L. Luke called, McDonald boys also. E. Watson and Mrs. A. Stone came for berries. Annie, Willie and James at barn dance in Oswald Love's new barn.

12 – Warm and dull somewhat. Paris greened the field potatoes. Willie scuffled corn and James hoed turnips. I hoed in the orchard in the afternoon. Annie went with E.C. to Oshawa. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Mrs. F. Lawton and Richard Cragg and wife came for berries.

13 – A fine day and quite cool. All but James at SS and church; 157 at SS. Rev. R. Stillwell of Uxbridge, an old Greenbank boy, preached. James went with Harvey Real to Wilfred and other places. R. Coniff here for tea. Willie and I at church again in the evening. Mr. Stillwell preached again. Annie went to Port Perry. John Michie and all the family here in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries; 175 boxes. Gordon McDonald came for berries and Annie took berries to Greenbank in the evening. Willie all day at P. Luke's and James at Jas. Bott's hoeing in the afternoon. L. Luke called. C. Blakely came for berries after we had gone to bed.

15 – A very fine day and not too warm. Hoeing turnips all day. Willie and James hoeing for C. Phair. Jennie washing and preserving strawberries. L. Luke called. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

16 – Helping Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries in the forenoon. Thunder shower came on about noon and there was a big rain but it was without wind. Other showers in the afternoon. Jennie preserving berries. Willie and James at C. Phair's in the forenoon; the rain stopped them in the afternoon. Mrs. G. Sonley of Pinedale came for berries. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

17 – Some rain several times during the day. Scuffling and hoeing all day. Willie at C. Phair's hoeing in the forenoon. Annie and L. Luke at bee to clean up the parsonage at Greenbank. Jennie cleaning up house. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening. Word came that James has passed his Normal school exams and has now a first class teacher's certificate.

18 – A beautiful and quite cool day. Hoeing turnips all day. Willie at Jas. Bott's all day hoeing. Jennie, Annie and James picking strawberries; 40 boxes. R. Braden called for berries. Ross Blakely and --- Smith called; also Rich Woon, L. Luke and Marie Akhurst. James went in the evening with C. Phair to Myrtle to see the trustees of the school there about a teacher and engaged to take the school for \$1000.00 per annum.

19 – A beautiful day. Hoeing turnips all day. James at Jas. Bott's hoeing. Willie at Luke's at hay. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Word came that Aunt Janet died on the 6th of this month.

20 – A beautiful day. All but Willie at SS and church; 157 at SS. Rev. Mr. Mason, late of Sonya, preached. Annie and James out in the evening. Willie went with Frank Lee, L. Luke and Laura Thomas to Oshawa. Cathleen Leask played the piano in church.

21 – A very fine day. Finished hoeing turnips and hoed in orchard all day. Jennie washing. Willie at Luke's haying. James at Jas. Bott's hoeing. Annie helping to paint the parsonage in the afternoon.

22 – Quite a lot of thunder and some rain in the forenoon. Scuffled and hoed the mangolds, 2nd time. Willie helping P. Luke in the morning to draw in rakings. Annie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. In the evening Willie and C. Midgley went to the creek at the 12th concession. L. Luke and Marie Akhurst called in the evening and Marie waited for Willie to take her home but he did not come in time so she stayed all night. James was away on the wheel somewhere towards Greenbank and on his way home, just inside the red gate, Fly kicked him on the leg. Annie got out of bed to see what was doing and had a fainting spell and fell on the floor.

23 – A very fine and cool day. Willie went for the beef, then cut the long field for hay while I cut fence corners and greened potatoes. Annie went to Bethel Sunday School picnic at John Mark's. A man from Toronto called wanting to sell James some wisdom books. The price was \$69.50 and he did not sell. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

24 – Dull, rain in the morning, lots of thunder all day and a great downpour about 7 pm. Not much doing outside. Hoeing some. Willie picking cherries. Annie and Leola Luke papering parsonage. Willie went for the cows and got a good soaking. Mrs. Luke, who has been near 7 weeks away west, came home tonight.

25 – Rain through the night and raining when we got up in the morning and things are well soaked, but it soon cleared up and was a fine cool day. Cutting thistles about the fences in the forenoon and finished greening potatoes in the afternoon. Willie took his buggy to Greenbank to get wheels fixed. L. Luke called. Collins, the real estate man, came about 4 pm and I went with him to see lot 18 on the 9th conc., the Ross place, which he wants to sell. Willie, James and L. Luke at choir practice in the evening.

26 – Dull with several local thunder showers; a little rain at noon. Little doing in the forenoon. In the afternoon Willie raked up and James and I cocked it up. James and Willie at orchestra practice and Annie went to Port Perry with N. Midgley. L. Luke called in the evening.

27 – A fine day. No rain. Annie went with Clements to Jackson's Point. The rest at SS and church; 170 at SS. Rev. W.A. McKay of Streetsville preached. James at supper at J.M. Real's and Willie at W. O'Neill's. Out again in the evening. Mr. McKay preached again and Nelson Baird sang a solo.

28 – Rather dull all day; some thunder in the evening but no rain here. Drew in the hay; 7 loads, and raked the field, Willie and James helping. Jennie washing and ironing. Annie picking cherries. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening. They are preparing to play at garden party on Friday evening.

29 – Very warm; about 90 in the afternoon. A bad looking cloud came up about 6 pm but did not come to anything but some wind. I scuffled turnips, 2nd time, and hoed some. Willie and James drew in the hay rakings. Jennie and Annie and Leola Luke all day at the parsonage papering. Willie and L.L. went to Port Perry to see Kent's rose garden.

30 – Some rain in the morning but quite cool all day. Willie at Luke's in the forenoon and scuffling corn in the afternoon. James wheeled to Port Perry. Annie at parsonage papering etc. Jennie

preserving cherries. I greened part of the potatoes. Lightning rod man called and talked a long time but made no sale. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

31 – A very fine cool day. I went to Port Perry for berry boxes and binder twine. Willie scuffling corn. Annie picking raspberries. In the afternoon Willie and I drew in 2 loads of hay cut from the pasture field. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and girl here for supper. James went to choir practice.

AUG. 1 – A very fine cool day. Plowed the old strawberry patch and hoed some. James went with C. Phair's team and band waggon and took the hall piano to John McDonald's for the garden party. Jennie baking for the party. John Michie's girls up getting hair cut. All hands at the party. Jennie and I went with C. Phair. There was a large crowd. Duncan Cowan and three ladies from Toronto gave the programme which was good. Over \$300.00 taken in. L. Burnett was chairman.

2 – Another very fine day. Willie and James took C. Phair's team and brought the piano back to the hall and helped to clean up the party mess. I worked all day cleaning out old strawberry patch. Annie picking raspberries. Willie Belam came for some berries. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

3 – A beautiful day and cool. About 9 am there came Willie Smith, his wife, baby girl and mother and Jennie Stokes and Jessie Smith, and I went with them to the old boys service at Wick. There was a full house and Mr. John McClung, who was minister here 50 years ago, preached. He gave the same sermon that he gave first after his ordination. On the way home I got off at Greenbank and went to SS; 159 present. Mr. Mason preached. Columbus people left for home about 6 pm. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

4 – Dull with a number of little sprinkles until about 4 pm when there was quite a shower. All hands picking raspberries; about 108 boxes. The rain stopped the picking before we got through. Annie took 2 crates to Port Perry to ship to Toronto. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

5 – Very warm day. Cleaning out strawberry patch. Willie scuffled mangolds and potatoes. L. Luke called. Jennie washing and preserving berries. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

6 – Heavy rain through the night and little done in the forenoon. After dinner all hands went picking berries but rain come on again and stopped us. Annie went to Port Perry with some to Toronto. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening. More rain about 9 pm.

7 – A very fine cool day. Willie and I cut down the white ash tree NE of the barn in the forenoon and then I went to Port Perry to the opening of their new paved streets. There was a large crowd, speeches and aquatic sports was the principal doings. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Berries picked in the afternoon. L. Luke called. In the evening Jas. H. Leask and Mrs. Leask brought Rev. John McClung, our minister 50 years ago.

8 – A fine day. Little sprinkle of rain in the evening. All hands picking raspberries until about the middle of the afternoon; 75

boxes. Mrs. Ray Dusty and Mona and Bernice Leask and Jean and Ruth came for berries. Willie wheeled to Port Perry in the afternoon. I went to church session meeting with C. Phair. Mr. Bennie of Uxbridge was in the chair. The business was to appoint a representative elder and arrange for the induction of Mr. Dyer on Friday. Willie, James and Annie at party in the hall.

9 – A fine cool day. Went down to John Michie's to talk about beast for beef ring and in the evening went with P. Luke and John to the Cragg ranch to see some cattle of P.L.'s. Bought a heifer from him at 6 cts. lb. Hoeing mangolds in the afternoon, 3rd time. Willie drew some dirt into hole in lane. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

10 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 166 at SS; Rev. Mr. McClung preached. James went to Rye Beare's for tea. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

11 – A very fine day. All hands picking raspberries until about the middle of the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry with berries and the boys to Greenbank with berries. Willie away somewhere with C. Midgley in the evening.

12 – A fine day. Willie and I cut down a dead tree near the concession. Jennie washing in the forenoon and at W.M. meeting in the afternoon. I helping P. Luke to rig up binder. James at Greenbank and L. Luke here in the evening.

13 – Went for the beef in the morning. A great deluge of rain about 2:30. Jennie baking. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

14 – A fine day. Scuffled strawberries and helped pick berries. All hands at the job which is the last of any account for the season. Annie at Mission band meeting in the afternoon. Jas. H. Leask brought Rev. Mr. McClung who stayed all night. James at choir practice and Willie and Annie at street dance at Port Perry.

15 – A very fine cool day. Went over to Luke's to help fix up binder and hoed some. In the afternoon all but Willie, including Mr. McClung, at induction of Mr. Dyer as pastor of Greenbank church. There was a good turnout. Mr. Bennie in the chair. Mr. C--- of Sonya preached. Mr. Scott spoke to the minister and Mr. McDonald of Leaskdale to the people. There was tea for all and everything went off all right.

16 – Very dull all day. Got P. Luke's binder and cut part of the field W of the house but did not get on very fast. Rain came up about 3 pm and stopped work. L. Luke called. Annie away in the evening.

17 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 196 at SS. Rev. Mr. Dyer preached his first sermon as pastor and there was a large congregation. Annie Gordon came here for supper. E. Wallace and E. Clements came with car and took the two Annie's to church. I went with Willie. Mr. Dyer preached again to a good congregation.

18 – A fine day. Willie finished cutting field W of house in the forenoon and went to Luke's and cut for him in the afternoon. I shocking up oats. James wheeled to Port Perry in the forenoon.

Jennie washing and picking berries. In the evening I went in C. Phair's car to a meeting of the session and managers to consider financial and other matters. Mr. Dyer is to lead the choir for one year. James went with E. Clements to Myrtle to see about getting a boarding place while teaching there. He is to get board at Mrs. Hoar's for \$6.00 for full week and \$5.00 if he comes home over Sunday.

19 – Dull day. Willie got Luke's binder and started to cut field NE of barn but had poor luck and he had to go to Port Perry for some links for the canvas chain. Did some better in the afternoon but rain came on about 3 o'clock and stopped work. James drove Annie and Leola Luke to Port Perry on their way to Newcastle on a visit. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

20 – Dull all day. Everything very wet in the morning. A little rain about 11 am. Finished cutting field NE of barn and Willie took binder back to Luke's and started a field for him. Willie and James at C.E. meeting. They went with Clinton Midgley.

21 – A fine day and no rain. Scuffled turnips in the forenoon and James and I hoed in the afternoon. Willie at Luke's cutting oats. The binder lost some bolts and Willie wheeled to Greenbank for some but they did not get going in the afternoon. Willie at Port Perry street dance and James at choir practice in the evening.

22 – Dull; a lot of thunder in the NW in the morning but only a few drops here, but after dinner a thunder shower came up and there was rain. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie cutting at Luke's and brought the binder over, but we did not get started as the rain came on. James helping Jas. Blair to thresh at Jim Dusty's and P. Leask's.

23 – A fine day with a little sprinkle of rain about 7 pm. Very wet in the morning and we could not get started until near noon. We cut the piece of wheat E of the orchard; a good crop. About 4 pm Mundo Perrin and Lizzie, Jessie Bell and Miss Eleanor Barber of Rochester came and all stayed all night. Annie and Leola Luke came home from Newcastle. James [firing?] for Jas. Blair.

24 – A fine day and no rain here but there was thunder to the N. Mundo Perrin and wife went home and the rest went to SS and church; 179 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie went with Annie Gordon to tea. Willie and James out in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. Cutting SW field but had a good deal of trouble with the binder. James with Jas. Blair. Leola and Louise Luke called. After supper John Michie went and got the beef syndicate heifer from P. Luke and got it weighed at John's and I helped him part way.

26 – A very fine day. Finished cutting and Willie and I drew in 6 loads of oats from field W of house. Jennie washing. James with Jas. Blair. Leola and Louise Luke called. Annie and Eleanor Barber went to play at Seagrave. James at orchestra practice. Willie away somewhere.

27 – Quite warm in the forenoon with high SW wind which turned to the NW and became cooler. Went for the beef in the morning. This was our turn and the heifer we got from P. Luke was 60 lbs overweight. We then drew in the last of the field W of the house, 2

loads, and then 5 loads from field NE of barn. Jennie helping in the barn awhile. Olive and Eleanor Michie here. James helping Jas. Blair. In the evening Barbara and Jessie Smith came by car and stayed all night.

28 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew in two loads from the field NE of barn which finished it. Willie helping P. Luke in the afternoon. James with Jas. Blair. Jessie Smith took Jennie and Annie to Port Perry in her car. Jessie and her mother started for home about 6:30. Annie, Willie and James at choir practice in the evening.

29 – Got up early and Willie drove Annie to early train on her way to Toronto to get new dress. Willie and I drawing in oats. Jennie, James and E. Barber went to Port Perry about the middle of the afternoon and stayed until Annie came back on the last train. Leola and Louise Luke called.

30 – A very fine and very warm day. Willie and I finished drawing in grain and I helped C. Phair to draw in. Annie Bell came on the 5 train and chanced her way here. Annie, Willie and James at Port Perry in the evening. Leola and Louise Luke called.

31 – A very warm day; up to about 90 in the shade. All but Jessie Bell and Jennie at SS and church; 161 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Clinton Midgley and Frank Lee here for supper. Annie, Willie, James and Annie Bell out again in the evening.

SEPT. 1 – A fine day and not quite so warm. All day helping C. Phair to draw in. Annie took Annie Bell to the station. Willie helping Jas. Blair to thresh. Annie at meeting at Mr. Dyer's in the evening. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called.

2 – Rain through the night and until about 9 am. I drove James to the early train on his way to Myrtle where he makes a start at teaching school. Annie drove to her school (Bethel). Scuffled strawberries.

3 – A very fine day. Finished raking and drew in the rakings in the forenoon. Helping P. Luke to harvest in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and C. Barber went with her. She went to Oshawa in the evening with E.C.

4 – A fine day but started to rain in the evening. All day helping C. Phair. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. E. Barber went with her. Annie at choir practice. L. Luke called twice.

5 – Rain through the night and several rain flurries during the day. I drove Jessie Bell and Eleanor Barber to the early train on their way to Toronto fair. E.B. on her way home. Plowing the rest of the day. Jennie making pickles. Moved the stove into the kitchen. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school and then to Port Perry for James who is home for the weekend. Mrs. A. Akhurst called.

6 – Rain showers from the NW all forenoon. Jas. Blair's threshing machine came about 10 am but did not start until after dinner on account of the rain. Did not finish. P. Luke, John Michie; Ray Dusty; Clinton Midgley and E. Green for C. Phair, were helping. Willie and James out somewhere in the evening.

7 – A fine day. E. Green came over from C. Phair's in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 154 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. In the evening I, with Willie and James, went to the Baptist anniversary service which was held in the Union church. There was a large turnout. The speaker was Rev. Mr. Scott, a former pastor of the Baptist church. Annie away at Seagrave.

8 – Dull with rain in the afternoon and evening. Annie drove James to the early train and then drove direct to her school and she stayed at Armstrong's all night. Finished threshing about 9 am (5 ½ hours - \$12.25). They then went to P. Luke's and finished there about 7 pm. They then moved to Ray Dusty's. Jennie washing.

9 – Dull with rain drizzles all day. At Ray Dusty's threshing. Jennie ironing and making corn salad.

10 – Another dull rainy day. Finished threshing at Ray Dusty's in about 2 hours, then plowed the rest of the day. Willie at Jas. Blair's. Jennie canning corn. Annie drove to her school and from there drove to the last train at Port Perry for Jessie Bell. Mrs. John Michie called.

11 – A few drops of rain about 9 am and then a bright sunny day. Plowing all day. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school and she and L. Luke went to choir practice in the evening. Herby Hook called for eggs in the evening.

12 – A fine day until about 5 pm when there was a little shower. From about 9 am at C. Phair's drawing in oats which were not at all dry. Annie not at school as this is Port Perry fair. Annie went to Port Perry for parcel for Jessie Bell. Willie at Jas. Blair's, Edgar Leask's, and went to the fair in the afternoon. James came home. He rode from Port Perry with John Michie. He went away somewhere in the evening.

13 – A fine day until about 5:30 when a heavy storm came on from the NW. At C. Phair's from about 9 am helping to draw in and got pretty well through. Willie with Jas. Blair. About 5 pm Mr. W. Howard and wife and sister-in-law Miss Cerry of Toronto came in a car and stayed all night.

14 – A fine day and cool. At SS and church with Annie, Willie and James; 159 at SS. Rev. Mr. Scott of Cannington preached. Toronto people left for home about 4 o'clock. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

15 – A very fine day and no rain. Got up early and Annie drove James to Port Perry early train on his way to Myrtle. Annie then went to her own school. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Willie with Jas. Blair. L. Luke called.

16 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Willie with James Blair. He came home for night. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. In the evening Annie and I went to meeting in church of the township of Reach to organize for the plebiscite on the liquor question to be held on Oct. 23. There was a fair turnout. Representatives from Seagrave; Saintfield; Marsh Hill; Manchester; Prince Albert; Epsom and Greenbank. G.A. McMillan was chosen president.

17 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon. Cut the Hungarian grass in the afternoon. Jennie canning corn. Annie drove to her

school. Willie at Jas. Blair's. He came home for night. Jennie and Annie went to C.E. meeting in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Cut around corn in the forenoon and about 3 pm Jas. Bott came with corn cutter and cut about ½ of corn. Willie with Jas. Blair. He came home for the night. Annie walked to her school and went with L. Luke to choir practice in the evening.

19 – A very fine day. Jim Bott finished cutting corn at noon and I drew off some in the afternoon. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie walked to her school and Aunt Jess went for her. J.M. Real and Rev. Mr. Dyer called for a short time. This is Mr. Dyer's first visit. L. Luke brought James from Port Perry. In the evening Jas. Bott, Harvey Real and Annie had a meeting about C.E. work. Mrs. Bott and Mary Real came with them.

20 – Dull all day and started to rain about 5 pm. All day at corn. Broke the reach of the waggon and had to throw the load. Willie with Jas. Blair. James went to Lindsay fair with Harvey Real and Annie with E.C. Jennie cleaning up. After supper went to C. Phair's and got 3 little pigs at \$3.00 each.

21 – Very dull all day. At SS and church with Annie and Willie. James did not go as he has swollen glands in his neck. Jennie has cold in head. 166 at SS. Mr. Farmer of Port Perry was present and gave an address. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie went for supper at T. Sharp's. After supper James went to the Dr. and he called it gland trouble and advised him not to go to school tomorrow. Willie away in the evening.

22 – Some rain in the morning but cleared up and was quite cool in the afternoon. Fixed waggon reach and harrowed some in the forenoon. Annie walked to the school fair and I went in the afternoon. There was about the usual turnout and a good show. James did not go to his school at Myrtle on account of his swollen neck. L. Luke here in the afternoon getting dress made by Jessie Bell. Willie with Jas. Blair.

23 – A very fine day. At corn nearly all day and finished the field corn (some in the orchard yet to be cut). Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. James did not go to Myrtle but Jennie and him went to Port Perry to the Dr. who says he should not go to teach this week. Willie with James Blair and home for the night. Leola Luke here most of the day getting dress made.

24 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning. After dinner raked up the Hungarian grass and with Jennie's help drew in two loads. Had a bad stitch in my back all day. James did not go to Myrtle. Annie drove to her school and at C.E. in the evening. Willie with Jas. Blair and out somewhere in the evening. Sunderland fair day.

25 – A very fine day. Drew in the 3rd and last load of the H. grass, raked the ground and drew in the rakings, Jennie helping. Then harrowed some. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice. Willie with Jas. Blair. L. Luke called and Mary L. Real here for supper and went to choir practice with Annie.

26 – A fine day. Harrowing and plowing all day. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing for N. Midgley's. Mrs. John Michie and Bob

called, also Mrs. L. Wagner and L. Luke. James at orchestra practice in the evening.

27 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon and threshing at John Michie's from about 3 pm. Willie with Jas. Blair and at Port Perry in the evening.

28 – Fine until about 2 pm when a warm rain came on and continued during the afternoon. All hands at SS and church. As this is rally day, the attendance at SS was 242, likely the largest in number of any meeting of SS ever held in Greenbank. Mr. Dyer preached. James somewhere for tea. Willie out in the evening. Visitors from Toronto at Luke's.

29 – Got up early and Annie drove James to the early train for Myrtle and then to her own school. Rain in the forenoon. Did some small jobs. Threshing at John Michie's in the afternoon and finished. Willie with Jas. Blair and away somewhere in the evening. Went with Jennie to meeting in the church to organize for the plebiscite vote; a fair turnout.

30 – Dull all day with a misty rain until about 5 pm when it started to rain in earnest. Plowing most of the day. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing at Sam Dusty's. Annie drove to her school. Blanche Luke called.

OCT. 1 – Dull and cool. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Willie with Jas. Blair and at Greenbank in the evening. Annie drove to her school.

2 – A very fine day. Went with Jennie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Plowing in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. Willie with Jas. Blair.

3 – A very fine day. Cut and drew in the sweet corn stalks in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping C. Phair to fill silo. B. Leask and G. Cummings running the machine. Annie drove to her school and then went to Port Perry to meet James. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing at Oswald Love's over on the Harper place over near the lake.

4 – Rather dull with some rain about 5:30 pm. All day helping C. Phair fill silo. Willie with Jas. Blair. James somewhere in the evening.

5 – Warm and dull until evening when there was much lightning and some rain and high wind. A wild night; a fire away to the south. About 11 am W. Farrow and Alma and the baby and Jennie Perrin came in W.F.'s car. Annie, James and I went to SS and church; 188 at SS; Rev. Mr. Haig of Ashburn preached, Mr. Dyer being at Utica anniversary. Jas. Ryan ran his car into another car at the crossroads at Greenbank. The Newcastle folks left for home about 4:30, Jessie Bell going with them on her way back to Rochester. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

6 – A fine day. Got up early and Annie drove James to the train for Myrtle and then to her own school. Willie and I at C. Phair's silo filling for about 2 hours and finished the job. In the afternoon we were at Oswald Love's sale. There was not a very large turnout and prices not too good. Jennie washing. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

7 – Dull and raw. Fixed buggy shaft and went to Port Perry to get separator repaired. Willie came to Port Perry on wheel to get me to bring a basket of tomatoes which came from Newcastle. Fixing separator in the afternoon while Willie plowed. L. Luke called. Annie drove to her school and she and Willie went with C. Midgley to C.E. meeting.

8 – A very fine day. At W. Thomas' helping fill silo for C. Pair in the forenoon. Cutting corn in the orchard in the afternoon which finishes corn cutting for the year. Annie drove to her school and went with E. to a concert at Port Perry in the evening. Willie with Jas. Blair.



Photograph dated Oct. 8, 1924⁹¹

Myrtle School

Back Row: Dennis Ball, Ralph Sandler, Willie Ball, Helen Claughton, Electa Birkett, James Michie (teacher).

Third Row: Mervin Ross, David Grant, Allan Downey, Nelson Ballard, Harry Briggs, Olive Harrison, Elsie Schell, Pauline Price, Bernice Price.

Second Row: Bernice Birkett, Lois Tordiff, Reva Cooper, Vivian Sadler, Mildred Harrison, Dorothy Hall, Galilee O'Boyle, Marguerite Ball, Eileen Hall.

Front Row: George Cooper, John Latimer, Ray Downey, Allan Schell, Orland Hall, Merrill Ross, Thomas Price, George Sadler, James Latimer.

9 – A very fine day; hard frost in the morning. Drove Annie to Port Perry early train on her way to teacher's convention at Os-hawa. Digging potatoes the rest of the day, Jennie helping. Not as good a crop as expected; some few rotten. Willie with Jas. Blair; home for night. L. Luke called.

10 – A very fine day. All day at potatoes, Jennie helping, and finished the field; 3 big wagon loads. Went to Port Perry to the evening train for Annie and James on their return from teacher's convention. Willie with Jas. Blair. Went to Port Perry with C. Midgley in the evening.

11 – A beautiful day. Harrowed the potato land and dug the early potatoes and set up the corn in the orchard. Annie and James picking apples in the afternoon. Willie with Jas. Blair. L. Luke called;

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she got a pair of glasses from D. Luke who has ordered her to wear them all the time. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

12 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 174 at SS. Mr. Ray of Unionville spoke for the W.M.S. Annie stayed at A. Akhurst's for supper. Boys out in the evening. Mr. Dyer had a service at 11 am at Saintfield.

13 – A very fine day. Picking apples with Jennie and James all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. L. Luke called. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening. James did not go to Myrtle as the Lieut. Governor on a visit gave the school children a holiday.

14 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie to pick apples in the forenoon and topping mangolds in the afternoon. Jennie at W.M.S. in the afternoon. Mrs. John Michie went with her. Annie drove James to the early train and then to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie and Jennie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Went for the beef in the morning and picked apples until noon. At mangolds in the afternoon and got in two loads; not much of a crop. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Norman Midgley's filling silo. They did not get along very well. Willie away in the evening.

16 – A fine day. Drew in mangolds in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie to Temperance meeting. Mr. David of B.C. and Rev. Mr. Maxwell of Oshawa were the speakers. Nelson Baird sang a solo. There was a fair turnout.

17 – A beautiful day. Plowing all day. Annie drove to her school. Jas. Lee came for apples. Willie with Jas. Blair. James came from Myrtle and landed at choir practice. Annie went with L. Luke and Willie went later.

18 – A little rain in the morning but cleared up. Plowing all day. Willie with Jas. Blair. Mrs. Thomas and Henry came for apples. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. John Michie's girls up getting hair cut.

19 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 180 at SS. Rev. Mr. Edmunds preached. All out again in the evening. Mr. Dyer preached on the O.A.F. question. A good address and a good attendance.

20 – A fine but rather cold day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie drove James to the train at Port Perry and then to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. In the evening Annie went with E. to John Mark's to make a start with a play to be given by the Bethel people. McIntyre the collector called.

21 – Rather cold. Plowing all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Norman Midgley came for the apples on the tree near the lane. Mrs. A. Akhurst and Marie and Mrs. John Michie and Bob here in the afternoon picking apples. Jennie helping. P. Luke called. Jennie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening. George Till called in the evening collecting for the dry campaign fund.

22 – A fine day and rather cool. Plowing all day. Jennie picking apples in the afternoon. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called.

23 – A very fine day. In the morning went with Jennie to Greenbank to vote on the plebiscite as to government control of liquor and of course voted dry. Annie drove to her school and voted after. Willie with Jas. Blair. Frank Lee called in the evening and Willie went to Port Perry with him. P. Luke called in the evening. Annie went with L. Luke to choir practice. [margin note: About 40,000 majority dry].

24 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. James did not come home from Myrtle. In the evening went with Jennie and Annie to preparatory service in the church. Rev. Mr. [Walsh? Watch?] of the Methodist church in Uxbridge preached. There was a fair turnout.

25 – A very fine day. Started to thresh at C. Phair's about 10 am and threshed until 6 pm, the last hour by electric light, the first time I ever did so. Willie with Jas. Blair. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Annie and Willie in the evening.

26 – A beautiful day. Went with Jennie, Annie and Willie to communion service in the church at 11 am. Mr. Dyer conducted the service and there was a pretty good turnout. M. McMillan, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. W. Watson received. Got dinner at Mr. Watson's and then to SS at 3 pm; 147 at SS. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

27 – A fine day. Threshing all day at C. Phair's. Jennie washing and oiling the kitchen floor. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. Luke picking up apples.

28 – A fine day. Threshing at C. Phair's until about 2:30 pm which finishes my threshing for this season. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Jennie ironing. Annie at C.E. in the evening.

29 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning and topped turnips the rest of the day and finished. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Jennie puttying windows. Willie away in the evening. Bill Phoenix called.

30 – A very fine day. At turnips all day, Jennie helping. Got in 6 loads. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Annie at choir practice in the evening. Jennie went with her.

31 – Rather dull with a few drops of rain about 5 pm. Finished drawing in the turnips, Jennie helping; 16 loads in all; poor crop. Annie drove to her school and then went to Port Perry for James. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie, Willie and James at Halloween party at Adam Wallace's.

NOV. 1 – Fine, with high W wind and lots of dust and leaves flying. Plowing all day. Willie with Jas. Blair. James at practice at Mr. Dyers in the evening. John Michie came for apples. L. Luke called in the evening.

2 – Rough and cold NW wind. All hands at SS and church; 184 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Dick Canniff and Mary L. Real here for supper. All but Jennie and I out in the evening.

3 – Hard frost and pretty cold all day. As Jas. Blair went to Mrs. John Blair's funeral at Brooklin there was no threshing and Willie was at home. He first drove James to the train at Port Perry on his way to Myrtle and then we drew in corn the rest of the day. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. Luke called. Annie at special choir practice in the evening and Willie away somewhere.

4 – A fine day. Finished drawing in corn in the forenoon, Jennie helping. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair but as this is Burgess' sale they did not work in the afternoon. In the afternoon got a load of corn, a gift from P. Luke, and drew in some firewood, Jennie helping. L. Luke called. In the evening Jennie and Annie went to C.E. meeting in the church and Willie and C. Midgley to play at a party at Mr. Burgess'.

5 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. L. Luke and Mrs. John Michie called. P. Luke put in tile across the lane near our barn.

6 – A fine day. Very smoky and quite warm. Plowing all day. Jennie ironing and cleaning hen house. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Jennie and Annie at choir practice in the evening.

7 – Fine and warm until evening when it got colder with high NW wind; a few drops of rain about 4 pm. Plowing all day. Jennie ironing and house cleaning. Annie drove to her school and went to Port Perry for James. Willie with Jas. Blair. Dorothy Real from the Whitby O.L.C. came home with Annie and James and stayed all night. Just then Ken Mason, his mother, and a boyfriend came. Annie Mason stayed and he and friend went on to Bobcaygeon. It was near 10 pm when they left here. Chimby caught fire.

8 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Annie drove Dorothy Real home. James wheeled to Greenbank and ran Jas. Blair's engine and sent Willie home. Jennie helping Annie Mason to fix dress. James at Mr. Dyers to practice in the evening and Annie went to Port Perry for Annie Bell who is come for a visit.

9 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 191 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached thanksgiving sermon. Annie Bell sang a solo. An extra large congregation. James stayed somewhere. Annie, Willie and Annie Bell out again in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Thanksgiving day. Plowed in the forenoon. Jennie preparing eats. In the afternoon Willie went to shooting match at Greenbank and James and I went for a paddle up the creek. Went up as far as Harrison's landing. Many hunters in the swamp. In the evening all but Willie at thanksgiving supper by the Ladies Aid. There was a good turnout and a very satisfactory programme. \$182.00 taken in. Willie went to a supper at Sea-grave.

11 – Another fine day. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie took James and Annie Bell to the early train and then to her school. I plowing all day. Ken Mason and his friend --- Webster, came from Bob-

caygeon and his mother and went with them for home. L. Luke called.

12 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. John Michie brought the beef in the evening; this being the last of the season. Annie at John Mark's in the evening arranging for the Christmas play.

13 – A fine day. Plowing all day. Started sod N of red gate lane. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with Mrs. Luke and to W.M. meeting at Jas. H. Leask's with Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon and went with Annie to choir practice in the evening. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. Started to snow about 7:30 pm and the ground was soon covered.

14 – Plowing sod all day. About 3 inches of snow on the ground. Annie drove to her school and in the evening to Port Perry for James. Willie with Jas. Blair. In the evening went to Mr. Dyers' to a meeting of teachers and officers of the SS.

15 – A fine day. I drove Annie to the early train on her way to Toronto. James went to the threshing with Jas. Blair. Willie and I drew off the rails about the calf pasture., then went and got 4 young cattle (of 8) that had been pasturing at C. Phair's. Willie plowing in the afternoon. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called.

16 – Some snow in the forenoon which turned very rough and very cold towards night. All hands at SS and church; 165 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and James out in the evening.

17 – Pretty cold hard frost. Wheeled in wood. Annie drove to her school. I drove James to Port Perry in the morning. Willie with Jas. Blair. Clinton Midgley here in the evening making out invitations to dance on Friday evening next.

18 – A fine day. Wheeled in wood in the forenoon and spent the afternoon hunting in C. Phair's swamp for the big white and black steer that has wandered away. Went as far as Jas. Gibson's but did not find him. Annie walked to her school as the roads are so rough. Willie with Jas. Blair. In the evening went to T. Sharp's with Jennie to see Edna Throop who is there on a visit. Annie went to C.E. meeting.

19 – A fine day. Jennie and I drove over to Jas. Gibson's and found the lost steer. Wheeled in wood the rest of the day. Annie walked to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. In the evening I went to church session meeting at Jas. H. Leask's. Willie went to Port Perry.

20 – Somewhat raw but thawing a little. Wheeled in wood and some other jobs. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called. Annie at choir practice in the evening. I went to the church in the forenoon and helped Mr. Dyer and T. Sharp to put up curtains in the SS room.

21 – Dull day. Put on storm windows and other jobs in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Port Perry with 15 bags of oats and got them ground. Stayed until about 5:30 pm when James came from Myrtle by car. By that time it had started to rain and

the darkness was intense. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie, Willie and James at dance in Greenbank hall in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Plowing sod most of the day. Jennie cleaning up. Willie with Jas. Blair. All of John Michie's family up getting hair cut. Willie and James at orchestra practice in the evening.

23 – Rather dull day and getting colder. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS. Mr. Widdifield, M.P.P. for North Ontario, was present and gave a little speech. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

24 – Pretty cold especially towards night. Drove James to the morning train and plowed sod the rest of the day. Jennie washing in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Mrs. John Michie to see Mrs. John Somerville who is seriously ill but they were not permitted to see her. Annie walked to her school. She stayed at Mr. Watson's all night. She is making arrangements for their Christmas tree. Willie with Jas. Blair.

25 – Pretty cold day. Word came by phone from James that his school was closed on account of scarlet fever for at least two weeks so I went nearly to Port Perry to meet him. Did some chores. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie walked home from her school and went back by E. to Bethel church to the first play practice. James at C.E. meeting.

26 – Milder. James went to thresh with Jas. Blair while Willie and I drew out manure on the next years strawberry patch etc. Annie walked to her school. All at home in the evening.

27 – Very dull and a little misty rain. Jennie and James went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. Annie and James at choir practice in the evening.

28 – A fine day. At John Michie's in the forenoon and James and I tried to fix the barn pump. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie walked to her school and stayed until evening for play practice. L. Luke called.

29 – A fine day with hard frost in the morning. James went to thresh with Jas. Blair. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon and he and I fanned up oats in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Marie Akhurst came to get her hair cut. In the evening went with Annie to Port Perry public school concert in the town hall. A pretty good programme of drills, dances, etc. James also went to the concert.

30 – Quite a snow storm about 4 pm. All hands at SS and church; 180 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening. Clinton Midgley called in the forenoon.

DEC. 1 – Pretty cold and rough. Did several small jobs. James drove Annie to her school and stayed for awhile to help her train the children for the Christmas tree. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing at W. Thomas'. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Annie stayed at Bethel all night.

2 – Somewhat milder. Willie took load of oats to Port Perry and got 50 cts per bushel, and in the afternoon we fanned up another load. James threshing with Jas. Blair at Thomas'. Annie did not come home for the night. L. Luke called. Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

3 – Mild and dull. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with a load of oats and did some chores in the afternoon. Jennie sewing and knitting. Willie with Jas. Blair. Annie did not come home over-night. L. Luke called twice. Willie away in the evening.

4 – A fine but rather chilly day. Helping Jennie to pick chickens. Willie drawing gravel to the 10th concession (4 loads). James with Jas. Blair. Annie did not come home for the night. James at choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

5 – Dull with rain about the middle of the afternoon. Went to Greenbank with Jennie to take to Herb Hook 10 chickens. Willie drawing gravel. James went over to Annie's school to help practice for Xmas tree. L. Luke called.

6 – Dull day. James went to W.H. Leask's to thresh with Jas. Blair but they did not start, but he stayed and helped them to grind until about the middle of the afternoon. Willie went to Thomas' gravel pit for gravel for hens. And after that we put straw on the strawberry patch in the orchard. L. Luke called. Willie and James away in the evening. Mrs. Alex Leask died.

7 – A fine day and roads muddy. All hands at SS and church; Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie and I went to Jas. S. Lee's for tea, Jack Lee of Port William being there, but we had just go there when a phone call came saying Tom Bell and wife, daughter and son-in-law of Oshawa were come for a visit so we came home. They left for home about 8 pm. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

8 – Rain in the morning until near noon. Willie drove James to the early train on his way to his school at Myrtle and I drove Annie to her school. She stayed all night as there is to be practice. In the afternoon I went to Oswald Love's cattle sale. There was a fair turnout and fair prices. Jennie sewing.

9 – Cold and rough with high W wind. Jennie washing. Willie and I fixed the barn pump again in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Mrs. Alex Leask's funeral. There was a large turnout. It was at the house. L. Luke and Dorothy Wagner called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. There was a C.E. supper on. Tom Barkley's barn burned down last night.

10 – A fine but cold day. Did little but the chores. Went over to P. Luke's and settled up with him. Jennie ironing and making Christmas cake. Willie with Jas. Blair (W.H. Leask's). L. Luke called.

11 – Some snow in the afternoon. Did little but the chores. Jennie went to W.M. meeting in the church. Mrs. John Michie went with her. This was the annual meeting; all the old officers were re-elected. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing and away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called for the mail.

12 – A fine day. I took little Reddy cow to Port Perry and got \$7.50 for her from Calicut. Willie drove down for me and went

again in the evening for James. Jennie housecleaning. Clinton Midgley and L. Luke called.

13 – Mild in the morning which turned to snow and then very rough and cold with high NW wind. Jennie and I started to drive to Myrtle but turned back, the weather and roads being bad. Willie with Jas. Blair at E. Leask's. James and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon and James away in the evening. L. Luke called.

14 – Mild in the morning but very rough towards night with high wind and snow. All but Jennie at SS and church; 170 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached and announced a meeting to arrange for taking a vote on church union. Willie and James out again in the evening.

15 – Pretty cold but no wind. Got up early and Jennie and James drove to Port Perry early train. They put the horse in and both went to Myrtle where Jennie spent all day on a mission. Got dinner and supper at Mrs. Hoar's and came home on the last train. I drove Annie to her school and she did not come home at night. Willie with Jas. Blair at Edgar Leask's. I did the chores and acted as cook. C. Phair came over and settled up for the year.

16 – A fine day. Willie with Jas. Blair. I went to Greenbank in the forenoon and fixed the curtain in the hall. Mary Real and Bessie McMillan, collectors for the Bible Society, called. In the evening Willie went to a reception party at George Baird's at Saintfield; G.B. having been married last week.

17 – A fine day. Willie went to thresh with Jas. Blair at P. Leask's. I did little but the chores. L. Luke called. Went over to C. Phair's for a rooster.

18 – Rather dull and raw with E wind. Jennie went to Port Perry fair market in the morning for a Christmas goose etc., and Willie went in the afternoon and stayed for the concert in the evening.

19 – Rather raw with a little drizzle sometimes from the E. Willie with Jas. Blair at P. Leask's which finishes his threshing for the season. I went with the cutter for Annie and then to Greenbank to get James who came out from Myrtle with Tom Sharp. L. Luke called.

20 – Pretty cold and rough towards night. Jennie making play dress for Annie. L. Luke called. In the afternoon Annie, James and I went with the cutter to Port Perry and it was pretty cold coming home. Annie at play practice and James at choir practice in the evening.

21 – Pretty cold; about 6 below zero in the morning. All hands at SS and church; 165 at SS. Mr. Dyer preached a Christmas sermon. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry and then drove Annie to her school. Jennie washing. In the evening went to meeting in the church to arrange for taking a vote on church union. Not very many out. Poll to be held at Tom Sharp's for the next two weeks from 3 to 4 and 8 to 9 each day but Sundays from 4 to 5 pm.

23 – A fine day. Jennie ironing and baking. All John Michie's girls up getting hair cut. In the evening went to the hall to decorate

for Christmas tree. There was a lot of boys and girls; too many for good work. Willie took the tree and brush up in the afternoon and he also helped to decorate.

24 – Willie went to Port Perry for James who comes home for Christmas holidays. Jennie baking. In the evening was our SS Christmas tree. James and I went to it. We rode up with John Michie's sleigh. The hall was packed to the door and the programme, prepared mostly by the public school teachers Miss Ferguson and Miss Forsythe, was good but rather short. About \$44 taken in at the door. Willie went to the Christmas tree at Bethel which did not get out until after midnight. Annie was also there being in the play given there. On the last train came Annie Bell and a Miss Muir, a friend of hers, a teacher from Niagara Falls, late of Edinburgh. Mr. Moase drove them from Port Perry in his car as far as the 10th concession and they walked the rest of the way as he thought there was too much snow to go further.

25 – An ideal Christmas day; clear and cold and plenty of snow. Got a little rough towards night. John Michie's whole family were here for dinner and supper. Music was the principal pastime. Willie went somewhere in the evening. He also took Annie Bell and Miss Muir for a cutter ride as far as J.M. Real's.

26 – A clear day but pretty cold and some rough. Got up early and Willie took A.B. and Miss Muir to the early train with the team and sleigh as he was not sure of the roads being clear. Little doing as everyone was resting. Willie and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon and bought G. Byers' cutter for \$27.00. In the evening went with Annie to preparatory service in the basement of the church. Not very many out. Mr. Dyer conducted the service; choir practice after. James also went to the meeting. Went through the fields for the first.

27 – Cold and snowing and very rough in the afternoon but the wind went down towards night. Willie hitched up the team after dinner and broke the roads. Clinton Midgley called in the afternoon. Willie and James away in the evening.

28 – About zero and a sharp wind. All hands at communion service at 11 am. Not quite as many as usual out as it was very cold. Mr. Dyer preached. James and Annie came home. Willie got dinner at G. Lee's and Jennie and I got dinner at W. Watson's. All but Annie at SS at 3 o'clock; 149 at SS. Jas. Ward gave a few words. James went for supper to Mr. [Cotice's?] at Port Perry. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

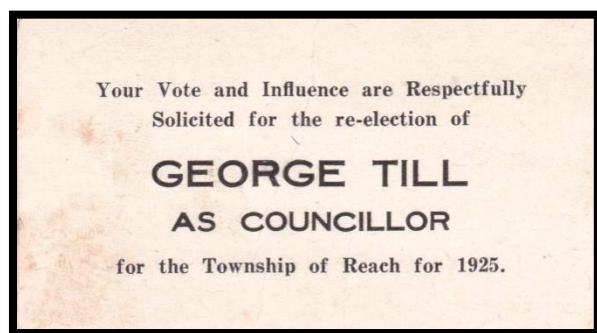
29 – Somewhat milder. Little doing but the chores. Jennie laid up with bad leg. Willie and James at orchestra practice at J.M. Real's in the evening.

30 – A fine day. Jennie washing. I went up to Greenbank in the afternoon to a meeting in the hall about statute labor and road making by Mr. McVicker's government inspector of roads. There was a fair attendance and an interesting talk. In the evening Annie, James and I went to the annual SS meeting in the basement of the church. There was a fairly good turnout and things went off pretty good. G.A. McMillan was chosen superintendant; G. Lee, assistant; E. Cragg, sec.; E. Leask, treas. Willie was also at Greenbank in the evening cleaning up the hall for dance tomorrow.

31 – Fine but pretty cold day. Little doing but the chores. Clinton Midgley here for dinner. Mrs. Harmon of Greenbank died this morning and Rye Beare, Mary Real and Freeman Howsam would not play for the dance so Willie and Clinton M. got V. Sloffer and Miss Ferguson of Port Perry to put up the music. Willie went to Port Perry for them. Annie and James also went to the party. Mrs. Luke and Leola called.

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JAN. 1 – A fine cold day. All hands at John Michie's for dinner. Annie and Willie went to G. Clement's for supper and Jennie, James and I stayed for supper. James away in the evening. George Till called. He was canvassing for election to the council.



2 – Not quite so cold. Little done but the chores. Jennie baking. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at oyster supper at Frank Watson's (on the east road) in the evening.

3 – Some snow from the W. Went up to the hall and helped to fix up the rooms. W. Phoenix; I. Beare; G.A. McMillan and Blake Cragg also there. James went to Port Perry in the forenoon and again in the evening. Willie away in the evening.

4 – Rather stormy from the W. All hands at SS and church. Some trouble getting SS superintendant. I acted for today. Election of teachers resulted as usual; 3 classes yet to fill. Mr. Dyer preached. A session meeting after service. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

5 – A fine clear day. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry on his way to Myrtle and I drove Annie to her school. Willie and I went to Greenbank in the afternoon to vote for councilmen. Voted for Till, Leask and Johnson. The other candidates were Christie and Jeffery. Called at Mr. Dyers' and had a talk about SS matters. Church union vote was counted tonight. The vote was 124 for, 4 against. Willie went to Greenbank again in the evening to see Jas. Blair. Jennie washing. [margin note: Till, Christie and Leask elected for councillors].

6 – A very fine day. Willie and I spent some time in the cellar picking over potatoes as some are rotten. C. Midgley called. Willie at C.E. the church. This is treat night at the close of the contest.

7 – A fine day. Jennie, Willie and I picking roosters most of the day, 17 in all; and in the evening took them to Herby Hook at Greenbank and got 27 cts per pound. We then went to the hall to

see the play 'When Jennie Comes Home' which was put on by the young girls class. It went off pretty good and a full house. Willie also was at the play.

8 – A fine day. Willie cleaned out the hen house in the forenoon. In the afternoon I drove in the cutter to Jas. Lee's and Jas. Blair's to interview Mr. Lee and Maggie Blair about SS matters.

9 – A very fine day. Willie went to Greenbank to see Jas. Blair but did not see him. I went for Annie and Willie took a sleigh load to a party at W. Hill's south of Manchester, picking up James at Manchester station. I went up to the church in the evening to a meeting of a committee of the session.

10 – A very fine day. Little doing but the chores. James at Greenbank in the evening. Annie and Willie at home. L. Luke called.

11 – Clear but cold with E wind; about zero. All hands at SS and church. G. Lee was chosen superintendant for the year. Mr. Dyer preached. James went somewhere for tea. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

12 – Very cold in the morning but got warmer towards night with some snow from the SE. Willie drove James to the train at Port Perry and then drove Annie to her school. Little doing. Not feeling very well. L. Luke called. This is the night of the annual church meeting but no one from here went.

13 – Snowing some most of the day and little doing but the chores. L. Luke called. Willie went to hockey match at Uxbridge. Port Perry vs. Uxbridge; Uxbridge wins 7 to 1.

14 – Pretty cold day. Willie and I helping Jennie to pick hens in the forenoon and I and Jennie took them to Herby Hooks at Greenbank in the afternoon. Willie went with Clinton Midgley to Seagrave to skate in the evening.

15 – A fine day. Jennie washing. Willie went to Port Perry mill and got 10 bags of oats ground. L. Luke called. In the evening Willie went to Greenbank and Jennie and I went with him to Norman Midgley's for a visit.

16 – Mild and snowing some. Willie went to see Jas. Blair about his wages but got nothing. L. Luke called. In the evening Willie went to hockey match at Port Perry between Lindsay and P.P.

17 – A fine day. Jennie and I started about 2:30 p.m. with cutter for Willie Smith's at Columbus and got there about 5:30. Lots of snow and good sleighing; only a little heavy. Annie and James at Port Perry in the evening.

18 – Some more snow during the night. Went to Brooklin Presbyterian SS and church. Rev. Mr. Fraser preached. Jessie Smith, who is on a visit to Willie's, left for Toronto by CPR train. In the evening we went over to Stokes' to hear their radio which was partly fairly good and partly no good. Annie, Willie and James at SS and church at Greenbank. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and James out in the evening.

19 – Snowing some most of the day. Stayed all day at Smith's and did nothing but eat. Jennie fell down the stairs before we went to bed. Willie got up early and did the chores, took James to the

early train and then Annie to her school and kept house alone all day.

20 – Some snow and SE wind but we started for home about 10 am. Roads pretty heavy south of the ridges but good north. Got home a little after two. L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening which turned out pretty rough.

21 – Somewhat rough during the day but got milder in the evening. Jennie washing. Willie and I went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Willie got some money from Jas. Blair. L. Luke called. Willie away in the evening. Word came that Irvin Bagshaw died in Toronto hospital.

22 – Pretty rough and drifting most of the day. Little doing but the chores. P. Luke came over for the mail. Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon to send away his insurance money.

23 – 10 below zero and a cutting NW wind. Roads not very good in places. Willie went for Annie with the sleigh before dinner as there was no school at Bethel on account of the cold and roads. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to Irvin Bagshaw's funeral. There was a good turnout. Mr. Dyer conducted the service. Barber of Uxbridge was the undertaker. The bearers were B. Cragg; Edgar Cragg; W. Spoffard; C. Whetter; Everett Love and G. Till. Willie and C. Midgley went to Port Perry in the evening to meet James and see the hockey match. Port Perry vs. Uxbridge; Uxbridge wins 4 to 0.

24 – This is the day of the great eclipse of the sun about 9 am. Total in Toronto and Hamilton, but hardly total here and great preparations were being made to see it but the sun never showed its face here the whole day, but the darkness was quite apparent. Annie went to Greenbank with Jas. Bott to a C.E. committee meeting at Fred O'Neill's. Mary L. Real came home with her and stayed for tea and with James, Willie and Annie went to the skating rink at Port Perry. Marie Akhurst called to get her hair cut.

25 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 190 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie and Clinton Midgley went away somewhere. Annie stayed at Midgley's for tea. James went out again in the evening.

26 – Snowing from the NE a little most of the day. Willie drove James to the early train for Myrtle and then Annie to her school. P. Luke called for mail. Willie and Clinton Midgley went to Wallace's on the 7th concession to play at a dance. Cold night.

27 – About 16 below zero in the morning and never got up to zero all day. Little doing but the chores. P. Luke called for the mail.

28 – About 24 below zero in the morning and very cold all day but clear. Little doing. Clinton Midgley, L. Luke and C. Phair called.

29 – Pretty cold all day. Jennie washing. Clinton Midgley and L. Luke called. Rather stormy night.

30 – Fine in the forenoon but got rough in the afternoon. Picked over potatoes in cellar awhile. Willie did the chores. Jennie ironing and baking. L. Luke here most of the afternoon knitting

gloves. I went for Annie. Willie went to Port Perry for James and then to a dance at Manchester. Annie went with C. Midgley.

31 – Fine in the morning but quite rough in the afternoon although not very cold as the wind was in the south. L. Luke here most of the day knitting. Ernie Green came for C. Phair's mail. Willie and James away somewhere in the evening.

FEB. 1 – A fine clear day and pretty cold. All hands at SS and church; 171 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached on Gen. 1:1. Willie somewhere for tea and Annie and James out in the evening.

2 – Dull in the morning with a little snow but clear and cold in the afternoon. I drove James to Port Perry to the early train on his way to Myrtle and Willie drove Annie to her school. Jennie washing. In the afternoon Jennie and I drove to Greenbank for some groceries. Jennie called at Mrs. Spoffard's and we called at W. O'Neill's. L. Luke called and Ernie Green brought a banjo for James.

3 – A fine but pretty cold day. Little doing. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon.

4 – A fine day and quite mild. Jennie, Willie and I picking chickens (the last of the season) and Jennie and I took them to Herb Hook. Helen Phair came over for the mail. Willie at Seagrave rink in the evening. L. Luke called.

5 – Mild all day and snowing and sometimes raining a little. Little doing but the chores. L. Luke called twice.

6 – Mild and some foggy. Little doing. L. Luke called. Willie went for Annie and in the evening went to Port Perry for James who came up from Myrtle on a special train run by the Whitby hockey team who play Port Perry tonight. They did not stop for the game so they were home early.

7 – A fine and mild day. Went with Annie to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jennie baking. Afternoon Annie at the church marking the new library books for SS. In the evening James brought Mary L. Real for a visit while Annie and Willie were away somewhere.

8 – Mild and the snow going fast. Roads breaking up. All hands at SS and church; 177 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. E. Clements, Wilson and Laura Clements here for tea. All away in the evening but Jennie and I.

9 – Mild all day. Rain some in the afternoon. James went to Port Perry with John Michie who is going to Oshawa. Willie drove Annie to her school. Jennie washing. Willie hitched up to the sleigh and broke roads and then drove to the school for J. Michie's girls.

10 – Mild day. In the forenoon I went down to the creek. Willie drawing out manure. In the afternoon I drove Jennie to Greenbank to the W.M. meeting. Jennie had the topic – Korea. There was a pretty good attendance. I went up to T. Sharp's and had a talk with Jennie Phoenix. Clinton Midgley called in the afternoon and L. Luke called three times.

11 – Mild with rain and soft snow but got colder in the evening. Willie broke roads in the forenoon. Jennie ironing and I cleaned

out calf pen. L. Luke here telephoning. In the evening Jennie, Willie and I at oyster supper at P. Luke's got up by the play company. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beare; Russell and Laura Thomas; Donald Boe; Everett Harper; Marie Akhurst; Harvey and Mary L. Real; Francis and Russell Lee; Miss Ferguson; Miss Forsythe; Cliff and Easter Love; Arthur Gordon and wife; Willie and Arvella Carnegie; Clinton Midgley; Bessie McMillan. Card playing and dancing after supper.

12 – Much colder and pretty rough and drifting. L. Luke came over with the spoons and dishes used at the party last night. Jennie and I went to Greenbank in the afternoon with eggs.

13 – Somewhat rough and some snow. Little doing but the chores. L. Luke called. Willie went for Annie and both went to Port Perry in the evening; a carnival on.

14 – A very fine day. Willie went to Greenbank in the morning to get King shod. I went to Ernest Phair's to help him to saw wood. Willie and James away in the evening. Got word that Wick had voted union by a majority of 2.

15 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 170 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

16 – A very fine day. Willie drove James to Port Perry early train and I drove Annie to her school. In the afternoon went to P. Luke's and bought a piece of swamp wood for \$25.00. In the evening Jennie and I went to J.M. Real's for supper and for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. G.A. McMillan were also there and we had a very pleasant evening. Snowing on the way home.

17 – A beautiful day. In the afternoon cutting wood in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. Willie at C.E. in the evening.

18 – A beautiful clear day. All day cutting wood in Luke's swamp, Willie helping. He drew up one load in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Willie and Clinton Midgley went to a dance at Manchester in the evening. Word came that Annie is laid up with a bad shoulder and had no school today.

19 – Some snow through the night and mild all day. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp. Willie drew two loads. In the afternoon I was helping W. Phoenix to lay the floor in the south room in the hall at Greenbank. Jennie making quilt.

20 – A very fine mild day. Cutting wood all day in Luke's swamp. Willie drew 3 loads in the forenoon. Jennie and Leola Luke went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie went for Annie and then for James to Port Perry in the evening and all three to an oyster supper in the church given by the young men's SS class.

21 – Dull foggy and rain sometimes all day. P. Luke called in the morning wanting help with wood. Willie took 10 bags of oats to Port Perry to be ground but did not get it home with him. L. Luke, Helen Phair and Jean and Ruth Michie called. The Watkins products man called and stayed for dinner. James and Willie at orchestra practice or somewhere else in the evening.

22 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 169 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie stayed for supper at W. Watson's. James and Willie out in the evening.

23 – Rain most of the day. Took James to early train on his way to Myrtle and Willie drove Annie to her school. Jennie started to make a braided mat. In the evening I went to a hall trustee meeting held in hall. G.A. McMillan, W. Phoenix, R. Cragg and I present. L. Luke called.

24 – Dull and somewhat mild. Jennie washing. Willie went to Port Perry for meal. In the afternoon I went with P. Luke to John Burke's sale. There was a large turnout and prices were fairly good. I went to A. Akhurst's and waited for Jennie and went with her and Mrs. Luke to a Ladies Aid supper at the church. There was a good supper and a short programme. Willie also went to the sale.

25 – Dull all day with rain sometimes. I went to Luke's swamp and cut wood awhile but it became too wet. The swamp is now flooded with water. Jennie making mat. Leola Luke and Mrs. L. Wagner called in the afternoon. Willie drove the Greenbank players to Myrtle where they are to give their play tonight. He left about 2:30. Very dull and raining a little and very dark in the evening. Willie and his load had a wet time getting home.

26 – Colder and pretty rough all day and very rough and cold in the evening. Little doing but the chores. Mrs. L. Wagner here for dinner and Dorothy and Fred W. here in the afternoon.

27 – Rough and snowing all day. Little doing. Mrs. L. Wagner was over twice. The Dr. was to have come up to remove the tonsils of Dorothy and Lorne but he did not come and now it is not to be done for some time as Lorne has a cold. There was to be a dance in the hall at Greenbank but it was called off. Neither James or Annie came home on account of the weather. No mail.

28 – Pretty cold but fine all day. I went to Port Perry in the morning for James and took to Port Perry Mrs. L. Wagner and her two boys. Willie went for Annie. Cutting wood in Luke's swamp in the afternoon. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening. All of John Michie's family up getting their hair cut. An earthquake shock occurred about 9:30 pm; not very bad here.

MAR. 1 – Snowing from the S in the day and turned to NW in the evening. All but Jennie at SS and church; 145 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

2 – Very rough and cold all day. Down to zero in the evening. Willie drove James to Port Perry in the morning and I drove Annie to her school. I went by the 11th but came home by the 9th concession as there was water over the road. L. Luke called twice.

3 – A fine but pretty cold day. P. Luke called in the morning. In the afternoon helping P. Luke to saw wood in his swamp. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew home two loads of wood from Luke's swamp; not very good in the swamp; ice hollow. Jennie washing. In the afternoon I went to session meeting in

church and Willie took two loads for Norman Midgley who is moving to the Real farm. L. Luke called. Ed Bryant moves into Midgley house.

5 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew up two loads of wood from Luke's swamp in the forenoon and I helped P. Luke to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Willie away in the evening. Dorothy Wagner called for the mail.

6 – A fine mild day and the snow going some. Went to Oswald Love's third sale. A good turnout. I then drove over for Annie. Willie went to Port Perry for James who came from Myrtle by the mail man. They immediately left to play at a play at Bethesda.

7 – Mild and fine; snow going. Willie and I cut down the biggest tree (poplar) on wood lot in Luke's swamp and partly cut it up in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping W. Phoenix to put ceiling in the stage room of the hall. Willie and James at Port Perry in the afternoon. Dr. Mellow's funeral was today. Willie and Annie out in the evening. Helen Phair came over in the afternoon for the mail.

8 – A very fine day; mild and snow going; lots of mud and water. All hands at SS and church; 175 at SS, including W. Phoenix and A. Ward (or Mrs. Orchard). Clinton Midgley came to supper and Willie and him went somewhere with the buggy, the first time out for this year. Annie and James also went out.

9 – Mild and thawing most of the day. Willie drove James to the train on his way to Myrtle. Annie rode over to her school with E. Bryant in his sleigh. Jennie washing. Willie and I cutting wood in Luke's swamp. L. Luke called.

10 – Mild with some rain during the forenoon and a terrific thunder storm between 7 and 8 in the evening. Willie and I in the swamp cutting wood in the forenoon. In the afternoon I was in the swamp alone but did not do much as John Michie came over and we talked some. L. Luke called for the mail.

11 – A fine mild day. Willie and I in the swamp in the forenoon (water rising) and breaking roads in the afternoon. Jennie at Greenbank in the forenoon with the buggy. Willie at Port Perry in the evening; a hockey match Lindsay over Port Perry.

12 – A fine day; quite a frost in the morning. In Luke's swamp all day cutting wood, Willie helping. L. Luke called twice. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Ernie Greene called in the evening for the mail and stayed awhile.

13 – Willie and I went to the swamp in the morning and cut all we could on account of the water and in the afternoon I went to Port Perry and then to Bethel for Annie. Came home by the 12th conc. on account of water over the 11th. Willie went for Mary L. Real and then drove to Sonya to play at a dance. James went by train to Sonya. Annie and I went to Greenbank hall to a play 'Fisherman's Luck'. There was a full house although it was a rough night with snow from the E. It went off pretty well. \$41.00 taken in. The players were W. Phoenix; Fred O'Neill; C. Midgley; Cliff Love; Fred Real; Miss A. Ferguson; Cathleen Leask; Mrs. Cyler Whitter; and Florence McMillan.

14 – Rather rough all day with some snow and little doing but music. L. Luke called for the mail. In the evening Mr. Parrot called; got his supper and bought 4 cattle.

15 – Rather a fine day but cold. All hands at SS and church. Drove the cutter after being wheeling for some time; 154 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Esther Love came home with Annie for tea. Willie, Annie and James out again in the evening.

16 – A fine mild day. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry on his way to Myrtle and I drove Annie to her school taking Ethel Bryant with us. Went by way of the 12th conc. and returned by the 9th. In the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry. Jennie washing in the forenoon. L. Luke called for the mail. Willie and Ernie Greene went to N. Midgley's in the evening.

17 – Very dull all day with rain some of the time. Jennie had a tie down quilt on the frames and finished it before 4:30 in the afternoon. L. Luke called for the mail. Willie away in the evening. St. Patrick's day.

18 – Rather dull all day and mild. Fixed some things in the stable and awhile in the swamp. Willie helping C. Phair to cut wood in the afternoon. Jennie quilting. L. Luke called for the mail. Terrible tornado in Ill. and Indiana.

19 – Heavy rain through the night and forenoon with some snow about noon. Getting colder. Little doing but Jennie quilting. Mrs. Luke came over in the afternoon and helped her. Willie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. Clarence O'Neill called.

20 – A fine day. Went to Seagrave station with 4 young cattle. C. Phair went with us with 4 more. At home at noon. In the afternoon went to bee at church to cut wood and did the job up as there was plenty of men. Jennie finished the quilt. Willie went to Bethel for Annie. L. Luke came for the mail. Willie at Port Perry in the evening. James did not come home as there was a party at Myrtle. Donald Boe got hurt in hockey match at Port Perry.

21 – Rather a fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon for James. Willie helping C. Phair to cut wood in the afternoon. Marie Akhurst and L. Luke here in the afternoon getting hair cut. James and Annie away in the evening.

22 – A fine but rather raw day. All hands at SS and church; 148 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Willie drove James to Port Perry early train and I drove Annie to her school taking Ethel Bryant with us. We went by the 12th conc. and I came home by the 9th. Then Willie and I started to cut the poles got from Luke's swamp. Jennie washing in the forenoon and put on another quilt in the afternoon. L. Luke came for the mail. Willie went to Greenbank in the evening to clean up the hall for the dance next Friday night.

24 – A fine and mild day. At the wood pile most of the day. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground. Jennie quilting. L. Luke called twice.

25 – A very fine day. Got a phone message asking me to go to Port Perry to meet John and George Fowlie and I went and met them and settled up some business that had been standing for many years. Jennie quilting. Willie helping to cut wood. In the evening Willie went with Clinton Midgley to a party on Scugog. L. Luke called twice. She was at Uxbridge getting a new hat. Helen Phair came over for the mail. The mail was delivered at the box today, the first time for several weeks.

26 – A very fine day. Went to Greenbank in the forenoon with eggs and to get groceries. Willie and I at the wood pile in the afternoon. Jennie quilting. L. Luke called twice. Olive and Eleanor here in the afternoon.

27 – Rain most of the forenoon and nothing doing but Jennie finished her quilt. Willie went to Port Perry for James who came up from Myrtle by the mail car and I went for Annie. I went by the 11th and the road is very bad. L. Luke called for the mail. Annie, Willie and James at dance in hall at Greenbank in the evening. Word came that Ed Lyle is moving into C. Phair's house on the Jim Lee place and is to work for Cecil next summer.

28 – A fine day but rather cold. Went to Jas. Bott's in the morning (for C. Phair) to cut wood and in the afternoon went with Jennie to Port Perry to a furniture sale but did not buy anything. Willie and James also went to Port Perry.

29 – Rough and snowing some from the N. All hands at SS and church; 145 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Dick Canniff and Mary L. Real here for tea and all away in the evening.

30 – A fine day. Willie drove James to the early train and I drove Annie and Ethel Bryant to her school. Cutting wood in the swamp in the afternoon. Willie went to Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called for mail.

31 – A very fine day. Willie all day helping P. Luke to plow the orchard, the first work on the land that I have seen. I was in the swamp in the forenoon and at the wood pile in the afternoon. L. Luke called for mail.

APR. 1 – A fine day. Willie and I in the swamp cutting wood and in the afternoon went to James Innis's sale. Jennie went to Greenbank and we went to James Lee's for supper and then to prayer meeting in church, the first of a regular monthly meeting. There was about 25 out and Mr. Dyer was leader. Jennie washing in the forenoon. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

2 – A fine day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and with Willie in the swamp in the afternoon. Willie plowed some in the orchard in the forenoon, the first of the season. P. Luke called in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Willie and I went with the sleigh and drew out some of the wood and saw logs and in the afternoon drew some wood out of the orchard, then I went for Annie and Willie went with Art Bryant and his truck to Myrtle and brought home James and a little engine which he got down there. L. Luke called for the mail. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

4 – A very fine day. Plowing some in the orchard in the forenoon. Willie and James went to Port Perry in the forenoon and came home with a second hand Overland car. James fixing up his engine. I plowed the piece in the SW field left from the fall. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. L. Luke called.



The Overland car would have been similar to the one in this photo.

5 – A fine but rather cold day. Jennie in bed in the forenoon with cold. The rest at SS and church; 155 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. James went to Real's for tea and Annie and Willie also out in the evening.

6 – A very fine day. Willie drove James to Port Perry to the early train in the car and then took Annie to her school. I finished the wood job at the house in the forenoon and at the berry bushes in the afternoon. L. Luke called for the mail which came by car for the first time this spring.

7 – A beautiful day. Willie plowing sod and I at berry bushes. Jennie housecleaning the pantry. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. L. Luke called for the mail.

8 – A very fine day. Plowing in the forenoon while Willie went first to Greenbank and got a check from Jas. A. Blair for balance of work threshing last fall (\$75.00), then to Port Perry. Jennie washing. In the afternoon I was helping to shingle C. Phair's house. Willie plowing and in the evening took Jennie to Greenbank with the eggs. L. Luke called for the mail. She was telling of dogs worrying their sheep this morning.

9 – A fine day. Helping P. Luke to sow field NW of his barn, the first sowing in these parts I think. Willie plowing sod and finished. He then went with the car for Annie who comes home for Easter holidays. Annie in the evening went to Port Perry for Annie Bell and James while Willie went with the car somewhere else. C. O'Neill and McHaffey came for a load of straw.

10 – Good Friday and a fine day. At the berry bushes most of the day. Willie cultivating field W of the house. James fixing car and other things and drove his mother to Missionary quilting bee in the church and in the evening James, Annie and I went to preparatory service. Mr. Caruthers of Seagrave preached; a fair turnout. E.

Lyle and wife; E. Bryant and wife by certificate and Wilmot Cragg by profession of faith were added to the roll.

11 – Rather cool and some raw. A snow storm which turned to rain about noon. Willie sowing field W of house in the forenoon and I finished it in the afternoon and harrowed some of it. After dinner James, Willie and Annie Bell went to Oshawa for a new top for the car. L. Luke called for the mail. About 4 o'clock Mrs. C. Phair had a baby boy but it only lived a few minutes. Jennie went over and stayed until about 4 pm. In the evening Annie, Annie Bell and Willie at Port Perry. Harrowed P. Luke's field, about 2 hours time.

12 – Easter Sunday and a rather raw day with a few flakes of snow. Jennie, Annie and I went in the buggy to communion service in the church. The boys could not get the car to run at first but they came later. There was a good turnout and Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie and I got dinner at W. Watson's and then to SS at 3 pm; 126 at SS. All but Jennie and I out again in the evening.

13 – About an inch of snow on the ground in the morning which was gone by noon. Willie and I cleaned up the shop while James fixed the car. Jennie and Annie papering Annie's room. Willie harrowing in the afternoon. I at the berry bushes. In the evening Jas. S. Lee and family came for tea and the evening and we had music in abundance.

14 – Rain through the night. Went to P. Luke's for a load of turnips, took some potatoes to the barn, then took out the house pump. James and I took the sucker to Port Perry but Mr. Peters, the pump man, was not at home. At berry bushes in the afternoon. Willie harrowing. Annie and Jennie papering. James drove his mother to W.M.S. meeting at the church. Annie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening and Willie somewhere else. L. Luke called. E. Bryant planting early potatoes.

15 – Rain through the night and rather cold and windy. Willie went for C. Phair's disc harrow and harrowed most of the day. I helped P. Luke to fan up seed oats at John Michie's for about 2 hours and several other jobs the rest of the day. James marking exam papers. Jennie washing and finished papering Annie's room. Annie somewhat on the sick list. Willie at dance in the Greenbank hall.

16 – A fine day. Willie and I went to Port Perry in the morning with the car to get pump at house fixed, Mrs. John Michie and Ruth went with us, and then put pump in place. Jennie painting and ironing. Willie cultivating in the afternoon while James and I fanned up some seed. Tried to get James' engine to drive fanning mill but did not succeed. Annie and James at choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

17 – A very fine day. All day at P. Luke's sowing field E of house. Willie cultivating and harrowing. James at his exam papers. Willie away in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Planted some potatoes and several other jobs in the forenoon and harrowing for P. Luke in the afternoon. Willie sowed field NW of barn. James at exam papers and away somewhere in the evening.

19 – There was a surprise for us all this morning. There was thunder and lightning during the night and in the morning there was about 6 inches of soft snow and more coming from the E and continued all forenoon and there were drifts 3 or 4 feet deep in some places. Annie, James and I started for SS with the buggy but the roads up the sideroad were so bad that a little past Bryant's we got stuck and broke the harness and James came back for another piece and I went on walking and got a ride part way with Edgar Leask. Annie got a ride with Ross Blakely and James came later. There was only 92 at SS which is I think the only time it was under the hundred since the union. Mr. Dyer preached.

20 – Fine but rather cool. The snow did not go off very fast. Little doing. Willie drove James to the early train at Port Perry and Annie drove herself to her school. L. Luke called for the mail. Willie away in the evening.

21 – A fine day and the snow went off some. Annie drove to her school. Willie helping P. Luke in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the car to get some little repair for it. I pruning apple trees in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening. L. Luke and John Michie called.

22 – A beautiful day. Went for the beef in the morning (the first of the season) and pruned apple trees in the forenoon. Willie helping P. Luke to draw out manure and in the afternoon Willie and I drew dirt to make the shop door better for the car. Annie drove to her school. Jennie making shirts. Willie at party in Scugog in the evening.

23 – A very fine and quite warm day. Willie went to P. Luke's to draw out manure but they found it too soft to be able to work. We then fixed the road back of the barn and cleaned up the orchard. Took the straw off the strawberry patch and took off the storm windows and doors and other jobs. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and went to choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

24 – A very fine day. Willie harrowed some in the forenoon while I scuffled berry bushes and other jobs and in the afternoon Willie, Jennie and I went in the car to Myrtle for James. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. In the evening we had a musical. James, Willie, Mary Real, Miss Wheatley, who is now at Ray Dusty's, were in it. L. Luke called.

25 – A beautiful and warm day. Willie and I drew some dirt for the house well and other places. Annie and James went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie at P. Luke's in the afternoon plowing. I planted some potatoes. James cleaning car. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening.

26 – A fine warm day. All hands at SS and church; 176 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached on baptism. Willie and Clinton Midgley went away somewhere before supper and Annie and James later.

27 – A very fine day. Willie took James all the way to Myrtle in the car while I harrowed. Jennie washing. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. After dinner Willie took the car to Greenbank to get springs fixed and harrowed the hill field. He was away somewhere in the evening.

28 – A beautiful day. Willie went to Jas. Bott's for butter while I filled in furrows. Willie gang plowing in the afternoon while I fanned up seed. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. Jennie housecleaning and at Ray Dusty's to see the new baby. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Willie sowed most of the hill field. I did some work in the garden and other jobs. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry after dinner with the car. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. L. Luke called.

30 – A fine cool day. Willie took Annie to her school in the car and had a blow out at Bethel church. Finished sowing grain and harrowed hill field then Willie rolled some. I helping Jennie to paper our bedroom. L. Luke called twice. Annie and Ethel Bryant at choir practice.

MAY 1 – Cold with a drizzly rain off and on. Not much doing. Willie rolled the new grass and I plowed in the orchard in the afternoon. This is Arbor day in the schools. Annie went with Bryant's but the picnic which was planned was held in the school house. Willie went to Myrtle with the car for James. L. Luke called. The Dr. came out to see P. Luke who is laid up with a bad knee. All home in the evening.

2 – Snow in the morning. Finished plowing the orchard. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening.

3 – A fine day but a little cool. All hands at SS and church. L. Luke went with us. 179 at SS; Rev. Mr. Williams, a returned missionary of Formosa, preached a very interesting sermon on Formosa and his work there. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

4 – A fine day. Willie all day at P. Luke's. James went to Myrtle with the car. He is to get some repairs on it during the week. Annie down to her school taking a lot of berry bushes to Mr. Armstrong. I helped Jennie to clean the kitchen and some other small jobs. L. Luke called. In the evening Jennie and I went with E.C. in his car to the church to an illustrated lecture on Formosa by Mr. Williams. There was a good turnout and a good lecture.

5 – A fine but rather cold day. Rolling all day. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Annie went to her school with Bryant's. Willie all day at Luke's.

6 – Rather cold day. Willie at Luke's all day. I finished rolling and drew off some big stones from the root field (the SW field). Jennie washing. Annie walked to her school. In the evening Jennie and I went to prayer meeting in the church. Rev. Mr. D. McDonald of Wick gave an address. The attendance was pretty good.

7 – Another rather cold day with some rain and hail. Plowing root field. Jennie housecleaning. Willie at Luke's. Annie walked to her school and went to choir practice.

8 – A fine day and some warmer. Annie walked to her school. Jennie housecleaning. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon with 10 bags of oats and got them ground and plowed in the after-

noon. I hoed berry bushes. L. Luke called. James came home in the car and he and Willie went to orchestra practice.

9 – A fine day and warmer. Plowing in the forenoon. Willie at P. Luke's all day drawing out wood from the swamp and I was also in the afternoon. James most of the day fixing car and repairing the damage it got last night when Roy O'Neill ran into him at Greenbank. L. Luke called twice. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening.

10 – A fine warm day; some thunder but not any rain here. All hands at SS and church. This is Mother's Day and there was 190 at SS. Mr. Dyer preached and at the service there was 8 babies and 3 adults baptised. They were H. McMillan's baby; Russell Roots'; Milton Howsam's; C. Stone's; Jas. Carnegie's; --- Smith's; Tyson Lee's twins and the adults were Bernice and Velma Rodd and Lucille Leask. Ernie Greene came here for supper and went with Willie to Port Perry. Annie and James were also away.

11 – A very fine day. Willie took James to Myrtle in the morning and was back in about 1 ½ hours. Jennie washing. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. Willie harrowing. E. Bryant came down and bought 11 bags of potatoes at 30 cts per bag and Willie and I picked them up in the afternoon. Then we took 2 two-year old steers and 6 yearlings to C. Phair's pasture for the season. Willie at party in Seagrave in the evening.

12 – A beautiful day. Drilled up for potatoes in the forenoon. Willie and his mother went to Port Perry in the forenoon and brought home linoleum for Mrs. Luke's kitchen floor. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to W.M. at the church. Willie and I drew out manure in the afternoon. Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening. L. Luke called twice. E. Brant took away 11 bags of potatoes.

13 – A beautiful day. Willie went for the beef with the car but found that it was not the day as W. Phoenix was away and tomorrow will be the day. Willie and I drawing out manure except when I was cutting seed potatoes. Annie walked to her school and E. Bryant came to get her hair cut. Jennie looking after the chickens that are coming out. L. Luke called 2 or 3 times. After supper Willie took Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Leola to Pinedale to see Mrs. R. Sonley who is very ill. Annie went with them to Heron's near Wick for a visit.

14 – A very fine day. Willie went for the beef in the morning and drew out manure the rest of the day while I cut potatoes in the forenoon and planted them in the afternoon. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. Jennie making Annie a dress. L. Luke called. Annie at choir practice in the evening. Willie went with the orchestra to play at a social at Myrtle. James came home with them.

15 – A beautiful day. Covered the potatoes, planted some strawberries and fixed two gates. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. James went to Myrtle with the car and came back at 6 pm. Jennie dressmaking. Mrs. Luke called.

16 – The boys were all day fixing the car and I drew out 4 or 5 loads of manure in the forenoon. After dinner it rained a little most of the afternoon and I cleaned out the calf pens. Jennie finished

making Annie's dress. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry and Jennie and I went with James and Mary L. Quite a heavy rain most of the time we were away. Annie Bell came home with us.

17 – A very fine but rather cool day. E.C. came with his car and took Annie and Annie Bell to Bethel anniversary. Mr. Dyer preached. They went to Mr. Wanamaker's for dinner and back here for supper and then back to Bethel in the evening. A. Bell sang a solo for them. Jennie and I and the boys went to SS and church; 173 at SS. Mr. Hassard, the Bible Society sec., preached a splendid discourse. James went back in the evening and Willie went somewhere.

18 – A very fine day. Got up at 4 am and Willie drove Annie Bell and Gladys Luke to the early train at Myrtle but when they got there they fell in with Cliff Mark who was going to Toronto with his car and he took them aboard. James also went to Myrtle with them. Willie then took Annie to her school. I drew out some manure. Jennie cleaning cellar. Willie drawing out manure. After early supper we all went by car to Willie Smith's for the evening. Went by Myrtle for James. Got him about 12. Fine roads but a little too cool.

19 – A fine and warmer day. Planting strawberries all alone. Got some plants from John Michie. Jennie washing. Willie drawing out manure in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Annie went with Bryant's to her school and Ethel Bryant came here for supper as her people were all away from home. Willie, Annie and E.B. at C.E. in the evening.

20 – A very fine warm day. Willie plowing. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. I was fixing wash stand in the cook house in the forenoon and finished planting strawberry plants (9 rows). L. Luke called. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

21 – A very fine day. Forenoon Willie plowing and I in Luke's swamp splitting wood and making roads and in the afternoon drew out some with the sleigh but it was too boggy. Jennie painting. Norman Midgley called for some strawberry plants. Annie went with Bryant's to her school and went to choir practice and Willie away somewhere. This is the day that the Ferguson Nickel 4.4 beer starts flowing.⁹²

22 – Warm and dull. Willie took the pig (the only one we have) to Seagrave in the morning. Weighed 240 lbs. I tied up berry bushes. Annie went with Bryant's horse. Jennie baking. Afternoon I plowing while Willie, Jennie and Leola Luke went by car to Port Perry and then to Myrtle for James. In the evening Annie, Willie and James went to dance at Greenbank hall. A terrible thunder storm came up about 8. Cow had twin calves but one was dead.

23 – Some rain through the night and between 5 and 6 am another terrible thunder storm with some hail. Much more thunder during the forenoon but very cold for the season. Not much doing. Willie plowed a little in the afternoon. James and his mother went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Jean and Eleanor Michie called. James went to Port Perry in the evening for Annie Bell and Mary L.

called in for a while. Annie away at Oshawa. Willie not away anywhere.

24 – Some snow through the night and very cold for the time of year all day. All hands at SS and church. Small attendance as many are down with the measles. 95 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie Bell sang a solo. Mr. Dyer's father and uncle were present. James went for tea to J. M. Real's. Annie and Annie Bell to Mr. Armstrong's and Willie away somewhere in the car.

25 – Fine but quite cold. Plowed in orchard in the forenoon. Boys went to C. Phair's for some old windmill shaft. In the afternoon went with Jennie, James and M.L. to Brooklin fair. There was a large turnout. Got home about 7 pm and Mary L. came in for supper and stayed the evening. Annie went to Zion tea party. Willie went to Greenbank and took the hall seats back into the hall. Vet Moon called to see cow.

26 – Warmer and fine. Willie took James and Annie Bell to Myrtle in the morning. I plowed in orchard. Annie drove to her school with Bryant's horse. In the afternoon Willie harrowing. I helping Jennie to paint the kitchen. Willie and Annie at C.E. in the evening. L. Luke called.

27 – A very fine day. Willie drawing out manure. I helping Jennie to paint and hoeing strawberry patch. Annie walked to her school. L. Luke called.

28 – A very fine day. Willie drawing out manure in the forenoon and I helping and finished the job. Willie harrowing in the afternoon while I drilled up and scuffled in the orchard. Jennie washing. Annie drove Bryant's horse to her school. L. Luke and Mrs. John Michie called. John Michie's 4 girls are in bed with the measles. Annie and Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Young man selling aluminum ware here for supper.

29 – A very fine warm day. Got some twine (1 ½ lbs) from E. Bryant and used it in tying up berry bushes. Willie harrowing and rolling. L. Luke called. In the afternoon Willie went with the car first to Bethel school and took Annie to Myrtle on her way to Toronto. He then brought James home. I harrowed in orchard and planted corn in little plot near barn pump. James away somewhere in the evening and Francis Lee called and took Willie to Port Perry or somewhere else.

30 – A very fine day. Sowed the field corn (S.W. field) and Willie harrowed it. In the afternoon went with Willie, Jennie and Mrs. John Michie to Port Perry. A sale of stuff was at the market house. We brought Mrs. Joyce of Sutton home with us. Willie away somewhere in the evening. James most of the day working in the shop.

31 – A fine warm day. All hands at SS and church; 111 at SS. As Mr. Dyer was preaching at Cadmus the minister from there, Mr. Griffith, preached. Stanley McMillan who is down from the west to attend the General Assembly was at SS and gave a few words. We were just sitting down to supper when he and wife Emma and two girls came and got supper and stayed awhile. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening. A thunder shower about 7.

⁹² Ferguson Nickel beer (4.4% alcohol by volume) was said to be non-intoxicating and was introduced in an effort to check the growing bootleg trade.

JUNE 1 – Warm day. Willie took James to Myrtle with the car and Annie drove to her school with Bryant's horse. Willie took Mrs. Joyce to Watson's at Greenbank. Jennie went also. L. Luke called. Afternoon moved stove out to cook house, then Willie plowed for P. Luke. There was a church session meeting and also a party on Scugog that Willie intended to go to taking Clinton Midgley but a thunder storm came up at 7 pm and it drizzled on so long that both had to stand over.

2 – Thunder and rain through the night and very warm all day. All day helping C. Phair to put up fence. Dug 64 post holes. Willie plowed some and went to Myrtle for James who has a holiday tomorrow, it being the king's birthday. Willie drove Annie to her school and she walked home. Jennie oiled the kitchen floor. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

3 – King's birthday. Rain again through the night and pretty warm all day. All day helping C. Phair to build fence. Willie all day helping P. Luke. James went for the beef. Jennie washing. Ruth, Olive, Jean and Eleanor and L. Luke came to get their hair trimmed. James away somewhere in the evening.

4 – Another warm day with some rain between 5 and 6. All day at C. Phair's fencing. Willie at Luke's. Annie drove to her school. James went by car to Myrtle. Annie at choir practice.

5 – Another very warm day, up to 90. All day at C. Phair's fencing. Willie plowing in the forenoon and went to Port Perry in the afternoon for P. Luke. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. James came home from Myrtle. Mr. Emerson of Port Perry came out and insured our buildings. Annie away in the evening.

6 – Another very warm day. Went to Phair's in the morning but about 9:30 James came after me with the car and all hands, including L. Luke, went on a trip to F. Perrin's at Newcastle. Got to Perrin's about noon. Called at Farrow's and got home again a little after 7 pm. We went by Blackstock and came home by Oshaw. Willie, James and Annie away somewhere in the evening.

7 – Another terrible warm day, over 90 in the shade at times. All hands at SS and church. Small turnout at SS and church as there was decoration day at Prince Albert. Rev. Mr. Hearst was at Uxbridge and the heat made the attendance small. Mr. Dyer preached and after service there was a session meeting when Jas. Blair resigned from the eldership. In the evening James went to Myrtle to help in a quartet and Willie somewhere else and Annie somewhere.

8 – Another very warm day. A lot of thunder in the afternoon but no rain here. Willie drove James to Myrtle and then plowed turnip land. Jennie washing. Annie went with Bryant's to her school. Willie went for swim in the evening. I was all day at C. Phair's fencing.

9 – A very fine day and not so warm. Drilled up the orchard for corn while Willie scuffled things in the orchard. After dinner Willie drove his mother and Mrs. John Michie to missionary meeting, then plowed for turnips. Annie went with Bryant's to her school and Ethel Bryant came home with her and is to stay here for awhile on account of her mother having the mumps. Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening.

10 – Cool with very cold rain in the afternoon and especially the evening. Planted corn, hoed strawberry patch and fixed the red gate that Willie broke by letting the car run into it. Willie harrowing in the forenoon and scuffling corn in the afternoon and away somewhere in the evening. Annie went to her school with Bryant's. Ethel Bryant here all night. Jennie ironing. This is the day long waiting for – the consummation of church union between the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

11 – A fine and cool day. Willie plowing. Annie went with Bryant's to her school and I was hoeing most of the time. About 11 am Mundo Perrin of Newcastle came, bringing Jessie Bell. They left for home about 3:30 pm. L. Luke called. Annie at choir practice and Jennie, Willie, Jessie Bell, E. Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Dusty went to Fred Clark's on Scugog Island. Got two little pigs from P. Luke for \$10.00.

12 – A fine day. Hoeing in the forenoon. Willie plowing. Annie and E. Bryant went to her school. In the afternoon Willie, Jennie, Jessie Bell and I went with car to Myrtle for James and in the evening I went with Jennie, Annie and the boys to preparatory service in the church. There was a fair turnout and Mr. Dyer preached and 12 young people came into the church.

13 – Another fine day. Willie plowing and harrowing and I hoeing corn. James in the shop fixing car and other things. He and Aunt Jess went to Port Perry before dinner and in the evening he went to Uxbridge and Aunt Jess and Willie went with him. Annie and Ethel Bryant went to Port Perry. L. Luke called.

14 – Heavy rain through the night and a very fine day. All hands at communion in the church. There was a good turnout. Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie, Jessie Bell, and I got dinner at W. Watson's and all were at SS at 3 o'clock. In the evening Annie went to Seagrave, Willie to Scugog and James to Greenbank where Rev. Stanley McMillan preached.

15 – Willie took James and Jessie Bell to Myrtle. Jessie took the train there for Rochester. I drilled up for turnips but rain came on about 11 and continued off and on most of the afternoon. Willie away in the evening and Annie and E. Bryant at party in the church at Seagrave.

16 – A very fine cool day. I went to Luke's and fixed up some fence for about 2 ½ hours while Willie sowed turnips. Jennie washing. Annie and Ethel Bryant drove King to school. Willie went to Port Perry with the buggy to see about car tire and did not get home until about 3 pm. L. Luke called. I then hoed corn in the field. Rev. Stanley McMillan and family called. They leave for the west tomorrow. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting.

17 – Drilled up the rest of the turnips and sowed them in the afternoon and scuffled potatoes. Willie hoeing corn. Jennie ironing. Picked some strawberries. Annie and E. Bryant drove Bryant's horse to school.

18 – A fine cool day. Harrowed the orchard and with Jennie and Willie picked strawberries and Willie took them (33 boxes) to Uxbridge. Hoeing corn the rest of the day. Annie and E. Bryant drove to school. L. Luke called. Annie at choir practice and Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

19 – A fine day but some rain about 5 pm. Finished hoeing field corn. Willie scuffled it 2nd time and in the afternoon I scuffled in orchard while Willie went to Myrtle for James. Mail late in coming. Annie and James at C.E. meeting in the evening.

20 – Rain through the night and cool all day. Jennie, Willie, James and I picking strawberries in the forenoon, well up to 100 boxes, and James took a 54 crate to Uxbridge. Then after dinner Willie, Annie and Ethel Bryant went to Greenbank. James sharpening Ray Dusty's mower and binder knives. L. Luke called. Jennie preserving berries. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Alma Clements here all night.

21 – A beautiful cool day. Willie Smith and his mother came about 11 am and all but Barbara and Jennie went to SS and church; 169 at SS. A Mr. Stewart of the Ontario Prohibition Union was quite a good speaker. In the evening we went with James to Port Perry Union church and heard Mr. Hazzard on the same subject. Willie and Annie also away. Blanche Luke called about noon. She is about to start on a trip to the Pacific coast.

22 – A fine day until about 5 or 6 when there was some thunder and rain. All day with Jennie and Willie picking and stemming strawberries, about 160 boxes. Willie took James to Myrtle. Alma Clements and Ethel Bryant went with him. Annie drove with Bryant's to her school. Willie went to Uxbridge with 108 boxes of berries and away in the evening to a baseball match at Shirley. Ethel Bryant went home tonight.

23 – A beautiful cool clear day. Willie took Jennie, Mrs. John Michie, Mrs. Jas. Bott, Mrs. J.M. Real and Olive Real to W. Missionary meeting at Beaverton. I hoed potatoes in the forenoon and cut the sweet clover east of the orchard. Annie went with Ethel Bryant to her school. L. Luke, Dorothy and Lorne Wagner called. Annie, Willie and Olive Real went to C.E. meeting.

24 – A very fine cool day. Willie went to Myrtle in the morning to let James drive an entrance pupil to Claremont where the entrance exams are held. I went for the beef. Annie drove with Bryant's horse to her school. Jennie washing. Afternoon helping Jennie to pick strawberries. Annie helped awhile. About 140 boxes. L. Luke, Dorothy and Lorne Wagner and Helen Phair and Murray Lyle called. Willie scuffling for P. Luke in the afternoon. Annie at meeting at Jas. Bott's in the evening.

25 – Nasty rain from the SE nearly all forenoon and a number of times in the afternoon. I drove Annie to her school. Willie took berries to Uxbridge and when he came home he brought Henry Bewell of Regina who is visiting in this locality and little was done by me but talk to him. Willie took him to S. Dusty's and in the evening took him to J.M. Real's. Annie at choir practice and there is a dance at the hall. L. Luke called.

26 – Cool day. Thunder storm about 5 pm. Hoeing potatoes and picking strawberries. Willie went to Seagrave with the car to bring home P. Luke's horse rake. Jennie and Willie picking berries in the afternoon. Willie then went to Myrtle for James who winds up his teaching at Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dobson called for strawberries, also Rick Woon and his mother. Annie drove to her school. Ethel Bryant called. This is the last day of entrance exams. Annie and James away in the evening.

27 – A fine day. Hoeing strawberry patch. Willie plowing. James fixing car. Annie picked some berries. In the afternoon Willie plowing. James went to Myrtle SS picnic at Oshawa. In the evening Annie went to choir practice, also James. Willie took his mother to Port Perry for groceries and to meet Annie Bell. L. Luke, Dorothy Wagner, Jean and Ruth Michie called. I took the syndicate heifer to John Michie's and got her weighed – 920 lbs. Word came that Willie Rennie of Wick died this morning.

28 – Dull with rain about 4 pm. All hands, including Annie Bell, at SS and church; 162 at SS as this was anniversary. There was a full house and Rev. Mr. Crews of Toronto preached a fine sermon. Annie Bell sang a solo. All out again in the evening but Willie who took Annie Bell to the train at Blackwater. There was another full house and Mr. Crews preached again.

29 – A very fine and quite cool day. Jennie, Annie and I picking strawberries in the forenoon. Willie plowing in the afternoon. Jennie and I went with C. Phair by car to Willie Rennie's funeral. There was a large turnout. Mr. McDonald conducted the service. James left in the morning with the car for Myrtle and did not get back until about 10 pm.

30 – Very cool day. Went with Willie to Uxbridge with berries. Afternoon I sowed and harrowed the Hungarian grass in SW field. Boys fixing car. Mr. Dyer and wife and boys came for berries. Annie and Marie Akhurst called in the evening. L. Luke called.

JULY 1 – A fine cool day. Boys fixing car while I raked up sweet clover. Jennie baking for party. All hands at SS anniversary in the church. There was a full house. A young man from Toronto, The Brownscombe girls of Uxbridge, Cathleen Leask; and Mr. Dyer gave the programme which was good. About \$290.00 was taken in. We went in buggies as the car engine is all taken to pieces.

2 – A very fine day. Willie all day at P. Luke's at his road work. Horses ran away in the morning. James went to Port Perry for wrenches to fix the car. Annie, Jennie and I picked strawberries in the forenoon. Annie took them to Port Perry in the afternoon. I helping C. Phair to wire fence in the swamp. Willie, James and Annie at after social in the church. E. Bryant called.

3 – A very fine day. Scuffling corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon with Willie's help drew in the sweet clover; 3 loads. James all day at the car. T. Brown, the garage man from Greenbank, came and helped them. Willie away to Scugog in the evening. Dorothy and Lorne Wagner called.

4 – Thunder showers through the night. Clinton Midgley came home with Willie and stayed all night. Willie scuffling corn and potatoes in the forenoon. In the afternoon I greened the potatoes. Willie raked and drew in the sweet clover rakings (broke the rake). James went to Greenbank to get mower knives fixed then to the Nonquon to bathe. Jennie going with him. Willie went with Frank Lee to Purple Hill or some other place. Annie and James also away in the evening. Found Topsy horse which has been in bad shape for a long time dead near the spring and we drew her into Luke's swamp.

5 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 147 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

6 – Fine and pretty warm. Hoeing corn in the forenoon. Willie cutting hay. Jennie washing. In the afternoon I finished cutting the field NE of barn. Willie helping Alex Lee. James and his mother went to Ashburn to see about getting a place in the school for James. They did not get a definite answer. After supper I took the beef heifer to Greenbank and James came for me with the car. Some thunder to the north in the evening.

7 – Dull and rain a number of times in the forenoon. Willie at Alex Lee's in the forenoon. James scuffling for P. Luke until the heavy rain came on. Jennie ironing. I hoeing corn all day. Willie came home after dinner and hoed corn. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening. Ed Lyle and wife called in the evening for a bag of potatoes. L. Luke called. Mrs. Bryant and Annie picked some strawberries.

8 – A beautiful day. Willie took Annie to the early train on her way to Oshawa for a visit to Dale Armstrong. Then Willie took me to Greenbank for the beef. It was our beast that was killed and it went about 2 lbs. over. Willie and I then finished hoeing the corn and potatoes and turned some hay. James in the shop most of the day and at choir practice in the evening. Willie at Scugog or somewhere. Luke's all away at a picnic at Lake Simcoe.

9 – Rather dull all day. Willie at Alex Lee's drawing in hay. I was at P. Luke's for about 3 hours scuffling, then scuffled in the orchard. Jennie and James went to Greenbank with the car and brought down W. Watson and wife for dinner and in the afternoon they took them to Port Perry to see Kent's rose garden and then home. I got Mr. Luke's rake and raked up the hay and after supper James and I cocked up some of it.

10 – A very fine day. Willie scuffling in the orchard and I hoeing then cocking up hay. James at the car. In the afternoon Jennie, James and I went to Mrs. G. Miller's funeral. Went by way of John Michie's and took them. There was a large turnout. Rev. D.D. McDonald of Wick preached. Rev. Mr. McKay of Streetsville spoke a few words and Mr. Dyer assisted. The bearers were Alex Leask, R. Cragg, James Blair, Bert Dobson, Isaac Beare and I. James at garden party at Prince Albert in the evening.

11 – A very fine day and pretty warm. Scuffling turnips and corn in the forenoon and hoeing in the afternoon. Cut the strawberry patch. Willie at Luke's cutting hay. Had a job in the morning finding Luke's horses. James most of the day in shop. Annie away to Lake Simcoe somewhere. L. Luke called. Willie and James went to the 12th conc. to swim. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

12 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church. L. Luke went with us. At SS a long time talking about a SS picnic which is to come off a week from next Thursday. Mr. Dyer preached on the temperance situation in Ontario. James and Mary L. R. went for tea to Mrs. Hoar's at Myrtle. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

13 – A beautiful day. Willie, James and I all day drawing in hay, 13 loads in field NE of barn. James, Annie and D. and L. Wagner went to Greenbank after dinner for a new tire for the car. Willie away in the evening to the Prospect garden party.

14 – A very fine day. Raked and with James help drew in the rakings in the forenoon. Helping C. Phair to hoe turnips in the afternoon. Willie all day helping P. Luke scuffling and at hay. James most of the day in the shop. Jennie washing and in the afternoon went to W.M. meeting. Mrs. John Michie went with her. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

15 – A fine and pretty warm day. Paris greened potatoes in forenoon and hoed turnips in the afternoon. Willie all day at Luke's helping at hay. Jennie ironing and preserving black currents. James at Port Perry just before dinner. Willie at Scugog in the evening. Went with C. Midgley. James at Alex Gordon's in the evening. L. Luke called.

16 – Thunder about 6 am but only a few drops of rain here, then more rain about 10 am. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon, Willie and James helping. Afternoon Willie at Mr. Luke's. James and I at C. Phair's hoeing turnips. Annie and James at choir practice in the evening. Got quite cool towards night.

17 – Very cool for the time of year. Some rain through the night and in the evening. Willie all day at C. Phair's hoeing turnips and James in the afternoon. I was scuffling and hoeing turnips. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. Jennie, James, Annie, Mary L. Real, and I started in the car about 9:30 for Sutton. Just before Sunderland we had a bad puncture and had to get a new tire but we got to Sutton about noon. Got dinner and took a run to the point, called on Frank Wells, and started for picking up Mary L. at Wilfred and we got on all right until we got to Sunderland where the car refused to go any further. They worked at it for a long time but did not find out what was the matter, so we phoned to Harvey Real and he came after us and we got home about 11 pm. Willie at Luke's haying in the afternoon.

19 – A very fine day. Annie and E.C. went away for a ride in the forenoon. All hands at SS and Jennie, Annie and I at church. James and Willie away somewhere. Mr. Dyer preached. In the evening Jennie and I went with E.C. and Annie to Port Perry to the [Choutoga?] meeting. There was a big crowd. The speaker was a Dr. Church, a clever speaker, but his evolution stuff did not go down with me.⁹³

20 – Rather dull all day and a few drops of rain. Hoeing turnips all day. Jennie and Annie picking berries. The boys went away to Sunderland in the morning to see about the car and did not get home until about 7 pm. They found where the trouble was but had nothing to fix it with. Dorothy and Lorne Wagner called.

21 – Rather dull; a little rain about 10 am; and in the evening there was a heavy thunder shower. No wind and a fine rain which was very welcome as things were getting dry. Hoed turnips all day and nearly finished. Jennie washing. The boys went to Port Perry and got a second-hand piece for the car and in the afternoon went to Sunderland and brought the car home again. Mr. Luke called in

⁹³ During the 1920's there was an avid anti-evolution campaign and we would assume that Dr. Church was speaking on behalf of this belief.

the evening. James went to Arthur Gordon's for practice and Annie went with him as far as Greenbank and Willie went for her after the rain.

22 – Quite cool all day. Willie cut the N field of hay. I finished hoeing turnips in the forenoon and in the afternoon Jennie, Annie, Mrs. E. Lyle, Ethel Bryant, James and I picking raspberries. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at Seagrave garden party in the evening.

23 – Rather cool day. All hands at Sunday School picnic at Port Bolster. Olive and Eleanor Michie went with us. There was a good turnout. 3 other parties were there also. Got home about 7:30.

24 – A very fine day. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Mrs. Lyle to pick berries in the forenoon while Willie raked the long field. In the afternoon Willie, James and I drew in 3 loads and cocked up the rest. Ethel Bryant called and L. Luke. Annie and James at choir practice.

25 – Dull with some rain in the early morning and evening. Hoeing and plowing strawberry patches most of the day. Willie scuffling corn and turnips in the forenoon. James and his mother went to Port Perry in the forenoon. In the afternoon Elmer Wallace came over and he and the boys worked all day fixing it up [the car?]. L. Luke called. Willie and Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

26 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 140 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

27 – A fine day. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Willie, Mr. E. Lyle and Mrs. John Michie to pick berries and in the afternoon Willie, James and I drew in the last of the hay; 7 loads. We made a stack with 6 loads in it. Jean and Ruth Michie also at the berries in the afternoon; 210 boxes picked. James at Blackwater to practice for a garden party. P. Luke called in the evening.

28 – Willie took 2 crates of berries to the early train, then James, who was going to Myrtle for something for the car, took him to Harvey Real's to help with fall wheat but it started to rain about 9 am and rained heavy until about noon and then some after dinner. Jennie washed, ironed and baked. I raked the N field. James got home about 2 pm. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

29 – A fine and cool day. Helping pick berries all day. Jennie, James, Mrs. E. Lyle, Annie, Ethel Bryant and Mrs. John Michie at it also. Willie at Harvey Real's. Annie at Bethel picnic in the afternoon. Willie at Manchester garden party in the evening. Rev. Mr. Dyer called for tea. James went for the beef in the morning.

30 – A very fine day. Willie and James went to Port Perry to the early train with berries. Then Willie went to Luke's and scuffled all day. James and I drew in the hay rakings. I then cleaned out strawberry patch. In the afternoon James and his mother went with car to Myrtle and then to Stouffville to see about a school. They got home about 7 pm. James and Annie then went to choir practice. Leola and Gladys Luke called.

31 – A fine day. Picking berries all day with Jennie, Annie, Mrs. John Michie and in the afternoon Mrs. E. Lyle. Willie at Harvey Real's. James all day at the car. Mrs. W. White came for berries. In the evening James went to a garden party near Beaverton and Willie away somewhere. I went with C. Phair to a session meeting. The principal business was accepting the resignation of J.M. Real.

AUG. 1 – Started to rain about midnight and continued most of the time until about noon. After dinner Willie and I went with the sleigh to Luke's swamp to draw out some wood left there last winter but we could not get it on account of water and mud. James fixing car most of the day. Jennie preserving berries and baking. Jas. S. Lee, wife and Alma came in their new car. Willie and Jennie went to Port Perry and James and Annie to Greenbank. Annie Bell and Miss Muir came.

2 – A fine day until about 5 pm when there was a shower. All hands at SS and church. G.A. McMillan took the boys class and I am in to take the men's class till the end of the year. Mr. Dyer preached. All but Jennie and I out again in the evening.

3 – A very fine warm day. The first thing James took Willie to Harvey Real's. Then James and I went to Port Perry for Annie Bell's trunk. The rest of the day picking berries. Jennie, Annie, James, Annie Bell, Miss Muir, Mrs. Alex Gordon and Mrs. E. Lyle and Mrs. John Michie in the afternoon. About 150 or more boxes. James then took Annie Bell and Miss Muir to Uxbridge on their way back to Toronto. Annie went with them.

4 – Fine and warm until about 12:30 when a local thunder shower came on with lots of rain and some hail. Cleaning out strawberry patch and other jobs. Jennie preserving berries and baking for the party. All hands at party in the church grounds. There was a good turnout and a very fine evening. The Mount Albert orchestra, a comedienne from Toronto and a lady recited; the programme was good. \$260. was about what was taken in. Willie at H. Real's all day.

5 – A fine and pretty warm day. Scuffled and hoed turnips most of the day. Jennie washing and ironing. Willie at H. Real's. James in the shop. All hands went to the after social at the church for supper.

6 – Warm with much thunder but no rain here. Hoeing turnips in the forenoon. Mrs. John Michie, Mrs. W. O'Neill, Annie, James and Jennie picking berries. James A. Miller and family, who is now occupying the manse at Greenbank while Mr. Dyer is away on his holidays, came for dinner and stayed all afternoon picking berries; about 110 boxes picked. Willie at Harvey Real's.

7 – Pretty warm all day. Finished hoeing turnips 2nd time and hoed strawberry patch. Jennie preserving berries. James and his mother went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie at H. Real's during the day and away somewhere in the evening. L. Luke called, also Ethel Bryant.

8 – Very dull all day. Willie was to go to Luke's to cut oats in the afternoon but rain came on before dinner which stopped it. I was cleaning out strawberry patch and finished the job. James took Mrs. John Michie, Ruth and Eleanor to Uxbridge on their way to

Agincourt on a visit. Willie plowing sweet clover land in the afternoon and Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Marie Akhurst called in the afternoon.

9 – Dull and warm with rain in the evening. All hands at SS and church. Jas. A. Miller preached. Annie, Willie and James out again in the evening.

10 – A very fine day. Cleaning out stables and picking berries in the forenoon. Jennie washing. In the afternoon helping P. Luke to cut oats, the first of the season, and a pretty nice crop. Willie drove the binder. Jennie, Annie and James picking berries likely the last picking. Willie away to Port Perry in the evening.

11 – A very fine cool day. Willie and I went over to Luke's and finished shocking up the oats cut yesterday then got the binder and cut and shocked the field W of the house and started the field NW of the barn, James helping. Jennie ironing. L. Luke called. Annie and the boys at C.E. meeting in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. Very heavy dew. Cut some oats before dinner but quit as they are too green. Shocking up and hoeing strawberry patch. Willie went for the beef in the morning then James, Annie and P. Luke went to Port Perry by car. Just before dinner Jessie Smith, Mrs. Willie Smith and little Barbara arrived and stayed until about 4 pm. Willie plowing in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Jennie and Willie went to prayer meeting in the evening. Dale Armstrong came in the evening. She and Annie are intending to go on a trip by water down to Montreal.

13 – Dull all day, almost rain sometimes. At about 6:30 am Jennie, James, Annie, Dale Armstrong and Jean Michie and I left by car for Toronto and we had a big day. Annie and Dale took the boat for Montreal. We got home about 6:30 pm. Willie plowing and keeping house assisted by Bruce McDonald. James out in the evening.

14 – A fine and warm day. Some rain in the forenoon and little doing. I was harrowing in the afternoon. Willie at H. Real's in the afternoon and away somewhere in the evening. Jennie picked the thimbleberries. Bruce McDonald called.

15 – A fine and warm day. Willie finished cutting field NW of barn and James and I shocked it up. Finished about 2:30. Willie and I went to Luke's and got some of the field E of the house cut but broke the binder. Mr. Luke sold his farm to E. Bryant and Mr. Luke and Bryant came here in the evening and I made out an agreement about it. Willie and James away in the evening. Ethel Bryant here in the afternoon and Mr. Bryant in the evening.

16 – A very fine and warm day. Jennie, Willie, James and I at SS and church. Jas. A. Miller preached. Annie came home from her trip to Montreal. E. Clements here for supper, also Francis Lee. All but Jennie and I out again in the evening. 22 or more called at Luke's today.

17 – A fine but very warm day. Willie went to Port Perry for link for binder and we got started at Luke's about 10:30 and I worked until about 6 pm. Willie quit earlier as another link broke. Jennie washing. Annie, Willie and James all at home in the evening.

18 – Very warm day. Willie and I went to Luke's to cut oats but only got one round before dinner. Binder would not go at all and Willie went for John Michie but I discovered the trouble before he got there. The place where the pitman joins the knives. After dinner Willie and I went to Port Perry for repairs and then cut 7 rounds when the drive chain broke again so we had very little to show for our day. P. Luke is some better; he was helping some. James got a note from the Silverthorn school board asking him to phone or call and he and his mother, Mary L. Real, and Mrs. John Michie and Olive started about 1:30 for Toronto. It was near 12 when they got home. James has secured a room in the Silverthorn school.

19 – Another pretty warm day. Willie went for the beef the first thing then James went to Port Perry for Jessie Bell. Willie and I went to Luke's and got started to cut about the middle of the forenoon and finished the field by dinner. Luke's were all away to Oshawa with E. Bryant about the sale of farm. After dinner a thunder shower came up and stopped harvest and there was little done. The boys went to Port Perry. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

20 – A fine day and much cooler. Willie and I went to Luke's in the morning and finished his cutting about 10:30. Willie then started our hill field while I stayed until noon. Afternoon cutting hill field but the drive chain of the binder broke again about 4:30 and nothing more done. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening and Annie and James at choir practice. Mrs. E. Lyle, Ethel Bryant and L. Luke called. I went with P. Luke and E. Bryant to measure out a wood lot reserved by P. Luke when he sold the farm. Word came that John Rennie of Layton got nearly killed when his horses ran away with the binder.

21 – A very fine cool day. Willie went to Uxbridge in the morning for links for the binder but did not get them. We then got the loan of John Michie's binder chain and finished cutting. James and I shocked it up then drew in 2 loads. L. Luke called. Willie, Jessie Bell, Jennie and Annie went down to John Michie's in the evening.

22 – A beautiful day. Drawing in oats, Willie and James helping. In the afternoon Willie went to help Mr. Luke and James and I worked away. Jennie helped in the barn. In the evening James, Jennie, Jessie Bell and I went to Port Perry, also Annie.

23 – Another very fine day. All but Jessie B. at SS and church. J.A. Miller preached. Willie and James both went somewhere for supper and Annie out in the evening.

24 – A fine and pretty warm day. Drawing in oats.. Finished field NW of barn and got in 3 loads from the hill field. Jennie washing. Willie away somewhere in the evening. Vet Moon called in the evening to see Dusty cow.

25 – Another very fine and very warm day; about 90 in the shade. Drawing in oats and the wheat (2 loads) from the hill field which finished harvest. James, Jennie and Ethel Bryant went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Jessie Bell making dress for Annie. Annie and the boys at C.E. meeting in the evening.

26 – Another very fine and cooler day. Took out the barn pump and Willie and Annie went to Port Perry for a new sucker leather

and the pump works pretty good now. Willie at P. Luke's in the afternoon helping him to draw in. I hoed strawberry patch. Jessie Bell making dress. James and M.L. Real away somewhere all afternoon. Dusty cow died after 4 days sick.

27 – A fine cool day. Willie and I the first thing in the morning buried the Dusty cow in the orchard. Then Willie plowed E of the orchard in the forenoon and I plowed in the afternoon. Willie helping N. Midgley to stook thresh (Jas. Blair with tractor). James trying to make his engine pump water but was not very successful. Annie at Port Perry street dance and James away somewhere in the evening. P. Luke and E. Bryant had the writings made out about the place.

28 – A fine cool day. Plowing in the forenoon and helping P. Luke to draw in, in the afternoon. Willie all day threshing at Midgley's. James and Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Charles Gordon here in the evening with his drum. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

29 – A fine warm dry day. At P. Luke's until about the middle of the afternoon helping him to finish harvest. Willie all day at C. Phair's drawing in. James took his mother and Jessie Bell in the car to Brooklin to visit the cemetery. James and Anne away in the evening.

30 – Another warm dry day. Willie went away somewhere with Francis Lee and Jessie Bell did not go out. The rest at SS and church. L. Luke went up with us. Pledge signing in SS. Rev. Mr. Dyer preached. Mary L. Real came for tea and Jean and Ruth Michie in the evening. Annie and James out in the evening.

31 – A very fine day. Hoeing strawberry patch most of the day. Jennie washing. Willie with the team and waggon helping E. Bryant to draw the grain he bought at Van's sale. James went to Port Perry in the forenoon and in the afternoon went again with Annie and John Michie and bought from John McMillan a horse for \$85, also a set of harness. Leola Luke called in the evening. Willie away somewhere in the evening. James got word that he is not needed at his school until next week.

SEPT. 1 – Fine warm dry smoky day. Plowing and harrowing E of orchard. Willie helping W. Thomas to finish harvest. James most of the day in the shop. John McMillan brought Annie's new driver and she and Jessie Bell drove it up to Jas. Bott's for butter. In the evening Jennie went with C. Phair to canvas the neighbourhood on the political side of the temperance question. Annie, Willie and James at C.E. in the evening.

2 – Rather dull all day with some rain from about 5 pm. Plowing E of orchard 3rd time, and harrowing. James in the shop. Willie helping Mrs. O'Neill to draw in oats. Mr. E. Lyle came over for some sweet crab apples. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening to get the car fixed. Annie drove to her school, first day after holidays. She had 6 pupils. She got home by 1 p.m.

3 – Rain through the night and very dull all day. Got up early and at about 5:30 James, Jennie, Jessie Bell, Mary L. Real and I started for Toronto Ex. Had to repair a flat tire at Whitby and when we got to Toronto we hunted up a boarding house for James who is to teach at the Silverthorn school. At the Ex in the afternoon and

evening. Music day and an immense crowd and a big show. Got home about 12:30. Annie drove to her school. Willie housekeeping and plowing. William H. Leask died.

4 – A fine day. Did some chores in the forenoon. Willie plowing and in the afternoon Willie and I with the sleigh went to Luke's swamp and drew out some wood that had been cut last winter but did not get it all out yet. Annie at her school and at Bryant's in the evening. Willie away somewhere and James at J.M. Real's. Jessie Bell making dress for Annie. James and his mother at Port Perry in the afternoon.

5 – Dull with a little rain in the afternoon. Willie and I finished drawing out the wood from Luke's swamp. Willie plowing in the afternoon. James, Jennie and I, with John Michie and Lizzie went to William H. Leask's funeral. There was a very large turnout. Mr. Dyer conducted the service. James went to Port Perry in the evening for Annie Bell. Willie also away somewhere. Annie, Leola Luke, E. Clements and Everett Hooper left around 1:30 pm for Newcastle.

6 – Dull with rain most of the day and evening. All hands, including Annie Bell and Jessie Bell, at SS and church. Mr. Dyer preached. Willie and James out again in the evening. A very dark night.

7 – Very dull during most of the day. Got up early and about 5 am Willie, with Francis Lee, Laura Thomas and Miss Tripp, took James to Toronto where he starts tomorrow to teach in one of the rooms of Silverthorn school. This is Labour day. They expected to come home tonight but Willie phoned that they would not be home until tomorrow night. Annie drove Annie Bell to the train on her way back to Toronto. I gang plowed all day. L. Luke called.

8 – A very fine cool day. Gang plowing and harrowing all day. Jennie washing in the forenoon and went with Mrs. John Michie to W.M.S. meeting in the church. Annie drove to her school and went with E. Hooper and L. Luke to C.E. in the evening.

9 – A fine day. James came home from Toronto about 2 am as his school does not start until next Monday as they are putting in new sewers. Willie got home at 4 am. I went for the beef in the morning and harrowed some. Jennie ironing. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. After dinner James went to J.M. Real's and got 4 bushels of fall wheat and we sowed it in the little field E of the orchard. James and Willie away in the evening.

10 – A fine day. Thunder storm through the night. Willie plowing and harrowing. James went to Port Perry in the forenoon for plow point and took his mother to see Mrs. W.H. Leask. Annie drove to her school. Jennie canning corn. Annie and James at choir practice. L. Luke called in the evening.

11 – Willie went to John Michie's to help draw in 2nd crop of clover but about 9 am a heavy thunder storm came on. Our old plow came to its last furrow yesterday and I got an old Sylvester from P. Luke's and fixed it up and Willie plowed with it in the afternoon. James most of the day in the shop. Annie drove to her school. Annie, Willie and James all at home in the evening.

12 – Heavy thunder storm in the night. I plowed awhile in the forenoon but had to quit as rain came on and continued nearly all day and there was little doing. James, Jennie and I went to Port Perry in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

13 – Rain through the night and on till about 4 pm and mud very plentiful. All but Aunt Jess at SS. After SS took James to Myrtle on his way to Toronto to teach in Silverthorn school. Jennie and Mary L. Real went to Myrtle with him. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and Willie out again in the evening.

14 – A very fine day. Willie plowing all day. Jennie washing. I was helping Jennie to can corn in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called twice. Willie at N. Midgley's in the evening.

15 – Dull with rain in the afternoon. Willie plowing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie canning corn. I was cutting brush on the 10th conc. in the forenoon and an hour in the afternoon when rain came on. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting.

16 – Dull in the morning but turned out fine. Annie drove to her school and I went with her as far as the creek and cut brush along the 11th conc. Willie plowing. They took the cook stove into the kitchen. Willie away in the evening.

17 – A fine day. Went with Annie and cut brush on the 11th concession. Willie plowing. Ethel Bryant called in the evening to get her hair cut. Annie at choir practice in the evening.

18 – A terrible thunder storm in the early morning but turned out a fine day. Did some chores in the forenoon. Willie plowing. In the afternoon Willie and I helping P. Luke to thresh. We first threshed E. Bryant's stock of oats. Jas. Blair's machine, gas tractor. This is the Port Perry fair. When we got home we found that the horses had strayed away and Willie and I went as far as Greenbank in the car but did not see them. Willie then went to Port Perry for James who is home for the weekend, but he missed him and James got a ride home. Later Willie came back with M.L. Real and she stayed awhile and played.

19 – A very fine day. Willie and I threshing at Luke's and finished at noon. They then moved over here and threshed from 1 to 6 pm but did not quite finish. James and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning and to Greenbank in the afternoon where they found Annie's pony in the church yard. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening.

20 – A fine day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church. The Rev. from Epson preached. Willie took James to Port Perry where he met Mr. Cannon of Toronto who took him home with them to be ready for his school tomorrow. Annie out in the evening.

21 – A fine day, getting cold towards night. Finished threshing here in an hour and 15 minutes, then moved to C. Phair's and I went with them. Willie went with the car to Scugog and engaged to go with a threshing machine. In the afternoon he drove his mother and Jessie Bell to Brooklin. Annie drove to her school.

22 – A fine day. Willie started early for Scugog to thresh. I at C. Phair's threshing and finished about half an hour after dinner. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and she and L. Luke drove to C.E. meeting. Quite a hard frost in the morning. Jennie picked the tomatoes.

23 – A fine and cool day. Did some chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with Ed Bryant to Hugh Leask's sale. There was a large turnout and pretty good prices. Annie drove to her school.

24 – Rather dull with some rain in the forenoon. After I had found the horses which had got out on the road I plowed down the Hungarian grass at the foot of the SW field. In the afternoon I was ordered to go to Ray Dusty's to thresh but the machine did not come and I cut road through corn. Willie went to Scugog and came back in the evening, dressed up, and went back to Port Perry. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening.

25 – A very fine day. At Ray Dusty's threshing. Annie drove to her school and took Leola Luke to Greenbank to practice for pageant for Sunday next. Willie at Scugog threshing.

26 – A very fine day. Willie went to R. Dusty's threshing; the Scugog outfit quit for the day on account of Lindsay fair. Threshing at John Michie's in the afternoon. I was plowing all day. Annie went to Lindsay fair. Jean Michie and Ethel Bryant called in the afternoon and Mrs. R. Archer, Grant Real and Marjorie Real came for apples.

27 – Dull with rain in the afternoon and evening. All hands at SS and church. This is rally day in the SS and there was a large attendance although it was raining a little. There was a pageant by the girl's class. At the church service there was a number of infant baptisms. Jim Dusty's baby; Ray Dusty's; C. Phair's; Rye Beare's; and Rev. Mr. Dyer's. Muriel Whitter, Armour and Wallace McMillan were also baptized. Dr. McMillan preached and a Mr. [McAntire?] and a blind organist of Oshawa sang solos. Annie and Willie out again in the evening.

28 – A fine day. Threshing at John Michie's and finished at 11 am. Plowing and harrowing in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Scugog threshing. L. Luke called. E. Bryant started to build silo.

29 – Some rain in the early morning but turned out a nice day. Willie went to Scugog to thresh. Jennie washing. Jessie Bell drove Annie to the school fair. In the afternoon I went to the fair, taking Leola Luke who got her dinner here. There was a good exhibit but not quite so many people as sometimes.

30 – A very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to fill silo (Stanley Ward's mill). Willie at Scugog threshing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went for the beef. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and family came for some apples and Annie went home with them for tea and to the C.E. poverty social tonight.

OCT. 1 – A very fine day. At C. Phair's for about 2 hours finishing silo filling. Harrowing and plowing (2nd time) the rest of the day. Willie at Scugog threshing. He came home in the evening and went off again. Jessie Bell drove Annie to Adam Wallace's

where Miss Wallace is to take her by car to teacher's convention at Sunderland. She is to stay at Wallace's all night. Jennie and Jessie Bell went for a visit at Alex Gordon's at Saintfield.

2 – Dull most of the day. Thunder about 4 pm and rain in the evening. Plowing most of the day. Willie at Scugog. He came home without his supper and went back to Port Perry for James. Annie came home from the teacher's convention. Jennie and Jessie Bell visiting at Mrs. W. Leask's. This is preparatory service in the church but I did not go as it was raining hard. E. Bryant put up his silo.

3 – A very fine day. Plowing all day. Willie drove to Scugog in the morning to thresh but came home again as it was too wet to thresh outdoors. James went to Greenbank to get the car fixed and Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon to get glass for windshield. Ethel Bryant and Marie Akhurst called to get hair trimmed. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

4 – A fine but rather cool day. All hands at communion service in the church. A fair turnout. A number of new members came in. Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie, Jessie Bell and I got dinner at T. Sharp's and then to SS at 3 pm. It fell to me to take my own class, Mr. Dyer's class and G.A. McMillan's class. Ned Luke here for supper and Willie, Annie and James out again in the evening.

5 – A fine but rather cool day. Went to Port Perry in the forenoon and plowing in the afternoon. Willie took James to the early 5 am train at Myrtle and then to Scugog to thresh. Home without his supper and back again to a supper in the club house. Jennie and Jessie Bell visiting at P. Luke's in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Two of her pupils, Ruth Clements and Marion Eggelson, came home with her and stayed all night.

6 – Very dull all day with some cold rains during the afternoon. Plowing all day. Jennie washing and ironing. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Scugog. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements called in the evening, the latter to get her hair cut. Annie went to C.E. in the evening. P. Luke took a load of straw over to Epsom.

7 – Rather dull but no rain. Plowing all day. Willie at Scugog. Annie drove to her school. P. Luke called in the morning.

8 – Some rain in the forenoon. Plowing all day and finished field NW of barn. Annie walked to her school as Jennie wanted the pony to go to Port Perry. Willie at Scugog. He came home early and then left to take Mr. and Mrs. Wheatly of Scugog to Oshawa. Annie at choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called in the evening.

9 – Annie drove to her school and Willie did not go to Scugog as it was too wet to thresh. I cut corn in the orchard until about 10 am when Norman Midgley came with the corn cutter. It was snowing some and continued most of the afternoon but he kept at it and cut it all (the snow was over the binder); about 4 ½ hours. Willie went to Port Perry to get the car fixed and stayed until the evening train came in with James. Annie and I went to C.E. bean supper in the church. There was a pretty good turnout. After the supper there was C.P.R. views of Canada. Very cold night for the time of year.

10 – Very hard frost and a terrible wind all day. Little doing outside. Cleaned out hen house. Willie took P. Luke out to put up sale bills. They went as far as Brooklin and Columbus. Annie went early with Leola Luke to Epsom and papered a room in the Luke house. James and Annie out in the evening. Willie went to Greenbank in the forenoon.

11 – Dull all day with a cold rain through the middle of the day. All but Jessie Bell at SS and church. Mr. --- of Sandford preached. Mr. Dyer exchanging with him. After SS James went with Harvey Real to Port Perry to meet Mr. Cameron to go with him to Toronto. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

12 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to pick apples and in the afternoon drawing off corn. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Scugog threshing. P. Luke called in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Drawing corn all day. Willie at Scugog. Jessie Bell went with him in the morning to Port Perry on her way back to Rochester. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. Fred O'Neill came for apples in the afternoon. In the evening Willie went with P. Luke in the car to put up sale bills. Annie at C.E. She went with Leola and E. Hooper.

14 – Dull with rain in the evening. Finished drawing corn at noon and helped at apples in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Scugog to thresh. They had a bad breakdown and Willie came home in the evening and started right away for Uxbridge for repairs.

15 – A very fine day. Plowing corn stubble in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping Jennie to pick apples. Mrs. W. Thomas and Laura here also picking. I helped P. Luke to put on a load of hay to take to Epsom tomorrow. Annie drove to her school and went with E.C. to choir practice in the evening. Willie at Scugog threshing. Spent all day fixing the engine. Ray Dusty filling his silo today.

16 – Dull with some rain in the evening. E. Bryant came with his potato digger and dug a little more than half of them and Jennie and I picked them up in the afternoon. Willie went to Scugog and brought James home from the train. Annie drove to her school.

17 – Rain in the morning and forenoon. Drew in the potatoes picked yesterday and plowed corn stubble in the afternoon. Willie went to Scugog to thresh but they did not last long and he got some fixing for the car and was home about 2 pm. He then drove Annie's pony to Port Perry. Annie went with Leola Luke to Epsom and papered a room in Luke's house. Jennie baking and cleaning up. In the evening starting at 6 pm Willie took John Michie, Leola Luke, Annie and I to Oshawa to hear Premier King. There was an immense crowd and we heard Hon. Vincent Massey and King which were both good. Got home about 1 am. James was also out somewhere in the evening. Mr. Johnson, tax collector, called.

18 – A fine but chilly day. All but Jennie at SS and church; 165 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

19 – A very high cold wind from the SW which turned to NW with showers of hail in the afternoon. A terrible day. Apples pretty

much on the ground. Finished plowing the corn stubble. Willie took James to the early train at Myrtle and then to Scugog to thresh but they quit about 2 pm and Willie came home and went back to Port Perry with 5 bags of oats to the mill but did not get them home. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called twice and P. Luke in the evening. Jennie and Willie fixing car curtains in the evening.

20 – Pretty cold and wintery looking. Several snow flurries. Willie went to Scugog to thresh but came back as they did not start. Willie and I fanned up some oats in the afternoon. L. Luke called. Jennie cleaned stove pipes. Annie drove to her school. Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening.

21 – A fine day. Willie first went for the beef then to Port Perry with 18 bags of oats which he sold to Art Dawson for 40 cts per bushel. After dinner we fanned up another load and he also took them out to Dawson. He then went to Port Perry again in the evening. Jennie and I put up parlor stove and picked some apples. Annie drove to her school and in the evening went to John Mark's. Also in the evening I went with C. Phair to session meeting in the church. Pretty cool evening.

22 – A fine day. Cleaned out calf pen and picked some apples in the forenoon. Annie drove to her school and Willie went to Scugog. Jennie baking. Alex Gordon and wife came for dinner and in the afternoon we went to P. Luke's sale. There was a fair turnout and prices were pretty good. L. Luke called. Alex G. and wife stayed for supper and took home a load of apples. Annie at choir practice in the evening.

23 – A fine and rather raw day. Taking in wood to the woodshed in the forenoon. Willie went to Scugog in the morning to thresh but he had words with the boss Bob Brown and came home about 9:30 so that finishes that job. Ed Bryant came before dinner to finish digging potatoes and Willie and I picked them up and got them in the cellar in the afternoon. John Michie and wife and Bob here in the forenoon for apples. Mrs. Luke and Leola here awhile picking up apples. Annie walked to her school and went to Wanamaker's for tea. In the evening Willie, Jennie and I went to Port Perry for James.

24 – Rather dull and raw with some rain from the SE in the evening. Willie and I topping turnips in the forenoon. Willie finished it in the afternoon while I picked apples. James, Annie, Jennie and Mrs. John Michie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. J. Michie's girls and Marie Akhurst here getting hair cut. Willie, Annie and James out in the evening.

25 – Rain from the SE in the morning which turned to NW; cold and very disagreeable. All hands at SS and church. Mrs. Irvin of Lindsay spoke for the W.M.S. on Methodist missionary work last year. Marie Akhurst came home for tea. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

26 – A fine day. Willie all day at Mrs. O'Neill's threshing. I harrowed up all the turnips (a very light crop) in the forenoon and got in 2 loads in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. Luke called. In the evening Willie took Jennie and I to a political meeting at Port Perry. The speakers were the candidate Clifford

Sinclair; a woman from Toronto, and a Mr. More of Dumbarton, the best of the lot. There was a pretty good attendance.

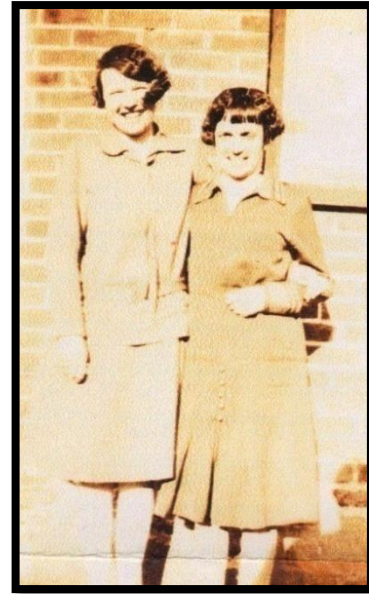


Photo of Marie Akhurst and Jean Michie, date unknown

27 – Snow in the morning but it soon disappeared. Put on the storm windows and doors in the forenoon. John Michie called. Willie at Fred Clark's on Scugog threshing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie ironing. Plowed the potato ground in the afternoon. Mrs. Luke and Mr. Avery here in the afternoon picking apples. Annie at Halloween party at the C.E.

28 – Snow in the morning and most of the forenoon. Word came that James H. Leask died this morning. Spent most of the day sweeping down the stable cobwebs. Willie went to Fred Clark's on Scugog to thresh but came home again as they could not work. In the afternoon he drove Mr. and Mrs. Avery and P. Luke to Cannington. Mrs. Luke came over in the forenoon and got her cream churned. Annie drove to her school. Jennie making me a smock. Annie at choir practice and Willie away at Redmond's in the evening.

29 – Pretty wintery in the morning but snow went away a little. Willie and I went to C. Phair's for the eight young cattle that was pasturing there. This is Dominion election day and Annie came home from her school at noon and Jennie, Annie, Willie and I, taking P. Luke and wife, went to Greenbank to vote. Clifford, Liberal, and Dr. [Carrier?] were the candidates. Willie and Annie went for tea to Ronald Peel's. Tory wins.

30 – Rather a fine day but the snow does not go very fast. P. Luke came for our waggon to take out oats. Willie helped him to load up. Jennie baking. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon Willie, Jennie and I, together with Mrs. Luke and Leola, went to Jas. H. Leask's funeral. There was a very large turnout, the church being packed. Mr. Dyer conducted the service. Mr. McDonald of Wick and J.A. Miller assisted. In the evening Annie drove to choir practice at Mr. Dyer's. Willie went to Port Perry with the car and

James brought it back while Willie went with C. Midgley to party on Scugog. Later James went to choir practice perhaps.

31 – Rather a fine day. Annie went with Mr. Dyer to Port Perry to order the material for a new [?] at the parsonage. Boys most of the day fixing car. I took in some firewood. About 3 pm Willie Smith, his wife and mother came. Barbara stayed and Willie, wife and little one left for home about 5 pm. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Leola Luke and Mrs. Luke called.

NOV. 1 – A fine day. All hands at church and SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie went somewhere for supper and Leola Luke was here for tea. Annie and James out in the evening.

2 – A very fine Indian Summer day. James took the car with him to Toronto. M.L. Real went with him. Annie drove to her school. Willie went with the waggon to Port Perry in the morning for the lumber for the new porch on the parsonage. The stuff was not ready so he did not get home until the middle of the afternoon. He got dinner at Mr. Dyer's. Jennie washing. L. Luke called. Annie and Willie at choir practice in the evening.

3 – A very fine day. Pretty hard frost in the morning. Finished taking in the wood and Willie and I drew in four loads of turnips. Jennie and Barbara visiting at Sam Dusty's and John Michie's. Annie drove to her school and she and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

4 – A fine day. Willie and I finished taking in the turnips. Jennie and Barbara went to Greenbank in the afternoon visiting. Annie walked to her school. Willie away in the evening.

5 – Very dull with rain about 11 and most of the afternoon. Willie went to C. Phair's to help draw in buckwheat but he came home for dinner on account of the rain. I picked up downed apples and took them into the root house. Annie drove to her school. Willie and Annie at choir practice in the evening.

6 – A fine day. Willie at Ernest Phair's helping with turnips. Annie drove to her school. I took Barbara to the noon train at Port Perry and picked up apples the rest of the day. James came home with the car about 8:30 pm and then went to Alex Gordon's with M.L. Real to practice for the thanksgiving concert.

7 – Dull all day. Willie went to E. Phair's. James and Annie went to Port Perry with the car and 5 bags of oats to be ground. Jennie preparing fowl for the social on Monday and I went to the N field and plowed around it 6 times. It rained all afternoon. James first went to C. Phair's for an old grinder, then to E. Phair's and helped to fix his engine and bring Willie home. Then Willie and Annie went to Port Perry for Annie Bell. L. Luke called twice.

8 – Rather cold and rough; some snow in the forenoon. All hands at SS and church; 171 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Annie Bell, Willie and James out again in the evening.

9 – Thanksgiving day, and a fine day. Willie and James went to E. Phair's to fix his engine. Boys most of the afternoon rigging up an old grinder they got from C. Phair. In the evening all at Ladies' Aid supper in the church. There was a big turnout and about \$190.00 was taken in. The concert was pretty good. The choir;

Tom Sharp; Miss Ferguson, a reciter, and John Walker gave the programme.

10 – A fine day. Willie took James and Annie Bell to Myrtle early train. Then Willie was all day at the car and took it to Brown at last. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. I banked up house and picked up apples. L. Luke called. Annie at C.E. meeting and Willie out for tea at Edgar Leask's.

11 – A very fine day. Plowing sod in N field. Willie at C. Phair's drawing in buckwheat. Jennie cleaned out hen house. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Greenbank in the evening for the beef, this being the last of the season.

12 – A fine day until about 4:30 when it started to rain from the E. Plowing sod all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie helping Jim Dusty with buckwheat. When coming home with car it stopped and T. Brown pulled it part way to Greenbank. Mrs. John Michie and E. Bryant called.

13 – Rain all night and more or less all day. Willie went with the team and drew the car to Greenbank, then took his mother to Port Perry, and then to Greenbank and Bott's for butter, and then in the evening went to Port Perry again for James. Annie drove to her school and in the evening went to Luke's to a farewell presentation to Leola. Willie and James went later. I tinkered with the grinder in the barn most of the day.

14 – Another rainy bad day. Willie and James went to Greenbank in the morning, got the car fixed and brought it home while I was fixing cutting box and grinder. Afternoon grinding and cutting corn. Mrs. Luke called. James away in the evening. Annie and Willie at home.

15 – Very dull all day with rain most of the time. All hands at SS and church; 140 at SS. Mr. McKenzie, a missionary from Honan China, gave an account of the work there. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

16 – Another miserable day. Snowing a little most of the time. Jennie got up at 4 am and Willie took James to Myrtle C.P.R. Willie then harrowed the lane which is very badly cut up. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and went to Bethel church in the evening to play practice. Willie at J.M. Real's for orchestra practice. I put new handle in barn pump. L. Luke called.

17 – Rather cold and raw. Doing some chores in the forenoon and in the afternoon helping C. Phair to thresh buckwheat. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went to W.M.S. meeting in the church. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening. L. Luke called.

18 – Rather a fine day. Did some chores in the forenoon and helped C. Phair to thresh in the afternoon. Willie took Annie to her school in the car and then to Port Perry with some parts of Jas. Blair's machine. He forgot one part and went back for it and then back again to get it changed as it did not fit. Willie went to party near Wick in the evening.

19 – Rain through the night but turned out a rather fine day. Helping C. Phair to thresh. Finished with an hour's run after dinner.

Willie helping Jas. Blair. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. Jennie cleaning window curtains.

20 – Rather a fine day all day. Plowing sod. Willie helping Jas. Blair at Jas. Gibson's. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke and Marie Akhurst came to get hair cut. Willie went to Port Perry for James and with Annie went to dance in the hall in Greenbank.

21 – Another fine day. Plowing sod all day. Willie with Jas. Blair threshing at Jas. Gibson's and W. Thomas'. Jennie and L. Luke went to Port Perry in the afternoon. James grinding oats. Leola Luke here all night as her parents are away to Pinedale. Annie went to Port Perry in the evening.

22 – Rather a fine day. A snow shower about 5 pm. All hands, including L. Luke, at SS and church. They have been putting in two new furnaces and the basement was not cleaned up so SS was held in the church. Mr. Dyer preached on the sustentation and extension fund of the U.C.C. Annie, Willie and James all somewhere for tea and Leola Luke got supper here. Later she also went off somewhere.

23 – Pretty hard frost in the morning. Willie took James to Myrtle on his way to Toronto, then he went to W. Thomas' and threshed all day. I drove Annie to her school. She is to go to D. McTaggart's for tea and then to play practice. Jennie washing. I finished plowing sod in the afternoon.

24 – Rather cold with some little snow. Drew in a load of corn, then drew out manure on the next years strawberry patch. Annie drove to her school. Willie with Jas. Blair. Willie away in evening to a party on the 8th conc.

25 – Rather a fine day. Hard frost in the morning. All day at C. Phair's helping him to fence. Willie drew gravel on road work in the forenoon and went to Scugog and somewhere for supper and the evening. Jennie killed and dressed 8 roosters. Annie drove to her school. In the evening I went with C. Phair to a joint meeting of the session and stewards in the church.

26 – A fine day. All day helping C. Phair to fence. Annie drove to her school. Willie at road work in the forenoon and in the afternoon took his mother in the car to Herby Hook's with the chickens and then to Port Perry. In the evening he took Annie to choir practice.

27 – Started to snow in the morning and a little most of the day. I went over to C. Phair's to build fence but it was so wet and dirty that I came home after about an hour's work. Willie drawing gravel for road work and finishes. Annie walked to her school and stayed at Mr. Armstrong's for tea and then to play practice. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening for James and then to a party at C. Well's.

28 – Rather cold and some snowing most of the day. Willie went to Thomas' for a load of gravel and broke the axle of the waggon just near the pump at the barn. James went to Greenbank for gas and did some grinding in the afternoon. P. and L. Luke called. James away in the evening.

29 – A fine day but pretty cold. All hands at SS and church. Rev. Mr. Swain of Prince Albert preached as Mr. Dyer was at Prince Albert preaching anniversary services. Jean Michie came home with us for supper. Annie, Willie and James out in the evening.

30 – A fine day. Willie took James to Myrtle on his way to Toronto, then he took Annie to her school, then to Port Perry with the waggon axle, then to P. Leask's to get him to run McHaffy's tractor to cut wood. He got W. Real finally. I did little but the chores. Jennie washing. In the evening I went to session meeting in the parsonage with C. Phair and did not get home until after 12. L. Luke called. Drew in some corn.

DEC. 1 - A very fine day and the snow thawing a little. Jennie ironing. Willie and I grinding and cutting feed in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. L. Luke called. In the evening Willie and Annie went to C.E. meeting.

2 – A very fine day. Willie and I went to Luke's to help cut wood with McHaffy's machine. W. Real running the tractor, but it was 10 o'clock before they got started. Finished cutting Mr. Luke's about 5 pm. Moved to our pile and cut about 15 minutes. C. O'Neill; Cecil Real and Ed Lyle got supper here. Annie walked to her school, got tea at Stone's and to play practice in the evening. Alma Clements and Ethel Bryant here in the evening. Willie away at party near Sonya.

3 – A fine day. Finished cutting wood by McHaffy's machine. Started at 9:30 and finished at 12. Ray Dusty brought the waggon axle from Port Perry and we put it together in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. L. Luke called.

4 – Mild and thawing all day. Drove Annie to her school (play practice). Willie drawing gravel on road job, putting it on 10th conc. south of west half of lot 17. Got very muddy and road badly cut up. L. Luke called. Cleaned out hen house. In the evening went with Jennie for supper at Albert Akhurst's. P. Luke and Mrs. Luke and Leola; W. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Henry and Laura were also there. Willie went to Port Perry for James. Mrs. O'Neill broke her arm.

5 – Dull, foggy and rain all day. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. They boys nearly all day fixing car. In the afternoon I plowed the next year's strawberry patch just south of the lane to Luke's. James and Willie went away with the car in the evening but the mud was very deep and they had to get Ray Dusty with a horse to pull them out. James left the car when he came home at the head of the road overnight.

6 – Freezing some all day. All hands at SS. Willie took James to Myrtle after SS on his way back to Toronto. Annie away in the evening. Mrs. Luke called.

7 – Rather rough and snowing a little sometimes. Willie drove Annie to her school and then to Greenbank with car tire. Jennie washing. L. Luke called.

8 – Rather rough most of the day. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry with the buggy to meet the man from Scugog with the money he earned threshing. I did little but the

chores. Jennie and Mrs. John Michie went to the W.M.S. in the church. Willie went to an oyster supper at Reader's on Scugog and Annie to C.E. meeting.

9 – Rather cold with some snow. Did little but chores. Annie drove to her school. Willie took the horses to Port Perry in the afternoon and got them shod. Willie away in the evening.

10 – Snowing a little most of the day. Went over to P. Luke's and settled up with him for wood and work and then helped Jennie to pick chickens. Willie drawing gravel on road job. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. John Michie and Bob called in the afternoon. In the evening Annie went to choir practice and Jennie went with her taking the chickens (9) to H. Hook. L. Luke called.

11 – Rather a fine day. Willie drew 2 loads of gravel which finished the job. Then in the afternoon he went with a load for P. Luke for Epsom and in the evening he went to a party near Wick. I drove Annie to her school, then went to Port Perry with E. Bryant to pay the taxes (\$45.60) and in the evening I went to Port Perry for James. Marie Akhurst and Miss Fisher, the nurse that is attending Ray Dusty, here. L. Luke called.

12 – Pretty cold and rather rough in the evening. Willie and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. James all day fixing car. I helping him in the forenoon and Willie in the afternoon. Annie went to Greenbank in the afternoon to practice the little girls drill for Christmas Tree. John Michie's girls and E. Bryant here getting hair cut. L. Luke here in the evening. She expected to go to Port Perry with Annie and E.C. but E.C. did not turn up so L.L. stayed all night. Willie at Port Perry and James somewhere in the evening.

13 – Rather rough and snowing a little off and on all day. We were all ready to go to church with the car but a soft tire was discovered and Jennie, Annie and I drove and the boys stayed and fixed it. James came later on but Willie stayed at home. Mr. Dyer preached. Willie went somewhere for tea and Annie and James were out to church in the evening. E.C. came in for awhile.

14 – Pretty cold day. James left at 5 am for Toronto. He took the car with him. Mrs. John Michie went with him. Willie took Annie to her school (play practice tonight). Jennie washing. Willie grinding oats and he and I put straw on the strawberry patch and drew in some corn.

15 – A beautiful fine day. Helping P. Luke to load up the last of their stuff and they are gone to Epsom. Willie and Earl Bryant took loads. Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Mr. McDonald got dinner before they started. Annie drove to her school and to C.E. in the evening.

16 – Rather raw day. Drove Annie to her school (play practice), then helped Jennie to pick chickens until noon. Willie helping E. Bryant to move into the Luke house and I also helping in the afternoon. This is Harvey Real's wedding day and James came from Toronto to attend it. Willie away in the evening.

17 – Rather cold and rough. I went down to John Michie's to help kill a pig. Willie took his mother to Port Perry with chickens. This is the Christmas fair and there was a large turnout. Jennie fell in

with George and Velma Michie of Sask. who got to Port Perry this morning and they came here for dinner. Willie took them back to Port Perry and they went to P. Luke's at Epsom. Annie had no school today as her pupils were going to the fair. Willie took her to choir practice in the evening. Willie took James to Myrtle in the morning.



**Photo of George Walter Michie and his second wife
Velma Evelyn Luke (Wright),
date unknown.**

18 – Rather rough with high W wind and snow but not so very cold. I drove Annie to her school with the cutter and helped E. Bryant to finish moving. Willie took two pigs to Seagrave in the morning and went to Sunderland fair in the afternoon, at least he started for there. E. Bryant called. James did not come home.

19 – Rather fine and not too cold day. I did little but the chores. Willie helped John Michie to cut up corn. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Skating rink opened for the season.

20 – Milder with a little snow. All hands at SS and church; Mr. Dyer preached a Christmas sermon. Willie away somewhere for tea. Annie away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

21 – Some snow through the night which lay on the trees and looked beautiful in the morning. Willie drove Annie to her school and ground some oats and cut corn. Jennie washing. E. Bryant called. Jennie and I went with the cutter to Jas. Bott's for butter but they were away from home. We then called in to see Ray Dusty who has been sick but is now on the mend. Willie at Greenbank in the evening helping to decorate the basement for the Christmas Tree.

22 – A fine day. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry for James who is home for the Christmas holidays.

23 – A fine cold day. Not much doing but the chores. Willie drove Annie to her school. In the evening James and I went to the Christmas Tree in our church. There was a fair turnout but the programme was rather tame. Willie went to Port Perry and Annie was at play practice. James and I at Port Perry in the forenoon.

24 – A very fine day. James fixing car and grinding and Willie and I drew in two loads of corn. Jennie preparing the goose and other things for the Christmas eats. Jennie and I went with James in the car to Bethel Christmas tree. The church was packed to the doors. The play 'The Jonah' was given very well. Willie went to Port Perry for Annie Bell.

25 – A beautiful clear cold and ideal Christmas day. John Michie and all the family here for dinner and tea. Arthur and Ethel Bryant called. Willie away somewhere in the evening. About midnight a phone call came saying Willie was somewhere about Woodville and the car out of repair and that he would not be home tonight.

26 – About 10 below zero in the morning and hardly got up to zero during the day. Bright and clear. I did little but the chores. Annie and Annie Bell at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie got home about 3 pm and Annie, Annie Bell, Willie and James all away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

27 – Very cold; about 20 below in the morning. Jennie, Annie Bell and I went to communion at Greenbank at 11 am. There was rather a small turnout. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie, Willie and James were ready to come but could not get the car started and James and Willie went to Port Perry for a part. Jennie and I went to W. Watson's for dinner and Annie drove King home alone. James then took Annie Bell to Myrtle on her way back to Toronto. He had trouble with the car and did not get back until about 6 pm. Mary Real came with him for tea. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening and Annie and James to Greenbank. E.C. called in the evening.

28 – Very cold all day. Little done outside but the chores. Jennie washing. E. Bryant called. Annie went to C.E. meeting in the evening.

29 – A very fine bright day. Willie and I drew in a load of hay from the hay stack in the forenoon and Willie went with John Michie and Art Bryant to a wood bee for Ray Dusty at Holdershaw's bush. Jennie drove to the W.M. meeting in the church. Mrs. J. Michie went with her. She was elected president for the next year. She was also made a life member. James at C.E. in the evening. Word came that Peter Leask had a stroke this morning.

30 – A fine day. Little doing but the chores. Willie and I drew in 2 loads of hay. James grinding and cutting corn. In the evening Annie went to picture show at Port Perry, Willie to Scugog, and Jennie, James and I went to the annual S.S. meeting. There was rather a small turnout. I was chosen superintendant; E. Leask, Assistant Supt.; E. Cragg, sec.; Armour McMillan, assistant; and Harvey Real, treas.

31 – A very nice day. James went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie went for a load of wood for Ray Dusty in the afternoon. After dinner Bob Akhurst of Cannington came and stayed all afternoon and all night. Annie and James went to choir practice. Ethel Bryant and Elmer Clements called in the evening and there was music and dancing.

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JAN. 1 – A mild day and pretty quiet here. Annie went to Clements' for dinner, James to skate in the evening and Willie to a party about Sonya.

2 – A fine mild day; a little snow about noon. Boys most all day fixing car and James went away with it in the evening. He went out to Bryant's. John Michie's girls, Marie Akhurst and Ethel Bryant here in the afternoon getting hair cut. E. Bryant called twice. Willie away in the evening.

3 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church. James, Willie and Annie went by car and Jennie and I with the cutter. There was 177 present but no lesson and several of the classes failed to get teachers. After school Willie took James in the car to Myrtle on his way back to Toronto. Mr. Dyer preached. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

4 – Mild and thawing some. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. Willie drew up 4 loads of wood from the swamp. Herb Bratley of Whitby called in the forenoon. Word came that J.M. Real died this afternoon.

5 – A dreadful dull dismal foggy day and thawing fast. Spent part of the day splitting wood in the woodshed. Annie drove to her school. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

6 – Rather a rough day. Splitting wood in woodshed. Willie drove with car to Sunderland to take back a bad tire. Annie drove to her school. In the evening Jennie and I went to prayer meeting in the church. On the way up we called in at the late J.M. Real's. Ruth Michie called in the evening.

7 – Fine but pretty cold day. Splitting wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon Jennie and I went to Mrs. Steve Midgley's funeral. There was a fair turnout; Rev. Mr. Higgs was the minister. Willie went to Port Perry for James who is coming home for the funeral tomorrow. Annie drove to her school and went to choir practice in the evening.

8 – A very fine day. Annie drove to her school and then went to hockey match at Port Perry in a sleigh load; Whitby vs. Port Perry (P.P. wins 2 to 1). Willie grinding in the forenoon. In the afternoon went with Jennie and James to J.M. Real's funeral. We went

by car around by the 10th conc. and sideroad. There was a large turnout. Rev. Mr. Dyer preached. Rev. Joseph Real assisted. James out for tea at Real's. George and Velma Michie came for tea and stayed all night.

9 – A fine day and little doing outside. James and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. In the evening Willie went to Port Perry skating while we had a great musical evening. L. Luke came in the afternoon and stayed all night.

10 – A bright clear day but pretty cold. All hands at SS and church. Willie and I went with cutter; Jennie, Annie and James by car and George and Velma with buggy. 140 at SS. Mr. Dyer preached. He preached at Wick in the morning. George and Velma went to A. Akhurst's for tea. Willie went somewhere for tea and Annie and James were out in the evening.

11 – Mild and snowing some most of the day. Willie took James in the car to Myrtle on his way to Toronto. Little done but the chores. Annie drove to her school. E. Bryant brought the horse home and Annie went to a supper at Aldridge's. She did not come home. Mrs. Bryant Sr. called in the afternoon.

12 – Pretty cold but clear day. Jennie washing and ironing. Earl Bryant took Annie's horse to school to bring her home. Willie went to Greenbank in the forenoon for gas and did some grinding and corn cutting in the afternoon. Mr. Bryant Jr. called. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

13 – Pretty cold. Jennie, Willie and I most of the day picking hens and roosters and in the evening Jennie and I took them to Herby Hook at Greenbank. We then went to the annual congregational meeting in the basement of the church. There was a fair turnout. Mr. Dyer was in the chair. The reports of the year were not too bad. When it came to the election of elders there was long discussions and the meeting adjourned to meet again on the 29th of the month. A heavy fog on the way home. Annie went to picture show and Willie to party at Marsh Hill. Mrs. Bryant called.

14 – Rather a snowy day. Jennie and I went to Port Perry market with hens. Annie drove to her school. Willie choring. E. Bryant called.

15 – Fine in the forenoon and drifting in the afternoon. Willie and I drew up two loads of wood from the swamp. In the afternoon Willie went to Port Perry to get his hair cut. Annie drove to her school. Mr. P. Luke came in the afternoon and stayed all night. Willie went to a party near Blackwater and Annie drove to Port Perry for James.

16 – A very fine clear day. James and I cut feed corn in the forenoon and James went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the car. Willie took a load of wood to Epsom for P. Luke and Leola came home with him. Ethel Bryant called. Annie, James and Leola out in the evening.

17 – A mild day. Ray Dusty came for Leola and they went somewhere. All hands at SS. Went with 2 cutters. After SS Willie took James to Myrtle with the car. 157 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie away to Seagrave in the evening. Willie stayed at Port Perry or somewhere.

18 – Very dull. Rain started about 8 am and continued all day. Nothing doing outside. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. The Young People's League was to go to Port Perry this evening but it was called off. Ernest Phair's house damaged by fire.

19 – Mild all day. Willie took Maud to Greenbank and got her shod. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon Willie and I split wood at the pile at Bryant's swamp. Mrs. Bryant Sr. called in the afternoon.

20 – A nice mild day, getting a little colder towards night. Willie and I drew up 6 loads of wood. Annie drove to her school. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

21 – A nice winter day. Annie drove to her school. Willie and his mother went to Port Perry in the afternoon with the car. I splitting wood in the swamp. In the evening all hands at oyster supper at John Michie's. G. Michie and wife; A. Akhurst, wife and Marie; and Nellie O'Neill were also there. Annie and Marie Akhurst went to choir practice.

22 – A little below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Willie drove his mother to Jas. Bott's in the morning and Jas. B. drove her and Mrs. Bott to Blackwater on their way to W.M.S. meeting at Lindsay and Willie went for them in the evening. Annie drove to her school and stayed for oyster supper at Watson's. I went to Port Perry for James.

23 – Rather rough and windy especially in the evening. Willie and I drew up 4 loads of wood and one of corn. James at the engine and grinding some. He was away in the evening. Marie Akhurst came to get hair cut. Ethel Bryant called.

24 – Pretty cold and stormy. All hands at SS and church. Jennie and I by cutter and the boys and Annie by car. 149 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie took James to near Myrtle but had to leave the car on the sideroad at the foot of the hill. He went to Port Perry later. Annie went with E.C. to tea at P. Luke's at Epsom.

25 – A very fine day. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I got the car drawn home and Willie worked at it most of the day (a gear wheel broken). I split wood in the swamp. Jennie washing and in the afternoon visited at Sam Dusty's. Mrs. Bryant called.

26 – A fine day. I was all day cutting wood for C. Phair in his swamp. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Grinding in the afternoon and at a party at Fraser's on the town line in the evening. G. Real held their golden wedding at Uxbridge.

27 – A very fine day. All day cutting wood for C. Phair in his swamp. Annie drove to her school and Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening. Mary L. Real and Marie Akhurst called collecting for the Bible Society.

28 – One terrible cold blustering day. Annie drove to her school (4 pupils) but she did not come home; stayed at Armstrong's. We picked over the potatoes in the cellar in the forenoon. No mail today.

29 – Some warmer but rather rough. In the forenoon I opened out the roads (side roads blocked). Little doing but the chores. In the evening went with Jennie to the adjourned congregational meeting. There was rather a small turnout. The old elders were asked to resign and a new session is to be chosen. 18 names were put up for the 10 places. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry to the hockey match. Port Perry vs. Uxbridge. Uxbridge won 6 to 1. After the game Willie went to a party at Wallace's on the 6th. James did not come home.

30 – Mild and thawing a little all day. Willie and I drew in two loads of corn in the forenoon and Willie cut some and ground some in the afternoon. Annie went to Port Perry in the morning for new S.S. books and in the afternoon went to the church with Hattie Cragg to mark them. John Michie's girls here in the afternoon getting hair cut. Willie away in the evening.

31 – Mild but getting colder with a raw E wind. All hands at SS and church. Annie went up early to finish marking the new books. 137 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached on prohibition. Annie and Willie out again in the evening.

FEB. 1 – Snowing a little from the E most of the day. Annie drove to her school. Willie ground some and little doing.

2 – A very fine day. All day at C. Phair's cutting wood. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry for the lantern to be used in giving a missionary show tomorrow and Annie went to the church in the evening to set it up.

3 – A mild and fine day. All day at C. Phair's cutting wood in his swamp. Willie drawing wood to the shed from the swamp. Annie drove to her school. Jennie, Annie and Willie at missionary lantern pictures in the church.

4 – A very fine day. All day cutting wood for C. Phair. Annie drove to her school. Willie drew up some wood and at a party near Sonya. Mrs. Bryant Sr. called. Ethel Bryant and E. Clements called in the evening. Norman Lyle of Port Perry moved into the house on the Anderson place.

5 – A fine day. Cutting wood for C. Phair all day. Annie drove to her school. Willie drawing up wood. E. Bryant called. In the evening Jennie went to Port Perry for James and I went with C. Phair to session meeting at the parsonage about the election of elders.

6 – Somewhat dull and mild. All day cutting wood for C. Phair. James and Willie all day repairing the car. Annie went to Toronto in the morning. Willie drove her to Port Perry in the morning and E.C. brought her home in the evening. E. Bryant called. G.W. Michie, his wife, and Leola Luke came for supper and stayed all night. Lots of music in the evening.

7 – A fine day. James and Willie went away in the car but did not get back in time for SS. Willie took James to Myrtle with the car but it broke down about Myrtle and it was left there and Willie chanced it home. All the rest were at SS and church. 157 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie out in the evening. George and Velma came here and stayed all night.

8 – A beautiful day. All day at C. Phair's cutting wood. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. Willie took oats to Port Perry mill to be ground and away somewhere in the evening. George and Velma went to Mrs. W. Rennie's at Wick.

9 – Rather a raw E wind. All day cutting wood for C. Phair. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. Jennie at W.M.S. in the church.

10 – Pretty cold with NE wind. All day at C. Phair's cutting wood. Jennie ironing and baking. Annie drove to her school. Willie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

11 – Pretty cold but clear day. All day cutting wood for C. Phair. Annie drove to her school. Willie went and drew 2 loads of wood from G. Real's swamp for the church. We had W. Moon to see sick cow in the evening. Annie went to supper at Stone's in the evening.

12 – A very fine day. All day at C. Phair's cutting wood. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon and to party near Marsh Hill in the evening. Jennie went to Port Perry for James.

13 – A very fine day and thawing some. All day helping C. Phair to cut wood. Willie drew in load of corn. James away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called twice.

14 – A very nice but dull day. All hands at SS and church with two cutters; 175 at SS. After school Jennie drove James to Myrtle and just as they got there Norman Bryant took him in his car to Toronto. Mr. Dyer preached; he also preached at Port Perry. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

15 – Not so nice; some snow at times and getting cold towards night. All day helping C. Phair in the swamp. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Willie drew out some manure.

16 – Cold and stormy most of the day. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her. Willie did the chores and I did very little. Jennie ironing. E. Bryant called for the mail. Annie, Willie and Ruth C. at C.E. meeting in the evening.

17 – A very fine day and mild. Spent most of the forenoon exploring C. Phair's swamp for wood lot and in the afternoon went down again and bought ¼ acre for \$12.00. Annie drove to her school. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon calling on Mrs. J.M. Real and Mrs. Switzer and Mrs. W. Watson. Annie at picture show at Port Perry in the evening and Willie away somewhere.

18 – Snowing a little at times. Cutting wood in the lot bought from C. Phair. Annie drove to her school. Jennie at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie came for a load of wood where I was cutting. Mrs. E. Bryant called. Annie at choir practice.

19 – Snow during the night and drifting all day and getting colder. Little done but the chores. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I went with the sleigh to break the road for her coming home. No mail. Willie went to Port Perry to meet James. Ethel Bryant called.

20 – A fine day. Willie went to Phair's swamp for a load of wood in the morning and I went with him and cut the rest of the day. He came for another load towards night. Marie Akhurst and John Michie's girls came to get hair trimmed. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Leola Luke came and stayed all night.

21 – A very fine winter day. All hands at SS and church; 185 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. After SS Jennie drove James to Myrtle when he took the car that has been there the last two weeks and went on to Toronto. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

22 – All day cutting wood in C. Phair's lot. Willie drew home 3 loads. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. In the evening I went to session meeting at the parsonage. All, including the new members, were present. It continued until after midnight. Willie went to clean up the hall for the party to be held on Wed. evening.

23 – A very fine day. Cutting wood in C. Phair's swamp wood lot and Willie drew home 3 loads. Annie drove to her school. In the evening Jennie and I went to the Ladies Aid social in the basement of the church. There was a good supper and a nice turnout and a short programme. About \$25.00 was made. A very fine night.

24 – A very fine day. Jennie and I went with the cutter to P. Luke's at Epsom to bid farewell to George and Velma. We got there a little before dinner and stayed until near six pm. John Michie and wife; Nellie O'Neill; Albert Akhurst and wife and later Amos Rodd and wife were also there and we had a very pleasant time. Sleighing good. Annie drove to her school and Willie and Annie at a dance in the Greenbank hall in the evening.

25 – Started to rain about 8:30 from the SE and continued most of the day. Willie and I went for a load of wood and got pretty well soaked. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her and stayed all night. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements here in the evening. E. Bryant called in the afternoon for the mail but there was no mail today.

26 – A very rough snowy day. Willie and I finished drawing home the wood on the C. Phair lot. Annie drove to her school. James phoned from Myrtle that he is stuck there with the car and will have to stay there all night.

27 – Very cold all day. Down to zero in the evening. Willie went to Port Perry for James. Ethel Bryant called for the mail. James away in the evening.

28 – Rather disagreeable day; not very cold but snowing some. James and Willie started for Myrtle about 11 am and they got the car going and James on the way to Toronto. Willie got home about 5 pm. Jennie, Annie and I at SS and church; 167 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

MAR. 1 – Very dull with heavy snow in the forenoon. Very little doing either outside or in. Annie drove to her school and did not come back but stayed all night at Frank Watson's.

2 – Rather fine during the day but towards night there was a heavy snowstorm. Jennie and I went to Port Perry in the afternoon to see the Dr. about my left big toe which is bad. Dr. D. Archer says it has been frozen. Willie and Annie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

3 – Rough, stormy and snowing all day. Things are getting pretty well drifted up. Little doing. I was in the house nearly all day nursing sore toe. Annie drove to her school but did not come home. She stayed at Armstrong's. E. Bryant called in the afternoon.

4 – Below zero in the morning and very cold all day. Jennie and Willie went to Greenbank in the afternoon. E. Bryant called. Annie did not come home. Was in the house nearly all day nursing toe.

5 – Below zero in the morning and all day very cold. Annie came home from her school. E. Bryant and Ethel called. Jennie baking. I went to Port Perry in the evening for James. Willie at party at Russell Rodd's.

6 – A beautiful clear day; below zero in the morning. Annie drove her mother to the noon train on her way to Newcastle on a visit of some days as Aunt Liz is not well. Leola Luke came about 10 am and got us our dinner. After dinner Willie went to Greenbank to wash up the cups used at the last party in the hall. I went with him and L. Luke went up to Ray Dusty's. Ethel Bryant called. Annie, Willie and James away somewhere in the evening.

7 – Snowing most of the day off and on. All at SS; 168 present; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie took James to Myrtle. The 10 newly chosen elders were inducted. Willie and Annie out again in the evening.

8 – Snowing most of the day. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I kept house and did the chores. E. Bryant called to get help to cut wood tomorrow.

9 – A very fine day. Annie drove to her school and Willie was all day helping E. Bryant to cut wood so I was alone all day. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting in the evening.

10 – Rather a fine day and drifting some. Annie drove to her school. Willie drove me to Port Perry to the noon train to take me to Toronto to hear the Mendelssohn choir tomorrow night, but we got stuck in the snow just before we got to Manchester station and they had to back down to Port Perry where they got to about 3:30. Annie Gordon was also on the train and she came home with me on John Michie's sleigh. Elmer Wallace came for Annie G. in the evening. Willie away somewhere.

11 – A fine day. Annie drove to her school. Willie drove me to Port Perry to the 9:30 train and I went via Manilla to Toronto. Got dinner at Eaton's and wandered about and got up to James' boarding house at the corner of St. Clair and Weston Road at 5 o'clock. James took me out for a ride in the car which has been in Toronto for some time. After supper we went to Massey Hall and heard the great Mendelssohn choir which was surely something great. Then back and stayed with James all night.

12 – A little snow through the night and colder. Took the street car and landed at Mason's about 9:30 and got dinner there and had a nice visit. Met James at the station and Willie met us at Port Perry. Annie drove to her school and went to a play at Seagrave in the evening. Willie did the chores.

13 – About zero in the morning and clear and cold all day. Annie washed, scrubbed, baked and ironed. James went somewhere for tea and Willie went to Port Perry in the evening.

14 – A bright clear day. All at SS; 161 present. Willie drove James to Myrtle. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

15 – A very fine day. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I tried to draw in some of the corn which is still by the fence but we could not do anything with it as there was too much snow. E. Bryant called in the morning to telephone. Ethel, he thinks, is taking the measles. Willie and Annie went with the sleigh to take a load of young people to visit Port Perry Young People's League. I went up to Norman Lyle's in the evening to see Norman who is laid up with an abscess on his ankle. Snowing some.

16 – A fine day. Annie drove to her school but stayed all night at A. Bruce's. In the evening I went to a joint meeting of session and stewards in the church. Willie at party at W. Thomas'.

17 – A beautiful clear day. Little doing but the chores. Mr. E. Bryant called (Ethel Bryant down with the measles). Annie came home from school. Willie went with sleigh load to party at Sunderland.

18 – A very fine day. Went with C. Phair to Port Perry and with Mr. Dyer and G.A. McMillan went by train to Whitby to the South Ontario Prohibition Union meeting. There was a rather small turnout but the meeting was lively. Got supper at the Ladies' Aid of the United Church. Annie drove to her school and Willie did the chores. Wilson's store at Greenbank burned.

19 – Quite a heavy snowstorm after dinner and rain in the evening. Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with eggs. I intended to help C. Phair saw wood but the snow came on. Annie drove to her school and Willie went for James to Port Perry. He came by the car as far as Myrtle.

20 – A very fine day and thawing some. I did the chores while Willie helped C. Phair to cut wood;. Willie and James away in the evening. Annie washed, scrubbed, ironed and other things.

21 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS; 151 present; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie took James to Myrtle and did not come home for supper. Annie did not go out.

22 – Another very fine day and the snow going fast. Helping C. Phair to saw wood. Willie took load of saw logs to Stone's at Seagrave. Roads getting bad. Annie drove to her school and in the evening went out collecting for a present for Mary L. Real.

23 – Heavy rain in the early morning and some rain most of the day which turned to sleet towards night. Annie drove to her school but there were only 2 pupils so she came home after dinner. Willie walked to Greenbank in the forenoon to take the cups back to the church which they had at the last dance. E. Bryant called in the afternoon. No mail today.

24 – A fine day and thawing. Willie drove Annie to her school and then went on to Port Perry. Annie stayed at Armstrong's all night. Willie went to party at Owens' in the evening.

25 – A very fine day and thawing. Willie went to Seagrave with 3 sawlogs. About 11 am Annie phoned over saying the school had been closed until after Easter on account of measles and other things so I drove over after her, going by Honeys Corners. Annie drove to Greenbank in the afternoon to see about the Mary L. Real present and stayed to choir practice in the evening.

26 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to Port Perry where she took the 9:30 train for Toronto. She came home with James in the car. They could not get nearer than Port Perry. Willie went that far for them. Mrs. Bryant Sr. and E. Bryant called. Willie and I drew up to the barn the last of the sawlogs from Luke's swamp. There was a farewell presentation to Mary L. Real in the church but none of us got to it as it was too late when they got home.

27 – A fine day. Willie went with Francis Lee and Laura Thomas to Peterborough to visit Miss [Rita?] Trip who is in the hospital having had her leg broken in an accident. Annie did the house-keeping work. I was helping John Michie to cut two trees in Bryant's swamp. Mrs. E. Bryant called. James away in the evening.

28 – A fine but rather cold day. Annie, James and I at SS; 168 present; Mr. Dyer preached. James, after SS, drove to Port Perry where he met Willie who had got that far back from Peterborough. James took the car and went on to Toronto while Willie brought the horse home. Willie, Frank Lee and Laura Thomas were out at night. Annie out in the evening.

29 – A fine day. Willie and I tried to draw in the last of the hay-stack and some corn but did not succeed very well on account of snow and frost. Cleaned out hen and pig house in the afternoon. Annie washing. Cawker called and bought the two steers for 6 cts.

30 – A fine day and thawing. Willie and I cutting wood that came from C. Phair's swamp. Spent most of the forenoon making a sawhorse. The assessor Mr. H.B. [McKerchen?] called and had his dinner here. Ethel Bryant called. Annie and Willie at League meeting in the evening.

31 – A terrible day of snow and hail and almost from the SE which continued all day. Little doing. After dinner Willie drove Annie to Armstrong's to Dale's wedding. She and G. Sweetman were married today and Annie was bridesmaid.

APR. 1 – Another day of snow and wind. Little doing but the chores. Annie baking. Willie went with E. Bryant to Port Perry for oats and in the evening to Port Perry with the sleigh for James who is home for Easter holidays. Ethel Bryant called.

2 – Rather a fine day. Willie and I cut some wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon Willie went to John Love's sale. In the evening Annie, James and I went to preparatory services in the church. Mr. Dyer preached. 6 new members came in: Jean and Ruth Michie; Ethel Bryant; Clara Gibson; Roy Cragg and --- Briden. Ethel Bryant and Alma and Ruth Clements here for supper. Good Friday. No mail.

3 – Another terrible day. Started to snow from the E and continued all the rest of the day; almost rain sometimes. Willie went to Seagrave with sawlogs. I don't remember seeing so much snow at this time of the year.

4 – Rather a fine day and thawing. Annie, Willie, James and I went with the sleigh (and splendid sleighing it was) to communion service at the church. There was a fairly good turnout. Mr. Dyer preached. I got dinner at W. Watson's. The rest came home and Annie and James came back for SS at 3 o'clock. 138 at SS. James struck for Uxbridge and Annie and I came home with Bryant's. Annie and Willie out in the evening. More snow coming.

5 – Snowing some in the morning. Willie and I took the 2 steers to Cawker at Port Perry. James came with the cutter (splendid sleighing). Cut some wood in the afternoon. Annie went with E.C. to a reception at Pleasant Point to Mrs. and Mrs. G. Sweetman. I went to Port Perry evening train and met Jennie who has been just a month at Newcastle.

6 – A very fine day and thawing some. Went to Port Perry in the morning with the cutter and Willie and I cutting wood in the afternoon. Jennie washing. Ethel Bryant called. Willie and Annie at League in the evening.

7 - A fine day and thawing a little. Willie and I cut some wood. Ethel Bryant called. James went to Uxbridge. Willie somewhere and Annie for a ride with E.C. Port Perry high school was burned down in the evening.

8 – A fine day and thawing some. Willie and I cut some wood. Ethel Bryant called. James and Annie at choir practice in the evening.

9 – A fine day. Willie and I cutting wood. James and his mother went to Port Perry in the forenoon. He tried to get the car (which has been there for some time) but he failed. Willie went to Port Perry in the evening to the train and brought home Jessie Bell who has been at Newcastle.

10 – Another fine day and thawing some. Willie and James with the buggy. They got the car started. Willie and I finished cutting the wood pile. James went to Uxbridge and Willie to Port Perry in the evening. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements called in the evening.

11 – A fine day but rather cool. All hands, including Jessie Bell, at SS and church. We went in two buggies. Jessie Bell, Annie and I went by the 10th conc. by the mill which was a very poor road. Jennie and the boys went by the fields and got there first. 161 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie, Jessie Bell and I came home by the fields; got the buggy down in the snow; broke the harness and had to leave the buggy. Willie took James to Port Perry where he took the car to Toronto where he starts to teach again tomorrow. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

12 – A fine but rather cool day. Thawing some but there are snow drifts in many places at least 5 feet deep. Willie drove Annie part way to her school. She is to stay at Armstrong's for a time. Willie and I cut up a dead maple tree by the roadside. Jennie washing. Jessie Bell cooking. Ethel Bryant called.

13 – A fine and warm day and thawing fast. Willie and I drew into the woodshed the maple tree cut yesterday and in the afternoon helped Ray Dusty to break the road. Snow 4 or 5 feet deep yet. Used team and plough. Jennie went to W.M.S. meeting. She took

Mrs. John Michie with her. Willie at Young People's League in the evening.

14 – Warm and thawing fast in the forenoon but after dinner the wind changed to the NW and it became quite cold. Great northern lights in the evening. I split wood in the woodshed. Jessie Bell making dress for Jennie.

15 – A very hard frost in the morning and not very warm all day. Thawing a little. Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning. I split some wood. Willie away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called twice.

16 – Snow in the morning from the SW. Thawing a little but it got colder towards night with high NW wind. Willie at John Michie's helping to cut wood. I split some wood. I went for Annie. Went by the 12th and came home by the 9th. Road not too good. James came home in the car. He got as far as E. Bryant's gate. Mary L. Real, who had been in Toronto, came with him and stayed all night. Willie away in the evening.

17 – A very cold blustery day. James got the car from Bryant's gate and into the barn and he worked at it most of the day. Willie helping Sam Dusty to cut wood. Annie and Mary L. Real went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Annie got her hair bobbed. I split wood. James took M.L. up to Harvey's in the evening. Ethel Bryant called twice. All John Michie's family up getting their hair cut.

18 – Rather a fine day but rather cold. James and Jessie Bell left about 12 o'clock with the car for Toronto. Leola Luke called in the forenoon. Went to SS and church with Jennie, Annie and Willie. 168 at SS; Rev. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

19 – Another fine but very cold day with bitter N wind. Willie drove Annie to her school (she is to stay at Armstrong's this week). I splitting wood. Jennie washing. Willie drawing out manure in the afternoon and away in the evening. Mrs. E. Bryant called.

20 – Warmer and more like spring. Willie at Jas. Bott's cutting wood. I was splitting wood and in the afternoon helping John Michie to finish cutting his wood. Jennie at Greenbank in the afternoon. Willie at League meeting in the evening. E. Bryant called.

21 – Warm and spring like in earnest. Snow going rapidly. Thunder about 5 pm and a little rain. Willie drove his mother and Hattie Cragg to Blackwater on their way to W.M. S. presbyterial meeting at Lindsay today and tomorrow. I split wood and finished the job. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Mrs. Bryant called. John Michie brought the beef, the first of the season.

22 – A fine day and warm. The snow going fast. Willie and I drew in some corn and then Willie broke the snow in the lane. E. Bryant called. In the evening Willie went to Blackwater for his mother who had a big time in Lindsay.

23 – A very fine day. At the berry bushes in the forenoon. Willie pruning orchard. In the afternoon I went down to the 10th concession and took out several sticks that were coming up. Willie went

for Annie and in the evening went to Greenbank expecting to meet James coming home from Toronto with the car but he did not come. E. Bryant called, also C. Phair.

24 – Mild with heavy rain part of the afternoon with thunder. Jennie and Annie went to Port Perry in the morning for paper for the kitchen. I helped Ray Dusty to fill up hole in the 10th conc. near the spring. Willie at Ernest Phair's helping to cut wood. Ethel Bryant called. Word came that Mrs. E. Bryant's mother died in Oshawa this morning. Rain in the afternoon. I went to Greenbank to meet James who came from Toronto by car. Got stuck twice on the road between Myrtle and Manchester and had to be pulled out at \$2.00 a pull. The car was left at Greenbank. James at Uxbridge and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. E. Bryant called in the evening.

25 – A very disagreeable day. High NW wind with rain and snow and freezing in the evening. Willie drove James to Myrtle in the buggy. He saw 11 cars stuck in the mud between Manchester and Myrtle. Jennie did not go to SS as she had a bad headache. Annie and I went. 109 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie and Annie out in the evening. Ed Bryant called twice to telephone.

26 – A quite cold day. Willie drove Annie to her school and in the afternoon I helped C. Phair to cut wood. I washed the kitchen ceiling first with water, then with alabastine. Jennie cleaning up. Mrs. Bryant Sr. called. E. Bryant went to Oshawa to his mother-in-law's funeral.

27 – A fine and warm day. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. I took straw off the strawberry patch and went to Mrs. O'Neill's for a trowel. Jennie cleaning kitchen. In the afternoon Willie at C. Phair's cutting wood. I plastering some places in kitchen. Bob Wells called.

28 – Heavy rain through the night and most of the forenoon. Everything very wet. Water standing everywhere and not a thing done on the land yet anywhere hereabouts. Willie went for the beef. I helping Jennie to paper the kitchen. Ethel Bryant called. Willie out in the evening.

29 – Another dull day with rain in the forenoon. Willie and I drew in the last of the hay stack which was pretty well soaked to the bottom. Jennie washing. In the afternoon Willie helping C. Phair to cut wood. Jennie at Greenbank with eggs. I at berry bushes. Clarence O'Neill came for a load of straw. Ethel B. called.

30 – Another very dull day with lots of rain. W. Phoenix phoned and I went to Greenbank to help level up about the hall but rain came on and I came home for dinner. Willie went to Bethel for Annie. James did not come home. Helen Phair taken to Port Perry hospital and operated on for appendicitis.

MAY 1 – A really fine spring-like day. I was all day at berry bushes. Willie pruning apple trees and drew in some corn. Ethel Bryant called twice. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

2 – A really warm spring day, the warmest of the season. Jennie, Annie and I drove (Willie walked) to SS and church. 145 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Willie at G. Lee's and Annie at Alex Gordon's for tea. Jean and Ruth Michie called in the evening.

About 9 pm Bert Hunt of Port Perry, in a car with two girls, got stuck in the mud just at our gate and we had a job getting them out.

3 – Cold again and raw all day. Willie took Annie to her school. Afterwards we put away the cutters and sleigh. I plowed the garden and tried to get the water out of the cellar by the drain but did not succeed. Cleaned out the berry bushes. Jennie cleaning whitewash paper and painting the pantry. Ed Bryant got our seed drill and sowed the field W of his house. This is the first seeding that I have heard of this season. Ethel Bryant called.

4 – A very cold morning and not very warm all day. Willie drove me to Greenbank in the morning early and I went with Mr. Dyer in his car to presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Rev. D.D. McDonald, John Heron and John Bott went with us. There was a large attendance. Mr. McDonald resigned from Wick charge. It was 10 pm before we left for home. Jennie housecleaning the pantry, painting, etc. Willie at League meeting in the evening. He brought the car home which has been at Greenbank for some time.

5 – Warmer. Jennie washing. Willie and I at cellar drain in the forenoon and got the water out, cleaned the brush out of the orchard and took potatoes out of the cellar. Mrs. E. Bryant and Ethel called. Willie away with the car and got bogged at the gate. He went to Port Perry but had to leave the car at Greenbank.

6 – Dull all day and much rain with thunder most of the afternoon and everything wetter than ever. Willie walked to Greenbank to bring home the car but Tom Brown was not at home. Jennie cleaning out cellar.

7 – Quite warm all day. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. I re-laid the brick in the pig house that were torn up. In the afternoon Willie took the buggy wheel to Greenbank to get fixed. Annie did not come home direct from her school but went to Little Britain to visit Dale Sweetman. Willie at party at Scugog in the evening. James came home with another car he has bought.

8 – A fine day. Willie and I drew in the last of the corn which has been at the fence side all winter. Annie did not come home as Mrs. Armstrong is very sick. James went to Greenbank with his car in the afternoon, then Willie and him went to Port Perry. Willie scuffled berry bushes and went to Port Perry in the evening and James to Uxbridge. Ethel Bryant called. John Michie's girls came up to get their hair cut.

9 – A very fine but cool day. Annie is still at Armstrong's but Mrs. A. is some better. Willie walked and Jennie and I went with James in his car to SS. 165 at SS. Mr. Dyer conducted a Mother's day service instead of the usual church service and did it well. James started by car to Toronto at 5:30 pm. Laura Clements went with him. Willie away in the evening.

10 – Rather dull with some rain in the forenoon but better in the afternoon. I went to Port Perry in the morning and got two horse collars. Willie plowed the strawberry patch. Jennie up visiting Mrs. S. Dusty who has been sick but is now some better. Mrs. E. Bryant called.

11 – A fine but rather cool day. Willie cultivating SW field, the first work of this kind this spring. I at cellar drain and other jobs.

Jennie at W.M. meeting at the church. Mrs. John Michie went with her. Willie at League meeting in the evening. Errol and Ethel Bryant went with him. Annie came home with some eggs.

12 – A very fine day. Willie cultivating all day. I fanned up seed in the forenoon and hoeing berry bushes in the afternoon. Jennie housecleaning upstairs. Mrs. E. Bryant called. Willie took eggs to Greenbank in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. Willie cultivating and harrowing. I was most of the day at berry bushes. Jennie washing. Ethel Bryant brought over 3 nice suckers. Mr. Bryant also called. Willie away in the evening. E. Bryant planting early potatoes.

14 – A very fine day. Willie sowed the SW field, the first sown this year. I at berry bushes, cleaned up about the wood pile and in the garden. Jennie housecleaning. Mrs. Bryant called. James went with Mr. Witty to St. Thomas.

15 – A very fine day. I fanned up seed while Willie sowed field NW of barn. Jennie putting in garden. Ethel Bryant and Marie Akhurst here getting hair cut and Jean and Ruth called in the evening. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

16 – Another beautiful day. All at SS and church. 142 at SS. Rev. Reuben Stilwell of Uxbridge preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening. Bob Wells wheeled over to see Willie in the afternoon.

17 – A fine warm day. Willie cultivated N field. I fanned up oats, fixed fence, hoed berry bushes and other things. Jennie housecleaning. Annie drove to her school. E. Bryant got the seed drill to finish his sowing. Ray Dusty having a time with auto agents and buys a car. Ethel Bryant called. There was quite a lot of thunder during the afternoon but only a few drops of rain here.

18 – Another fine day. Willie harrowed and partly sowed the N field. I finished the berry bushes. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. E. Bryant got the drill and finished his seeding. Annie and Willie at League meeting in the evening.

19 – Very dull all day with rain from the SE off and on. Willie went for the beef. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went with C. Phair to Port Perry to bring home Helen who has been in the hospital for some time. Nothing doing outside on account of the rain. Got colder in the evening.

20 – Rather a cold and windy day. Willie finished sowing oats and then harrowed. Annie drove to her school. I helped Jennie to paper ceiling of parlour. Mr. Bryant called. Annie at choir practice and Willie somewhere in the evening.

21 – Some rain about noon. Willie finished harrowing in the forenoon and plowed the orchard in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie baking and housecleaning. I did some small jobs. A baby boy came to C. Phair's house this morning.

22 – Very dull all day with rain sometimes. James and Willie went to Greenbank with James' car and got the other car fixed and brought it home. James and Annie then went to Port Perry. I plowed in orchard. In the afternoon Willie went to Port Perry for

Annie Bell of Toronto. Willie and Annie then went to I. Irving's for setting eggs. Ed Bryant called. Willie and Annie away in the evening. Cold and wet in the evening.

23 – A fine but pretty cool day with high NW wind. James took Jennie and I in his car to Wick to their anniversary service. Rev. W.A. McKay of Streetsville preached. We then came to the SS where there were 157 present; Mr. Dyer preached. Miss Bagshaw of Hamilton sang a solo. James went to Uxbridge for tea, Annie to Wick and Willie somewhere.

24 – A fine but cool day. Little doing in the forenoon. In the afternoon James went to Uxbridge, then back home, and then to Toronto, taking Annie Bell with him. Annie went to Zion with E.C. Jennie and I went with Willie to the tea party at Wick. There was a good attendance. Sunderland orchestra; John Walker of Mount Albert and a female quartet gave the programme. Nearly \$200.00 was taken in.

25 – A very fine day. We put 8 young cattle into C. Phair's pasture for the season. Got Ed Bryant's manure spreader and drew out manure. Annie drove to her school. Ross Blakely called to get help on a debate. Earl Bryant shot a skunk south of our house. Annie and Willie at League meeting in the evening.

26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 – A fine day. Left with Mr. Dyer in his car about 6 am for the Bay of Quinte conference of the United Church of Canada at Kingston. Rev. Mr. Higgs of Port Perry and T. Dobson of Manchester went with us. Got to Kingston about 1 pm and was billeted with Mrs. A. Miller, 92 Clergy Street and for the time until Monday May 31 was spent at the various meetings of the conference. Got home about 10 pm on Monday May 31. Annie was at Oshawa seeing Mrs. F. Watson who is in the hospital. A great change in the vegetation while I was away.

JUNE 1 – Warm with a very heavy rain about 1 pm and again about 6:30 and also in the forenoon. Got Elmer Clements, with his potato planter, and put in the potatoes; 30 drills. Willie went to Port Perry for seed corn, etc. and I planted the patch near the barn pump. Annie drove to her school. Willie and Annie at League meeting in the evening.

2 – Cool all day and getting more so towards night with rain which almost came to snow. Willie at Jas. Dusty's helping with manure. I planted some corn in the orchard. Annie drove to her school. Willie away somewhere in the evening. Earl Bryant called.

3 – James came home in the early morning, this being the King's birthday and holiday in his school. Very cold and windy. I went to Port Perry in the forenoon with James. Annie drove to her school. Jennie oiling the kitchen floor. Willie at Jim Dusty's and I was rolling in the afternoon. James left for Toronto about 5 pm. Annie at choir practice in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

4 – A very fine day. Willie rolling N field while I planted strawberries. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon Willie and I went with the waggon to Seagrave to Stone's saw mill and got our logs sawed and brought one load home. James came home bringing Mr. Witty, a teacher in James' school. Annie and Willie went to Greenbank to a League committee meeting.

5 – A very fine day. I planted strawberries most of the day. Willie went to Seagrave for the remainder of the lumber. James took Mr. Whitty to Port Perry and Scugog Island, Annie to Port Perry and then to her school to help the entrance class. Afternoon boys fixing cars. In the evening Willie went somewhere. Annie to Oshawa and James to Uxbridge. Marie Akhurst, Ruth Clements and Ethel Bryant called.

6 – A fine day until evening when it started to rain from the SE. All but Mr. Whitty having forgot his Sunday clothes and did not go. Mr. Dyer preached giving a report of the conference at Kingston. James and Mr. Witty left for Toronto about 5:30. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

7 – Rather cool. Willie drawing out manure until about the middle of the afternoon when a thunder shower came up. I finished planting the strawberries. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Willie was going to Greenbank to a reorganization of the S. of T. division but a very black cloud came up but not much rain came. Mrs. Bryant called.

8 – Several rain showers. Willie and I drawing out manure with the waggon in the forenoon and with E. Bryant's manure spreader in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to W.M.S. meeting in the church. Willie and Annie at League meeting in the evening. Raleigh man called. Mr. McDermott of Port Perry brought Annie's new bedroom suite. Helen Phair was taken again to the hospital at Port Perry and was operated on for stoppage of the bowels.

9 – A fine day. Willie went for the beef while I harrowed the orchard and planted some corn and hoed. Willie plowing. Annie drove to her school. In the evening Willie drove Jennie and I to prayer meeting. We first called in to see W. Watson who has been ill. Annie at Seagrave.

10 – A very fine cool day. Plowing in the forenoon while Jennie and Willie went to Port Perry. Willie plowing in the afternoon. I making stone boat. E. Bryant called for some strawberry plants. Annie at choir practice. Willie teaching John Michie to run his car. Jennie visiting at C. Phair's in the afternoon.

11 – A very fine day. Not feeling very well and did little in the forenoon. Willie drawing out manure all day with three horses, one from Bryant's. Annie drove to her school. Jennie weeding the garden. In the evening Willie helping John Michie with his car. They all but Lizzie came up here.

12 – Rain in the morning. Boys most of the day in the shop. I plowing. After dinner James, Willie and I went to Sunderland in James' car. Ethel Bryant and John Michie's girls here in the afternoon getting hair cut. Ethel Bryant is to stay here for awhile as Arthur Bryant is home sick with the measles. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

13 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 161 st SS; Mr. Dyer preached. James went with John Michie to help him with his car. He got supper at John's and left for Toronto about 6:30. Annie and Willie and Ethel Bryant out in the evening.

14 – A great day of rain from the E. Willie went north of Greenbank to bring home the car which was stalled there last night and he got home about 10 am. I plowed awhile until rain came on. Jennie washing. Afternoon Willie plowed awhile until rain came on again. A terrible rain from the E and continued most of the night. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her. Ethel Bryant also here all night.

15 – A very fine day. Willie plowing and harrowing corn land. I planting corn in orchard. Mr. Dyer and children came for some strawberry plants. Annie drove to her school. Jennie ironing. Willie and Annie at League meeting.

16 – A very fine day. Finished planting corn in the orchard. Willie harrowing the corn ground. After dinner we sowed field corn until the seed ran out. Willie harrowed it. Jennie cleaned out woodhouse. Annie drove to her school. Ethel Bryant here overnight. Willie away in the evening.

17 – A very fine day. Harrowed the orchard and the turnip land, finished sowing corn and drilled some for turnips. Willie and his mother at Port Perry in the forenoon. Willie laid up in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and went to choir practice in the evening. Ethel Bryant here all night. Ruth Michie called in the evening.

18 – A very fine cool day. Drilling up turnips and sowed 60 drills. John Michie got the drill. Willie most of the day fixing car. Annie drove to her school. About 5:30 James came home, bringing Nancy and James Thompson of Toronto to spend the weekend. Willie at Greenbank in the evening. Ethel Bryant called 3 times, also E. Bryant.

19 – Another very fine but cool day. Finished drilling and sowing turnips. Willie took a load to SS class picnic at Oshawa with John Michie's car. James first went for Mary L. Real who came here for dinner and then took her, with Annie and Nancy and Jim, to Oshawa. Annie stayed at Port Perry on their way home.

20 – A beautiful but cool day. All hands at SS and church; 163 at SS; the Rev. of Bloomington preached. James with Jas. and Nancy Thompson started for Toronto about 6 pm. Annie at Seagrave Anniversary. Willie somewhere.

21 – A fine day until about 7 pm. There was a little rain with thunder. All day at C. Phair's fixing fences. Willie helping E. Bryant to hoe potatoes. Jennie washing. Jennie drove Annie to her school. She is to meet the trustees tonight. Engaged for another year.

22 – A very fine but cool day. At C. Phair's in the forenoon. Willie at E. Bryant's all day. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon Willie Smith, with his wife, mother and daughter, came for a visit. They left for home about 7 pm. Annie at Seagrave anniversary. Willie at Young People's League.

23 – Several thunder showers in the afternoon. All day at C. Phair's. Willie at E. Bryant's until about 3 when rain came on. Annie drove to her school and Mary Egelson came with her and stayed all night. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

24 – Another very fine day. All day at C. Phair's. Willie went to Jim Dusty's with car and on the way home it went broke and he spent most of the day repairing it. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. Jennie went to Greenbank in the afternoon with Mrs. John Michie. Willie and Earl Bryant to Greenbank to football in the evening. E. Bryant called.

25 – Went to Port Perry in the forenoon with the buggy. Thunder shower in the afternoon. Hoed berry bushes. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Jas. Dusty's.

26 – Cool, quite a lot of thunder but only a few drops of rain here. Scuffled potatoes twice over. Willie at Jas. Dusty's. John Michie's girls, Marie Akhurst and Ethel Bryant here in the afternoon getting hair cut. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

27 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church. Anniversary service by Rev. Mr. Wright of Bloor at Church in Toronto preached to full houses afternoon and evening. Miss Bowan gave a solo. James went to Uxbridge and Willie somewhere. Separator bust at the evening milking.

28 – A fine but cool day. Willie and I finished drawing out manure and Willie plowed in the afternoon. Jennie washing. James fixing separator. Annie drove to her school, the last day for the year. Willie went to Uxbridge in the evening for Norman Lyle. Annie drove James' car to Saintfield, Seagrave, Honeydale and home. Ethel Bryant called.

29 – A very fine day. Willie all day at bee at E. Bryant's graveling his lane. James and I fixing car and other jobs. Jennie ironing. Mr. Bryant Sr. called. In the evening James took Jennie and I to a picture show in the town hall at Port Perry. 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was the play and it was pretty good. Willie away in the evening.

30 – A beautiful day. Jennie and the boys went by car to Newcastle to see Aunt Lizzie. I plowed and harrowed the H. grass land. Annie's horse got out of pasture and I had to go to Jim Gibson's for her. Leola Luke came and stayed all night.

JULY 1 – A most beautiful day. Willie sowed the H. grass in the morning. Jennie baking. James, Annie and Leola went to Bethel. All hands at anniversary in the afternoon. There was a very big crowd. It took from 5 to 9 pm to feed them all. The concert was outside. Jas. Fax was the chief attraction. Over \$300.00 taken in.

2 – A warm day. Willie took two hogs to Seagrave; 500 lbs. \$75.00. James and I fixing engine in shop. After dinner James went with his car to Greenbank and towed home Willie's one which was there all night. In the evening Annie and E.C. went to Scugog. They took James' car. Willie at Greenbank.

3 – Quite warm and fine. In the forenoon went with Willie and James to Port Perry. Had two blowouts and the boys were the most of the afternoon fixing it up. I putting new fence about the hen yard. Ethel Bryant called. Willie at Sunderland or somewhere. Annie at Port Perry.

4 – A beautiful day. All hands at SS and church; 142 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Clark and J.C. Dyer came home with us for supper

and a feed of strawberries. James went to Uxbridge. Annie to church and Willie somewhere. Jean Michie also here for tea.

5 – A very fine and warm day. Planted some corn where the hens had scratched up and helped Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries; 26 boxes, the first picking. Boys went to Joe Holdershaw's for some pieces of car. After dinner James and Annie went to Uxbridge with berries and then the boys fixed the car. Ethel Bryant called. Willie at ball practice in the evening.

6 – A beautiful day. Hoeing potatoes all day. Jennie washing. James most of the time in the shop and went to Uxbridge in the evening. Willie and Annie at Bethel community picnic at Port Bolster. Willie took a load.

7 – A fine and pretty warm day. Willie went for the beef the first thing, then got E. Bryant's corn cultivator and cultivated the corn and banked up the potatoes. James most of the day in the shop. I hoed some and in the afternoon helped Jennie and Annie to pick strawberries; 65 boxes picked. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and family here for supper and Annie and James at choir practice. Willie away somewhere. Ethel Bryant called. Roy and Henry Leask came for 3 heifers.

8 – A very warm scorching day. Hoed in the orchard most of the day. James and Jennie went to Uxbridge in the forenoon with strawberries and Mary L. Real came home with them. Willie all day at his car. James, Annie and Mary L. went to Port Perry in the afternoon and to Alex Gordon's in the evening. Ethel Bryant called. After supper Jennie, Willie and I started to go to Epsom to see Mr. and Mrs. Luke but we had a blow out at Midgley's gate and we went no further but came home.

9 – Some rain after dinner and in the evening, which was needed as it was getting rather dry. Helping Jennie, Annie, Willie and Ethel Bryant to pick strawberries; about 100 boxes. James took them to Uxbridge in the afternoon. Willie at the car and I hoeing in the orchard. In the evening went with Jennie and James to preparatory service in the church. Not a very good turnout. Mr. Dyer preached.

10 – More rain through the night and more about noon and later. Jennie, James and I went to Toronto in James' car. Rain part of the time. Got home about 6 pm. Ethel Bryant and Ruth Clements called. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

11 – A very fine cool day. All hands at communion service. There was a good turnout, the best for some time. Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie and I got dinner at W. Watson's and all but Willie at SS at 3 o'clock. Annie, Willie and James away at night.

12 – Very cool. Rain about 10 am and rather dull most of the day. Picking strawberries most of the day. Jennie, Annie, Willie, James and Ethel Bryant also picking; about 146 boxes. James took some to Uxbridge. Annie went with him. Willie away in the evening and James and Annie at ball game at Greenbank. Tigers won 16 to 15. E. Bryant called twice.

13 – A fine but cool day. Scuffled the turnips and part of the corn. Willie at Jim Dusty's. James all day fixing his car. Jennie drove

to W.M. meeting. Mrs. John Michie went with her. In the evening I went with C. Phair to an official board meeting in the church.

14 – Another fine day. Willie at Jim Dusty's. James went with car to Toronto. Jennie washing. In the afternoon Jennie, Annie, Mrs. Bryant and Ethel Bryant, and I picking strawberries; about 125 boxes. Annie and Willie at ball game at Greenbank in the evening. Ernest Phair came with his new car for berries.

15 – A very fine day. Willie at Jim Dusty's. I hoeing corn all day. James took berries to Uxbridge. In the evening James and Annie went to choir practice and Willie, Jennie and I went by car to Luke's at Epsom. Mr. Luke was at L. Wagner's so we went on to Wagner's also.

16 – Another very fine day. Hoeing corn in the forenoon. Jennie, Annie, James and Ethel Bryant picking strawberries. After dinner James and I went to Port Perry with berries and to get a pair of shoes. Picking berries after we came home, Mr. E. Bryant helping. About 118 boxes. Willie at Jim Dusty's. In the evening James went to Uxbridge and Willie to Port Perry.

17 – Willie went to C. Phair's to help with the hay but he had hardly got there when a thunder storm came on and he came home. I finished hoeing the corn and started the turnips. James and Annie went to Port Perry via Greenbank and met Annie Bell on the 5:30 train. Jim Dusty called in the forenoon, also Ethel Bryant. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

18 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; 130 at SS. Rev. Mr. --- of Sunderland preached, Mr. Dyer having exchanged with him. Willie went somewhere for tea and James to Uxbridge and Annie and Annie to church.

19 – Fine day until about 5 pm when there was a little rain and then some more later in the evening. Jennie, Annie and Annie Bell, Ethel Bryant picking strawberries; 110 boxes. James and Annie then took some to Uxbridge and Greenbank. I was hoeing turnips all day. Willie went to Sam Dusty's in the morning but Jim did not come so he came home again and he also hoed turnips. Earl Bryant called twice. James and Annie went to Greenbank in the evening to a ball game.

20 – Very warm day. Willie at Jim Dusty's. Jennie washing. I hoeing turnips. James fixing car. In the evening I went with G.A. McMillan to Port Perry to a little meeting on prohibition held at Mr. S. Jeffery's. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

21 – Another terrible hot day. Some thunder to the N but no rain here. Willie at Jim Dusty's. I hoeing turnips all day. Jennie, Annie, Annie Bell and Ethel Bryant picking strawberries; about 60 boxes. James took Annie over to Frank Watson's on a visit. James and Willie away in the evening.

22 – Hoeing turnips until rain came on about 11 am. Willie also hoeing. James went to C. Phair's to run his mower but the rain stopped them. C. Phair, with his two girls, came and got his mower knives sharpened. About 4:30 James, Annie Bell and I went by car to Jas. Mason's place at Bobcaygeon. Got there about 6 pm. Willie away in the evening.

23 – A very fine day. Willie started to do road work by drawing gravel from Thomas' pit but he broke the tongue of the waggon on the second load. He then started to cut the hill field with the mower but lost a bolt and had to quit. At Bobcaygeon we spent the day on the lake and loafing.

24 – Another beautiful day. Willie hoeing turnips. Annie painted the buggy. Marie Akhurst, Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements here getting hair cut. We got home from Bobcaygeon about 6 pm. Came by Fenelon Falls, Woodville, Cannington and Sunderland. James took his mother and Annie to Greenbank and they called in to Mr. Dyers'. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

25 – A beautiful day. All but Annie Bell at SS. James first went to Uxbridge for Mrs. Real and Mary. Only 110 at SS. Instead of the usual church service there was a decoration service in the cemetery. There was a large turnout. Mr. Dyer conducted the service. Mary L. Real and Elmer and Laura Clements were here for supper and all were out in the evening. Willie got stranded with the car on Scugog bridge.

26 – Another very fine day. Hoeing turnips most of the day. Willie mowing but the mower broke down and James and him went to Port Perry in the afternoon and got binder twine. Willie, Annie and Annie Bell at Greenbank ball game in the evening. Jennie washing. James and Willie went for the car left on Scugog last night.

27 – Another beautiful day. Hoeing turnips most of the day. Willie finished cutting hill field. James was at C. Phair's until about 2:30 when he and Willie went on a hunt for a piece of car they needed. They got it at Tummon's on the 7th conc. Jennie ironing, baking and making jelly. Annie Bell making dress. Anne and Annie Bell at John Michie's in the evening. Jean and Ruth here getting hair cut. Ethel Bryant called.

28 – Dull all day with a little rain in the morning. All but Annie Bell went to the SS picnic at Port Bolster. I went with E.C. and came home with Willie. There was a good turnout. John McDonald had his shoulder put out when playing football.

29 – Rather dull all day. Willie scuffled the potatoes and corn and I finished hoeing the turnips (first time) and greened part of the potatoes. Willie away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called twice.

30 – A fine day. Willie took his mother to the early train on her way to Newcastle for a few days. He brought home the new waggon tongue (\$5.00) and drew 2 loads of gravel in the forenoon. James took Annie Bell to Greenbank for some things. I scuffling and hoeing strawberry patch. In the afternoon we got Ray Dusty's rake and raked up the hill field and cocked up some of it. Annie and Annie Bell at G.A. McMillan's. James at Uxbridge and Willie at Port Perry in the evening and Annie and Annie Bell somewhere. Ethel Bryant called.

31 – Another fine and very warm day. Very heavy dew in the morning. Drawing in hay from the hill field; 8 loads. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

AUG. 1 – Very warm, dull with a little rain in the evening. All but Annie (who was unwell) at SS and church; 126 at SS; Mr. Dyer

preached. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Annie Bell had a sing of old hymns. Willie got home about 10 pm.

2 – A heavy rain through the night which soaked the hay cocks all through. James and Willie in the shop all forenoon while I hoed some. In the afternoon Willie went to a ball game and garden party at Blackstock. James took Annie Bell to Greenbank to take the bus to Toronto and then to Port Perry for his mother who is home from her visit to Newcastle. I scuffled turnips, 2nd time. Ed and Ethel Bryant called. Willie got stranded at Manchester and did not get home until morning.

3 – Very warm day. I finished scuffling turnips 2nd time and cut most of the hay field NE of barn. Jennie washing. Annie picking cherries. James went with his car to help Willie at Manchester and Willie got home about 10 am, the car travelling on its own power. Just before dinner George McGuire of Uxbridge came and tuned the piano. In the afternoon we got the binder from E. Bryant and rigged it up. James took his mother and Mrs. John Michie to W.M.S. meeting. Willie went to Port Perry for drive chain for binder. Ethel Bryant called 3 times and Mr. Bryant once.

4 – A fine but rather dull day. Got the binder going and cut the fall wheat E of the orchard; a rather nice crop. This is the first grain cut in these parts that I have heard of. Harry McMillan and another man wanting to sell a separator here. In the afternoon we drew in the three loads of hay left on the hill field. Jennie all day preserving cherries. Annie picking black currants. E. Bryant and Ethel Bryant called. James at Greenbank in the evening. Annie and Willie out. Mr. Ewers came early with his truck and took grey cow to Toronto.

5 – Got early start and drew in 2 loads of hay from field NE of barn but rain came on and it drizzled most of the forenoon and some in the afternoon. In the afternoon James, in John Michie's car, took Jennie, Mrs. John Michie, Mrs. Isaac Beare and Maggie Blair to a meeting of the W.M.S. in Cannington. I hoed some and turned some hay. Annie ironing. Ethel Bryant called.

6 – Very warm, thunder in the forenoon and again about 7 pm with some rain. Willie raked the hill field and then the other hay field. We drew in 5 loads and cocked up the rest. Jennie preserving black currants and Annie and her picked raspberries; about 68 boxes. James took 57 boxes up to Herby Hook who then took them to Toronto. Ed Bryant was over in the morning getting James to sharpen the point of his potato digger. Ethel Bryant also called. A terrible thunder storm came up between 9 and 11 and again later. [margin note: Vote in Port Perry on High School carried].⁹⁴

7 – Did a number of small jobs. Fixed the watering place at spring and greened potatoes. Boys most of the day at cars. Jennie baking. Ethel and Ed Bryant called. Annie Bell came by bus and walked over from the 10th conc. at Blair's mill. Annie and Willie out in the evening. Cooler, a little rain, no haying.

8 – A very fine cool day. All hands at SS and church; 124 at SS. Mr. J.A. Miller preached (Mr. Dyer being on his holidays). James went to Uxbridge for tea and Willie and Annie were away in the evening.

9 – A fine day. Drew in the last of the hay including the rakings. Jennie washing, baking and ironing. James and Willie went to Port Perry in the afternoon for a new tire for the overland. James and Annie at Greenbank in the evening for ball game. Ed and Ethel Bryant called. Annie raked the lane in the afternoon

10 – A very fine day. This is the day of the church garden party and we had to supply raspberries. All hands, including Mrs. John Michie and Jean, Ethel Bryant and Ruth Clements were picking about 150 boxes. After dinner James and I went to hunt Annie's pony which got out of the field and found her in Jim Gibson's field but we could not catch her so we left her there. Willie took the berries up to the church, Annie going with him. Jennie and I came later in James' car. I went on with him to Uxbridge. There was a pretty good crowd and the programme was good. Jennie Read was the star and Miss McGee, a fine violinist. Proceeds about \$300.00.

11 – A very fine day. Willie went for the beef in the morning. I fixed fences while the rest picked a crate of berries for Blanche Luke and Willie took them to Port Perry. In the afternoon Willie, James and I drew in the fall wheat; 3 loads. Willie and Annie went to Jim Gibson's for Maude horse. Rev. W. Horn of Wisconsin, U.S., with his wife, son and daughter, called in and had a nice visit. James, Annie and Ruth C. at Greenbank at ball play. Willie away somewhere.

12 – Almost raining most of the forenoon. Willie scuffled turnips 3rd time and I hoed them the 2nd time. Very poor crop. James went to [Brown's?] at Greenbank and was there to the middle of the afternoon getting car fixed. Willie and I hoeing turnips in the afternoon. Ethel Bryant called. In the evening James took Jennie and I for a car ride by Port Perry, Manchester and Greenbank. Willie away somewhere.

13 – A very fine and warm day. Jennie, Annie, Willie, James, Ethel Bryant, Mrs. John Michie, Ruth Clements and I picking berries; about 95 boxes. James took two 27 box crates to Port Perry. In the afternoon John Michie took another crate to P.P. in his car. Annie went with them. Willie went to Port Perry with the horses to be shod. James painting his car. I was hoeing turnips. In the evening all were home. Ethel Bryant and Ruth Clements were in and we had music.

14 – A fine and warm day. Hoeing turnips 2nd time and finished the job. Helping C. Phair to fix fence in the afternoon. Willie at Jim Dusty's all day. James went on a trip to Bobcaygeon via Uxbridge. Willie and Annie away in the evening. Jennie baking, scrubbing and other things. Ethel and Ed Bryant called.

15 – A very fine day. All (but James who is away) at SS and church; 111 at SS. Mr. ---, agent for the Bible Society, preached a very interesting talk on South Africa. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

16 – Dull all day. Jennie, Annie, Willie, Mrs. John Michie, Ethel Bryant and I picking berries; about 100 boxes. Mrs. L. Wagner,

⁹⁴ "In one of the largest votes ever cast, a by-law approving construction of a new composite public and high school passed by a 248 vote majority with only 67 opposed." Source: www.scugogheritage.com

Dorothy and baby came before dinner and left for home about 5 pm. Willie took two crates to Port Perry to ship to Toronto. Mrs. W. and Dorothy went with him. James came home from his trip to Bobcaygeon about 3 o'clock and he and Willie later went to Port Perry to get an old overland car at Beare's but he had put the price up from \$10.00 to \$15.00 so they did not bring it home. Mr. and Mrs. Tunkin of Oshawa called in the evening for berries. James went to Uxbridge with Mary L. Real.

17 – A very fine day. Willie at Jim Dusty's. I plowing the fall wheat stubble. James all day in the shop. After dinner Mr. Moon came to see Maud horse which has a bad foot. Mr. Short came with him. Alex Lee and wife came for tea and stayed until about 7. Ethel Bryant called twice. Willie away in the evening.

18 – A fine day. Helping Jennie, Annie, James and Mrs. John Michie to pick berries; about 65 boxes. Plowing the afternoon. James took crate to Port Perry. Willie at Jim Dusty's. Annie away in the evening.

19 – A very fine day. All day helping C. Phair to hoe corn. Willie at Jim Dusty's. About 5 pm a telephone message came from Newcastle asking Jennie to go down there tonight if possible as Aunt Lizzie was worse. Willie, who had just got home, took her to Whitby where she hoped to get a bus to Newcastle. James away to Uxbridge in the evening. Chester Asling of Epsom was buried today.

20 – Cool with SE wind. All day at C. Phair's hoeing corn. Willie helping Ed Bryant to get started cutting oats. The binder did not work too well. In the evening all hands at Port Perry at the opening of the new bandstand. There was a big crowd. After the band played there was a street dance.

21 – A terrible day of rain from the SE with high wind nearly all day and the grain and corn badly downed. Little doing. Annie Bell came to Greenbank by bus and James went for her and then to Port Perry. John Michie brought his car up to get James to fix the lights. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

22 – Rain in the morning but cleared up about 10 am. All hands at SS and church; 122 at SS; Mr. McQuarrie, who is at Caesarea, preached. Annie Bell left by bus for Toronto. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening and I left alone.

23 – Dull most of the day. Helping Annie, Willie and Mrs. John Michie to pick berries, the last of the season; 34 boxes. E. Bryant tried the binder but it would not work. He came over and Willie and him took the broken part and went to Port Perry but did not get all that was needed. A terrible thunder shower came up about 3 pm and again about 6 which continued during the evening. Annie preserving. James under the weather.

24 – A fine day. Willie finished plowing fall wheat stubble and harrowed it twice and then started to plow sod NE of barn. James and Ed Bryant went to Norman Midgley's for some parts for binder and again after dinner to W. Armstrong's for table canvas. E.B. then started to cut field W of his house but did not get on very well. I did some odd jobs; not feeling very well. Annie washing and preserving. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening.

25 – A fine day. Hoed the strawberry patch. Willie plowing sod. James most of the afternoon helping Ed Bryant to make the knottier of the binder to work. Annie ironing. Willie at Port Perry in the evening getting new gas pipe for car. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements called.

26 – James went to Port Perry in the morning for a new bill hook for the binder and he was all forenoon getting it to work at Bryant's. Willie did not plow as King horse has a bad neck. After dinner it rained (thunder) which stopped cutting and Ed B., James, Willie and I were most of the afternoon repairing binder canvas. Willie at Uxbridge in the evening. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements here in the afternoon and evening. Willie came home running on two tires and two rims.

27 – A fine but warm day. Plowing sod most of the day while Willie and James worked at the car and other work in the shop. They also went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Ed Bryant brought over the binder about 5 pm and we cut two rounds in the field NW of the barn (badly down). James went for supper to Stanley Real's at Blackwater. In the evening I went with C. Phair in his car to a political meeting at Port Perry in the interest of the liberal candidate Mr. Moore. The speakers were Mr. Chapman; W. Dryden; Mr. Moore and a Mr. Jeffery from Guelph. There was a good turnout.

28 – A fine but warm day. Cutting oats in field NW of barn but made poor speed. About 4:30 the elevator drive chain broke and we had to quit. Annie at Port Perry and Willie at Uxbridge in the evening. Ethel Bryant called. Word came by card from Newcastle that Aunt Lizzie is very poor.

29 – A very fine cool day. Ernie Green, who has been working at Mr. Honey's for some time, came over and went to SS and church with us (had to stop for a soft tire at the head of our sideroad). 124 at SS; Mr. Dyer (back from his holidays) preached. Reuben Lee of Wisconsin, after an absence of 35 years, was at church and sang a solo. The Lee family was pretty fully represented at church. E. Green came back for tea and Willie and him went off together. James went somewhere for tea and Annie to church.

30 – A fine and quite cool day. Finished cutting field NW of barn and most of the long field; a lot of bother with the binder. Annie washing. Ethel Bryant called.

31 – A very fine day. Finished cutting N field and started the SW field before dinner. In the afternoon we had poor luck; the chain and other things and finally we broke the pitman. Willie went to Port Perry for another part but Harry McMillan did not have the piece so he went to W. Armstrong's and got an old one and by that time it was 6 o'clock. Annie away in the evening. Ross Blakely came down with a mandolin for James to try.

SEPT. 1 – Rather dull and almost like rain sometimes. James went for the beef in the morning. We finished cutting oats about 5 pm. Annie drove to Greenbank and got her horse shod. Ed Bryant called. Willie and James went to Uxbridge in the evening. Word came by phone that Aunt Lizzie Perrin of Newcastle died this morning.

2 – Rather dull with E wind and quite cool. Drawing in oats; 8 loads. Annie and Jean Michie went to Port Perry with the buggy in the afternoon. Jean stayed for supper. Ethel B. called; also Mrs. Bryant.

3 – A fine but pretty cool day. We got the loan of John Michie's car and started about 9:15 for Newcastle to Aunt Lizzie's funeral. Leola Luke went with us. We got there about 12. There was a good turnout. Annie and Leola stayed until Monday next. Got home about 6:45.

4 – Dull morning and sprinkling rain but we got in 3 loads of oats when rain came on about 10 am and continued off and on until through the evening. James over at Bryant's fixing his car while Earl B. helped us to draw in. James went to Greenbank for Annie Bell who came from Toronto by the bus. Moved the stove from the woodshed to the kitchen. Willie went to Markham for the weekend and James to Uxbridge. Ethel Bryant called.

5 – Rain through the night and off and on most of the day; dull and dark. James, Jennie, Annie Bell and I at SS and church; 119 at SS; Mr. Ross of Brechin preached. Annie Bell gave a solo. In the evening James went to Uxbridge taking Annie B. to Greenbank.

6 – Labour day. Dull in the morning but cleared up with good wind. Finished plowing the piece of sod and harrowed it nearly 3 times. Willie is at the Toronto fair; he went from Markham. James started for Toronto about 3:30 to start school tomorrow. Annie Bell went with him and Jean Michie as far as Agincourt. Jennie drove to Port Perry to the 5 train to meet Annie and Leola Luke who are back from Newcastle. Leola got supper and then went with Ray Dusty to Port Perry on her way home. Ethel Bryant and Miss Clements called.

7 – A very fine day. Willie, after spending the night on the road SW of Uxbridge as the car was out of kilter, got home about 7 o'clock and slept all forenoon. I harrowed the new plowed sod twice over in the forenoon. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school, the first day of the new term. In the afternoon Willie and I went to W. Real's for some fall wheat but he had none to spare. We then threw out the stooks in the SW field. Mrs. John Michie and Bob called, also Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements. Willie and Annie went to Y.P.S. This is the first meeting since the holidays.

8 – Fine in the morning but got dull and there was some rain in the evening. Willie raked the field NW of barn while I cleaned out the calf pens. After dinner Willie went by car to R. Brown's for 6 bushels of fall wheat @ \$1.40. We then drew in the rakings and three loads of sheaves. Jennie helping in the barn. Annie drove to her school. Ed Bryant called.

9 – Rain through the night and very dull all forenoon till about 11 when a heavy clearing up rain came on. Clearer and colder in the afternoon. In the morning Willie and I went to C. Phair's for the unmanageable steer that has been pasturing there and it was quite a job as he could jump fences very easy. Willie sowed and harrowed fall wheat (the east half of field NE of barn) and to choir practice in the evening. Word came that Mrs. Joyce of Sutton died yesterday. Earl Bryant called.

10 – A very fine day. Willie drove me to Greenbank where I met Willie Smith and we went to Sutton to Mrs. Joyce's funeral. We got there about 11:30 and got dinner there. They were removing the bridge at Sutton and the funeral had to go several miles out of the way to get to the place. We came home by Zephyr, Sandford and Uxbridge. Willie Smith stayed for supper. Annie drove to her school. Willie raked the N field. Jennie cleaning out the woodshed. James came home from Toronto bringing Jean Michie with him. Jean stayed for supper. James at Uxbridge and Willie at street dance at Port Perry and left the car there as he had a break.

11 – A very fine day. Drew in oats and finished harvest but the rakings of the SW field. Marie Akhurst here in the afternoon getting her hair cut. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements called. In the evening James drove Jennie and I to Greenbank to see Mr. W. Watson who is seriously ill. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry. James and Willie went to Port Perry after dinner and towed the car home.

12 – Fine until towards night when it rained a misty rain. All hands at SS and church; 128 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. James started for Toronto and Annie and Willie out somewhere.

13 – A very fine day. Willie helping C. Phair all day. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. I raked the SW field and drew it in; a big load which finishes harvest for 1926.

14 – A very fine day. Willie at C. Phair's. Annie drove to her school and I plowed most of the day. This is the Dominion General Election day and Jennie and I went up with John Michie to vote. Willie went with C. Phair and Annie drove to vote. Kaiser and Moore are the candidates in this riding. W. Missionary at Greenbank in the afternoon. Annie at young people's meeting in the evening. Kaiser wins but the Tory government is defeated.

15 – Fine in the morning but rain came on about noon and off and on most of the afternoon. Willie at C. Phair's in the forenoon. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her and stayed all night. I plowed in the forenoon.

16 – Very dull and rainy all day. Fixed barn floor in the forenoon and partly boarded up west end of shed under the barn, Willie helping. Annie drove to her school. Earl Bryant called. Annie at choir practice in the evening and Willie away somewhere.

17 – Rather dull all day. Willie plowing while I finished boarding up the shed. I plowed in the afternoon while Willie went to C. Phair's for plums. Annie drove to her school. Jennie preserving plums. Willie away in the evening. Earl Bryant called.

18 – Dull in the morning but a bright afternoon. Wheeling wood into the woodshed in the forenoon. Willie plowing all day. I went to the school fair in the afternoon. Not quite so much shown as usual. Annie at it all day. Jennie went to Port Perry. James came home in the evening. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Ethel Bryant and Alma Clements called.

19 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church. Keith McMillan gave a few words in the SS and opened the service in church. Mr. Dyer preached. James started for Toronto. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

20 – A very fine day. Willie at N. Midgley's helping to thresh. He went in place of Jas. Bott. Jennie washing and making pickles. Annie drove to her school. I was cutting threshing wood at the barn and about 10 am I cut my shin with the axe. Jas. Blair's machine has moved to Midgley's to stook thresh.

21 – A beautiful day. Willie drove me to Greenbank in the morning and I went with Mr. and Mrs. Dyer to presbytery meeting at Lindsay in Mr. Dyer's car. There was a good turnout and the usual business was gone through. We got dinner and supper in the church. Came home from Greenbank with Annie who, with Willie, was at Young People's Society. Willie plowing. Annie drove to her school.

22 – Rather dull and a few drops of rain in the forenoon. Blair's threshing machine, which was threshing Midgley's stooks yesterday, came down to Ed Bryant's and Willie and I helped him. They got through about 2:30 pm, then moved here. Started at 3:14 and threshing until 6:30. John Michie; Ed and Earl Bryant; Ed Price for C. Phair; and Ross Blakely for Ray Dusty were helping. Willie went for the beef in the morning taking Annie to the bus on her way to Toronto. No school today on account of Port Perry fair.

23 – Rather dull all day with SE rain in the evening. Finished threshing about 9 am. They then moved to John Michie's and finished him about 4 pm. Willie helping him. I plowed some in the afternoon. Jennie preserving plums. Annie drove to her school. Mr. E. Bryant called. Annie at choir practice in the evening.

24 – Rain through the night and again from about 3 in the afternoon; some thunder. Willie harrowed N field and cut the piece of millet (a short crop). I hoed strawberry patch and tried to fix separator. Annie drove to her school. James came home from Toronto bringing Nancy and Jim Thompson. He went to Uxbridge and Willie to Port Perry in the evening. Ethel Bryant and Miss Tummonds called.

25 – Rain through the night and off and on most of the day. Little doing outside. I wheeled in some wood. The boys in the shop. Ethel Bryant and Miss Tummonds called twice. Annie went to Lindsay fair. Nancy Thompson went with her. The boys and Jim Thompson went to Port Perry in the afternoon and also in the evening.

26 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church, this being rally day. The attendance was 189. Mr. Farmer of Port Perry was the speaker as Mr. Dyer was away to a mission field up north. Mr. D.D. McDonald preached. James and Jas. and Nancy Thompson started for Toronto about 6 pm. Annie and Willie away in the evening.

27 – A fine day. Pretty hard frost in the morning. All day at C. Phair's fencing. Willie plowing. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Ed Bryant called in the evening. The new King government announced today.

28 – A very fine day. All day at C. Phair's fencing. Willie harrowing and raked up the millet. Annie drove to her school and Willie and Annie at C.E. in the evening.

29 – A very fine day. Willie and I drew in the millet, 1 load; and some other chores in the forenoon. In the afternoon Willie was at Ray Dusty's for Jas. Blair while Jack Gibson was at Sunderland fair and I was also. Annie drove to her school. Jennie making corn salad. Willie and Annie out in the evening.

30 – A very fine day. Plowing the millet ground while Willie was at Ray Dusty's threshing. They got done about 3 in the afternoon and Willie and I both went with the machine to C. Phair's where we threshed about 1 ½ hours. Annie drove to her school and Jennie and Annie went to Greenbank in the evening. Willie went to a party at Sonya. Ed Bryant called.

OCT. 1 – Dull with SE wind with rain in the evening. Willie and I all day at C. Phair's threshing. Blair moved to Jim Dusty's. Annie drove to her school and then with E. Clements, E. Hooper and Leola Luke started on a visit to Newcastle, Port Hope and other places. James came home from Toronto via Uxbridge.

2 – A very fine day. Willie at Jas. Dusty's threshing. I plowed a few rounds when John Michie phoned up saying they were going to Markham fair and I went with them. Got there about 1 pm and left for home about 5:30. There was a big turnout. James and his mother went to Port Perry in the forenoon and Willie to Port Perry in the evening. Marie Akhurst, Ethel Bryant and Ruth and Olive Michie here getting hair cut.

3 – A very fine day. All but Annie at SS and church; 125 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. James started for Toronto and Willie away somewhere in the evening.

4 – A very warm summer-like day. I went to Port Perry in the forenoon for a spindle for the separator. Wheeled in some wood in the afternoon. Willie plowing and harrowing. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and in the evening went with E.C. to concert at Little Britain. Ed Bryant called. Thunder and rain through the evening.

5 – Rain through the night. Little doing in the forenoon. I went with Ed Bryant for a ride in his Ford to Gregg's west of Roods. Scuffled and hoed strawberry patch in the afternoon. Willie went to Tummins' to see about getting some car parts. Annie drove to her school and Willie and Annie at C.E. in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

6 – Heavy rain in the forenoon. After dinner Ed Bryant came over with his potato digger and dug every second row and then went to dig Norman Lyle's. Willie and I picked up most of the potatoes dug. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. E.C. took Annie to Uxbridge in the evening to the teacher's convention tomorrow. Willie at party at Trip's at Shirley. Ed Bryant called in the evening.

7 – A fine day; some little rain. E. Bryant came in the morning and dug the last of the potatoes and Willie and I picked them up so the potatoes are safe in the cellar. Mrs. Bryant called in the afternoon. Willie went to Sam Tummins' in the evening for some car parts.

8 – Rather a fine day. Willie plowed the potato ground and I picked up the stray potatoes; about 1 ½ bags; and in the afternoon

both helping C. Phair to fill silo. James came home from Toronto and Mr. Witty with him. In the evening I went to preparatory service in the church. Seven new members came in: Mrs. S.A. Wallace by certificate; and Elmer and Olive Wallace; Henry Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. C. Blakely and Miss Hazel Blakely by profession of faith. Mr. Dyer preached. Annie came home from the teachers convention in Uxbridge.

9 – Fine until night when rain came on. I was at C. Phair's silo filling in the forenoon. The boys worked all day at the overland car and got it to run and Willie took it to Port Perry in the evening. Alma and Ruth Clements came to get hair cut and stayed for tea and went with E.C. and Annie to Port Perry. James took Mr. Whitty and the Clements girls to Port Perry in the afternoon and James went to Uxbridge in the evening.

10 – Dull with rain after dinner. All hands at communion service at 11 am in the church. Mr. Dyer preached. I went to G. Lee's for dinner; the rest coming home. Then out to SS at 3 pm; 145 at SS; Mr. Witty taught the men's class. Annie went somewhere for supper and Miss Rita Trip was here for supper. James and Mr. Witty left for Toronto about 6 pm. Everett Hooper and Leola Luke called in the evening.

11 – A fine day. Willie and I drew out manure; 12 loads. We went to Port Perry after dinner. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school.

12 – A fine day. Willie went to P. Leask's to help fill silo. I finished drawing out the manure in the forenoon and plowed it in in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the W.M.S. in the church and went with Annie to the C.E. in the evening. Ed Bryant called and Willie went to Port Perry in the evening.

13 – Rather a fine day. A little rain in the morning. Willie went for the beef and plowed E of orchard in the afternoon. I hoed strawberry patch and other little jobs. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Port Perry about 5 pm to see telephone gang boss about getting a job. Jennie, Annie and I went with C. Phair to church official board meeting and did not get home until after 12. Ed Bryant called.

14 – A fine day until about 5 pm when there was some rain. Plowing all day. Willie went with John Michie to Oshawa to get a chauffer's license and then by bus to Toronto to apply for a truck drivers place for the telephone co. Annie drove to her school and went with E.C. to choir practice in the evening.

15 – A very fine clear day. Plowing in the forenoon and harrowing in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school. Jennie cleaning house upstairs. Mrs. Bryant called. James came home. Willie stayed in Toronto until tomorrow. James went to Uxbridge.

16 – Very dull all day with rain in the afternoon. Plowing in the N field when it was not raining. James most of the day fixing his car tires. Ethel Bryant called. John Michie's girls here in the afternoon getting hair cut. Annie at Port Perry in the evening.

17 – Fine but pretty cold day. All hands at SS and church; 154 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. James left for Toronto. He is going as far

as Uxbridge tonight. Annie and Willie out in the evening. Ed Bryant called in the forenoon.

18 – Ground white with snow in the morning (the first of the season); then it started to rain from the E. A very disagreeable day and raw. Willie plowed awhile in the forenoon and we fanned up some oats in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school.

19 – Pretty hard frost in the morning. Willie plowing in the forenoon while I did some little jobs. In the afternoon Willie went to Port Perry with oats to get ground and he did not get back until dark but did not get the meal home with him. I picked apples alone in the afternoon. The apples are a very poor crop both in numbers and quality. Annie drove to her school and Annie and Willie at C.E. in the evening.

20 – A terrible dreary day. Snow from the E most of the time. Willie went to Port Perry in the forenoon for the meal. I did little but brought in a few apples. There was no school [because of] the dental lecture and examination at Port Perry. Annie went to it in the afternoon. Ethel Bryant and Miss Wells called. Willie away in the evening. Francis Lee and Irene Spafford here in the evening arranging for a Halloween party.

21 – A fine day. Willie plowing. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and I put up racks in the horse stable. Annie at Greenbank in the evening.

22 – Heavy rain through the night and all forenoon and little doing. Cleared up at noon and Willie plowing in the afternoon. I finished taking in the apples; small and very poor in quality. Earl Bryant called three times, E. Bryant once. Annie drove to her school and Willie and her out in the evening.

23 – A fine day. Willie finished plowing the N field in the forenoon while I did some small jobs. In the afternoon James took Jennie and I to the plowing match south of Columbus. There was 30 teams but not a very large crowd of people. Jas. Lee; Campbell Stone; Jas. Ianson; Armour McMillan; and Markham Truax from these party were in it, also Billie Hill. We got our supper at Willie Smith's and came home by Brooklin and Greenbank in quick time. We expected Norman Midgley here in the afternoon to cut the corn but he did not get here until about 5 o'clock and did not get started. Helen Phair here in the afternoon. Willie away in the evening.

24 – A terrible day of rain and fog all day. All hands at SS and church; 106 at SS. Miss Danoon of Lindsay spoke for the W.M.S., Mr. Dyer being away to his mother's funeral. James leaves for Toronto. Annie and Willie away in the evening. Ernie Green here for supper.

25 – More rain and some snow until about 2 pm when it got some better. I was helping Jennie to clean out the hen house in the forenoon. Willie plowing sod in the afternoon. Ed Bryant and Earl called. Annie drove to her school. Blair silo filler went to Bryant's this afternoon.

26 – Quite a number of snow flurries all day. Willie at Alex Lee's all day. I was waiting all forenoon for Norman Midgley to come and cut the corn but he did not come. I plowed sod in the afternoon. Bryant's filled their silo in the forenoon. Mrs. Bryant called

in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school and to C.E. in the evening. Jennie went with her.

27 – A really fine day. Norman Midgley came and cut the corn. He did not get much done before dinner. Norman M. and Ed Bryant had a tongue fight at our barn in the morning. Willie and I topped the turnips (a very poor crop). I drove Annie over to her school. She is going to Wanamaker's for tea. Jennie went to Port Perry in the afternoon. Willie away in the evening.

28 – Dull with some rain after dinner. Willie and I drew off the corn and put it up to the fence. It was pretty wet and poor quality. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school.

29 – A fine day. Willie harrowed up the turnips and we drew them in; 6 loads in all; the poorest crop we ever had on the place. Annie drove to her school, went to Port Perry after school, and in the evening went with E.C. to Little Britain to spend the weekend with Mrs. Sweetman.

30 – Dull. All the afternoon there was a drizzle of rain. Willie at Alex Lee's. I plowing sod. James took Mrs. John Michie to Os-hawa in their car. Willie away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

31 – Rather a fine day. All hands but Annie at SS and church; 163 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Frank Lee here for supper. James starts for Toronto. Willie went with Frank Lee.

NOV. 1 – Dull with a drizzling rain all the afternoon. Willie finished plowing the sod and started the corn stubble. I got the lumber put away over the buggy shed and wheeled in some stove wood. Annie drove to her school. Ruth Clements came home with her and they went to Greenbank in the evening to decorate for the Halloween party tomorrow night. Ed Bryant called.

2 – Snow off and on most of the day. Willie plowing corn stubble and I wheeled in wood and finished the job. I think it is the most wood that was ever in the wood shed at one time. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school and Willie and her went to Halloween party in the church in the evening.

3 – Hard frost in the morning. Jennie went for the beef. Willie plowing in the afternoon. I did some odd jobs. Annie drove to her school and away in the evening. Ed Bryant called in the evening.

4 – Rather a fine day. Hard frost in the morning. Willie drew 4 loads of gravel from W. Thomas' pit on the road work in the forenoon and plowed in the afternoon. I did some chores. Jennie went to Port Perry with Mrs. John Michie. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. Earl Bryant called.

5 – Rather a fine day. Willie drew three loads of gravel and finished the road work for this year. He went with the team and wagon to help John Michie with his turnips in the afternoon. I helped Ed Bryant to kill a pig in the afternoon. Annie drove to her school.

6 – A fine day. Plowing all day and finished the turnip land. Willie helping Jim Dusty. James and Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. Marie Akhurst here getting hair cut. Willie and Annie away in the evening.

7 – A very fine day. All hands at church at 11 am, this being thanksgiving Sunday and the services were under the Ladies Aid. Rev. Mr. Manning of Toronto was the preacher and there was a good turnout. Annie went to W. Shafford's for dinner. After dinner I went with James and M.L. Real to Port Perry to hear the S.A. band from Toronto which was really good. Mary L. came here for supper. The Greenbank choir went to Manchester to sing at their anniversary service. We were all out again to the evening service. Mr. Manning preached again and there was an even bigger turnout. 2 cars smashed up at the gravel pit.

8 – Thanksgiving day. I harrowed the N field in the forenoon and helped C. Phair to draw in millet in the afternoon. Annie went to the 9:30 train at Port Perry for Annie Bell. James and her left for Toronto about 6 pm. In the evening I went with C. Phair to a meeting at the parsonage of those appointed to make the canvas of the congregation.

9 – A terrible dull dreary day with rain most of the time and little doing. Annie drove to her school. Tom Brown of Greenbank came down and bought and took away the old overland car for \$20.00. Jennie went with Mrs. John Michie to the W.M.S. meeting and Annie went to executive meeting in the parsonage and Jennie went with her. Willie went to W. Thomas'. Very dark night.

10 – Cold and got colder towards night. Willie finished plowing the orchard which finishes the plowing for this season. I did some odd chores. Jennie washing. Annie drove to her school. Marion Egelson came home with her and Willie, Annie and M.E. went to Greenbank in the evening to a picture show of Japan in the church. The annual meeting of the beef ring also takes place tonight. Telephone men [?] out line from our gate to E. Bryant's and Ed dug some of the pole holes in the afternoon.

11 – Pretty cold day. Too hard to plow. Willie and I drew out straw to cover strawberries and drew in some corn. Most of the afternoon was spent helping Ed Bryant to put in his telephone poles. Ed Bryant called two or three times. Annie drove to her school and in the evening to choir practice.

12 – Rather a fine day but not much doing. Annie drove to her school. Mrs. Ed Bryant called. Willie out in the evening.

13 – A fine day. The boys all day fixing James' car. Annie went to Port Perry in the forenoon. I did some chores. Ethel Bryant called 3 times and got her hair cut. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening. Ed Price, C. Phair's man, came over in the evening with his cornet and we had a musical evening.

14 – A very fine day. All hands at SS and church; Rev. Mr. Jull of Brooklin preached. Dick Caniff who is back from the NW came for supper. James and Willie started for Toronto about 6 pm. Willie is going to try for a job with Lorne Gibson. Annie went to Seagrave anniversary, the 20th since the opening of the church. Jennie and I drove to Port Perry United Church service. The Bowmanville choir were singing and did very well. Rev. Mr. Higgs preached a temperance sermon.

15 – Very fine until about 8 pm when it started to rain. Jennie washing. I did some small jobs and went to Jim Gibson's for road

scraper. Annie drove to her school and went with E.C. to supper at Seagrave in the evening. Mrs. Bryant called.

16 – Another dismal day. Rain all morning and until after noon and again in the evening. In the afternoon I tried to scrape dirt into the bad place in the lane but it was too wet. Annie drove to her school. Earl Bryant called in the evening. He had an owl which he had shot in the afternoon.

17 – A very fine day. Spent most of the day scraping dirt out of the field into the bad place in the lane. Annie drove to her school and to C.E. in the evening. Willie, who has been in Toronto since Sunday night, came back about 11 pm. He did not land a job.

18 – Rain almost all afternoon and evening. Willie at Jim Dusty's in the afternoon helping him. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her and they went to choir practice in the evening. Ed Bryant got telephone put in house today but the wires are not up yet.

19 – Rather a nice day but rather raw. Willie at Jas. Dusty's. Annie drove to her school. Jennie at Bryant's in the afternoon. Willie went with Ray Dusty to Port Perry in the evening. Bryant's got their telephone going today. Their number is 6.

20 – Rough and stormy from the NW all day. Little doing. Willie at Jim Dusty's in the afternoon. Jennie and Annie at Port Perry after dinner. James and I went for the 7 cattle that have been pasturing at C. Phair's and tied them in the stable. Leola Luke and Marie Akhurst and Ethel Bryant called. Annie and Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

21 – Snowing a little most of the day. The snow will be about 3 inches deep. All hands at SS and church; 153 at SS. Rev. Mr. Jull of Brooklin preached again; a good O.T.A. sermon. Willie went to A. Akhurst's for supper. James left for Toronto. He got stuck in the mud at the E end of the lane. Mr. Dyer and the Greenbank choir went to Port Perry and Mr. Higgs and Port Perry choir to Greenbank.

22 – Some snow and rather rough. Annie drove to her school. Willie at Jim Dusty's in the afternoon. In the evening I went with Ray Dusty to political meeting at Port Perry for Mr. Sinclair. The hall was well filled. Farmer in the chair. O.T.A. was the question discussed. Annie and Willie at C.E. meeting.

23 – A fine day. Willie drove up to Greenbank in the morning and I and Fred Real went canvassing for church funds. Went by the 12th conc. west to Marsh Hill, north to the 13th conc. and east to Jim Boe's. Found people at Marsh Hill rather sour and did not get much encouragement. Stopped at W. O'Neill's for supper and then went to prohibition meeting in the church. D. Mellow of Uxbridge was chairman and Mr. Wood of [?] gave a splendid address. I rode with John Michie in his car. Jennie went to the meeting with E.C. Annie drove to her school. Jennie making herself a coat.

24 – Rather rough and cold and little done outside. Annie drove to her school. Willie went to Greenbank to clean out the hall for the party on Friday night.

25 – Rather a fine day; somewhat raw. Jennie and I went to Port Perry in the afternoon with John Michie. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice in the evening. Alma Clements here in the evening getting hair cut. Ethel Bryant with her.

26 – A very dull rainy day. John Michie phoned up asking Jennie and I to go to Willie Smith's and we went. Got there about 12:30, rain most of the way and lots of mud. Rained on the way home and very dark. Went by Brooklin. Ran out of gas on Bott's hill. Annie drove to her school. Willie helping P. Leask in the afternoon and Annie and Willie at dance in Greenbank hall. James did not come home as there was a party at Thompson's.

27 – Pretty rough and cold. Willie at P. Leask's threshing. James got home about noon. Annie, Willie and James away in the evening. Ethel Bryant called.

28 – Somewhat rough and cold. All hands at SS and church; 151 at SS. Rev. Mr. Owens of Uxbridge preached. Annie went to P. Luke's at Epsom for tea. James left for Toronto about 6:15. Willie out in the evening.

29 – Rather a fine day. Willie at P. Leask's threshing. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. I did the chores.

30 – Rather a fine day. Willie at Henry Leask's threshing. Annie drove to her school. I did the chores. Ray Dusty and F. Hooper called. In the evening Annie went to a farewell party at Dan McTaggart's and Willie to C.E. meeting. Jean Michie went with him.

DEC. 1 – A very rough cold stormy day. This is the provincial election day and the question is government control of liquor. Jennie, Willie and I went to Greenbank to vote. Sinclair vs. Stacey. Annie drove to her school. Willie at E. Leask's in the evening. Sinclair wins by 300 but the wets carried the province by a big majority.

2 – A fine day. Helping Jennie to pick chickens in the forenoon. Willie went to draw gravel on the 10th conc. in the morning but they quit the job on account of the bad roads in the field. He brought home a small load for the hens. Annie drove to her school. Willie and I drew in corn in the afternoon. Jim Blair's machine went down the road to Gibson's. Jean and Bob Michie and Ethel Bryant called. Jennie and Annie at Greenbank in the afternoon.

3 – Rather cold. Willie took 10 bags of oats to Port Perry mill to be ground but did not get them home. Annie drove to her school. In the evening I went with E.C. and Annie to a play in the hall given by the Sonya players. There was a pretty full house and it went off very well. Willie was also there. James came home.

4 – Rough and cold with E wind. Willie went for the meal in the morning. In the afternoon Jennie and I went to Mrs. W. White's funeral. Very cold. In the evening we had a musical time. Clinton Midgley, Ed Price and Ethel Bryant and Ruth Clements were here and there was dancing until midnight.

5 – A terrible blizzard from the E all day. All but Jennie, including Ruth C., at SS and church. Only 68 at SS, the smallest number for a long time. Mr. Dyer preached a children's sermon. Ethel Bryant

here for supper. James did not take the car back to Toronto but went by the bus from Greenbank. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

6 – Pretty cold in the morning but got milder towards night. Annie drove to her school. Willie threshing at C. Phair's in the afternoon. Jennie washing. In the evening Annie went to Greenbank to help fix up the basement for the party tomorrow night. Jennie boiling the pork for the party. A feather bed that was warming at the parlor stove caught fire and a hole burned in it.

7 – Rather a fine day but snow in the evening. Willie at C. Phair's for about 2 hours threshing. They then moved to John Michie's and threshed his buckwheat. Willie also there. Annie drove to her school and Willie and her at Young People's supper in the church in the evening. Jennie cooking meat and baking.

8 – A fine day. Willie and I fanned the fall wheat; about 15 bags. Annie drove to her school. In the evening I went to prayer meeting and session meeting in the church. Willie out in the evening.

9 – Rather a fine day. Willie and I went with James' car to Sonley's sale near Blackwater. Jennie drove to Port Perry taking Mrs. Bryant with her. Annie drove to her school and to choir practice.

10 – A fine day. I drove Annie to her school and then went on to Port Perry and paid the taxes \$48.34. Annie went to Mr. Stone's for supper. In the afternoon Willie and I went with the sleigh and 12 bags of fall wheat (\$1.30 per bus.). Willie away at party on Scugog. I went to Greenbank to meet James who came from Toronto by the bus which was some late.

11 – Wintery day; snowing some. Willie at E. Bryant's in the forenoon helping him to kill a beef. John Michie's girls and Marie Akhurst here in the afternoon getting hair cut. James went to Uxbridge in the evening with the car and Annie to Port Perry.

12 – A fine day. All hands at SS and church; 126 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. After supper Jennie and I went with James in his car to Toronto. Got there a little after 7 pm and we stayed with Annie Mason all night. Saw Jessie Smith and Annie Bell at St. Enoch church on Bloor.

13 – A very dull dismal rainy day. Got breakfast at Mason's. Jennie did some shopping and I wandered around. We went to James' room and had supper and James drove us to the bus station and we came home by the bus. There was a bad fog until north of Myrtle and the driver ran without lights a good part of the way. Willie met us with the cutter at Greenbank. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her.

14 – A fine clear day until towards night when it got colder. Got up early and walked to the 11th conc. where Mr. Dyer was waiting with his car to take me to presbytery meeting at Lindsay. Rev. D.D. McDonald and John Bott went with us. There was a good turnout. Got supper at Lindsay and stayed to C.E. meeting on the way home. Annie drove to her school and Ruth Clements came home with her again.

15 – Rather cold day. Willie went to Greenbank and got Maud shod. In the afternoon Willie went skating on the Nonquon with Earl Bryant. In the evening Jennie and I went to the social at the church in honor of Les Beare's wife and family. There was a pretty good time and a good turnout. Annie drove to her school. Willie away in the evening. E.C. here in the evening.

16 – A very cold windy day. This is Port Perry Christmas fair but it was too cold and none from here attended. Annie had no school today but she went to choir practice in the evening. Jennie making Christmas cake.

17 – Very cold with high wind all day. Below zero in the evening. Annie drove to her school. Jennie baking. Little doing outside. James did not come home.

18 – Clear but cold; about 12 below zero in the morning. Little doing outside. Willie and Earl Bryant went skating in the afternoon. Ethel B. came to get hair cut. Willie at Port Perry in the evening.

19 – A fine day until snow came from the S in the evening. All hands at SS and church; 141 at SS; Mr. Dyer preached. Annie and Willie out in the evening.

20 – Quite mild all day. Jennie went to Port Perry taking Mrs. John Michie with her. Annie drove to her school. In the afternoon Willie and I went to William Real's sale which went off pretty well. There was a good turnout.

21 – A fine day. Annie drove to her school. Jennie washing. I was helping C. Phair to cut posts and wood in his swamp in the afternoon. Jas. S. Lee also there. Willie at Greenbank in the evening.

22 – A fine day. Willie drove Annie to her school and in the afternoon Jennie and Mrs. Bryant drove to Bethel school to the closing concert. Annie got supper somewhere and went to Christmas tree at Seagrave in the evening. Willie and Earl Bryant skating in the afternoon and to Seagrave in the evening. I and Fred Real went church collecting. Got dinner at Andrew Davidson's and got home about 3:30 pm. Rita Trip came here with Willie and stayed all night. James came home.

23 – Rather a fine day. Little doing outside but the chores. Jennie baking. Willie, James and Earl Bryant skating in the afternoon and in the evening Willie took Rita Trip home and Annie went to Saintfield Christmas tree.

24 – Rather dull, gloomy and foggy with some rain. James and Willie went to Greenbank in the forenoon and James and Annie to Port Perry in the afternoon. In the evening James went to Uxbridge and Willie to Port Perry for Annie Bell. He did not get home until 2 am. He had to wait until the second bus.

25 – A very mild fine Christmas day. Willie went to Bott's for butter. John Michie, wife and family here for dinner and supper. James took Annie Bell to Blackwater to the evening train and I went with him.

26 – A very fine day. All at communion at the church. There was a good turnout. Mr. Dyer preached. Jennie and I got dinner at W. Watson's. James went to Stanley Real's at Blackwater for Mary Real and she was here for supper, as was also E.C. James and Mary went to Port Perry Presbyterian church to hear his friend L. McLean preach. Annie and Willie went to church at Greenbank. Annie and Willie went to Port Perry in the morning with John Michie's car for communion wine and had some trouble getting it.

27 – A fine day. Jennie washing. Moved the engine to the barn and ground some meal. Mary L. Real here in the evening and we had music. Lorne Gibson was expected but he did not come.

28 – A fine day. All day at C. Phair's swamp. Jennie ironing. In the evening Annie, James and I went to annual S.S. meeting. There was a fair turnout. \$102.00 of a surplus. I was chosen super.; E. Leask, assistant; E. Cragg, sec. Willie was away somewhere else.

29 – A fine day. All day at C. Phair's swamp cutting wood and posts. Willie skating on creek. Annie drove to Port Perry in the afternoon and James went to Port Perry in car. In the evening Annie and James went to choir practice and then to oyster supper at Orville Stone's. Willie also at it.

30 – A fine day. James went with the car to Greenbank to meet the bus for Annie Mason and Jessie Smith who stayed all night. In the evening I went to the church official board meeting. Mr. Dyer is quitting the choir leadership and the question of selling the Saint-field church, and the financial question, was the principal business. Willie away somewhere in the evening.

31 – Another fine day. Little doing but the chores. James took Annie Mason and Jessie Smith to the bus on their way home. In the evening all but Willie went to a concert in the church by the choir. The programme was good but the attendance was rather small. About \$40.00 was taken in. James went to Uxbridge and stayed all night.



**Home of Robert and Jennie Michie,
date unknown**

***This ends Volume One of the diary of
Robert Michie.***

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Tues 8

Private Alex. Gordon of Cambridge and Jennie and Bessie Gordon called in the evening. War news fairly good. A heavy shower during the night. Went to Port Perry in the evening morning with crate of chickens. In the afternoon helping Cecil Phair and Jim Gibson to put in piping at the spring to water cattle. Jennie and Mary Bell washing, preserving and sewing. Annie went with Luke's girls and Miss McCarlane in an Auto to Port Perry and she spent the evening there. Did not get the Globe today. War news favorably.

Wed 9

Mr W. Akhurst here for dinner. A fine day. Shuffling corn in the forenoon. And at P. Luke's in the afternoon fencing. Willie was also helping. Jennie and Mary Bell at W. M. Meeting at the Church. All hands at Jim Lee's in the evening. Jack Lee.

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A glimpse into our past

This marvelous photo shows the students of S.S. #13 (Reach) Bethel School which was located on the west side of Durham Rd. 2 at Concession 11. This photo was taken in 1923. In the back row from left are teacher Annie Michie, Bert Wanamaker, Merlyn Stone, Alma Clements, Ethel Bryant, Hilda King, Wilbert Stone, Edwin Mitchell. In the front are Glen Wanamaker, Mansell Stone, Marjory Mitchell, Steven Boundy and Clifford King. Glen Wanamaker and Marjory Mitchell eventually married and still reside in Port Perry. Marjory's mother and grandmother and her daughter all attended this school that was eventually closed in the 1950's. Our thanks to Glen and Marjory for identifying their school mates and to Martin Fisher for the loan of the photo.

Photo taken in 1923, and reprinted in the
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**FAMILY TREE OF
ROBERT MICHIE**

Robert Michie
b. 2 Dec. 1857
d. 30 May 1943
m. Jane (Jennie) Cowan Bell
(29 Jan 1896)
b. 6 Jan 1868
d. 4 Apr 1951

John Albert Michie
b. 17 Oct 1813
d. 15 Feb 1900
m. Barbara Agnes Fowlie
b. 30 Apr 1818
d. 24 Oct 1903

John Michie
b. 12 Nov 1791
d. 21 Nov 1869
m. Agnes Malcolm
b. 29 Apr 1793
d. 19 Aug 1873

NOTE: According to Foveran (Scotland) Parish records
dated 17 Oct 1813, John Michie and Catherine Watson,
unmarried, had a son baptised, named John.

Alexander Michie
b. Nov. 1759
d. 1828
m. Ann Webster
b. 16 Jun 1758

William Michie
b. Jun 1740
m. Margaret Lyon
b. Dec 1734

**CHILDREN OF
ROBERT & JENNIE MICHIE**

Annie Michie
b. 11 Dec 1899
d. 18 Jan 1984
m. Elmer Nelson Clements
b. 12 Jul 1903
d. Aug 1962

William C. Michie
b. 8 Aug 1901
d. May 1982
m. Helen Hamilton

James Gordon Michie
b. 3 Jul 1905
m. Freda Achison
(or Atchison, Altchison)

**SIBLINGS OF
ROBERT MICHIE**

1. William John 1842-1891
2. Annie 1844-1846
3. John Andrew 1846-1888
4. George 1849-1932
5. Barbara 1852-1935
6. Margaret 1854 - 1935
7. Agnes Annie 1862-1942

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