

CALENDAR, 1894.

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MEMORANDA FROM 1893

Johnny got for seed oats		paid back	
first time 19 Bushels & 6 lbs	{	John Campbell 1 st time	3 Bushels 2 lbs
2 nd " 6 " " 8 lbs		2 nd time - - -	2 " 17
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JANUARY 1895.

Dec 31/2 Monday (1-364) *Fine day, but very cold.*

John + Robert Morton went together to the nomination. John thought perhaps I might have gone to the nomination but I did not care to go. I have been doing up some firing round the Stables to keep the cold out. boarded up where the water trough stood.

Laying the blocks in Snow Showers. **2 Tuesday (2-37)** *Little squally to day and some snow.* John helped me at the laying of the blocks in the stable this afternoon. we had quite a job in travelling up the ground, as it is frozen. Maggie drove down to Rockwood to meet her mother this afternoon. ~~who~~ went down to Georgetown a week ago yesterday. I was kept late at the chores this day on account of working at the stables.

Changing straw in **3 Wednesday (3-68)** *Continues wintry.* I shifted the straw in the hay now so as to bare the barley straw for use for the cattle. I was anxious to get the stable done just so much other choring presents me. John abas been at Muries to day threshing.

Margaret and I. **4 Thursday (4-69)** *Raw, cold South wind to day.* we have just heard about Bella being laid up with a sore throat and Mother and I drove down to see her to day. we found her in bed and not much better the doctor says it is tonsillitis. I did all the cleaning out and feeding before going away and laid up. Maggie had the most of the work done at night.

Funeral of Jessie Duff. **5 Friday (5-70)** *Very cold day.* I hustled up with the work this forenoon and attended the funeral of Jessie Duff. which was to leave the house at 1 o'clock for New York. it was past 2 however before they started, and I returned home without going any further. I wedged up the greater part of the blocking in stalls after returning. James Clark died this morning.

Quelph business **6 Saturday (6-35)** *Another very cold day.* I was early astir this morning and cleaned out all the stables and fed up. so as to get off to Quelph in fair time. I took 14 lbs butter to Fielding got 16¢ per lb for it, got 2 lbs broken liniments 10¢ a dollar in Cash and Credit on the account for \$1.14. I got a pair of shirts \$1.25 to day. Bird Sud, 25¢. Saw Mr. Hobson, made arrangements for renewal of papers, and the interest to be reduced to 5 per cent after Jan.

James Clark funeral. **7 Sunday (7-36)** *Mild Change of weather.* Some snow fell last night but it has greatly gone to day. Maggie went twice to Everett to day. Colin McMillan came with her. John attended the funeral of James Clark this P.M. it has taken up quite a large share of my time to do the chores to day. got word of Maggie Robertson's death at Oakville last night.

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87 Monday (9-357)

took a small
load of cedar
to the school
about a cord
12 feet long
2 1/2 feet high on
a little more on
a bunch of hay on a rounded load and falling on my head was consid-
erably hurt I drove across from the school to the centre and paid the taxes. I
borrowed ten dollars from Hugh Black for this week. Nellie loaned me 20 dollars. he is
away to Guelph today. quite an excitement over the elections. I did not go. John went

Slight frost again last night and the roads
are rather icy. John and I prepared a small load of cedar 2 foot
wood for the school. As I was going to start I lost my balance by sitting
on a bunch of hay on a rounded load and falling on my head was consid-
erably hurt I drove across from the school to the centre and paid the taxes. I
borrowed ten dollars from Hugh Black for this week. Nellie loaned me 20 dollars. he is
away to Guelph today. quite an excitement over the elections. I did not go. John went

88 Tuesday (9-356)

A very nice winter's day. Windy
and I helped John this afternoon to cut straw and had the
John's team there. as we worked a little late it kept me
very busy to work up my chores at night. Robert
Morton and John Burnett were also helping

9 Wednesday (9-355)

A beautiful day. Nellie called to
day while on his way to Guelph. He is about starting business
for \$44.00 in Guelph and intends soon to move his things. Maggie and Minnie
went down to McKenjis with Ted and Cutter. and staying all night.
Joseph Holmes came along this afternoon and I sold the steers to him
for \$44.00 he paid me \$2.00 on him and I have to deliver him tomorrow

10 Thursday (9-354)

Another very fine day. I have been
quite busy choring and cleaning up the stables
I also repaired a boot for John. patched both
upper & sole. Bella Hindley was awhile here
she had a horse & cutter. I drove over to Samuel
Toulls on business. paid 22 dollars on note.

Friday. 11th
There is a
according to the
date on the
Maggie

11 Thursday (9-353)

Rather stormy to day. The wind
has been blowing from the east, and considerable snow
has fallen. John took the steers down to Acton. I led him down
about a mile below M^{rs} 5 side road and John got up to me with his
mare and cutter, and I then drove over to see about the horse and afterwards
to Acton. we had our dinner at Agnews after delivering the steers. great
fire again at Toronto to night. The girls came home to night from
Guelph.

Thursday
10th
wrong
transcribed

12 Saturday (9-352)

A very fine day. John McKenjis drove up with
his team & a cutter and took home his sheep and cutter. he loaded both cutters on
the sheep. his rack also being here. Margaret went to Guelph along with Lynn
they went with Nellie & Cutter. Robert Jackson took a load of house effects for Nellie
to Guelph. I took up my time attending to these outside jobs & my chores. I drove
over to S. Toulls. paid 22 dollars on note. Thos. Tolton & the girls paid us
a visit this evening along with Mr. McQueen of Peel Co. pp.

13 Sunday (14-351)

Very stormy to day. a good deal
of snow has fallen and it has drifted considerably.
Maggie did not venture to Guelph and Minnie has
to stay at home these whatever befalls. The sore on her
foot gives her a good deal of pain and discomfort
Thos. Tolton & the girls. I have had a busy day choring

JANUARY 1896.

^{Sanded a double}
 14 Monday (18-350) A very wintry day, there was a good deal of snow fell last night, and the wind to day has been the cattle drifting it up considerably. it has also been rather cold. Willie & Willie was down a while to day packing and fixing up some of his effects. I have not been able to do much more than attend to the chores to day, hitched up the horses to get sand but failed, got a double stall ready.

^{Minnie's foot continues sore}
 15 Tuesday (18-349) Quite a snowy, wintry day. the frost has slackened off some. I wedged up and sanded the 2nd double stall this forenoon. and drove up to Mr Williams gravel pit and shovelled off about a wheelbarrow load of sand from the side of the bank and fixed up the other stall with it. Colm McWilliam paid us a visit to day. took back a boring bit to Robt. McWilliams and paid him \$10.⁰⁰ on the note he holds against me.

^{heifer}
 16 Wednesday (17-448) Another wintry day. the snow has calved been deepening this last day or two. I put in a stansill for the this - new cow. our heifer calved this morning. Willie took another load away, or at least John Campbell did for him, Willie took in fence drawing and Miss McDougall this morning. I hauled up 4 loads of stone wood. before dinner and 3 afternoon. Sent a card wood to Alex McGee. and a letter to Ewart.

^{settled with John for my share of the tapes.}
 17 Thursday (18-347) Continues wintry, but only moderately cold. the snow is keeping and a little additional comes at times. I have been very busy to day. did up all my chores and drew up 4 loads of wood from the bush, finishing up all the circular cut wood. I paid John \$1.⁶⁴ to day, which settles for my share of the tapes, which amounts to each of us \$18.36. Webb's girls & Geo. Abbott paid us a visit this evening.

^{finished drawing wood from bush.}
 18 Friday (18-346) Quite a heavy snow storm. I have spent what time I had over my chores fixing up the cattle stables and got them tied up. Margaret helped me put in the stanchions &c. I drove down our sheep to Webb and borrowed theirs for the wood drawing. I took the 50 lb borrowed salt also 8 lbs coal. I owed them 300.

²⁰ 19 Saturday (20-345) Snow to day, but the roads are heavy from the heavy fall of snow. Dr. Duffen says there were nine inches fall. I have had quite a busy day churning & fixing up preparatory to wood drawing next week. I drove down to McKenzies and got their Charlie horse. took him down to Abbotts and got him shod all round. one new shoe. had all the home in coming back. Fed in Cutter & Charley & King.

²⁰ Sunday (21-344) ^{Signs of} Some more snow again, or it may be thaw, there is quite a heavy covering of snow on the ground now. Maggie drove to Speerling this forenoon but did not go in the evening. I have been busy at my chores and had to move some barnmice and found them hearty.

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22 21 Monday (22-243) A very wet day. The rain fell almost incessantly all day. I repaired a boot for Johnny and also my own, taking off the heel and putting on a new piece of upper on the back. Maggie and her mother had all the chores mostly done by the time I returned home.

23 22 Tuesday (23-242) A very blowy and stormy day. I drove to Guelph however with my first load of wood to Goudy's. I met in with Willie at Guelph and he prevailed on me to go to his place to feed my horses and get dinner.

24 23 Wednesday (24-241) Continues stormy and cold. The wind blows so hard that the track fills up some and makes it hard travelling for the horses. I took my second load of wood to Goudy's. They complain of the quality of the wood and he docked me because of it. I think he docked to the full amount of the defective wood. and got ^{nothing} for ^{nothing}.

25 24 Thursday (25-240) Cold, but fine weather. The roads got filled in so last night that I was afraid to venture to Guelph. I spent much of the day fixing up the chores and fixing so as to be easier for the women folk. I loaded up my load ready for Guelph and drove down for the mail this afternoon taking Minnie with me.

26 25 Friday (26-239) Much finer to day. a good deal of fresh snow is on the roads but there has been a great traffick on them to day which has beaten the tracks up good. I took the last of the hardware to day. I had a few words again with Goudy re the quality of the wood. got dinner again at Willie's. Johnny took in a load of wood for him. A. J. Ken took a load of hay for him.

27 26 Saturday (27-238) A awfully stormy day. The wind has piled up the snow in big drifts and those who ventured out on the roads with loads had to unload and return. Willie came out last night to take his organ to Guelph but had to go home without it. I fixed up things so as to feed the pigs in the cattle shed. and took out the pump.

28 27 Sunday (28-237) Continuation of this terrible weather. The snow is piled up in high unsightly heaps. no one here has ventured out. I have had to spend a good deal of time in trying to make the animals comfortable. heaps of snow everywhere abound to make things uncomfortable.

5 cuts
of defective
wood
is made
up
by Goudy

paid
Willie 20
dollars
for Johnny
also fine
dollars to
get one
for quart
of Beef
and 2 1/2
dollars to
kill the
mole
dead mare

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1895.

28 Monday (29-336)

Moderately cold to day. The Sun has been bright and the day fine. The roads are completely blocked and every body most that can handle a shovel is out shovelling snow. It is seldom that the town line has been so badly blocked. I help shovel along with the rest and the road is now open (although today)

3 bags Chop & 1 bag short. 29 Tuesday (30-335)

Weather moderate. I thought of trying to take a load of Cedar to Guelph to day but feared to face this heavy road. The McWilliams took in two ventures it but the work for the horses was hard. Took a load of Cedar wood down as far as Heffernans and unloaded it. and 3 bags Chop. got a bag of short. paid \$5.00 for all.

30 Wednesday (31-334)

Cold to day. I took in a load of Cedar wood to Goudie's taking about 1/2 of what was at Heffernans. Johny helped me unload my load at the yard. The roads were a little heavy. and it was rather a cold job teaming. The women did up all the chores nicely. I had my dinner, as usual, at Millies.

31 Thursday (32-333)

Continues Cold. I drove another load of Cedar wood to Guelph to day taking away the balance of what was left at Heffernans. There is a great amount of wood going into Guelph these days. and the pitch holes that are being worked out makes it hard work for the teams and hard on the sleighs.

Feb 1 Friday (33-332) CANDLEMAS. Scotch Quarter Day.

Cold increasing. This has been a very cold day. if it was not that the seat was on the side of the load providing shelter for the driver it would have been hard to bear. The work at home was nicely done up while I was away. The team works first rate. The horses agreeing and working together finely.

2 Saturday (34-331)

A very cold day. I went to Burroughs to Guelph again. I am anxious to continue get done with the wood drawing. This is the last load but one. and I am very well pleased to get through with it. I had dinner as usual at Millies and had a very cold drive home. John McHenry drove up Bella & children this afternoon. Bella is staying at home.

3 Sunday (35-330)

Fine to day. but continues very cold. Bella and the 2 girls drove the cutter to Emerson meeting this forenoon. The girls went again in the evening. Walter McWilliams driving them down. It has taken up a good deal of my time making the stock comfortable at home.

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4 ⁵ Monday (36-329) Another cold day. I attended the first meeting of the Board of Health for the year, Minnie accompanied me over to see the Doctor. he found her lung congested and said she should not have been put, I hurried home again and packed up for Guelph tomorrow, putting on a row for Miller.

5 ⁶ Tuesday (37-332) The Cold has been intense to day. I took the last of the Cedar wood to Goudy's it measures, I think, nearly 8 cords, but Mr Goudy is bound to dock it on account of quality to 7 cords. I was awfully cold in driving home. I bought the Coal for Webb's that I owed them. 215 lbs. got over weight.

6 ⁷ Wednesday (38-337) Another terribly cold day the frost is about as severe as yesterday. I hear it has been 33 degrees below zero. The coldest for many years. I took home Webb's Sleigh and the Coal I owed him. it is now all paid up so then drove down to McGlenzie with the horse, was very cold in returning home, got some medicine for Minnie at the doctor's.

7 ⁸ Thursday (39-344) Cold to day about as great as yesterday. I took in 3 fat hogs to Guelph to Simpson. they weighed 660 lbs. at 4¢ per lb. I had quite a job with the well & cistern pumps. the lean holes got frozen and I had to chop and clear of the plat for me to get at them. had a busy day fixing up and it has been terribly cold. Minnie is some better.

8 ⁹ Friday One of the stormiest days I ever experienced the wind has blown a hurricane and the cold very great. the snow is drifting up and blocking the lanes &c. from the papers we find this terrible cold snap is very general. at Toronto 21 below zero is registered and as low as 33 in other parts of Ontario. I got the pump at the Barn going again. Walter W. Williams helped me with it. it has kept me busy keeping stock &c. right.

9 ¹⁰ Saturday Continues stormy, the wind has been very strong and has drifted up the snow so as to block up the surrounding very inconveniently. I have not been able to attend to much more than to keep the stock right and make them as comfortable as possible. the extreme cold has in some degree given way to day. I may say for the first for quite a long time.

10 ¹¹ Sunday (42-323) High wind yet drifting the snow into inconvenient piles, our lanes are completely blocked up. The cold has moderated quite perceptibly. the turnips are somewhat frozen in the house and we are looking for moderate weather to make things right again.

FEBRUARY 1895

Weather
McWilliams
at the mill
and got
2 bags
chopped
for us.
borrowed
our sleighs
to day.

12 // Monday (43-234)

Cold day, although when it is compared with some of last weeks weather it seems moderate. I got so much out of patience with the water trough being out at the house pump that I moved it into the shed. To day we fixed the pump so well that if works fine, no thank to Grant for it. he has put us to lots of trouble promising to come and fix it, but never doing it. Helped Johny over with 2 loads of feed straw.

Willie came 12

13 Tuesday (43-235)

Another cold day, but a great improvement on last week. I went down to Rockwood this afternoon. got some more medicine for Minnie. Called on the Stewart Boys, they are improving. got 36 lbs of good brown sugar & 1 lb of tallow for a dollar, also some oatmeal, and a lb of cheese 14¢ and lost it out of the cutter all night. The stage came from Guelph today, first since Friday last. all well on coming home. The stage came from Guelph today, first since Friday last.

13 Wednesday (43-236)

Weather moderating although to day has been raw and cold. I attended the Dermott's Sale this afternoon. bought nothing. bid on a Cultivator. Cattle sold very cheap. Mr. Dunbar gave us a flying visit this morning. he got his paper in the interest of taxing for road making instead of Statute Labour. I feel the change of water trough a great accommodation. hear of damage done to potatoes from frost, our escape right.

14 Thursday (43-237)

Weather improved, the cold has moderated so that it is now quite pleasant. I hurried up with the Chorge and got things fixed up so as not to be bothered when our company gathers to night. I drove down to Everton for the mail and met Joe Mcintosh coming up. There was quite a company at night and Joe was the soul of it. it was 2 in the morning before it broke up. Joe sang a lot of songs. There were the Stables, Morgans, Goffs, McWilliams. Yes about 100 people.

15 Friday (43-238)

Very fine day, Clear Sunshine and moderately cold. I hitched up the cutter and drove Bella over to Willie Suttons. and drove round by O'Learys. we had dinner and soon afterwards came away home again. calling at Uncle Duncans where we took up Joe again who had gone there on a visit while we were at Suttons.

Johnny
at Guelph
I fed up his
Bella & Max
her children
away home
got 20 lbs
worth of
sugar.

16 Saturday (43-239)

Another very fine day, although the sun has had great influence. Johnny & Maggie drove down home in the cutter. he brought back with him two dollars worth of sugar, 12 lbs, same as I got the other day. we had quite a party at Nells this eve. I drove the double team down to Guelph road to give Minnie an airing. and left her at Nells and brought her home at night.

17 Sunday (43-240)

Very cold. Joe Mcintosh and Maggie went to Everton meeting this forenoon, they intended going again in the evening but did not go. I did not go off the place the Chorge kept me busy a good part of the day. Minnie has to keep close to the house.

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18 ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} (50-315) Temperature quite moderate, inclining
showing blow this afternoon, had a blizzard of snow & wind
Johnny towards evening, but it soon calmed down again & helped
Blizzard Johny with the team to cut straw. Joe took my place to drive
Joe after the first run, he drove down to David Robertsons this
into evening, I got everything well attended to as Joe took
my place while I did it. Minnie is not quite so well

19 ~~20~~ Tuesday (51-314) A moderately fine day
Joe took the horse and Cutter to David Robertsons
last night and just returned this evening
I intended going to the doctors to day but
could not as the horse & cutter was away. I
have been churning & splitting wood &c -

20 ~~21~~ Wednesday (52-313) Although clear, yet it
has been rather raw and cold. I was up early
and did up my chores before breakfast and
accompanied Johny to Robert Montois Strain
Cutting, we got along well and did a good days
work, and brought back the horse power to Johny
Our women folk did Joe did up the Chores this day

21 ~~22~~ Thursday (53-312) A very stormy day. The
roads are filling up badly again. The stage ran
through to Guelph and back. I did not expect
that it could have done so. Joe and I have
been fixing up the stables some, and doing
up the Chores. This is really terrible weather &
it is most difficult to drive about as the lanes &c are filled up.

22 ~~23~~ Friday (54-311) Weather better again, but the
roads are badly blocked up. I accompanied the gang
for Minnie's neighbors down to Heffermans, we chopped the logs
the road are terrible on the town line, and drove through Robert Roberts
fields to Heffermans corner. The gravel road is now
so badly blocked that the fields have to be taken for the
most part, we got the mail this forenoon.

drove to
Richmond
this P.M.
for Minnie's
neighbors
the road
are terrible
but notice
that Minnie
has met a
serious
accident

23 ~~24~~ Saturday (55-310) A tolerably fine day. Geo McMillan
took a load of stave wood to Millie at Guelph today. Walter took
a load of wood to Geo Marshall. Johny took a load of cedar
to Guelph, they found the roads very heavy. Johny up some
Joe drove down to Everton this P.M. he helped me fix up
around the stables & the Chores this A.M. I had coled a horse
for Johny Burnett today. Colin McMillan is ill at present

we hear
that John
Mahon
is dead

24 ~~25~~ Sunday (56-309) A fine day, but frosty and rather
cold this forenoon. Margaret & I drove down to Heffermans
this forenoon to see Colin McMillan who is very sick. after
coming back Maggie & her mother drove up to see the Buffels
as some of them were complaining. I wrote a letter to Heffer
Maggie & her Uncle Joe drove to Everton.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 1895.

25 26 Monday (61-305) A fine day but rather cold. the Sun is beginning to have more effect. I have had all the Chores on my hands to day, as Joe has been enjoying himself over at John's &c. Margaret and I drove down to see Colin this evening, he is a very sick man. John Campbell came to day and is nursing him. They had to turn out and shovel the roads again to day.

Young light
brown chicken
to form
a full to day

26 27 Tuesday (61-306) A beautiful day, but cold frosty air. Joe rode down to Acton with Walter Williams and went to Georgetown. I did up my chores early and prepared to clean up our wheat, but just as we were at it, Samuel Lovel came along and spent several hours with us. So we quit it, he had dinner with us. the girls drove down to the Corner this P.M. Colin is not so well. Alice & Ada Webb visited us.

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27 28 Wednesday (61-307) A very fine day. much milder and this afternoon the snow started to thaw rather rapidly. Margaret & I cleaned up the wheat this A.M. and I intended bagging up some for chop but having lost time hunting more bags &c I gave up the idea and instead we cleaned up the flax. John drove a load of cedar to Guelph. Colin McMillan still keeps very poorly, not any better.

Feb 28 March Thursday (61-308) Continues to thaw rapidly the snow has gone very fast and the roads where the snow is deep is very bad to travel on as the horses break through. I took the wheat grist to the mill and also 3 bags of barley chop. They desired me to leave the wheat grist till tomorrow afternoon, but I got the chop home with me. paid the Chop 15^c. Colin McMillan is a little better this evening.

Colin Mc
Millan is
some better
I paid him on to day. the full
balance of
his wages
to day.
\$6.50

"old white sow
at Robt. Williams
Parrish's Pig"

March 1 Friday (61-309) Continued soft last night and up till this afternoon it has turned colder and hard frost evening. I drove down to the mill for the grist. the 6 bags wheat weighed 14 bushels & 20 lbs. they changed 7 bushels of fall wheat for the wild goose charging a quarter extra. there was 48.5 lbs flour outcome. they kept 100 but I owed, so that I had 38.5 home. 3 bags Shuck 2 bu. paid \$1.65 for grist.

2 3 Saturday (62-303) The frost has dried up the ground again and it is very icy, but better getting about. Margaret helped me to clean up the peas to day. and I put them in the hoghead 19 1/2 Bushels by measure. there were also over two bushels split peas for grinding. I threshed the flax tails and cleaned all of it up. there will be about 2 bushels of it.

Young white
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to Morton's
to day.

3 4 Sunday (63-302) Softer in the early part of the day but got up colder later on. I have been pretty close at home, only going down to Morton's with young son. Maggie went to meeting this forenoon. and we had a visit of Mr & Mrs Webb this afternoon. Maggie went with them down and intended going again to meeting with the young folks. Mary's fever is high to day. Mother is not well to day.

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4 B Monday (64-30) A very stormy & cold day
the wind has blown the falling snow into all the crevices
the cottons have chopped for McWilliam and they borrowed
our "king" horse for the occasion. I helped Johny clean up
bags of grain for chopping. we afterwards cleaned up
40 bushels of our black oats and put them in the granary

Wells drove
out from
Guelph to
day. I
sent the
money to
pay the
quarterly
note.

South do
Lone had
a lamb

3 8 Tuesday (95-90) Very frosty and cold, this morning the thermometer, I heard, registered 11 below zero. I wrote a letter for Holyoke and John, mailed it this morning when he went to Everton with his chaps. I drove to Rockwood and sent the doctor, who was coming up to see Mrs. Mathew Lovel, to see Minnie. I then drove down and had tea at McKenzie's. Minnie is not yet over the effects of Confession.

6  Wednesday (96-290) A very fine day. milder and, with the exception of a few blustering Snow clouds, it was a nice clear day. John took in his last load of wood to Gowdy's day. I have been clearing out the upper Cattle stable for the sheep. The little South down had a lamb the other day, and the rest I bought with her from Henry Duffield may all come be lambing. I was rather sick last night but some better to day.

7 8 Thursday ⁽⁶⁷⁻¹⁹⁸⁾ A little raw and cold to day, but
not an unpleasant day. Johnny & I brought over our 14 Sheep
(Duffield purchase) and put them in the upper Cattle stall.
Johnny also helped me to clean up the balance of the black oats
making 96 bushels in all, put in the bin in granary. The tail
ends after, cleaned up 4 bags more. I drove down to see the doctor
this afternoon. Minnie's temperature is high 104. The doctor thinks
he may have to see her Saturday if it
is not better by then.

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Duffield
Eve had
a lamb. The
morning.

8 9 Friday (6/30/97) Milder to day, but inclined to snow. Some became colder in the evening. at times it was quite stormy through the day. Joseph Wright took Capu along again this morning. he was all night at Uncle Durcan. he helped and fix up the railroad dock and started the other cat pile cleaning, put there 25 bushels. Minnie we think is a little better. went down to see Johnny Currie about helping us prepare fire wood. he says he will do what he can.

Old Mr
Sharp
buried Jan
to day

Cleaned up
120 Bushels
"Banner" oats

9 ~~10~~ Saturday (9-29-88) A heavy fine forenoon and we expected a fine day all through in this we were dissatisfied as it blew up very rough afternoon. a good deal of snow fell and was drifted up about. I attended the funeral of Old Mr Sharp. he was buried at question. The funeral was largely attended. Joe and I cleaned thro 120 bushels of oats and put them in a granary bin. there is yet 30 bushels of oats and 30 bushels of hay. Minnie not much better.

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6 to pay interest
to Dr. M. G. G.

id 10 ~~11~~ Sunday (70-288) Fine day. Sunshine and Cold mo.
brate. John McKenzie & Bella & Bella Hall paid us a visit to
day. Willie & Jennie took a run out from Quebec. They
drove up to Memphr and called here on their way home.
They drove home during the time of the total eclipse of the moon.

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11 ~~12~~ Monday (71-204)

11 ~~12~~ Monday ⁴ (7-29) Temperature moderate, and fair
fine. John McKenzie, Bella & the family with Bella Webb paid
us a visit to day. He paid me money as I have it become
yesterday. Joe is sharpening the cross cut saw to day.
Louis Black & Mrs McKennon drove up to day to see them.
Mrs Webb also, was up the greater part of the afternoon.

12 ~~13~~ Tuesday (72-203)

12th Tuesday (1923) A very fine day. John Currie has helped me saw up timbers in the wood today for firewood. Joe was out with us this afternoon. We cut up 10 beeches and 4 basswood saw logs, & 2 hemlocks. We took the team down this afternoon to break the roads. It has kept us busy to attend the stock and work in the Bush. Joe went to Everton this P.M.

13 ~~14~~ Wednesday (73-292)

13 14 Wednesday (73-202) Fine day although frosty & cold. John Currie is laid up unwell to day. John Conale brought home at noon to day to work at the wood. John has made arrangements with his brother Richard to work in his time with me for the rent of \$12.⁰⁰ per Annum. Cut in the woods together this P.M. while I took a visit of Chop to Everton 8 bags oak, and 4 bags mixed ^{hardy} ^{rough} ^{oak} for Carr & Co.

14 ~~13~~ Thursday (74-81)

14 **Th** Thursday ⁽⁷⁻¹⁸⁾ Sometimes fine weather, Cold and
frosty at nights. John Smallhorn and I have been
cutting up a large bunch. While John Currie drew up
3 or 4 loads of log lengths and placed them on a sled way
at the yard. We helped load.

15th ~~16~~ Friday ¹⁷⁻²⁰⁰ ~~1800~~

15th ~~th~~ Friday ⁷⁻²⁰⁰ Very Cold last night. The frost is very heavy this morning. but it has been a very fine pleasant day. John Currier & John Smallhorn with the mules were at the wood this forenoon. They cut at pecks this afternoon for Smallhorn. I drove up to Cotts and paid the note for the harrows \$4. - we had quite a lot of visiting Uncle Duncan, Jennie Abbott, Mary & George Misses Souell, and others.

16 ~~17~~ Saturday (76-289)

16 ~~th~~ Saturday (76-984) Another Cold day, but very pleasant
 we are having a wonderful Cold time for such a late time of
 year. I drove to Guilford to day. got the loan of 30 dollars
 from Willie I paid him the 35^{cts} he gave to the Bank Manager, got a pair of
 shoes #1st. Willie bought me an axe & handle 85^{cts} Cold turnips to Shultz 11^{cts}
 Currier & Smallhorn working in Bush brought up 2 loads logs. D^r up to Sullivan
 Willie Abbott removed shoe paid 10^{cts} Sent 6 dollars to A. W. Taylor. interest for first 3 months

17 18 Sunday (1788)

17 18 Sunday ^{Evening} Fine day, a little cold as usual.
Maggie drove to meeting this forenoon. Grace & Leon accom-
panied her home and Maggie drove her back again at night.
He went down to Everton last night and is visiting at
Blacks this afternoon. I have been kept pretty close at
work today fixing up the stock, visitors to day

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18 ¹⁹ Monday (78-287) Fine day. John Currie and John Smallhorn have been helping at the bush. Joe also helped us, we cut down a couple of Cedar trees to make a school wood, one was lodged against another tree but we cut it and hauled it down with the team. The road to the bush is getting bare in the field.

19 ²⁰ Tuesday (79-288) Fine day. I drove over to Erin this forenoon and paid Gib. McArthur for the horse \$41.00, after returning I hitched up Fred and drove to Rockwood for Auntie Kate. Frank took Dick and I returned with him from Erin and I gave him a dose of Salt and Soda, also, afterwards, a dose of Sattyside & Turpentine. He got better. Joe has been at Robt. McMillins Sawing for me.

20 ²¹ Wednesday (80-285) Another fine day. I took down a cord of Cedar wood to the school to day, and hurried back to Lake Kate Moore and Joe McArthur to the 6 o'clock train. We made it by hard scratching.

Dr. Drepton up to see Minnie and day. 21 ²² Thursday (81-286) Very fine day. The Sun has been very hot and burnt my face rather badly. John Smallhorn and I prepared 2 loads of turnips this A.M. Charlie Buffield also brought his team and worked at them from about 10 o'clock afterwards in the afternoon. Walter McMillins and John helped us prepare other 2 loads. So we started off with our 4 loads into 14 1/2 Bushels. the roads were very bad. We got them off shortly after 6 o'clock.

22 ²³ Friday (82-283) Clear & Breeze Holiday. Hot in the Sun. I took down another load of turnips this forenoon. John Smallhorn helped me root them and then rode down home. Casino made the mistake of not giving me a proper receipt for the weights and I had to go back again with it before the 6 o'clock train. I had in all 16 9 1/2 Bushels.

23 ²⁴ Saturday (83-282) A little colder to day, but the snow has melted very much for a while. I drove to Guelph to see about the business with Mr. Hobson. but he was at Toronto. fixed it so that it can be done in a week. I settled with D. L. Shultz, he gave me a check for \$18.00 11¢ per bushel. Had dinner at Millie's. his business seems increasing. The roads are very bad and near the city everywhere the snow banks in many places are as high as ever.

24 ²⁵ Sunday (84-281) Very soft. The snow is going fast to day. John McArthur and Bella Brown up to see Minnie. poor Minnie does not seem to get much better. the fever keeps up very high at times which shows the disease is still there. have had to attend closely to home and outside wants.

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Monday

25th 26th ^{Monday}
The snow has melted very much today. I have had a busy day - uncovering potatoes, and doing up the Churn also half Colled a pair of Boots for Isaac Theaker's boy. Minnie is much about the same had a good many visitors to see her today.

(86/279)

16 27 Tuesday (86 279) ⁴ Frazzled up last night and to day.
I have had a very busy day. aping up the Chores.
and split up a load of Cedar Stove Wood for the Chores
and took it down, after returning home I split up
and loaded the most of another load.

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27th ~~28~~ Wednesday ~~Nov 27~~ Stormy stormy to day. quite a
Snow Storm in the afternoon. I was up early and
did up the Chores and helped John at the Sawing
machine. he got along very well. had 11 hands all told.
Robt. Justin. Coffe. W. Williams (Geo.) Robt. W. Williams. John Burnett
Robt. Morton. Jamie Duffield. Isaac Theaker. Geo. Abbott.

(88-27)

28 ~~29~~ Thursday (88-87) A fine day, but very windy for
So late a day of the year. I hauled up this morning
and finished up the splitting of the Cedar wood for
the School and drew it down to the School house. There
is fully more than the 4 Cords in all. This P. M. I hauled up 8
bags mixed grain, 1/2 bushel peas. 3 barley & over 1 oats. got them home
with me. bought a ton of Chopped wheat 20 dollars a ton. got a week

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29, 30 Friday ~~Thurs~~ & cold to day but not unpleasant
I have been very busy to day. Cleaning out Stables &c
1/2 coled a boot for Johny Burnett. and took over
4 bags of Chop to the pig house. I had to dig my
way in to the house through the high Snow drift
Dr. Dryden came to see Minnie to day. he says she is
some better. had a good many visitors to day

(99-275)

30 31 Saturday (98-275) Continues Cold & wintry, although very pleasant. Johnny & Lizzie drove to Quebec market to day with the Democrats. I accompanied them. Robt Morton also took the wagon. They are the first wheels that we know of, on the town line since the shipping. Johnny got \$1.⁵⁰ a bag for 3 bags apples (now says) 75^{cts} for bag of potatoes. 15^{cts} for eggs. 16^{cts} for butter. Nellie got 6 lbs of rad. transferred mortgage to day to Elizabeth Loghrie. Mr. Davis Bill is \$9.05. the roads are bad for the wheels on account of the deep drifts.

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31 ~~April~~ Sunday (91-27) This day, but keep up winter. I have been about home all day, with the exception that Mother and I drove the cutter up to Druffells to see Mary who has lately been taken down quite sick. Margaret & Everett meeting at night. Walter McWilliam drove the horse & cutter.

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1 2 Monday (92-273) Rain and ice storm to day. at least last night, Johny & I each took a team this afternoon and loaded up the 6 small logs (4 Bals and 2 hemlocks) Johny took his to Everton, but I had to stay and clean up the rats frozen Norway. he got 17 Bushels and he brought 6 Bushels of field peas. 75¢ per bushel. he paid me \$2.50 between the lots. The Season keeps remarkably late

Horton
paid me
for the
cedar
\$5.
Cleaned Barley

2 3 Tuesday (93-272) Quite a bit of ice on the ground this morning. I took the logs to Everton. and brought home 15 45 lbs of ground wheat. paying ten dollars on it. Cleaned up the Barley and bagged it and emptied the meal into the bins the barley was in.

3 4 Wednesday (94-271) Continues Cold, the snow however is slowly going. the late ice storm has left some clumps of it left. have been plowing up a man to day. Geo. Duffield and Geo. Anderson, did not deal with either, was over at Ospringe to see Anderson may yet deal with Duffield.

4 5 Thursday (95-270) Fine day. we filled 4 bed ticks to day with oat straw, Colin McMillan paid us a visit to day. I hitched up the horse to Johny's buggy this afternoon and drove down to Rockwood to see the doctor and I waited at Stewart's till he returned from Quelpk at 7 o'clock. being a little late when I went back to the doctor. he had just gone again. I was displeased & disappointed.

5 6 Friday (96-269) Another fine day. but threatening rain. we drew over the horse power Co's to cut straw Coon Johny took over the fanning mill. I bagged up 3 bags of Northern Spy apples and 3 bags potatoes for Quelpk to morrow. Mr & Mrs John Webb paid us a visit this afternoon.

6 7 Saturday (97-268) A very wet night and the first half of this forenoon. I made ready to go to Quelpk but on account of the rain abandoned the idea, we could have gone however after all as it ceased raining about nine o'clock.

7 8 Sunday (98-267) Continues murky and unpleasant. very damp and foggy. we all kept the house pretty closely to day. I have been kept busy trying to make all the animals comfortable.

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8 **M** Monday (99-266)

Weather becoming less country and the indications are favourable for the early opening up of spring, it would not be early - however even if it was now upon us, I have not yet secured my help for the summer and I am negotiating and looking out, it is a great matter of concern to me now that I am alone

9 **T** Tuesday (100-265)

Weather turning up again and getting more pleasant. Minnie does not improve as we would like and the doctor dis-pleased me by not staying till he saw me last Thursday. Doctors, like every other class of people get careless at times when it is of the greatest importance that they should be attentive & careful.

10 **W** Wednesday (101-264)

A fine day. John Smallhorn came to help us and I let him to sort the turnips and throw them back from the potato pile. Margaret and I drove to Quelp today. 3 bags apples (Nor. Sp.) and 4 bags potatoes #1. 15 for the apples 70 for potatoes. Butter 16 Eggs 14.

11 **T** Thursday (102-263)

A very fine day. But threatens rain this afternoon. John Smallhorn has had a nashy job among the frozen potatoes. The South West end of the lignite house is not well protected outside and quite a thick mass of the pile is lost. I have been round asking a few hands for sawing tomorrow found the Cottons saving for themselves with the machine

12 **F** Friday (103-262)

Fine this forenoon, but came on rain between 3 & 4 o'clock, we had 3 saws going pretty steady until 5 o'clock. The last 2 hours we sawed at the bush, we had Robt Norton, Jimmy Burnett, Geo. Abbott, Walter McWilliams, John Coffey, Geo. Duffield, John Smallhorn, Jimmy Sinter & myself. The work went on well and it was a pity came to stop us. I hired Geo. Duffield for 7 months at 16 dollars per month, get his washing done here. ^{the girl is coming} Every other

13 **S** Saturday (104-261)

A fine day after the rain of yesterday. David Cotton came to day to help us cut wood. John Smallhorn and I sawed mostly together and David split it up. May finished up a number of logs at the last and let me do up the chores. I drove Smallhorn home this evening. Geo. Lorse gave up the keys of Mr. Parson's house today.

14 **S** Sunday (105-260)

Fine this morning but got up cold and not very pleasant as the day wore on. Maggie drove alone to Querton meeting and Colin McMillan came back with her. The doctor got a call to James Douglas to see one of their children and he called to see Minnie. He says she is improving but very slowly.

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15 ~~16~~ Monday (106-259) Weather Cool and fine.

Geo. Duffield started to work this morning. he split up the balance of the unsplit wood in the woodhouse and made a start on the outside pile.

16 ~~17~~ Tuesday (107-258) The weather is improving and

things now look as Spring may at last come upon us. John Smallhorn was clearing up the last of the frozen potatoes, and piled the stove wood for George as he split it.

17 ~~18~~ Wednesday (108-257) The weather has turned fine, a

little frost at night. John Smallhorn helped me this forenoon to load up 12 bags of black beanate oats for chopping. and we went home with fine when I drove to the mill. George has been splitting up the stove wood, George took a load of turnips to the pig house. I took over there more than a load. I split and boil them & mix meal in them.

18 ~~19~~ Thursday (109-256) A very fine day, the ground

is drying up very fast. George finished the splitting of the stove wood this evening. he had to work very steadily at it in order to get it done. I piled the most of it. I unloaded the Chop stuff and took home two bags after shaking them. we loaded up the balance of the Mangolds the wagon in the Barn. went for Smallhorn this evening.

19 ~~20~~ Friday (110-255) A very fine, warm & sunshiny day.

George started the plow this morning and it has gone Barn raising. George had to stop about 3 o'clock P.M. and, with John Smallhorn, attended John M. Spence's barn raising. I sold the George horse to James Ramsdew, backed by Wm Anderson. John Smallhorn and I have been cutting some Cedar poles into stove wood. unloaded the Mangolds this morning at pig

20 ~~21~~ Saturday (111-254) Weather quite warm and the

sun out clear & fine. George has plowed all day at the Sod. John Smallhorn & I have been sawing up some Summer wood. I drove to Rockwood to see the doctor and gave Wm McCullough a ride home. Minnie has not been so well this week and we wished the doctor to know it. he thinks she has had the grippe and gave me more medicine. John Smallhorn went home

21 ~~22~~ Sunday (112-253) A very fine day. George and

Maggie attended the meeting twice to day. Willie drove out from Squelch to see Minnie he has a new top buggy. John Curry & wife and others have been visiting. I walked down to Webb's in the evening and got caught in a heavy rain that came on

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22 ~~23~~ Monday (13-252)

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22nd Monday (18-22)
A fine day after the rain of last
night. Johnny had to go to Guilford today to be a witness
at the trial of Thompson for Contempration of the By Laws governing
the Sales (market) of the City. I plowed with his team in the
field along with George. I gave up the keys of Mr. Ravon's
house to Fred. Ravon, and stipulated that it was rented only
for the quarter (3 months) he to pay the taxes and do the road work.

23 ~~24~~ Tuesday (114-251)

23 ~~24~~ Tuesday (114-251) Another very fine day. George has, with "King", cleared off the stones from the E field to the west, behind the Orchard. Took over turnips to boil and other chores. I have plowed all day at the Rod with "Frank & Fred". I have to boil turnips for the pigs & also feed them. it makes a lot of work, but we think it will pay.

24 ~~25~~ Wednesday (115-260)

24 ~~25~~ Wednesday (115-250) Another beautiful day, threatened rain but did not come. Mary Stewart & her mother drove up from Rockwood to see Minnie. I finished the Cod field by noon to day. George finished up the stony with King and manured and gang plowed the Orion bed. By noon, afternoon he cultivated with the new Cultivator. The wheat land in front field we also took in a load of cowpits for the pigs.

25 ~~26~~ Thursday (116-249)

25 ~~26~~ Thursday (1884) Continues fine weather for
seeding. Johnny has had the use of "Fred" to help his team
to cultivate he finds the new Cultivator to make rather heavy
work for his team on his hard land. George Cowed the wheat
and harrowed it after the drill. Eddie & Nethy Abbott came up
on a visit today. I drove to Everton for the mail in the evening
taking them home. Johnny got done early with "Fred" so I took him to

26 ~~27~~ Friday (1724)

126 ~~27~~ Friday (1724) Beautiful weather. Some indication of change but they always mess off without result. George plowed and cultivated the Cod for the peas this forenoon. Staked them this afternoon. I have on hand the boiling every day of pulped turnips with the meal for the pigs. Have been very unwell for some days, having much inward pain, have taken some pills (morison) to try and remove it.

27th 28 Saturday (1824)

27th 28 Saturday (1834) Splendid weather for Seeding, Cool
and drizzling. George has harrowed the pea land after the freeze
and partly rolled it before dinner. He cultivated the bare
field opposite in the afternoon. He wounded Fred at it. John
also wounded him a while this forenoon,

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waives to
roll to night

28 ~~20~~ Sunday (1924)

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28 29 Sunday (1882) Weather Continuous dry & cool, just
the kind of weather we are now in need of. Willie & wife &
Colin Campbell drove out from Guelph. They called as they returned
from Mimosa, Willie also called as he drove past in the morning.
George & Maggie drove twice to Everton today. I did up the clock.
Minnie kept her bed today.

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\$15.00 to
Mrs. A.D. W.

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man fixed
his clock
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29 ³⁰ Monday (129-30) Beautiful day, warmer this afternoon than has been prevailing. The grass is growing greener on account of the heat. A cool wind, however, generally prevails. George has sowed the west 1/2 of the back field to the north this A.M. Afternoon he harrowed & rolled it, all to about 12 hours. We have boiled 2 batches for the pig. I took out the partition giving them all the room. The 2 Mrs. Abbotts paid us a visit this P.M.

30 May Tuesday (129-344) Rather hotter to day than usual. Things are beginning to feel rather dry. George took out some manure to the kitchen and laid it in. I rolled the wheat land this while and he & I spent afternoon until dinner time on the pea land rolling & picking stones. I boiled a pot of feed for the pig afternoon and raked up the yard. George cultivated the 5 1/2 acre field to the left of the lane. Women folks cleaning up cellar. I took Minnie again for a

1 ² Wednesday (129-343) Much cooler to day, and continues dry. George has cultivated the back field, but one on the south side of lane and sowed and harrowed it in. We put in "Banner oats". I laid off the tuberos garden by shovelling out the 2 long walks. Maggie & her mother sowed quite a few onions. I filled up a load of turnips and George drew them to the pig house. Took straw also. we turned our last year calves yesterday.

2 ³ Thursday (129-342) ASCENSION DAY. Warmer to day, in fact a little too warm for comfort. George cultivated and sowed the remainder of the back, north of lane field to Jeanette oats. East end and the old boggy bit in the middle were rather wet, but not so bad on the whole. I drove Minnie down as far as Uncle Duncan's to day.

Minnie
walked down
to Millville
to day.
got Fred
Good all day
(regd) in the
about. with

3 ⁴ Friday (129-341) Another very warm day. I have been choring round this forenoon. boiling pig feed &c. fished about a couple of hours and got 5 nice fish for Minnie. I wrote. I harrowed this afternoon what George sowed yesterday. George cultivated the north front field this A.M. we cleaned up 3 bags Bavarian oats and then he went off to Hugh Black's Barnraising. W.D. Drayden called to see Minnie to day. in much better

horses very
warm to day
hotter day
of the season

4 ⁵ Saturday (129-340) Extremely hot day. Margaret & I have been to buy to day with Fred & Buggy. we had 40 doz. eggs, and 22 lbs. 30 doz & 9-10 doz 10¢. Butter @ 15¢. we were at Millville dinner. There are fears we have seen the highest market price for potatoes. 60¢ - was paid to day. George finished sowing & harrowing the front north field. took afterwards 2 loads of pruned stuff out of orchard yet another load to take away. before we plow the orchard

5 ⁶ Sunday (129-339) Another hot day. Sunshine and splendid growing weather, but rain would now be very acceptable. The trees are leafing out extremely fast. Since yesterday morning, we have been at home all day. Maggie & George have both been twice at Everton. Minnie & Mollie are again very sick. poor girls. She is very delicate

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Monday

(27-238) Another hot day. until about

3 P.M. when the air became cooler. It was thought local thunder showers was the cause. I have had a busy choring day. George took the last load of prunings to the back of the place, and we took a load of straw for the pigs. George afterwards plowed about 2/3 of the orchard. George Williams paid us a visit to day. he is very poorly. and William is also very poorly. Minnie improves very slowly.

keep fishing about creek morning for Minnie's Johnny got 3 Bushels peas for seed

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Tuesday

(28-237)

Continues hot. a little rain fell from the thunder clouds which are passing around. George plowed the balance of the orchard and harrowed and partly rolled it. we wish to make a fine seed bed for the barley. I drove to Everton this afternoon and Minnie accompanied me, on account of the appearances of rain I drove rather fast and she felt unearied. Thos. Bolton & Hannah called awhile this evening

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Wednesday

(29-236)

Another hot day. George finished up the sowing to day. the barley in the orchard. I prepared a floor in the turnip house and pulled down the potatoe pile. They are growing badly. The market for them has gone badly back and left us, as well as many others, in a bad plight. They make 10th a bag a couple of weeks ago, and now down to 40th

Signed note for the Cultivator John & myself

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Thursday

(30-235)

Terribly hot to day in the Sun. George has been rolling to day and sowed the barley. Charles Sacket came along for us to sign the note for the Cultivator \$33.⁰⁰ payable on the 1st April 1897. I dug the flower bed this forenoon in garden, boiling pig feed. George helped awhile in sprouting the potatoes, and hauled over a load of turnips to the pig house. I threw them out at the window of turnip house

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Friday

(31-234)

Another Steaming hot day. vegetation has made wonderful progress up to this time. the peas is out in full bloom. plain & apple blossom coming out. George has been helping Johnny to plow up the far end of the corner field that missed the seedling down

Johnny got 212 lbs oats for seed.

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Saturday

(1-233)

The long hot & dry spell has been broken to day. this morning a heavy thunder cloud passed over us and heavy rain fell. again in the afternoon and this also came and the temperature fell very low. I drove to Guelph for the 14th bag for Minnie but failed to get it. got 12 bottles till the other can be had in a few days. Johnny delivered his bull in Rockwood, he weighed 1680 lbs. 24.72 dollar over. \$69.²⁰. I had a very cold drive home from Guelph. Minnie is rather poorly.

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Sunday

(2-232)

A great change in the temperature. quite a frost last night. I am afraid damage will result to the tender grain and fruit blossoms. it has been quite cold all day. May, in and Geo. have been twice at Everton meeting to day. John Webb paid us quite a long visit this afternoon.

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oats badly
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13 **E**

Monday (184-236) WHIT MONDAY.
Bank Holiday in England and Ireland.

nothing, I fear, but great damage must follow such a freeze. our rhubarb bed that was ransy & grand is frozen right down, all the leaves of the beech trees are completely blackened. George & I have been sprouting the potatoes in the turnip house to day. we cleaned up the house & laid another floor.

14 **E**

Tuesday (135-236) Sunday Quarter Day

A very rough day, quite a snow time all day. John Smallhorn and George & I have been sprouting potatoes all day. we sort them as we go along. the potatoes have kept well but they are growing rather bad.

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up. except
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got 295 lbs
more meal

15 **E**

Wednesday (136-239)

Weather a little better to day not much, if any, frost last night. George & Smallhorn have been at the potatoes again all day. I took down 15 bags black oats to chop, they weighed within 60 lbs of 40 Bbl. I hauled the 6 logs in to the mill this morning while they chop the grain, and I went back for the lumber in the afternoon. 5.25 for Miller drove out to see Minnie and brought the Bbl Beer.

16 **E**

Thursday (137-238)

A fine day. George has plowed quite a piece of the potatoe land to day and drilled up for the mangolds, he and I sowed them after got the old turnip drill and grooved them out. John Smallhorn and I have been sprouting at the potatoes.

17 **E**

Friday (138-241)

Another fine day. I got the balams (6 rows) of the mangolds sown and then rolled them down with our own turnip drill, sowing at same time a sprouting of turnip seed. I then wrote a letter to Mrs. Parry and from Rockwood sent her the twelve dollars by Express order. In a letter from her I learn that she & her sister Mrs. Stewart intend to start Oklahoma, where Alex is, on the 21st.

18 **E**

Saturday (139-246)

A very wet and disagreeable day outside, the rain started early in the forenoon and kept at it all day afterwards, the temperature has been moderate and the rain will probably do much good in bringing round the frozen grain. John Smallhorn and George & I have been sprouting at the potatoes the most of the day. Lynn was at Quilts to day. I drove Smallhorn home this eve. also John Abbot.

19 **E**

Sunday (140-246)

Rained all last night and awhile this morning, it cleared up early however. John & Bella came up with the children from Eden, it is quite awhile since they were up before. John says the frost has cut their grain rather badly. we hear bad accounts from Luther and other places. Mr. Baker, Howard Tolton's wife, and others were here to day.

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Rockwood 20 ²¹ Monday (141-240) Cold and frosty both night and with hogs day. George got away with the hogs about 8 o'clock this a.m. bought 10 hogs they weighed 1680. the nine, nearly 1187 each. = \$84.00. Took 8 2 took whiter Duffield is meeting a bad market. I bought 5 dollars worth of hogs to 3 dollars 28 to the dollar. At 2 granulated 20 lbs to the dollar. (at Passmore) didn't get back home till about 4 P.M. paid Stout 12 dollars as interest on the note of Alf.

22 ²² Tuesday (142-243) Frost again, but milder than has prevailed steadily for going on two weeks. John Smallhorn and I have been sprouting potatoes all day. George has been plowing the potatoe land that he covered with dung yesterday. Dr. Dryden & Geo. Stewart came to see Minnie today. John Russell & wife & 2 little girls visited here today.

Cold and frosty.

23 ²³ Wednesday (143-244) Heavy frost again last night the ground was hard this morning. George has been drawing out Manure on the potatoe ground and spreading it as he goes. I wrote 2 letters this morning 1 to Holyoke and 1 to Joe Mcintosh and mailed them. paid up Horst in full, and got a bag of flour which was broked for \$2.25 got Frank Sues set all round at Abella. paid also the old ac. & the dollar of

Quelph 23 ²⁴ Thursday (144-245) Frost but much milder than just had as prevailed for some time. I drove to Quelph with 20 bags potatoe of the also took our W. plow and got it fixed at Gowdie. it always ran to day. we Calamity of young plowed Millie's patch of ground. got 50 cts per bag for the potatoes. paid Willie \$15.00 George he has now received \$25.00 in cash of the \$38.00 I borrowed from him. he got 3 black bags potatoe for which he did not pay. got King Chod all round 75 cts. George & I got 5 cts split and piled some stone wood in the back and dug in the garden.

24 ²⁵ Friday (145-246) Continues mild. the weather has taken a favourable change. I have been helping George to fill manure and sprouting potatoes when he was out at the field Minnie had a short drive for the first since the cold spell set in. we had a lot of visitors today. Jack Com. Tolton from Quelph. Beasie Tolton & her Companion. Colin Campbell & Jennie. Hindley girls &c. we have the shed pretty well cleared of manure.

25 ²⁶ Saturday (146-247) Another very fine day. warm & pleasant. George has plowed about 1 1/2 acres of the turnip and potatoe land although we were delayed a long time after dinner washing the sheep. I finished up the sprouting of the potatoes today & drove Maggie to Euston this evening for sprachee at music to take the place of Mary Black who is unfit on account of the drowning of her brother in Algoma. they sing at the S.S. Convention next Monday.

26 ²⁷ Sunday (147-248) Considerable rain has fallen today and the temperature has fallen as to quite cool! George has been away today. he went down to see Mr James Bonham who has been quite poorly of late. Minnie is yet very poorly but I fancy she is gaining a little strength. as she walks up & down stairs without help. Joe Mcintosh came here last night and is with us today.

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27 **Monday** (150-210) Rather cold to day. Some frost last night. I drove for part of the way to Rochester this morning. He intends going up to Guelph from Georgetown this evening, as he has engaged to go to work there. Maggie came down to the S.S. Convention to sing in the Choir to day and in the evening Willie drove out from Guelph this morning for Bath's Cutting and went back after dinner.

28 **Tuesday** (150-210) Much milder to day, although there was a little frost this morning. I took in 30 bags potatoes to Guelph to day, got 50^{cts} per bag for 21 bags, and 45^{cts} for the balance. Willie got 2 bags, for which he did not pay. I got 50^{cts} oatmeal from Willie. Cultivated Willie's piece of ground. George has been fixing up the fences to day. he put out the calves to pasture in the orchard. Minnie seems a little better.

29 **Wednesday** (150-215) A very warm day. George drew out manure this forenoon and plowed this afternoon. There is yet about 2 1/2 acres uncovered and but little manure on hand, we will cover what we can and put Hungarian in what is left. I filled up 31 bags potatoes for Guelph. paid Robt. McWilliams \$38.00, which lifted the note and paid him all up for the Cow & C. he allowed me 10^{cts}.

30 **Thursday** (151-214) A scorching hot day. I started for Guelph this morning at 6 o'clock getting in in good shape about half past nine. Just a dull market for potatoes. Charles Socket took a bag in my going in, sold 8 bags for 45^{cts} per bag, and the balance to me for 40^{cts}. Willie paid me for the 2 bags he got from me on Tuesday. I got 2 bushels seed corn, and 1/2 a bushel Hungarian grass seed. Willie got it for me 5^{cts} cheaper.

31 **Friday** (152-213) Another steaming hot day. George has finished drawing out the manure there were four loads out of the pig yard. I chopped the 7 sheep and then drove off to meet Brother Alex, when getting to Erie I was wired to go on to Caledon as they failed to connect. I met him about 3 miles this side of Caledon a right hander brought him that far, it was near 12 o'clock before we got home.

June 1 **Saturday** (153-219) Continues hot and windy. George has plowed in the manure and a part of the land for Hungarian grass. I hitched up and drove over to Totton with Brother Alex. Thomas hitched to the demob and we drove up to Rosells, calling to see the Monument that has erected for Bella, it is very nice, we had tea at Rosells and a nice visit at both the old Tappan people.

2 **Sunday** (154-211) Continues hot, it is 92 in the shade. George & Maggie were at Meeting this forenoon. Brother Alex remained at home with us with the exception of visiting over at John's this forenoon and Webb's in the afternoon. They are getting Minnie off to Guelph with Willie so as to have teeth extracted.

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3 ⁴ Monday (155-210)

A very hot day again, George finished the plowing in the turnip field to day. Hurry and I took Brother May to Guelph to day. when getting there I went with Minnie to Parker's the dentist and she had 3 teeth pulled, paid him a dollar, she stood it very well. Considering her wearily condition. I went to Galt per G. S. R. 85^{cts} return ticket. Alex went by C. P. R. met at Cousin Willie's shortly after 5 P.M.

4 ⁵ Tuesday (156-209)

Ontario's hot & sultry. I was up at 1/2 past four A.M. and saw Alex off for home on the C. P. R. at 6 A.M. I took a stroll round Galt. and then the Goulding & McCulloch shops. Starting for Guelph at about 11 o'clock, and getting to Guelph at dinner time. Minnie returned home with me. George cut potatoes to day for planting, we are warned out to the roads for

5 ⁶ Wednesday (157-208)

Luke a rain this forenoon. George and I cut potatoes for seed this forenoon while it rained. Between dinner and supper we put in the feed corn. I dropped it and George plowed it in. after tea I sowed the Hungarian grass seed, 1/2 a bushel and seven pounds on a little over an acre and half. George made the wagon ready for road work tomorrow.

6 ⁷ Thursday (158-207)

Turned cold last night. This morning there was quite a change. George & I have been at the road work to day. I drove the team and George was in the pit. brought 9 loads of gravel from dovec's to the road near Mack's. 4 forenoon and 5 afternoon. had dinner at home. The principal part of the work is done below Mack's. they are rounding up the middle of the road from the sides and putting on more gravel.

7 ⁸ Friday (159-206)

A very fine day. Cooler than the past few days. George and I have planted between 5 & 6 bags of potatoes to day. also sowed 4 rows of beans. I can pretty nearly plant as fast as George can plow them in. I drove to Everton in the evening & brought up Nellie & Eddie Abbott to keep Minnie company tomorrow while Maggie & her mother are at Guelph to Mr.

8 ⁹ Saturday (160-205)

Rather hot day again. Maggie and her mother drove tried to Guelph to day. Starting by about 8 A.M. they were there about 1/2 past 8. sold their butter for 14^{cts} and the eggs 11^{cts}. Came home about 11³⁰. Geo. & I have been busy at the potatoe planting we planted the rest of the 16 bags. Minnie got along very well. Nellie Abbott kept her company all day. Eddie went out shooting at the bush. Maggie & her mother returned in fore

9 ¹⁰ Sunday (161-204)

Another warm day. we are now wishing for rain. The wind is now very dry and frequent rains are necessary to keep the ground moist. Crops seem to be doing fairly well. John McKenzie, Bellar & Childers paid us a visit to day. Henry Dunbar paid us a visit this evening.

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10 Monday (162-203) Very hot day. George and I cut potatoes this forenoon 10 or 11 bags and planted in the afternoon. Maggie and her mother attended the funeral of James Black's child. Hugh Black's folks got word this morning of the finding of poor George's body and being on the way down. if it arrives by the ten A.M. train tomorrow they will bury at 12 past 3 P.M.

11 Tuesday (163-202) Continues hot & dry. we are wishing for rain. Maggie drove to Everton this morning to learn about the funeral of Geo. Black, and found they were to bury in the afternoon. Geo. and I planted the potatoes all to 3 bags. Miss M. Maggie's Mother & I went in the buggy to the funeral there was a large attendance. The body was too unsightly to view. George finished the potatoes all to 2 bags which he cut.

12 Wednesday (164-201) Breezy & cutting to day. George & I finished planting the potatoes at 9 A.M. I helped John to cut up to dinner time. George afterwards cultivated and rolled the turnip ground. I hoed in the onion bed. it is very dirty. Mr. Duncan Robertson, Oakville, and Mr. Joe. Hindley paid us a visit and had tea with us. John finished planting his potatoes at 5 P.M. Minnie seems improving, but very slowly.

13 Thursday (165-200) Hot & dry. George has plowed in the turnip land. we are working it up pretty fine. I hoed in the onions this forenoon. Afternoon I took the buggy down to Millie Abbott and had 2 of the tires set. I helped him by taking them off and other help. afterwards brought home the mail and gave Smallhorn a ride up as far as Mortons.

14 Friday (166-199) Continues dry and hot in the sun. George plowed in turnip land to day and nearly finished this evening. at noon he & I plowed up some of our garden patches that had gone to weeds. he also helped John out with some stones that were on his turnip land. I finished up the hoeing the onions and afterwards spent a long time fixing up the shattered buggy top.

15 Saturday (167-198) Sunshine, but cool air. dry. George has plowed out the turnip land and fixed up the roller which had gone wrong in the claws of one drum. he harrowed and rolled the turnip land. I got the buggy top fixed and placed on and drove Minnie & her mother to Rockwood. The Dr. spin's husband says she is some better. we did not think from appearances. I sent away the \$3.⁰⁰ for Relief Settlement. got post office order Cash \$12.⁵⁰.

16 Sunday (168-197) A very fine day, but dry. rain is anxiously looked for. the hay is beyond help but the other crop would be immensely benefited by rain. Maggie & George have been twice at Everton meeting. Millie drove out from Guelph to see Minnie and because her some tasty bites. Minnie had a short drive out as far as the upper side road.

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*Sowed a
hand of the
turnips.* 17 ¹⁸ Monday (188-190) Another dry, hot day, George
drilled up enough of the turnip land for one to sow
a pound $\frac{1}{2}$ of "Herts improved Arin Shipping Stride" Miller
is to send out 5 lbs "Elephant" Seed by the stage (which came
this morn) George picked the meadow to day, and afterwards
threw rails and fixed fences till night. we were back
in the bush fixing up against Mainers cattle.

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turnips* 18 ¹⁹ Tuesday (176-190) Continues dry & hot in the sun.
The thermometer shows 85 in the shade. George finished the drilling
of the turnips this forenoon and I sowed the Elephant Seed
of also sowed John's Elephant Seed this afternoon behind
his barn. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs on about 2 acres. George drew the rest of
the rails for the pig corner of the meadow and scuffled the
Mangole, & pulled thistles &c.

19 ²⁰ Wednesday (177-190) *QUEEN'S ACCESSION 1894* Not much change in the
weather other than it is somewhat overcast and
there is likely rain somewhere about. there is none
here however and we are looking anxiously for it.
George has been hoeing the mangolds.

20 ²¹ Thursday (178-190) No rain yet here although it
is looking come like it. The wind is from the east.
George harrowed the potatoes this morning

21 ²² Friday (179-190) Cleared up again and no rain
here, there are accounts of heavy rain near by. we need
rain in the worst way. George has been helping Robert
Morton at his field drain digging. I have bagged up 20 bags
of potatoes. we have kept our potatoes too long, the Market has gone
to pot. & drove to Rockwood and got \$100. remittance by Express
from Alex.

*Guelder
Wald 20 bags
of potatoes* 22 ²³ Saturday (179-190) Continues dry & warm. I we are
anxiously looking for a break in this dry spell. I started for Guelder
with 20 bags potatoes. by about 6.30. arrived there about 9.30. sold my load for 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence
come got 45. by selling in bag lots, & paid 10 dollars and took a receipt from Misses Loggins, and
getting the papers made out. had my dinner at Millers. Bella & John W. King were there.
George finished hoeing the Mangolds, and cleared out the branches out of the orchard
put on to the lane. cutting thistles &c.

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to day."* 23 ²⁴ Sunday (175-190) *WINDY AND DRY* Drier, drier and high wind
Maggie & Minnie and *Quarter Day for England and Ireland* I drove down to McKenzies
Maggie remained there, when we got there they had gone
to Thomy Nebs and I drove down for them. John's Crops are in
a bad condition for want of rain. Terrible bush fire over by
Reeds. started from Robt McWilliams.

*10 pigs. The
was another
dead one*

JUNE ~~JULY~~ 1895

24th ~~25~~ Monday ⁽¹⁷⁸⁻¹⁸⁹⁾ The welcome rain came this morning and kept falling moderately for an hour or two. It cleared up to some extent however and we had no more after about 9 o'clock. George & I helped Johnny to get the beaver meadow fenced. I drew the rails & stakes and the other men and pointed the stakes & drove the most of them. The rain will start the turnips likely.

25th ~~26~~ Tuesday ⁽¹⁷⁷⁻¹⁸⁸⁾ A very fine day. Things seem much freshened up with the rain of yesterday. George has helped Johnny all day at his beaver meadow & fence. I have been mending shoes the most of the day. I sold 2 pair for Maggie and ref'd a pair for her mother. also sewed up a lot of rips on a pair of George's. got 50 Cabbage plants from Janet Abbott this day.

26th ~~27~~ Wednesday ⁽¹⁷⁶⁻¹⁸⁷⁾ Cloudy and hot this A.M. with a very heavy rain. I took the buggy down to Wm Abbotts this A.M. and had the other 2 tires set. I paid him a dollar & half for the whole job of the tires setting and fixing the draw bridle. Frank loaded up 30 bags oats for Quelpa tomorrow. John Tiddley burned to day at Quelpa.

27th ~~28~~ Thursday ^{(179-186) QUEEN'S CORONATION (1838)} Fine day after the rain. I drove to Quelpa with 30 bags of oats. was in in fair time. sold to James Ryan 27 bags = 60 bushels @ 37th per bushel. = \$22.40. Nellie got the other 3 bags. George has been cutting thistles to day.

28th ~~29~~ Friday ⁽¹⁸⁰⁻¹⁸⁵⁾ Fine day. Considerable rain fell this afternoon. George and I picked and bagged 24 bags potatoes. After dinner we pulled up the pump out of the well and took it apart. the water has had a bad taste. However we found nothing however and put it back again. we loaded up the load this evening.

29th ~~30~~ Saturday ⁽¹⁸¹⁻¹⁸⁴⁾ A very fine day. I was up early this morning and started for Quelpa with my load at 6.10. arrived at Quelpa at 9.10. sold 21 bags potatoes to a teamster for 33rd per bag. and 3 bags to Miller at same price. Maggie & her mother were also in with Fred & Lizzie this day. 255th & butter were over ten dollars. 41 lbs butter & 29 dozen eggs. The former 154th per lb and latter 14th. I got a 1/2 barrel ale for Mr Webb. 100 lbs stuff to fill potatoes bags. got Benfold 1/2nd old az. yes. underbrushed around the back water place.

30th ~~JULY 1~~ Sunday ⁽¹⁸²⁻¹⁸³⁾ Very warm and sultry this A.M. turned cooler after dinner which leads one to think there has been rain near by. Margaret & I drove down to Eden this morning and returned with Minnie in the evening. John's Crops have improved since getting the rain this last week. Minnie has not gained greatly while away on account of having some nervous spells.

Domestic day. JULY 1895.

Started to 1 2 Monday (184-182) Very fine weather but dry. we
turnpike could put up with a shower every day these times.
the back offered George a holiday to day. but he did not accept. he
lane. and so have started to turnpike the back lane. we plow
up the ditch on each side and scraping it into the middle
of the road. Maggie went to the presbyterian church to night at 8 o'clock.
George also went alone in our buggy she with Mr. Williams.

The turn 2 3 Tuesday (184-181) Another fine day. George and I have
are making an ugly job cleaning out our well. The water lately has
their appearance & smelling badly. we had difficulty in getting
the pump out as we lifted bodily out the well. it being
too firm together to take apart while in the well. we found
out a little over 8 feet of water and had all completed
about 3 P.M. the balance of the day we put in at turnpiking.

3 4 Wednesday (185-180) Very warm. we are longing for
rain again. George and I with the team have been all day
finished at the turnpiking again. we plowed the second time and
had it all cleaned out about 4 P.M. we then went down
to Webb for the Gale Harrow to level it. but afterward torn the
new Cultivator. and then harrowed & stoned it. Annie Santos and
Nelly Sandy visited Minnie. Annie goes to Meaford Friday next.

4 5 Thursday (186-179) Signs of rain but none come.
Everton there is a great outcry for rain the crops are suffering badly.
Cemetery giving with Mr. Dunbar called this morning and we drove together to the
a tree. Everton Cemetery and along with many others, we assisted to
Corn & smooth and dress it up. leveling the graves and straightening the
scuffed slabs was the principal work. George has scuffed the corn and
hoed Mangolds. also hoed all the corn. had dinner at Mary's place
with I have.

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so well these days. seems to have caught cold and cannot get
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6 7 Saturday (188-177) Rather dull to day and appearances
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in this dry spell all signs fail. George picked the stones from the
back lane where turnpiked and rolled before dinner. afternoon
he borrowed his father's scuffer and scuffed all our potatoe patch
3 1/2 acres. I took the buggy apart and cleaned & sand papered it
and put on a coat of paint on the gear and shafts &c.
a part of the rest. Johnny & Maggie went to Guelph to day. George & I
were the most of the day.

7 8 Sunday (189-176) The mercury stood at
73 or 74 in the shade. Oh for rain. I took a walk down
to Webb this forenoon. Willie came down from Mimosa before
noon. She tea with John Campbell. And Jennie & Helen came along about 1
Morton's. Cloze V.M. and they all left for Guelph at 11.30. Joe W. & others
went to Guelph again at Guelph and going on to work again.

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JULY 1895.

8  Monday ⁽¹⁹⁰⁻¹⁷⁵⁾ A very hot day, and sultry. quite a number of thunder showers have passed around this afternoon and a little rain fell here but painting nothing of consequence. we sorted and washed the remainder of our potatoes, the sorting process makes a good many of them repairing not by eating into the eyes. I have sold a book and secured repairs for Johnny and he worked for me this while. we have been painting the buggy this P.M. George has hoed and also repaired the harness.

9  Tuesday ⁽¹⁹¹⁻¹⁷⁴⁾ A wonderful drop in the temperature it has been a cold day throughout and very windy. I fear the rain has passed off again, we hear of fine showers at Guelph and other places. George spent this forenoon fixing up the hay racks and some other chores. Mary and I finished, with Margaret's help, the painting of the buggy. I also ground our scythe and the mowing machine and the scythe knives, which took some time to do. George hoed potatoes.

10  Wednesday ⁽¹⁹²⁻¹⁷³⁾ Much warmer today again. George and I have been hoeing the potatoes to day. a good deal of my time was taken up putting the bug finishing up the painting of the buggy and putting it together. George also cut round our hay field, 9 rounds after supper. Johnny cut what was worth while in his back hay field near the meadow. Willie & John Campbell are about starting to build a fence tomorrow on the 5th line Eriw. Campbell's property.

11  Thursday ⁽¹⁹³⁻¹⁷²⁾ Warm and close again to day. George cut quite a piece of our grass to day. and Joe started to take in and gather Johnny's hay before dinner. we intended to gather some of our, but a shower came and stop us. Mrs. John Covell visited us to day, also Mrs. David Stewart and his Mary.

12  Friday ⁽¹⁹⁴⁻¹⁷¹⁾ Threatened rain this forenoon but did not come on till after dinner. Johnny helped us to cut up our hay this morning and we had it done by about 10 o'clock. George and him then went to Dan Talbot's barn raising. They did not quite finish it and were late in getting home. Charlie Elton got badly hurt by having a plate fall on him. quite a wet afternoon.

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14  Sunday ⁽¹⁹⁶⁻¹⁶⁹⁾ A very fine day. George drove Maggie to Emerson meeting this forenoon. Joseph M. Entsch paid us a visit, he rode out with Willie & Jennie who went over to Mr. Milligan on the 5th line Eriw. to see Mrs. W. Milligan who has been her leg broken with the kick of a cow. Margaret & I drove down with Joe to Uncle Duncan and met Willie & Jennie on their way home.

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in this dry spell all signs fail. George picked the stones from the
back lane where turnpiked and rolled before dinner. afterwards
he borrowed his fathers scuffer and scuffled all our potatoe patch
3 1/2 acres. I took the buggy apart and cleaned & painted papered
and put on a coat of paint on the gear and shafts
a part of the rest. John & Maggie went to Guelph to day. George & I

7 8 Sunday (189-176) One of the hottest days of the
year so far. the mercury stood at
83 or 84 in the shade. Oh for rain. I took a walk down
to Webb this fore noon. Willie came down from Minnesa before
noon. She tea with John Campbell. And Jennie & John came along about
4 o'clock P.M. and they all left for Guelph at 11.30. Joe M. Senter
went to Guelph back again at Guelph and going onto work again

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8  Monday ⁽¹⁹⁰⁻¹⁷⁵⁾ A very hot day, and sultry. quite a number of thunder showers have passed around this afternoon and a little rain fell here but painting nothing of consequence. we sorted and washed the remainder of our potatoes, the sorting process makes a good many of them rot by eating into the eyes. I have sold a boat and scudded ripa for Jimmy and he worked for me the while. we have been painting the lugs is this P.M. George has hoed and also repairing the rack.

9  Tuesday ⁽¹⁹¹⁻¹⁷⁴⁾ A wonderful drop in the temperature it has been a cold day throughout. Windy and very windy. I fear the rain has passed off again. we hear of fine choasers at Guelph and other places. George spent this forenoon fixing up the hay racks and some other chores. I finished, with Margaret's help, the painting of the lugs. 2 Coats.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

John's hay before dinner. we intend to gather some of our hay a shower came and stop it. Margaret visited us today, also Mr David Stewart and Mary.

12  Friday ⁽¹⁹²⁻¹⁷³⁾ Threatened rain this forenoon but did not come on till after dinner. Johnny helps Dan. Barron up our hay this morning and had it done by about 10 o'clock. George and him then went to Dan. Talbot's barn raising. They did not finish it and were late in getting home. Charlie Alton got badly hurt by having a plate fall on him. quite a wet afternoon.

13  Saturday ⁽¹⁹³⁻¹⁷²⁾ A very fine day after the rain. I started off for Guelph about 7 o'clock this morning with the team and Demogerak, had 6 bags potatoes. got 45¢ a bag. Will's got one of them. I paid Will \$1.50 to balance accounts. there is a misunderstanding. The says he paid me for the potatoes he received when I paid him the cash. I owed him, I thought not and. I see this diary upholds me. he should give me the \$1.50 back.

14  Sunday ⁽¹⁹⁴⁻¹⁷¹⁾ A very fine day. George drove Maggie to Emerson meeting this forenoon. Joseph M. Entosky paid us a visit, he rode out with Will & Jennie who went over to Mr Milligan on the 5th line Erie, to see Mr. W. Milligan who has been her broken with the kick of a cow. Margaret & I drove down with Joe to Uncle Duncan and met Will & Jennie on their way home.

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15 **B** Monday (198-168) *George* was early up this morning and cut nearly all the remainder of the great hay to day in the meadow field, we got on after breakfast, and 7 loads, put up the horse fork and drew in 2 loads before dark. Both afternoon we drew in the balangs, 5 loads, making 12 loads in all. I reared together what George cut this morning making 2 loads, and they did without me for a load or two and went to Georgetown.

16 **B** Tuesday (199-168) Another fine day. George and I have been at the turnips, he scuffled Comdair this morning. We have started to thin them, I received a telegram started one message to go down to Georgetown this evening to thin - on business, to Moores, so I went down on the 6 o'clock the turnip Maggie driving me to Rockwood.

17 **B** Wednesday (200-168) A very fine day, not too hot. I have had a busy day, investigating into James Moore's business about his pasture and found that he has peacefully possessed it for over 10 years. Mr. Barber, his neighbour has bought it and put his cow in this morning. James claims the ground by virtue of the law of limitation. So we don't know yet how it may end. Mr. James Early accompanied me in some of my rounds, returning home at his house.

18 **B** Thursday (201-168) Continues fine weather, more thinning rain would do much good. George and I have been thinning the turnips to day. Minnie & her mother with visiting Cousin Rachel Senter were visiting at Everton, I drove round with Maggie and her over to Toltons this evening, leaving Rachel there. They are planning to go to the Model Farm. Rachel Senter tomorrow.

19 **B** Friday (202-168) A very dull this morning and looked like rain, we had a little in the afternoon but there was much more around Rockwood & Quelphe. Maggie went to the Model Farm in company of her Cousins Rachel Senter and David Tolton. There were other 2 buggy loads with them. Judson Tolton and 2 men girls & Kenneth McDonald with Alice Tolton. George scuffled the potatoes to day, and we thinned some turnips also.

20 **B** Saturday (203-168) A very close and hot day. I went to Quelphe today, getting a ride with John Coffey in his democrat. he carried in the screen door which we changed for a larger one and brought it back. I was looking after Moore's business and having some advice - relative to it from Mr. Millan the lawyer. he can't give a decided opinion until he sees the title, but in the meantime says they should hold on to the property. George has been at the turnips, cutting some corn and working in the potato.

21 **B** Sunday (204-168) Continues dry & hot. The land is getting very dry around here again. rain has been falling elsewhere around us, but scarce here. Maggie and Minnie have been at Everton meeting to day. This is the first for Minnie at Everton a very long time. we had a long letter from Alex. Holyoke which came to hand to day. I had a long look for our 4 calves in Markin & every

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22 ~~22~~ Monday (204-161) Dry & hot. George finished the scuffling of the turnip this morning and forenoon. We had 1/2 drill to thin this morning. They are fine plants. I worked at them all day with George. In the evening I drove down to Everton for some Chert for the cow. got 30 lbs mixed bran & chert. paid 45 cts for it.

23 ~~24~~ Tuesday (206-160) Continues the same dry weather. The potatoes here have been fine rains down at John McKenna. This A.M. George & I went over the potato patch this morning and dusted on the bug killer. where there were any bugs. This is the first time and there was but a small percentage requiring to be touched. Minnie & her mother visited at Ruffin this afternoon. Working the turnip. I half sold a boot for Ruth Mc

24 ~~25~~ Wednesday (208-160) Somewhat sultry and loopy like rain but none fell. I drove by Rosewood to huddle to meet Auntie Kate on the 10.05 A.M. James was with her and they both went on and I drove on. we went to Field & McMillan and took book notes of their case. Willie had 19. I think to dinner. What & their friend and our father. Joe was of use for the afternoon. James a little too sick and rode home with me. Kate James & Mahel went home on the 10 A.M. U.W.

25 ~~26~~ Thursday (210-160) Another dull day but still no rain. I went five dollars to pay for the boots & chert. I got 1/2 of any account here. there was a shower passed round. I half sold a boot for Robt McMillan and put heels on Maggie's Marshall's. 50 cts paid. George and I have been taking up stones on the Stony acre. Willie was here today from Guelph. I gave him back \$1.50 which he paid me today. that was disputed. 50 cts for interest on the loan of the 30 dollars and the dollar to pay off the handy note which.

26 ~~27~~ Friday (208-157) Continues dull but drifts clear. George and I have been working at the Stony acre. tearing up stones with the team. we dig around them some and then hitch on the Stone Horse which generally makes them so as we can hitch the chain. it is a handy device.

A very fine rain started before bed last night and this morning it was raining which it continued less or more till noon when it ceased. it has been the best rain since Seeding. Margaret & myself started for Guelph after a heavy shower at 7.30. we took about the usual 2 hours to drive in. Cold thy butter at 17 cts. some of the eggs at 12 cts and the rest at 10 cts. I bought a Spade at Richardson's \$1.00 a hat at Frank's \$1.00 got other articles of dry goods.

28 ~~29~~ Sunday (210-157) Fine day after the rain. a little cooler which I would think, will be favourable for filling the grain. Maggie & George drove to Everton making this forenoon. Minnie has not been so well today and her mother have stayed about home all day. I took a walk tonight evening to see the Colt at Webb's. we had a few visitors in the evening.

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moulded 29 ³⁰ Monday ⁽²¹¹⁻¹⁵⁴⁾ fine day, but there comes a change on hand. The glass is up to the top and weaned Sultry looking Clouds are hanging round. And there the pig in the evening. George moulded up the potatoes and ploughed the head lands, and afterwards scuffled some turnips. I took the young pigs from the Cow Miss Johnson and did up some for John Chubbs. I helped John hoe turnips and turn barley this P.M.

Flour at the mill. 30 ³¹ Tuesday wind has been blowing strong and quite stormy, especially in the afternoon when it was much too cold for comfort. at home John helped George and I to take out the large stones this A.M. and then from the stone acre, and we helped him single turnips in the afternoon. I just did 4 drills. and after supper did the chores and drove to Everton got 100 of flour, did not pay for it. got a card from Eli Gollops that they were visiting Erin & Erasmus and to look out for them.

minned turnips this forenoon at John's. 31 ^{Aug} Wednesday ⁽²¹⁴⁻¹⁵¹⁾ George minned turnips for John all forenoon and a short time after dinner, I also worked awhile at the same. The Gollops & D. & W. Webster & W. Jas. Miller came to visit us. about 3 o'clock P.M. (all the Gollop family excepting Ben. & Bob) they spent a very pleasant time with us, and after tea, started off for home at about 6 o'clock. the D. had a quiet talk with Minnie. he says her trouble is with her stomach & bowels and he says D. Dryden has overlooked that. W. Black (Mr. Jane) Kansas City, was with the company. very morning.

Clearing up the land round the water place. Aug. 2 ³ Thursday ⁽²¹⁴⁻¹⁵¹⁾ as if there were fires abounding in the Country around. George and I have been working among fire & smoke clearing up the ground around the water place behind. we had to replace the fence between John's and ourselves and have made quite a middance of much of the rubbish around there. had a visit of George Williams. Miss Anderson & Miss Hoare Couel. Minnie not very well.

visited Aug. 3 ⁴ Friday ⁽²¹⁵⁻¹⁵⁰⁾ A fine day. threatening, but kept clear. Bin. McCulloughs drove over to see Minnie and the twins stayed till evening. George and I helped John clearing up with his barley. I raised it up for him. I drove over to Alton for the binder twins this evening, taking round Mr. Morton to their own gate. who was visiting no other.

scuffing turnips second time and hoeing them. 3 ⁴ Saturday ⁽²¹⁷⁻¹⁴⁸⁾ Warm to day. the Sun has a red appearance these days, but it is cloudy. George has scuffled the turnips to day. and I hoed 20 drills the second time. George also hoed some. I had a good deal of choring round to day and started off for Richmond shortly after 5 o'clock P.M. taking Minnie to Everton where she remains all night. D. Webster writes that he did not know that D. Dryden had this in his mind at the present, and would rather not suggest any change in his mind. it is not considered a good likeness.

alone at home this P.M. 4 ⁵ Sunday ⁽²¹⁷⁻¹⁴⁸⁾ A very fine day. dry & warm with a nice breeze blowing. Maggie and her mother went to Everton and with Minnie at Mary's met the rest of the friends from Eden & Lough. Nellie & Jennie made us a call before returning home. George and I had our dinner alone by ourselves. I have been writing a letter to Alex. Holyoke. and one to Alex McGregor.

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3-6 Monday (1847) ^{very} warm day.

George cut the barley in the orchard. He was
done with it early in the afternoon and after
that he pulled some peas with the scythe, opening
up the ends so that the horse man can work.
I hoed at the turning. The Mr Abbott & Jamie & their
2 Masford miston were to day. I drove them home at night.

started to pull the there was a small shower or two. ^{and also pulled up the pump and fixed the spout.} and fired up the horse rake this morning, and we pulled some peas. ^{and also pulled up the pump and fixed the spout.} They did not work extra well, and the little moisture from the showers made them worse. we quit them all together at supper time. Uncle Thomas Lottom & Mary Stephens visited us this P.M. Johny & Liza went to Rockwood Woolen Mills. They got some medicine for mearm from Mabel & Edith Dole.

78 Wednesday Continues fine. There was thunder
last night and a little shower early this morning, but it cleared
up and we expect to be fine all day. George drew up 2 loads of wood from the bush
this morning and we pulled some peas till dinner time. Between that
and supper time I raked the barley in the orchard and George coaxed
it up. John helped him awhile, the pigs became so uncontrollable
that we had to shut them up till we got the stubble ready.

8 9 Thursday ~~very~~ ^{very} hot & Sultry. George and
reasmith pulled peas with the scythe ~~at~~ ^{until} about 4 o'clock P.M. when we took
the scythe on a load of barley before supper and Johnny helped us take in
the remaining 3 loads after supper. 4 loads in all, not bad
in the barley. for this year out of the orchard 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. Robert McWilliams got
4 loads. the loan of the rake and I could not get it raked.

Rain
fixing up
the binder fell. I could have wished we had hauled in what peas was ready yester
clearing day, instead of pulling more. I don't like rain to come on peas when
out cattle they are ready to go in to my barn. we were fixing up the Canvas of
the binder to day, and George was clearing out the cattle stable
between dinner & supper. after tea he fired up the brush heaps
in Swamp. I had a big hunt for the Cows in Swamp to night.

John Campbell paid me
or doled off ¹¹ Saturday ^{23rd} ¹⁸⁴⁷ Breezy, warm and close day
signs of rain, but dry to day. George wheeled out the manure
out of the Cattle Stable this A.M. hoed among the turnips taking
the dinner & supper, got the Cows in Swamp after tea, very hard to find
drew in the barley raking when he returned. I helped John fix up
the binder this A.M. we ground the sections and the first and last
on again, I raked the barley stubble and with one sound in wheel

11 ~~12~~ Sunday (27th) Warm and Close again to day -
 Sister to Maggie drove to Everton meeting alone, I wrote a
 letter to Brother Abijah Meaford, and gave it to
 Dr. Dryden to mail it tomorrow morning on the train
 I drove to Rockwood to see the doctor about Minnie. He
 gave me a few more directions, we think her stomach is
 slightly better.

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underbrushing
turning

12 **B** Monday (225-140) Cleared up to a fine day, warm
peas. Cattle V. M. but cleared off cool & fine with high wind. This afternoon
peas also. George worked with his axe clearing off the brush & watering
place this V. M. we turned the peas after dinner and when done
before going Cut some more with the scythe. I helped John go to his father's
to Maritusha a geese at his home. were called on by Emerson & Dan Colton
picking apples before leaving for Maritusha tomorrow morning, also Alfred Duffield

13 **B** Tuesday (226-229) Continues fine, our peas have been
started. So wet we are anxious to get them ready for hauling
the cutting. John has made the first cutting with the binder in his
field below his barn. George has helped him
finishing the by clearing up. he has over the half of the field out.
brush for I have been fixing the brush fence between Maritusha & us.
they put out our young cattle on the other line.

14 **B** Wednesday (227-232) Fine weather. John helped George
finish cutting the peas and turned them before dinner.
hauling in while I went to Everton to get a bit of hoop iron to put on the binder.
Clouds Afternoon we all went at drawing in the peas, took in 6 loads.
afternoon They are in fairly dry condition but very dirty. George and
I went over the most of the potatoes, shaking the powder on them
before breakfast.

15 **B** Thursday (228-233) A very fine harvest day, although there
is a good breeze. we finished taking
in the peas by the last 2 loads this morning. John finished cutting
his oat field at between 3 & 4 o'clock P. M. they started our boat
field before supper and had quite a piece done before night.
I scuffled some and have been fixing up some at the Swamp
it is getting pretty well cleared up. Minnie & Maggie drove to Everton
this eve. Mother got a letter from Alex. containing two dollars this mail.

16 **B** Friday (229-136) Quite warm today, and the wind
has been blowing very fresh
from the east. the fire in the Swamp has broken out and
ran over considerable ground, fanned by the east wind.
John has cut our 6 acre field of oats and started the front
field this evening. I have scuffled some turnips and drove
down to Rockwood this evening and got the money order cash
and got some medicine for Minnie. paid 50^{cts} for it, and also 44^{cts} for
very close and warm to day. Margaret and I did a
little work in the Swamp.

17 **B** Saturday (230-237) Drove to Guelph today. Sold over eight dollars
worth butter & eggs. 20^{cts} for butter 10^{cts} for eggs. got a suit of clothes for
five dollars (\$5.00) changed my hat and gave 45^{cts} extra. Costing now 4.55
Margaret & I had dinner at Willie's. met Janet Abbott & her 2 nieces
Father & Jennie from Meaford. we were caught by a terrible thunder storm &
rain shortly after starting home. trap skates at frog pond in Hood's shed. it
dampened our Swamp fire which was acceptable. they had it hard at

18 **B** Sunday (231-238) Very fine day, after the heavy rain
and thunder storm of last night. George & Maggie drove
to Everton making this forenoon. Willie drove out from Guelph
Colin Campbell and Joe McIntosh accompanied him. Joe & Willie
returned home between 5 & 6 o'clock. Minnie does not improve
much, if any. These days.

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Bella's baby
was very sick
and better.
I drove to
Rockwood
and Eden
and have
begun to
field the
corn to
the corns.

19 ²⁰ Monday (937-133) Favourable weather for drying up the stone
after the heavy rain of Saturday evening. Cool and airy.
George and Johny have been cutting with the binders. Johny
finished cutting his spring wheat this forenoon and then come
and cut ours afternoon, and also cut some in the black
oats. They are the last we have to cut and they are green enough
to leave for a little. I drove to Rockwood & Eden this morn'g. ^{Bella's getting better.}

quite a
thunder
storm
this P.M.
cutting peas
at Johny's

20 ²¹ Tuesday (938-132) A very fine day until about 4 P.M.
when we were visited by a heavy thunder storm & rain.
George and Johny have been cutting peas with the
scythe in quarry field. we took off the load of peas
that has been on the wagon some time. I have washed
and washed the buggy to day. and hoed among the turnips.
Minnie does not improve any. her stomach is very weak.

Rockwood
for lime
cutting -
was in
quarry field
this morn'g
I helped them
when I came
back from Rockwood.
Mr. Baker visited this P.M.

21 ²² Wednesday (939-131) The air is cool and drying. we took
the rack off the wagon this morning and put on the box. and
I drove to Rockwood this forenoon and brought home 6 bushels lime.
paid 2 dollars for it. George and Johny have been cutting peas all
day in the quarry field with the scythe. I helped them when I came
back from Rockwood. Mr. Baker visited this P.M.

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for me.
3 ²⁴ Friday (940-129)

22 ²³ Thursday (937-130) A fine drying day. frost last night
Johny & George cut and shocked
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the evening. Minnie, although out of bed has not been at all well to day. this

rain stops
drawing in.
Johny & George
to Guelph
gang plowing
drawing
sending Mr.
horncastle.

24 ²⁵ Saturday (941-128) A fall of rain last night and this
morning. it has stopped the hauling in
which I was laying out for. Lizzy went to Guelph to day and as it rained
Johny accompanied her. Butter 22 cts to day, and eggs 11 c. Geo. & I chowed
round this forenoon. her. cleaned out more particularly the cattle stable. so as
to get to work in it with its gettings. I mended up King's horse collar.
Geo. gang plowed afternoon in pea field. I hoed in the turnips. Minnie
has kept her bed to day. She feels very weak.

walked
over to
Dunbar
Margie
and her
father
Baby Cicero
other visitors

25 ²⁶ Sunday (938-127) A very fine day. Clear Sunshine
and breezy making it a good
drying day. Bessie Tolton and Jackson paid us a visit
this morning and brought some river trout their father
caught for Minnie. I walked over there this forenoon and
had dinner with them. I returned home by way of Dunbar
and had a nice piglet and tea with them. Bella & John were
up to day. their baby is very unwell. other visitors to day

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minnie
down stairs

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Monday (339-126)

26 ~~25~~ Monday ⁽¹⁸⁴⁷⁾ A very close warm day. We have been drawing in oats and the wheat. 3 loads of wheat and 9 loads of oats. We have moved Minnie down stairs to day to the spare bed room, had quite a few visitors, had word of Bells baby being very poorly and that the doctor is very uneasy about it.

Bella's
baby very
SICK.

27 ~~28~~

Tuesday, (240-125)

27 ~~Monday~~ Tuesday ^{Good} very fine day, but close and warm. Mr Webb and Margaret had decided to drive together down to Eden, but as I was stitching up Nimita Kate came along from Georgetown. Mr Webb & I then drove down afternoon. from there I drove ^{with} Bella to the baby up to the doctor and she accompanied the doctor up to ^{Eden} to see Dr. Howitt, the doctor agree there is serious danger of brain trouble which will take a few days yet to develop. Mrs Webb and I were late in getting back home after seeing Bella return on the ten o'clock P.M. train.

28

Wednesday

28 ~~20~~ Wednesday ^{April 24} extremely hot and cross day. which
finished up with a terrible thunder and
rain storm at about 8 o'clock P.M. Johny with George help took in
the loads of his peas. they pulled 3 loads of them with the scythe and
finished them up. they also took in the raking of our wheat that I reaped
this morning. Mr & Mrs David Stewart visited us today. also Willin from Guelph
Auntie Kate accompanied the Stewarts to the train. I mended a pair of boots for
Willis M. Williams. drove to Emerson for a Bag of flour (not paid) Green Cotton &

29 30

Thursday (242)

29 ~~30~~ Thursday ^(May 23) A fine day after the terrible thunder
storm of last night. Johnny tried to cut his beaver-
meadow today but it was too soft, he then cut the
corner field high piece. I got a bag of mixed feed oats
chopped for the hives at the mill and started to feed it
to her. had my harness staple renewed at Abbotts. paid 10¢
oiled Rick. Mr Williams took this P.M. for riding to Georgetown Va.

30 30

Friday (243-122)

30  Friday ^(143/129) A very fine day. I started to Georgetown this A.M. at 7.30, arrived at Georgetown 11.30, rested awhile at Ballinacree. Saw Dr. Webster, he gave me some medicine for Murr but did not consider he could do any good by going up to see it. Had dinner at Auntie Kate's and bed at 5 o'clock before starting for home again, got home again between 7 & 8 o'clock. Mamma better satisfied to have me go down to see Dr. Webster. She is very weak.

31 ~~Sept 1~~

Saturday (244-121)

31 ~~Sept~~ Saturday ¹⁸⁴⁴⁻¹² Ben Cool but a fine drying day
as the wind has been quite high & strong. Johny has been
cutting at his oats the most of the day, and nearly com-
pleted the corner field next to doorey. They are mostly a
heavy crop. I have gone over the most of the Elephan-
tine p. taking out the doubles and cutting any thistles.
George plowed awhile in the morning. Minnie about the

Sept 1

Sunday (245-120)

Sep. 1 ² Sunday (1845-1860) Another very fine draping day, high wind & cool. Johny drove to Eden taking along Biggie & another. Mr & Mrs Webb have been here this part of the day. We have been agreeably apprized of the betterness of Bella's baby. The doctor says it is not to trouble it has, but a low fever, and it will likely soon get well again.

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Johnny done
cutting.
Laying down
oat straw
and hauling
them in.
Residence. 1900
William
Elmer Dunsen
Janet & George
Mary Louie

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Monday ⁽²⁴⁸⁻¹¹⁸⁾ A very fine day. the grain has been drying nicely to day. I turned down all the stone

of the black oats, they were damp and much in the husk of the stone where the soil had washed down on them. Johnny finished his cutting at about 3 P.M. and we hauled in 4 loads of the oats there are yet 2 small loads of them. George Williams and Uncle Duncan paid us a visit to day, having dined with us. Janet & G. also also visited us this afternoon and drove them home in the eve. also visited them

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Tuesday ⁽²⁴⁸⁻¹¹⁸⁾ A very fine harvest day, we finished harvesting by taking in the last 2 loads of oats this A.M.

George plowed this afternoon with Fred & King. I took Frank to the chop and had his front shoes reset. I also took 2 bags of oats and had them chopped for him. Mary Louie was with us all night and I gave her a ride part of the way home. Minnie seems a little better to day. Mary & George came up this evening. Mary stays awhile. Sent a card each to Aunt Kate & Miller.

4 3

Wednesday ⁽²⁴⁸⁻¹¹⁷⁾ A warm day and clear this forenoon

clouds however gathered afternoon and rain fell for a good while. George cut the hungarian grass this A.M. he plowed the balance of the time in the pea field. I finished hoeing in the turnips the last time. Mr Coffey took word to Nellie about Minnie. poor thing! She is no better but rather seems to be getting weaker as time passes.

5 3

Thursday ⁽²⁴⁸⁻¹¹⁶⁾ A fine day after the rain, but very close and warm. Maggie and

I drove down to McKenzies to day. little Maggie is not well yet, but the doctor has decided that her trouble is not what they are much feared. I sent a letter to Alex McKenzies containing four dollars (\$4.00) for Chas. Tolton, got a pint of Whiskey for Minnie. She is very weak to day.

6 3

Friday ⁽²⁵⁰⁻¹¹⁵⁾ Confines warm and close.

George plowed in the north front field this forenoon. Afternoon he helped Johnny in with several loads of oats. I raked the hungarian this afternoon and rocked it all up after tea. I had to hurry as the cows had to be brought home besides. Minnie has been rather prostrated to day.

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Saturday ⁽²⁴⁻¹¹⁴⁾ Another extremely close and hot day. it looked sultry & thunder this forenoon and after dinner a terrible rain & thunder storm passed over us. The strong wind with it bent over our corn rather bad. George finished the north front field yesterday and has spent the day in front field below the lane. Minnie has been easier to day. and come brighter.

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Sunday ⁽²⁵²⁻¹¹³⁾ Cooler to day. after the storm yest

day it became much cooler. we have had quite a lot of visitors. John McKenzies & Bella & children. The little baby (Maggie) is getting better. Nellie drove out with his Auntie Margaret. George & Mary. and a lot of others. Minnie has continued fairly bright to day.

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9 **M** Monday (253-119)

A fine day. We made a start to take in the hungarian and got in a load. A shower coming however made us quit. received a telegram from Ewart that he expected to arrive in Guelph at 3 P.M. Chose in and met him coming on the Stage at Walter Necks. he arrived on the noon train. Willie & his Auntie Margaret chose in to Guelph this morning. Ewart got his dinner there before coming out.

10 **T** Tuesday (254-120)

A very hot day. I turned over the hay Cocks of the hungarian and we took them in after dinner. 2 loads (3 loads in all) we then helped John finish up the hauling in of his oats after he came back from the funeral of Uncle Oakes. I repaired a shoe for John Webb today. we had to use the lantern at the 2 last loads for John Robert Morton gave us a lift after dark.

11 **W** Wednesday (255-121)

A very hot day and not to day. The thermometer registered 92 degrees and after dinner 94. George has gang plowed all day and the horses stood the heat well as there has been a good breeze. Minnie has felt the heat very badly. we moved her bed into the room where she could get the good of the ventilation. poor thing! She is getting very weak now. I brought home the Colt to day from Melbs. Ewart to night. Mary came up with Ewart & I.

12 **T** Thursday (256-122)

A very fine day with some rain last night with thunder & lightning. today it has been warm, although not so close and hot as yesterday. Minnie has been very poorly and weak to day. She wrote a few words on paper to day. George attended Rich. McWilliams threshing all day. I took Forestor Cow to Mark Sutton's place. I fenced round the tomb and did up other cleaning. cutting grass & weeds in garden &c was anxious to run the team but could not get time.

13 **F** Friday (257-108)

A very fine day. George has harrowed to day and the horses have stood the work well. I fixed up Frank's sweat pad and it saves his sore shoulders. George has harrowed both front fields and the part of the pea laid. poor Minnie is very low these days. Mr. McLaughlin (Lizzie Usherwood) lost her little daughter yesterday. took ill in the morning and was dead at night.

14 **S** Saturday (258-107)

A fine day for working the team. There has been a good breeze. George has been at Robert Morton's threshing to day. I harrowed the pea land twice, excepting a piece George had done once. I also did some in oat field east of it. Ewart & I drove over to Thos. Tollons and I had some business done for Alex. McGregor. we called for a block of ice at Dunbars and brought it by the side road.

15 **S** Sunday (259-106)

A very fine day for working the team. Heavy frost last night. to day it has been cool. The frost has told on the corn &c although not very much. quite a number of visitors to day. Among them Uncle John Robertson and wife. Willie & Jennie drove out from Guelph. I wrote a letter to Alex. McGregor & a card to Bro. Alex. Ewart wrote to Alex. Holyoke. Willie mails the lot at Guelph.

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16 th Monday (260-105) This morning & forenoon was very dull and threatening an oncoming of rain. It cleared up fine afternoon however. I fixed up the Box Stall for the little pigs and got them in at noon. George cut the Corn today. The dew is so great these nights that everything is soaked in the morning he cut about 2/3 of it today, it is a heavy crop.

17 th Tuesday (261-104) A very fine day. George & gang plowed this morning till about 10 o'clock when I took it from him and he went to his father's threshing. Joe Dunbar & James McLean threshed for him and cleaned them out and were done in fair time although they were so late in starting. I borrowed 2 bags oats from the fields (which weighed with the bags 155 lbs) took them to the mill and got 2 bags peas. did not get any grit. 80/100 flour (not p.) 83 lb. Short 85 lb. Took white Cow to McWilliam's for first time in year today.

18 th Wednesday (262-103) Another fine day. I have gang plowed this day and drove down for the grit in the evening. took another bag of peas to chop and paid for all. 35 ^{cts}. George attended John Webb's threshing today, they were done in good time. they say the grain turned out well. Minnie has been very weak and suffered a good deal from pain. Mr. D. Drifden & Mr. David Stewart dined here today. very warm today. especially in the afternoon.

19 th Thursday (263-102) George & gang plowed this forenoon. I plowed in the afternoon while George finished the cutting of the corn. Minnie has been feeling a little stronger and easier today. Mary, Bella & Maggie with their mother are always around and near her. Mr. Barker called up today, also Mr. Hindley & Kitty Robertson.

20 th Friday (264-101) A clear fine day and extremely hot especially in the middle of the day. George & Jerry McDemott drove down to McMinnie and helped him at his threshing. I gang plowed while I could today and nearly finished up. after dinner, Gwart & I drove over the buggy to Albert Cotton and got a couple of blocks of ice. Minnie fairly easy today but very weak. Mr. & Mrs. Barker & children took a run up today and stayed awhile.

21 st Saturday (265-100) An extremely hot day. The sun is scorching hot. the thermometer running up to about 90° in the shade. George finished the gang plowing in a little while this morning and harrowed till noon. I tied up 2 rows of the Corn before dinner and George and I tied and set up the whole of it this afternoon.

22 nd Sunday (266-99) Another very hot day. the thermometer standing at 90 in the shade. Willie & Joe McEntee drove out to see Minnie today. Joe says there is a terrible change wrought on her appearance since he was out before to see her. John McMinnie & George were here and a great many callers in the evening. I had all the chores to do this evening. George hardly ever is on hand on Sunday evening.

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finished gang plowing and started 2nd plowing 23 ~~22~~ Monday (270-93) *Perfect fine day, much cooler than yesterday*
George finished the harrowing of all the gang plowing, which makes us now ready to go on with the second plowing which George started to do. We also plowed up 2 rows of potatoes which I picked up and bagged (about 6 bags) I boiled about 3 bags at a boiling to night and mixed with meal and mean to put up the pigs tomorrow. I also butchered a sheep this evening. George helping me. Minnie has been fairly easy to day but very weak.

Minnie very poorly 24 ~~23~~ Tuesday (268-93) *Very warm to day. the wind high and it is very drying.* George has been at Robert McWilliam's threshing. They did not get started until 10 o'clock after leaving Robt. Jettin. Ewart & I drove over for the night. Albert & John and got some ice. We have asked the hands for our threshing tomorrow. I put up the pigs to fatten. and after plowing cleaned out the granary and otherwise prepared the barn for threshing. Sales plowed 7 rounds in the pea land A.M. & some P.M.

Threshing at home 25 ~~24~~ Wednesday (269-93) *Weather continues dry and a high wind prevails.* George was with McWilliam till done threshing (about 10 a.m.) and we got started in a little over 1/2 an hour. They threshed very well to day but they were too late in getting started to get through in the day. I boiled another pot of potatoes. and mixed it up for the pigs. Ewart drove to Everton to the mail, and brought up the Abbotts. our hand, were Thomas & John & Ewart. John Kelly, Mac. James & John. Robt. Maynard. Isaac Shearer. John Burnett. Geo. McWilliam. John Dunlop & Ewart. John & small horn. John Coffey. Geo. Duffell. Geo. Smith. a heavy thunder storm & considerable rain fell. the horse walk on

Thunder and lightning last night. Minnie looks that 26 ~~25~~ Thursday (270-93) *this morning was very much dry and worked up rather bad during the day.* George & I went to Isaac's threshing. the threshers were finished here about 9.30 this morning and made immediately off to Isaac Shearer and cleaned him out by night. I plowed the greater of the time after threshing excepting the Isaac & I remained late about the house on account of Minnie having a spell. Ewart telephoned to Willie and he came out in about 10 minutes. I had a heavy spell. Ewart telephoned to Willie and he came out in about 10 minutes. I had a heavy spell.

Threshing at home 27 ~~26~~ Friday (271-93) *Perfect fine day, I have had a very busy day keeping the plow going and doing up the chores.* George has attended to George's threshing to day. They finished George's threshing this evening. it was late before I got out to my plowing but I plowed & hurried up the team and turned over more than an acre. I then Minnie is somewhat easier to day again and rallies wonderfully easier. after having such bad spells.

George plowing again taking and bracing. 28 ~~27~~ Saturday (272-93) *Michaelmas Day*
George has plowed all day. he left the pea land in the afternoon and went to the black oat stubble. he plowed 2 rows of potatoes up at the morning for me, and I picked & bagged them. (6 bags) and I boiled 3 bags for the pigs. This afternoon pulled 2 rows of beans. and attended to the chores. Mrs. Stewart & daughter Mary. Mrs. Tomlin & wife. Thos. Tolton & others were visiting Minnie. Colin McWilliam also this evening.

Willie & Jennie drove from Loughlin to see Minnie. 29 ~~28~~ Sunday (273-93) *A cold day. Willie & Jennie drove out from Loughlin to see Minnie. they had a new beast (mare) that he bought a day or two ago. Minnie is very weak to day. She refuses any nourishment now, almost entirely. and under those circumstances she cannot stand it long. a good many people visited to see and enquire after her.*

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Monday

Rather a blustering wind of day and
pulling passed over. one had a little snow in it
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means and George has plowed all day. I have been doing
up some other work that has fallen behind. Plowed
the balance of the beans and the Onions. boiled a pot
of potatoes and mixed it with Chopped Stuff for the pigs. Minnie
is now very low. Some one is constantly by her bedside.

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Tuesday

A little fall of rain last night, and
this has been a fine day although

George plowed a little squally and cold. George plowed up
about 11 o'clock A.M. and then plowed out 2 rows of
potatoes with the potatoe digger, and other 2 rows of other things. Made
12 bags in all. I boiled 3 bags to day. Minnie has had a bad day
and night in the past. we sent for Dr. McCalloph for her mother, who
took a very bad & heavy turn last night, and again this evening for Minnie

Minnie died

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Wednesday

A very fine day. Poor Minnie passed away this
morning at 5 minutes before 8 o'clock. She passed at

fair night. the doctor retained her until she felt the better for it until the end
8 o'clock. George was out plowing when she died, and did brought him home
for this day. Thomas as John went out with me to arm and got the coffin
Thomas told what C. Overland and he also brings the hearses, it will cost less than
and I drove to what C. paid Mitchell. I telegraphed to Dr. J. H. G. and he answered
by saying "cannot come". I telegraphed to Dr. J. H. G. and he answered
to drive for myself and family, Quebec Friday noon. I wrote a notice to the 4. Shop
Coffin & Co. Secular, and about a dozen different parties by Card. poor Minnie
a few lines appointing her pall bearers, and the obituary she wished them
at her funeral, and wrote it in as from a hand as when in health, although
it was done only a few days ago. George & I sufficed boiled 2 pots potatoes
to day, and looked after things generally. I want to Johnny also did their part.

Met Alex

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Thursday

Clear to day, and smart and S. started

for Quebec to meet Alex & his wife & children. we got to the G. T. R. Station
at Quebec at 11.45 and the train had just arrived. we met Willie & Jennie & his
John and Margaret coming out to our place and they turned back, as Margaret wanted
the Geo. Rose. Some thing in the City and wished Jennie to chose them. after getting lunch
we all started home and arrived here before dark. Willie & Jennie went to Monrovia
Johnny & George Rose & Geo. Duffield dug the grave to day. the grave to receive the coffin
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Funeral

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Friday

Another beautiful day. I drove down to Rockwood to meet

Marshall, at the station just as we had met John & Margaret with the democratic going
to our place. I called him back and he took them on with him. They wanted one
the train and brought up Mrs. J. H. G. and Mr. G. G. G. and Mr. G. G. G. and Mr. G. G. G.
Minnie and Mabel. Grace Ann Abbott rode down with me to assist Robert Royce
who who have a long last their only daughter and who is being buried at the same
place at Everton. both funerals met at the same time. there were 2 coffins, about
Royce's daughter's rig at Minnie's funeral, and instead of 2 coffins, about 3 coffins
we lifted. it was said when the procession reached the two below Long Street, that
friends from my place were still coming out at our gate. poor Margie started for Holy Cross church
a distance of 1/2 mile, going in with Colin Campbell, and for Uncle John & Aunt Mary, John & Mary, John & Mary.
The Georgetown & Norval friends to the 10 P.M. train. they were late in getting back.

Chopped

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Saturday

Very fine day. George and I

cleaned up 1 bag of mixed
grain for Chop, and ten bags out and took them to
the mill in the afternoon. got them home again 8.50 - paid
while waiting for the great George and I cleaned up and moved
the earth from the grave plot. John Abbott fixed our whip
tree rings, and the hame of light harness.

Chopped

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Sunday

Beautiful day. Della, Jess &

Marshall & Maggie drove to Everton
Meeting this forenoon. in the evening we hitched
at night up the double team to the democratic and drove
3 girls down again to Everton meeting. Mother & I also
also forenoon with them.

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7 **Monday** (282-83) Rather a damp and disagreeable day. I took Jessie Marshall to the Stage this morning and paid her fare to ^{Wye} rather than drive there, as the horses have been run around a good deal lately. George and Alex have drawn a load of sand, he drew 2 loads of gravel also. Boiling potatoes these days and sniping with chopped stuff. Thomas Toller and Alex were hunting to day.

8 **Tuesday** (282-83) Very cold to day. I had to hurry with taking up 6 Bella to bags of potatoes this forenoon so as to take Bella home. down home this afternoon. we left here at 3 o'clock and returned between 8 & 9. it was a cold drive, mailed matter for Alex at Rockwood. George has plowed all day. Mrs Lindas and Alex have been hunting to day.

9 **Wednesday** (283-83) Fine day. George finished plowing the ground the black oats grew on. he plowed up 3 rows of potatoes and filled up 7 full bags. George started to plow the north front field. I also pulled the last of the beans. Willie Lindas and Alex have been hunting to day. The children have been enjoying themselves hugely since being amongst us. George and I work in the hay of the Corn this evening.

10 **Thursday** (284-81) Continues fine weather. George has plowed in front field to day. I work in the other load of Corn this morning and stood the whole in the hay mow on swing beams. I mailed potatoes to day. Alex in company of Strickland, Duffield, Harris, and Robt. Jessin have had quite a day's hunting. Alex got 4 hares to day. 3 each of the 2 last days.

11 **Friday** (285-80) Very wet day. Rockwood Show. George has plowed a little on each end of the day, and drew in 2 loads of stones when the rain stopped a little. we worked some in the stables preparing for rearing and building the manger walls. Alex and Maggie went down to Rockwood Show afternoon. it was a good show but on account of the rain few people attended it.

12 **Saturday** (286-79) Fair again this morning and the forenoon was rather drizzly & disagreeable. it cleared up afternoon however and it became fairly fine. Mother went to Guelph with Lizzy to day. and sold butter & eggs. 20 cts for butter 15 & 16 for eggs. we worked at the cattle stable this forenoon and drew up 2 loads of stones for building manger bottom. Johny built the half of them in a couple of hours or so.

13 **Sunday** (287-78) A beautiful day. Cane him and vigner. we hitched up the team to the democrat (Fred & King) and Alex & wife & children and Mother & I drove down to McHenry got there about noon and spent a very pleasant time. after tea we started for home arriving shortly after dark. Maggie went with Johny & Lizzy to meeting.

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14 **B** Monday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁷⁷⁾ A very fine day. George plowed all day and finished the front field north. he plowed up 4 rows of potatoes with the digger in the morning. I did some growing and apple picking before picking up the potatoes. 10 bags. George helped me finish them and drew them in afterwards. we are pulping them just now instead of boiling as

15 **B** Tuesday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁷⁸⁾ A fine day. wind a little fresh. George went to John's threshing. Alex and his mother drove home to Everton calling for a while at Uncle Duncan's. I repaired Maggie's shoes and half soled one of my own. I also had all the chokes to day. I pulped up 3 bags potatoes for the pigg. they do not relish them that way so well as being boiled.

16 **B** Wednesday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁷⁹⁾ Another fine day. it was dull and threatening in the morning but improved as the day wore on. Towards evening however it rained quite heavy for a while. I drove Alex and his family to Guelph and they went off on the 10.13 train. Maggie's mother was along too. they had considerable shopping to do. we were at Miller's for dinner and put up the horses there. we heard reports of the Calamity in Iowa. many sick and 5 deaths.

17 **B** Thursday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁸⁰⁾ A fine day. wind a little fresh. George plowed in the South front field to day until about 5 o'clock. when he hitched to the Wagon and drew in 2 big loads of Mangolds that I pulled up and prepared for drawing in. I repaired a pair of shoes for Alice Webb (40¢) half soled and sewed rips. Mother has boiled and washed a feather bed to day they are cleaning things up and going to move the Coaling

18 **B** Friday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁸¹⁾ A fine day. wind a little fresh. George plowed this forenoon in the South front field. quit a little early to help move the stones. we put the heater in the sitting room and placed the Coaling Stone in its place. After dinner we finished picking the apples in large orchard (8 barrels) we then pulled 2 loads of mangolds and drew them in. Maggie and her mother have had a busy day fixing & cleaning up.

19 **B** Saturday ⁽²⁸⁸⁻⁸²⁾ A fine day. wind a little fresh. George plowed this forenoon in the South front field. he did a good part of the Corn patch this afternoon. Maggie and her mother drove the Wagon to Guelph to day. bringing along Miss Cockburn with them who intends leaving a few days next week. I pulled the balance of the Mangolds this A.M. 2 loads and drew them in before night. during the day showers.

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21 ~~22~~ Monday ²⁹⁶⁻⁶⁸ The heaviest frost of the season last night. The water in basins and pails around the outside of the house was in solid ice. I cannot remember of ever seeing so hard a frost so early in the season. Johnny came and finished building the balancer of the manure hoppers and George and I have been fixing up the potato bin in turnip house, grafting &c. They both plowed some afternoon.

Started to ²² 22 Tuesday (296-69) A very fine day. not very cold. George and I have been taking up potatoes to day. we took up 14 rows rather more than 2 wagon loads. Johnny has been working at his too. They seem to be a better crop than others. 14 rows make a wagon load. ^{East of the house} his rows are longer than pugs. Margaret & I went down to Webb's to see his stuff he intends to show to day. The Mangolds are very large.

²³ 23 Wednesday (297-69) ^{at Forest} ^{at m} ^{Williams to day} ^{Maggie} ^{with Mary} ^{& Jim Dumb} A very dull this morning and the ground was considerably frozen. as the day advanced it became milder although it may be termed a cold day throughout. George and I took up 14 rows of potatoes again to day - over 2 loads. Had some delay after dinner with the cow, and the horses getting out. Robt Leslie brought us a ^{barrel} of Cement from Guelph this evening.

24 ~~25~~ Thursday (298-67) Cool, but pleasant. heavy frost last night, and the ground was very hard this morning. we made a start as early as possible to take up the potatoes. Maggie helped us and we took up and housed 25 rows. three loads. Johnny & Lizzie are busy drawing in their potatoes also.

25 ~~26~~ Friday (299-66) Not so frosty last night, and we had little difficulty in getting on with the potatoes digging. Maggie has again helped us pick to day. we took up 22 rows and we had more potatoes than yesterday. 14 loads to day. Miss Cockburn went to work for Maggie Patterson at Robt McWilliam after dinner to day.

26 ~~27~~ Saturday (300-65) A very fine day. much milder than most any day this week and little or no frost last night. Maggie has helped us again to day and we finished planting the potatoes up all except a few early, and the harrowing of the whole patch, we bagged up 6 bags potatoes and I took them down this evening to John Smallhorn. Miss Cockburn accompanied me. She went to visit Mr. Ewold.

27 ~~28~~ Sunday (301-64) Weather very fine up to about 2 o'clock P.M. Mother & I attended the funeral of old Mary Sutton, one o'clock was the hour for lifting, but it was past 2 before they did. we only went to the house. John McKenzie & Bella & children with Mrs McKenzie & Mrs Lang called on their way home and had tea. Willie & Jennie were also out. Willie returned after tea.

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28 ~~29~~ Monday (302-63) A very Cold and blustering day. George and I started at the turnips on the Mangoldspatch, we topped them as fast as we could and harrowed them out and it was late before we finished taking in 7 loads. They were large and the loads were large. There were a few left for tomorrow.

29 ~~30~~ Tuesday (303-62) Hard frost last night and the ground was hard this morning. George and I have been working at the turnips but could do much better if the weather was more favorable. I think we took in 12 loads after topping & harrowing out. We bagged 12 bags of oats & peas for Chipping and George took them to Overton afternoon.

30 ~~31~~ Wednesday (304-61) Another heavy frost last night and the ground was hard this morning. We topped again to day and harrowed and hauled in. We have to night 20 loads of turnips in all in the root house. Margaret helped us load up this afternoon. Miss Cockburn came again this morning at 10 A.M. to make Maggie's Coat.

31 Nov. 1 Thursday (305-60) Frost again last night and this has been a raw, cold day. Some cold rain afternoon. Margaret again helped us some to day to load turnips in the field, we have 29 loads in this evening. I drove Miss Cockburn home after 4.30 P.M. to Dodsborough. I called at Overton for the mail and was cold & chilly on account of the rain.

Nov 1 2 Friday (306-59) Warm and cold to day. George and I have again been at the turnips to day and have finished them up all to the Chippers. We took in a few of them to make up our last load. 41 now in all, and full loads. Some of them quite highly rounded up. We are feeding pulped potatoes & meal to the pigs now.

2 3 Saturday (307-58) Heavy frost again last night and everything outside is frozen. George plowed white this forenoon. He afterwards took to the harrows, after first taking up a few rows of early potatoes with the digger, and harrowed the potato ground, and picked the potatoes, there were quite a lot frozen but we were not too particular about them as they are all for the pigs. excepting about a bushel we bagged of the early for seed.

3 4 Sunday (308-57) A fine day and warm, although there was frost, as usual again this morning. Maggie drove Fred & Maggie to market this forenoon. And, with her mother drove there again at night. George McWilliams accompanying them. The cattle burst and broke the gate to the turnip ground. I had to fix it up, as we wish to save the Chipping turnips from maltreatment.

Sent a fine dollar bill for Mr. Lewis on 10.10.10

Wrote to Holmes to day about with Maggie

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4 ³ Monday ⁽³⁰⁹⁻⁶⁸⁾ A very fine day, quite a treat for these times. There was little or no frost last night. George and I have been pulling and trimming our Shipping Turnips. We find it slow work and we are going to take Smallhorn's advice and harrow them out, excepting that we will also plow them. Smallhorn would have been helping us only that he has a lame back. We pulled about third of the patch and left off to tea between 3 & 4 o'clock.

5 ³ Tuesday ⁽³¹⁰⁻⁵⁵⁾ Another beautiful day, warm. Sometimes no frost & we were at the topping of the remainder of the Shippers early this morning. George then hooked on and plowed them out and ran the harrows over them, taking in fine loads before dinner, and then finished taking them in this afternoon, having eleven loads after dinner. 16 loads of Shippers in all, making 37 loads all told of turnips, and 6 loads of Mangolds.

6 ³ Wednesday ⁽³¹¹⁻⁵⁴⁾ Continues beautiful weather, bright Sunshine and very warm to day. George has plowed all day, he thinks he turned over an acre and half to day. Before starting to plow this morning we hauled in the potatoe tops and bedded the pigs with them, & separated the pigs to day, put the 3 for our own use in the 3rd of the pen, and feeding them peas, fixing up and preparing for plastering in Cattle Stables.

7 ³ Thursday ⁽³¹²⁻⁵⁶⁾ A very fine day, warm and pleasant. Does much like Indian Summer. George has plowed all day, he says he went over the same quantity of ground as yesterday. I have been working in the Cattle Stables, plastering manger walls and water lining 2 double stalls. I have yet a lot to do there, grout and leveling ground &c. Maggie and her mother were away to Everton visiting, after doing up their cleaning &c.

8 ³ Friday ⁽³¹³⁻⁵⁷⁾ Fine weather this forenoon, and George plowed until dinner time. The rain came on after dinner however and it was the most of the time disagreeable in night. Johnny & some others of the neighbors plowed though it but it must have been disagreeable. George and I worked at the Cattle Stable. George drew a large flat stone from the field and placed it on the door way of Stable.

9 ³ Saturday ⁽³¹⁴⁻⁵⁸⁾ Rain has continued all day and it is quite cold this evening. Ice is forming as the rain falls. George and I have again been at the Cattle Stable, grouting &c. Johnny has been working also at them. Got up the manger and George and I, at night, plastered with water lime the manger bottoms.

10 ³ Sunday ⁽³¹⁵⁻⁵⁹⁾ Quite sunny this morning and it remained so all day. The ground is white with a little fall of snow. Maggie went to meeting this forenoon. George drove her there. I drove her and Mother down a line this evening. It was Mr. McIntyre who addressed the Chorus Friends. He seemed to be somewhat of a long time to address them. He did not like the idea of the chorus being a substitute for the singing in the matter of exemplifying the virtues of true charity.

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11 ¹² Monday ⁽³¹⁶⁻¹⁹⁾ The ground was quite hard this morning. Some of the neighbors were plowing in the afternoon. I helped us a little while in the forenoon to finish up the manger bottom. George and I have been cleaning out the end under the old feed room and grouting some also in the evening plastered the manger bottoms with quarter lime. This afternoon we took the team to the Swamp and brought up 7 cedar posts for Cattle Stables. We had a hard job getting them.

12 ¹³ Tuesday ⁽³¹⁷⁻¹⁸⁾ Frost last night, but to day has been very fine. it was hard when George started to plow this morning but it soon became better and he plowed all day, nearly finishing the third field back, South Side of lane. I have been busy in the Cattle Stables. The grouting and and wall plastering is nearly completed. George and I worked till about ten o'clock this evening hanging the upper half door at the well.

13 ¹⁴ Wednesday ⁽³¹⁸⁻¹⁹⁾ Splendid fall weather. I have had quite a job attending to the pigs &c. and doing what I could in the stables. George finished up the plowing in the 3rd field back and started to finish up the back field where the peas were.

14 ¹⁵ Thursday ⁽³¹⁹⁻²⁰⁾ A very fine day. George finished up the back field plowing and started in the orchard. I drove to Rockwood with Margaret after dinner with the wool. the price has lately gone up and we got 24 Cents for ours. we had 33 lbs. after deducting 2 1/2 lbs for matted fleeces = 7.92 we took it all in goods. Stuff for a pair pants for myself, living horse blanket, stitching of same &c.

15 ¹⁶ Friday ⁽³²⁰⁻²¹⁾ A fine day. George has plowed in the orchard and nearly completed it. Charlie came this afternoon and helped him plow quite a bit with his team and plow. I drove over to the Centre Inn & attended a meeting of the Board of Health. we have put up the light roan heifer to fatten for Christmas.

16 ¹⁷ Saturday ⁽³²¹⁻²²⁾ A little colder but quite pleasant. Margaret & I started for Guelph this a.m. at 7 o'clock. we arrived at 9 a.m. Market slow but our sold principally out before noon. butter & eggs about alive 18^{cts} we had about 8 dollars worth. some fowls. Chickens 35^{cts} per pair. drove up to Millis & had dinner. a large market and a great many people in town. George finished plowing and took out some manure in the garden and plowed it in.

17 ¹⁸ Sunday ⁽³²²⁻²³⁾ A very pleasant day. mild and Summer like. no frost, and the bite for cattle is as good as in Summer. Maggie and George went to meeting this forenoon. George Loe and Mary drove up about the same time they came home from meeting. I took a walk down to Pebbles and this forenoon, had not seen them for some time back. Millie drove out from Guelph he is staying all night.

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18 ¹⁹ Monday ⁽³²⁴⁻¹⁹⁾ Most beautiful weather for the time of the year. George has drawn stones

today to fill up the ground at the head of the stable next the the barn. I helped him till dinner time. When I had to make ready to go to Erin Village. I took over 2 bags of Onions and sold them to C. Overland at a dollar a bag. Taking 3 dollars worth of sugar. Henry Dunbar paid me a dollar for one bag he got. And I spent it on sugar. attended the lodge meeting. where we had the matter of change of hall discussed.

Johnny at Joe Hindley's threshing to day.

19 ²⁰ Tuesday ⁽³²⁴⁻¹⁹⁾ A very dull day. and the wind has

been from the east. Came on rain about 4 o'clock. George and I have been drawing and laying the stones at the barn end of cattle stables and finished the job. also drew 2 loads of Soil from the top of hill on the road. Johnny is threshing at Joe Hindley's to day. we also drew and laid a load of stones in front of the water trough in shed. making a good improvement.

Johnny at Joe Hindley's threshing a part of the day. also I helped level the soil on the stones we drew yesterday and laid it all over with grout. I helped mix it, and put it in and trowelled it while George wheeled it on. I drove to Everton this evening and got the mail. also 2 lights and putty for pig house windows.

20 ²¹ Wednesday ⁽³²⁵⁻⁴⁰⁾ Cold and frosty to day. the ground

is pretty well hardened up. there is a sprinkling of snow to day. George and I have had a busy day in the cattle stables. we levelled the soil on the stones we drew yesterday and laid it all over with grout. I helped mix it, and put it in and trowelled it while George wheeled it on. I drove to Everton this evening and got the mail. also 2 lights and putty for pig house windows.

Thamkozi's Day.

21 ²² Thursday ⁽³²⁶⁻³⁹⁾ Another very cold day. the cold has been steady

until night, when it somewhat relaxed. George and I have again been working in the cattle stables. we moved the line out of the cattle stall to get the cows all in. and we barred the stall posts and put grooves in 5 of them. we are anxious to have the stables ready for the cattle as they seem to feel the cold severely. Johnny was at Rich: McWilliams threshing while this forenoon.

22 ²³ Friday ⁽³²⁷⁻³⁸⁾ Continues Cold & windy. Johnny has

helped us at the cattle stables to day. we finished up all the posts and got them all in and quite a number of the stalls lined up.

23 ²⁴ Saturday ⁽³²⁸⁻³⁷⁾ Quite a change in the weather. a very

rough morning. sleet, ice and rain. Johnny went to Shelph as it was so rough. Lizzie did not care to go alone to market. George and I have been doing up some of the work in the cattle stables. Johnny also helped after coming back from Shelph. we also killed a pig and dressed it after night. some of its meat had hurt it and made it very lame.

24 ²⁵ Sunday ⁽³²⁹⁻³⁶⁾ Quite a fall of snow and there is some

chipping to day. this has been a pleasant day. Mother & I drove up to Mrs. Rozzelli's funeral. which was timed for one o'clock. there was a large turn out. we did not go any further than the house and hurried back home to find Bella & John McHenry with the children. They started for home after early tea.

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25²⁶ Monday ⁽³³⁰⁻³⁵⁾ Snow and hail this forenoon but turned to rain afternoon. John and George mowed some in the Cattle stable. I took 8 bags oats and peas for Chop. and bought 4 planks and about 80 feet inch. #1.00. and 40^{ct} for Chop. paid. got another bag of flour. not paid.

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26²⁷ Tuesday ⁽³³²⁻³⁴⁾ Awfully high wind this forenoon. and heavy rain through the night. The wind blew down John's wood shed and old kitchen and instead of being at the Cattle Stables we had all to go in the afternoon and fix up a part of the wrecked building. Miller drove out to night. John had Robert Norton, Robert Williams, John Bennett, Geo. Alfred Duffield and myself all helping him to put up the building. A little cold but a very pleasant day. The ground is once more

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27²⁸ Wednesday ⁽³³²⁻³³⁾ Bare and hard. Maggie and Ruth Williams have been collecting day for the Bible Society. George drew in the store wood from the yard to the wood house, and fixing up the shed opening the balance of the time. I helped John at his kitchen fixing a little while and charped the hand and Cross Cut saws. Miller drove off to Lyeport this evening again. he was cutting wood at Uncle Dungan's had John Campbell & self very fine and very pleasant day.

made a
bass wood
trough for
feeding the
turkeys
Cutting Cedar
blocks for
Cattle stable

28²⁹ Thursday ⁽³³²⁻³²⁾ These are also very fine nights, clear moonshine and not cold. George and I have been chopping around considerable and have also cut some Cedar blocks for the stable floor, we took down the team and wagon and brought home a load. John helps us at night to do up some of the work of the stable fixing. Maggie and her mother drove to Everton this afternoon and brought home the mail.

Cutting Cedar
blocks in
Swamp
Mary up
from
Everton

29³⁰ Friday ⁽³³³⁻³¹⁾ This very fine mild day, although light and overcast. The most of the day George and I have been sawing Cedar blocks for the stable. We think there is about enough to lay the floors for the stable stands. John went to mill to day and we let him have the boy as we drove old "Frank" to the bush to the buggy. Mary was up to day getting some garment dyed. we do a little fixing in the stable almost every night now.

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to get
the cattle
stables
done

30 Dec. 1. Saturday ⁽³³³⁻³⁰⁾ Breezy last night and some snow. Edward the ground. Towards evening it opened in some. George & I spent the forenoon getting out some Cedar stumps for the Cattle stable and brought them home, with a load of blocks before dinner. afternoon John helped us and we charped out the most of the rubbish and heated and laid down one of the spurs, also fixed the blocks in the 2 double and single stalls. we also brought a load of sand and the balance of the blocks. upon the time

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Dec. 1 2 Sunday ⁽³³⁶⁻²⁹⁾ A very dull day, which threatened an oncome of some kind, it held off however till night when snow began to fall, a little rain which froze as it fell in the afternoon. Maggie & George drove to meeting this forenoon I have been with Mary at home all day, with the exception that I took a walk down to see John Webb who is complaining now from a bad back

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Willie out
from Guelph
this evening
Council
meeting, went
over about
10.0. H. H. H.

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Monday

(337-25) Quite a fall of snow last night and considerable has fallen to day. rather

blowing and stormy along with the snow fall. I hurried over to the Council meeting this forenoon and returned home between one & two o'clock. I gave in my report on the B. of H. and received 22 dollars. I then paid 4 dollars each to Hugh Black & John Kea. 2 to Mrs. for Mr. Auld. and 2 to Mr. Camm for the room. & 4 to myself leaving in my hands 6 dollars for the doctor. Johnny was helping at the stables. We all turned in when I returned.

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Tuesday

(338-27)

Willie has drawn 3 loads of wood from McKinnons and took the last one to Guelph with Johnny's team. He left his own team at Johnny's. I made an effort to get a sheep so as to bring down a load for him but failed. I sold the hog to Mr. Simpson for \$4.50 per 100. dressed. also the heifer for \$34.00 to be delivered a week from next Thursday. Johnny has helped us come at the stables to day. we are nearly done. I drove over to Mrs. Tolton this eve. he will kill our pigs tomorrow. Moderate weather. it is quite

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Wednesday

(339-26)

This forenoon were fixing round and prepared for killing the pigs this afternoon. Mrs. Tolton & Alice Camm along before dinner and in the afternoon we killed the pigs. Willie took in a load of wood to Guelph. I took him down in his new over the newly gravelled part of the road. Mr. Webb helped me this afternoon cleaning the inside of pigs. Johnny, George & I with Chas. took to day and Friday. quite windy

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Thursday

(340-25)

George and I have been again round the stables some. we hauled over the meal box. the scalding trough and all the carcasses. placed the hogs & Boy in the stable. George and I took the team to the bush and cut a good part of a load of wood out of a dry maple tree and brought it home.

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Friday

(341-24)

Cold and frosty but a very fine winter's day. Maggie and I started for Guelph this morning about 7.30. with the 5 hogs. They weighed 814 lbs. after deductions. I made them weigh last night 838 on our scales. 824 in Guelph. I got 4.55 for them. I delivered the 2 empty Bees tags to Holliday. got a Ball of salt. paid Willie \$2.05. for salt and the dollar I owed him on the note he paid \$15.90.

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Saturday

(342-23)

Frosty & cold but a very fine winter's day. George & I have started to cut wood in the bush. we cut up some down maple timber. while we were in the bush, Isaac & Amos Shaker came along with hunting. they chopped down our large elm stub. and got 2 large Raccoons lodged in it. they dispatched both. Mother and I are driving down to McKinnons this evening.

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Sunday

(343-22)

Another cold day. we have spent last night at Bellas. Mr. Sutton, wife and 2 children spent the night there. we enjoyed our visit much but being so cold we could not venture out of the house we did not wait for tea but left there about 11 o'clock. Calling at Sautons on our way home. getting a little warm at Abbotts. found every thing right at home on our return.

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9 ¹⁰ Monday (344) A fine winter day, John Smallhorn came up this morning and helped George and I all day to cut wood in the bush. I hauled 6 loads of dry wood home. Some dry and some green. This is from memory which may be a little at fault. John Smallhorn has come to help us. This being his first day.

10 ¹¹ Tuesday (345) Continues fine weather for cutting wood in the bush. The three of us have been busy. I help and cut and haul home too. I took a quirt of 8 bags peast oats and had them chopped. took our 5 sheep to Cotton to be with Howard's ram. brought their ram lamb for Jimmy. who was over with me. the 2 Mr. Abbotts visit. I drove them home to night.

11 ¹² Wednesday (346) Rather a stormy day and very cold. Maggie and her mother drove over to Cotton to see Dan. who has been taken down with Rheum. he is some better. Geo. & John & I have been at the wood to day. I think I brought home 5 loads to day. 2 forenoon & 3 afternoon we manage so that all ride to and from the bush.

12 ¹³ Thursday (347) Another very cold day. The frost was heavy. I were up in good time this morning and got all the Chores done up and loaded up the heifer ourselves. She was very quiet and we had no trouble with her. we unloaded her in the market yard. Mr. Simpson paid me the thirty two dollars. which made the 34 with the 2 previously sent me. he also he paid for 3/5 of some him 5/8. back to help him and we had dinner at the station and had an awful cold drink home. George had no more of this evening. John Smallhorn rode off from the corner with us. This evening.

13 ¹⁴ Friday (348) Quite a windy day although not so cold as yesterday. The three of us have been working in the bush all day. and I have drawn home 5 loads of wood as well as helped to cut some. The timber has been very hard we suppose from frost. John Smallhorn helped Jimmy this evening to clean up a fire of chopped stuff. Webb killed their pigs to day and Margaret helps clean the inside.

14 ¹⁵ Saturday (349) Much milder to day. The frost has slackened up very much. The three of us have worked in the bush this forenoon. we took Frank & Carter. we cut down a fine large maple and cut 3 logs for Stone. broke out of it. the balance for Stone wood. I had cold, patched & healed a hoof for Geo. Abbott. he paid me 40/- for the job. Geo. & John spent the afternoon at the big maple and did not finish it. I drove Smallhorn home this evening. and got the mail.

15 ¹⁶ Sunday (350) Much milder to day. inclined to thaw. I drove Maggie to meeting this morning. She got in with Webb and rode with them from the grave yard. I wrote a letter to Brother Abner Meador, also one to Mr. Rev. McGregor. Sending 25 dollars in it. I had all the Chores to do, myself as George was absent. I don't feel the Chores so burdensome since the Stables are fixed.

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paid
George
22 dollars

16 **17** Monday (351-14) A very fine day, very mild and pleasant until near night when it became colder and cast up like an approaching storm. I mailed the letters I wrote yesterday. This afternoon George and I cut the tops of the large maple trees we took the stone boat logs off and brought a load of wood home. I paid George twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) on his wages. I just owe him now the rest 100.

17 **18** Tuesday (352-13) The mild weather continues and the snow will soon go if it does not freeze up. George lost the Crabs cut Saw Set and we had quite a hunt for it as also the logging Chain, found neither. George went home afternoon, his father is killing hogs. Mr. Dunbar paid us a visit this P.M. I conveyed him home a piece of the road. he offers me an old horse for nothing that he says is a good one and think would

18 **19** Wednesday (353-12) Quite a thaw the snow is going very fast. George has been around to day and went to the bush with me and helped up with 2 loads of wood. we found both the Chain & Saw Set on the "Clonyack". we were pleased to find them. George went home to night thinking he might go to Quelyk tomorrow. he says if he does not get work he may help me do the Chores now & again

19 **20** Thursday (354-11) A rainful last night, and to day it has thawed and rained some. I did up the Chores as quickly as I could this morning and afterwards drove over in the lugger to Dunbar home "Bret" the old grey house Mr. Dunbar offered me in a present. after dinner I drove Maggie & Ruth McWilliams to Overton. Maggie is helping prepare for the S.S. Social this evening. George drove down Mother in the evening. I kept the house alone

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Duffield
to school
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20 **21** Friday (355-10) A very fine day. The snow has almost completely gone. from appearances it is not unreasonable to look for plowing weather and opportunity for it. if this weather continues any length of time. we have done little more than attended to the Chores. George is here also, he threashed out the beans. Mr. Webb & Mr. Ales (not Mr. McWilliams) came this afternoon to hear Joe rehearsing for the Concert to night. we left our house empty and all went to the concert at Myrles School house. There was a large gathering, and the concert a success. Willie drove Joe & Maggie here

Death of
Dan Sinclair

21 **22** Saturday (356-9) A very wet afternoon. The morning was fine but it soon became overcast - although the rain held off till afternoon. Maggie accompanied McWilliams to Quelyk to see the sights for Christmas. it was a foolish act as it was terribly wet and disagreeable. I had cold a boot for George Abbott and did up the Chores which amount of work kept me pretty busy all day. we hear that Dan Sinclair died last night. he took ill in the morning

22 **23** Sunday (357-8) Cleared up last night and there has been no rain to day. There has been a great deal of rain and I should think the wells will now be of service in giving more water. we have all been at home to day. as the ground is all in a slush. I have all the Chores to myself to do. George went yesterday to Quelyk and has not returned here yet.

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30 ~~31~~ Monday (365) Colder to day. and some more snow has fallen which makes the sleight run again. before bed time it became soft and it rained quite heavy. I drove the horses this afternoon at John's Cutter Straw. they finished the curing beam now. there is a nice spot. I drove down to Anerton this evening and got the mail. The "Star" has come to hand instead of the News.

31 Tuesday. A terrible cold and stormy day. the snow has been falling all times fast but the wind is piling it up in unsightly piles and drifts. I have had a busy day keeping the stock comfortable. we have to clear them out now frequently as there is no bedding. and I have 3 lots of cattle to let out for watering.

MEMORANDA.

January 1st Wednesday

New-years day. Weather cold & stormy the wind has been high all day, and the snow drifts. I have been very busy choring, and while John mended the wheelbarrow I repaired his boots, half of one of them and patched and sewed rips in the other. I also half soled a pair for Maggie. the wind is down to night and the moon is clear and full & beautiful.

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2nd Thursday. Not very cold but very windy. the snow drifts considerably. George Duffield Thompson Clean up our wheat. fully 20 bushels by measure in the hogshed all cleaned. and 11 bags, weighing 25 bushels & 2 1/2 lbs. to Houtop. he allowed me 56 cts for it. it tested about 63 lbs to the Bushel. it paid the bill 11.90 & I got 133 lbs flour & 25 lbs Tarina. the concert to night of Reid Brothers at our school house.

3rd Friday. Continues winter. there is a little slipping again but there is more snow needed to make good sleighing. As I found our turnips at the middle window gave signs of being hot. I went at it and moved a lot this afternoon. they were dirty in front and under the window and they are rotting considerably. I must get to the bottom of the hot part.

4th Saturday. Very cold last night and this morning and the frost has kept very keen all day. the chores take up a great part of my time. I had, however, another spell at the turnips. the chippers are all on top, and the hot ones are underneath. So it is quite a job to get the chippers disposed of so as to get the others removed. John was at Guelph to day with our Cutter.

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5th Sunday. Another very cold day. Maggie drove to meeting this forenoon. and John & I were at home all day. it has taken up a great deal of my time to make the stock tolerably comfortable through the cold.

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6th Monday. A very cold day, and stormy after doing up the Chores. John and I drove up to Oustic to vote for the deputy Reeve and the Council. John Rea is Reeve by acclamation. Dan, Talbot & Scott were for deputy. Dan is in by 107 majority. Willie is out from Quebec to night he stays here, but his team is at John's.

7th Tuesday. Rather stormy again today. I have not done much more than attend to the Chores. Henry Duffield spent awhile with us and was helping me with clearing out the stable &c. Willie drove up to Mimosa this forenoon and returning had dinner with us. he filled a bed tick with oat straw.

8th Wednesday. Somewhat slackened off the great cold and frost. and some snow has fallen today. I hurried up with my Chores this forenoon so as to have things in good shape for leaving. I put on the stock back and drove over to Coltons for our 5 sheep. after returning home Margaret and I drove down to see Mrs James Millar who is quite ill. Dr Webster was to see her today.

9th Thursday. The frost has given way considerably today, and although it is quite wintry, still the slackening off of the extreme cold is very acceptable. John helped me after dinner to load on the butt of the maple tree cut for Stone boats, we had to make two hunks for the logs. I took the log down to the mill and had to hustle so as to get home for the Chores. the sleighing is good now.

10th Friday. Rather milder today. Cold & raw at night. I took to Everton this forenoon the other 2 Stone boat logs. John helped me on with them this morning. Margaret & Lizzy drove down to Millars. Lizzy returned alone, as Mother said there on account of the very low condition of Mrs Millars, her death is looked upon as likely to happen at any time. John & I drove down this evening and saw her as she lay, her breathing was terribly laboured.

11th Saturday. Wintry and Cold. the sleighing is very fine now. Mrs Millars died last night after we left, about 12 o'clock. I drove down for her this evening but she did not come home with me. but waited for the Coffin coming. and John called for her as he came home from Everton. agreed to deliver 2 loads of turnips of Rockwood on Tuesday night to O'Connor. Now McCallough bought them.

12th Sunday. Fine winter weather but colder than has lately prevailed. I have been at home all day. Maggie was at Everton this, Mother & I spent awhile this evening at Nebs. George & Mary paid us a visit this afternoon.

Mrs. Rea Miller is ill with the grip. She is considered dangerous.

considerable snow fell last night.

ANNUAL CASH SUMMARY.

Cash Received.

Cash Paid.

Monday 13th. A Balance from last year. ^{February} I took the horses to the shop this morning and had 3 new shoes and one removed and sharpened in front. They are bare foot behind. We all attended the ^{January} funeral of Mrs. Miller at 1 o'clock. There was a large funeral. John read the ritual of the chosen friends at the grave. Mrs. Towler spoke at the Disciple Church. Millie was out from ^{February} ~~February~~ ^{March} ~~March~~ ^{April} ~~April~~ ^{May} ~~May~~ ^{June} ~~June~~ ^{July} ~~July~~ ^{August} ~~August~~ ^{September} ~~September ^{October} ~~October ^{November} ~~November~~ ^{December} ~~December~~~~~~

Tuesday 14th. Milder to day, but yet wintry. George and John & I trimmed 2 loads of turnips this forenoon and George with Mark's team and myself took them to Rockwood this afternoon. I had 5 bushels lacking 5 lbs. George had 41 lacking 5 lbs. many in 76 bushels lacking 10 lbs. I am getting 10^{cts} per bushel.

Wednesday 15th. Continues milder, and the weather to day has been very fine. I was early out of bed this morning and George Duffield and I took the box of the sheep and fixed up the rack and loaded on over a cord of dry cord wood of Miller's and George drove it to Guelph for him with our team. George was a little late in getting back, but I had everything in readiness for him, and had all chores done.

Thursday 16th. Very fine day, just enough of cold to keep the snow. And the shipping is good. We had a letter from Ewart this evening. Also one from Uncle Alex. Meaford. ^{August} ~~August~~ ^{September} ~~September~~ ^{October} ~~October~~ ^{November} ~~November~~ ^{December} ~~December~~

Friday 17th. A beautiful day. Mild and pleasant. George Duffield took down to Rockwood a load of turnips (5 bushels) he helped me to trim them. I trimmed some for John to take tomorrow and did up all my chores besides. John & Lizzie have ^{November} ~~November~~ ^{December} ~~December~~ over at Nutria this P.M. I have been helping to till the geese to day and preparing for Guelph tomorrow. Am getting Duffield's light Bobs.

Saturday 18th.

McCallough paid me \$9.60 for the 2 loads of turnips

Balance carried forward

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(account in earlier diary)

1895 John W. Kenzie A.O.W.W. account
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