

2. M.	Dewdrop calved in [the] Rathwell [place] bush[.] Agnes took Bella back & [was] in Brucefield looking for Rennet[.]* [She] had dinner at Junor's[and] stayed to visit[.] I [worked] with Father all day picking up round [the new] hen-house[.]	Fine	11
		*Tablets to make milk custard	
3. T.	Father, Agnes & I [worked] all day at [the new] Hen-house[.] We hauled overboard trash A.M. John plowing these days[.]	Fine Dull	0
4. W.	Gathered up chips[.] Father walked to Clinton & Agnes went for him with Bob & took Miss Wilson some apples[.]	Fine Soft Snow	0
5. T.	Agnes & I [spent] all day at [the new] Hen-house puttying [the] windows right[.] A. Dunkin & sons here for sheep[.] Mac & Willie [stopped] in[.] Bella home[; She is] going to Bayfield [to take an] exam tomorrow[.]	Fine Dull	8
6. F.	[To-day we] Killed pigs[.] W[illiam Glen] & Fen[wick Stewart were here] helping[.] We finis[hed] puttying [the hen house] windows & fixing [the] veranda ones[.]	Nice	1
7. S.	[I worked all day] at [the] henhouse, helped by] Agnes A.M. John Allen here[.] Agnes walked to Clinton [and] hurt [her] toe[.]	Nice Sprinkled	0
8. S.	Mr & Mrs, Jessie & Stella Wigginton [were] ton [were] here[.] Agnes & Jessie [were] at S[abbath] S[chool.] Agnes at Aunty's A.M. Jane & Aunty took Bella back P.M.	Showery	6
9. M.	Agnes [worked] with Father cleaning grist grist and chop stuff[.] Father at mill P.M. John plowing with Kate[.] Fen[wick] took Farmer[.]	Warm Nice Rain night	0
10. T.	Glen here[.] Jane cleaned hall[.] Peeling pears and put pane in milk room corridor & changed hinges[.]	Raining Warm windy	4
11. W.	Peeling pears A.M.[;] Fixing cellar windows P.M. Father [was] at [the grist] mill [and came home with] 6 bags [of] flour[.] Bella home & Miss McNaughton ¹⁸ [here]	Windy Nice	2
12. T.	Thanksgiving Jane, Agnes & Bella at [annual Sabbath School] exam[.] Simpson & Forest there. Father [was] in [the] bush splitting and piling blocks[.] John finished plowing [indecipherable] land[.] Mr McCully's funeral [was held to-day.] ¹⁹	Showery	15
13. F.	Agnes took Miss McNaughton and Bella back[.] John started plowing sod[.] Jim Junor here for dinner[.] Bella home [in the] even[ing.] John in Clinton [and] Jane at J[ohn] Pearson's[.]	Colder Showers Hail	1
14. S.	Father, Jane & Agnes at J. McGregor's funeral[.] Father Jane and Agnes hauled over logs for wood[.] Bella [was] in Clinton [and] I swept up [the] cellar[.]	Dull Froze Hard	1
15. S.	Jane & Agnes [were] in Church (Henderson Bayfield) [.] They rode the buggy with Bob[.]	Dull Raining	2

16. M. Put in double windows[.] *Mac here[.] Master [George Baird] & son [were here] after their sheep[.] Raining 1
*storm windows
17. T. [The] Master [was here] in [the] even- [ing.] Father & Mother at Mac's seeing Mrs McDougall all even[ing.] John hauled fence rails out of [the] river[.] T. Powell [was here] for dinner (I think)[.] snowing & blowing & freezing 3
18. W. Jane & I put bees in and half packed them[;] 5 hives[.] Cold & raw wind 1
19. T. Father in Clinton with Mac[.] Fen[wick] & Adam[were here in the] even[ing.] Washed & scoured yarn a little warmer 2
20. F. Father at U[n]cle James killing pigs A.M. & [at] Glen's P.M. [I] ironed P.M. Jane & Agnes at D. McEwen's[.] Snowy Thawed some rainy 2
21. S. Made slips for Mother's 2 bolaters[.] I finis[hed] ironing [in the] even[ing.] Raining 1
22. S. U[n]cle James Here & at Glen's[.] Green's at Glen's all night[.] Raining 0
23. M. Made a match stick holder and an apron out of shirting wrapper[.] Jennie Frazier's funeral[.]²⁰ Pouring all day 0
24. T. Jane cleaned[the] pantry [The Bayfield] River [is running] very high[.] Made other old apron[.] Agnes[was] at Glen's[in the] even[ing.] Snowing Blowing 1
25. W. Father walked to Clinton[.] Made saltbox & pattern bag[.] Jane scrubbed John's stair[.] 1
26. T. Jane washed kitchen plaster[.] Agnes [was] in Clinton A.M. & at Wigg[inton's] P.M. [I] Changed cloths on bees & took covers off. T. Frazer & Jim[were here] after sheep[.] John [was] in Clinton[this] even[ing] for window sashes for[the] old horse stable.²¹ Fen[wick was here this] even[ing] & [stayed] all night[.] Soft fine 0
27. F. Mother & I in Clinton with turkeys (6) killed them to Mr Forsyth for dinner[.] * took in 4 stable front boards[.] Bella home from school[.] Snowing 0
*I left this sentence as is. I could not repair it and be sure I conveyed what the diarist intended: Ed.
28. S. Jack McDonald [was here] for dinner[.] We finis[hed] packing[the] bees[for winter.] John hauled up a load of wood[.] John & I [were] at Duncan Walker's Funeral[.] Cold 1
29. S. Jane took Bella back[.] 0
30. M. Father & John [were] at [the Bayfield] river bridge taking out rails A.M. and hauling wood up P.M. Jane walked [to] Clinton[.] Cold, raw 0

1. T. T. Wiggin[ton] [was here] asking [neigh- Fine 0
hours to come] to [his] threshing[.] Fa- Coolish wind
ther & Mother at Wigginton's P.M. Agnes
[was] helping father put paper on [the]
W[ood] S[hed.] *Annie Stewart (James) [was] here
P.M. [I] cemented my rubbers & a lot of dishes.
- *Read the last sentence in tomorrow's entry.
The two sisters are building a winter woodshed
privy.
2. W. Father & John [were] at Wiggin[ton]'s Fine, soft
threshing all day[.] Mother at Glen's & rain 0
Jane [was] at U[n]cle James' P.M. Agnes
& I started building "Private." [We work-
ed at it all day except when we did the
chores[.]
3. T. Father at Wigg[inton]'s threshing a while Warm 0
A.M. John [was] in Clinton [in the] even-
ing[.] Mrs & E.A. Isard [were] here P.M.
4. F. [Alex. Thompson] the Mason, & his man [were] Pouring A.M.
[were] here for his sheep[-] (3 old ones & Windy,
& a lamb)[.] Agnes & I [Continued] build- colder 0
ing[.]
5. S. Jane walked in [to] Clinton [.] Father [was] 0
at.....Dunkin's for dinner[.] J. McDon- Frozen [A.M.]
ald [was] here and bought 2 sheep[.] Ag- Fine [P.M.]
nes & I finis[h]ed our construction.]
6. S. Jane & I in Church (Stewart)[.] The Fine [then]
children's Anniversary Snowing 0
7. M. U[n]cle James' & U[n]cle John's [famil- 0
ies] & us (kids) & J[im] Barkley [were] First sleighing
at [John and Alice] Parkes's[.] John & Fine
I Hauled in 2 jags [of] hay P.M. East wind
8. T. John hauled 2 loads [of firewood] A.M. 0
[and another] load.....P.M. I threshed Cold, raw wind
out the beans* P.M. drifting
* by hand with a flail on the barn
floor.
9. W. John hauling wood[.] Father walked to 0
Clinton[.] I went there in the afternoon Cold, Raw
in the] cutter[.] wind in
evening
10. T. Father & Mother at A. Dunkin's [in the] 0
buggy[.] John [was] hauling wood [with Soft, fine
the sleigh] A.M. Sleighing gone P.M. froze
11. F. Aunt & I [were] in Clinton[.] Agnes at frost 0
Wigg[inton]'s.] All [the] Wigginton's [were]
here [this] evening. John cut his foot.
Aunt & I went to [John and Bella] Green's
[for the] night.
12. S. Bella home[.] Agnes & I choreing[.] Fen- Frozen 0
[wick Stewart was here in the] even-
ing[.] Agnes & Bella [were] at Glen's
[this] even[ing. I] started ripping [a]
striped black dress[.]
13. S. Jane and Agnes in Church (Stewart)[.] Soft 0
14. M. Jane took Bella back[.] Agnes & I [seem to Raining 0
be] choreing all the time[.] Agnes & Fa-
ther cleaned oats for chop[.]
15. T. John took oats to [the] mill [.] I finis[h-
ed] ripping and pressing [my] dress[.] Raining 0

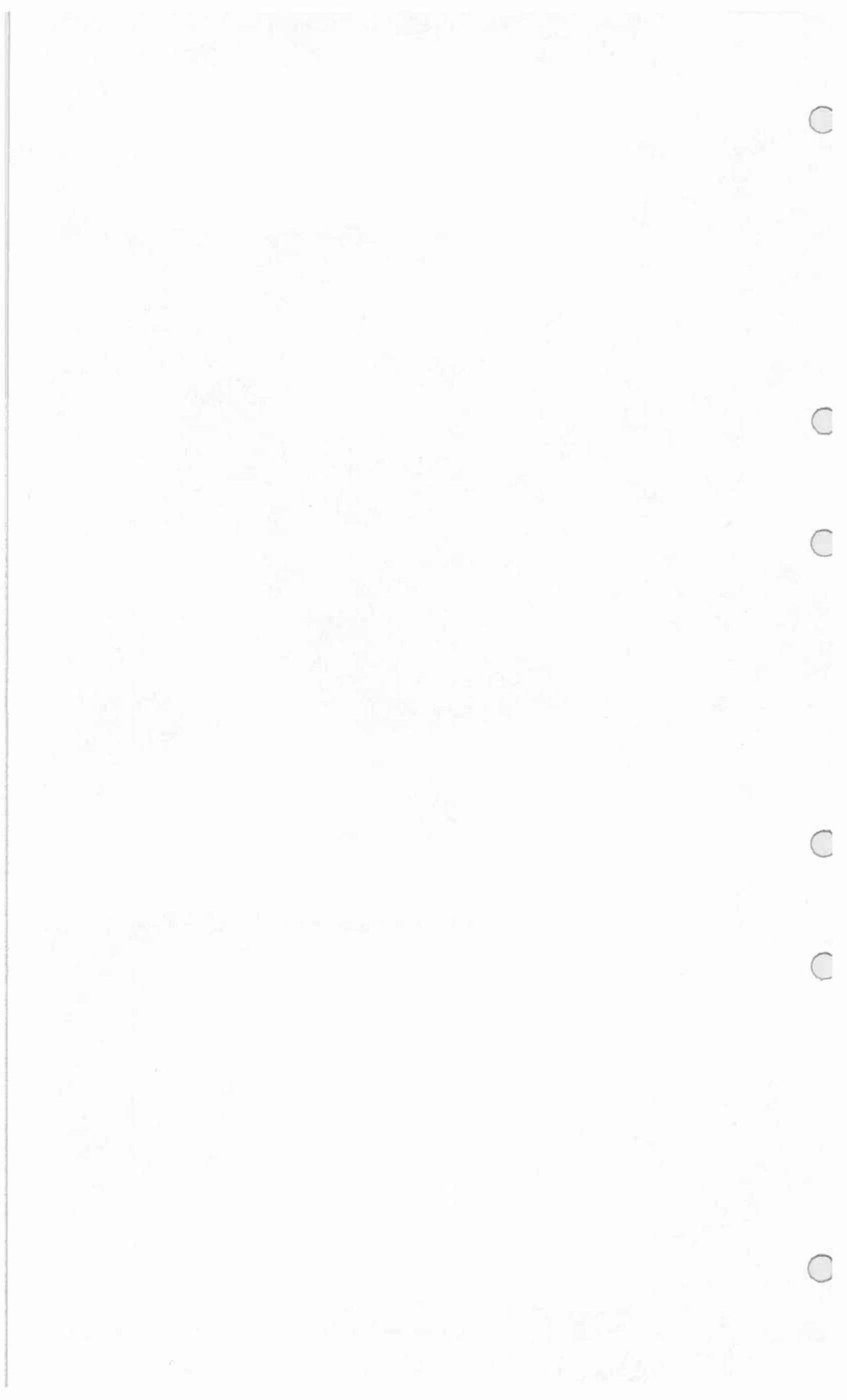
- 16. W. John went for chop[.] Jane & Agnes [were at] Isard's trading [a] goose[.I] started knitting [a pair of] black stockings[.] 1
Blustery
- 17. T. [I was] in Clinton[.] Adam [Stewart was] here in [the] evening[.] Father & John took [the] barn pump out and fixed [the] sucker[.]* Agnes cleaned her room[.] 1
Snowed
Clear &
cold
*plunger
- 18. F. I [was] in Clinton all day getting [a] dress cut[.] U[n]cle James' Annie [was] here[.] 1
Clear & cold
- 19. S. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] 0
- S. Jane & Agnes [were] in Church[.] Nice Sun Thaw
Nice Sun Thaw
- 21. M. Fen[wick Stewart], J[ohn] & W[ill] McEwen [were here this] evening[.] Fen[wick stayed all] night[.] Soft 4
Raining
- 22. T. Jane & Agnes [were] at Bella's exam in Varna[.] Father & John in the bush these days[.] Raining 3
- 23. W. [Mr] Scott [was here] in [the] morning lecturing for a present for Turnbull[.] Dull 3
- 24. T. Father [has] gone to Stratford[.] Jane drove him to the cross-roads[.] Ned, Fen[wick] & John [have] gone to Clinton[.] 4
Froze a little
soft
sprinkled
- 25. F. Jane, Agnes, John & I [were] at U[n]cle John's [Christmas party this even [ing]] Soft 3

* That was some party. The account in *The New Era's* Stanley Township news column is given directly below.

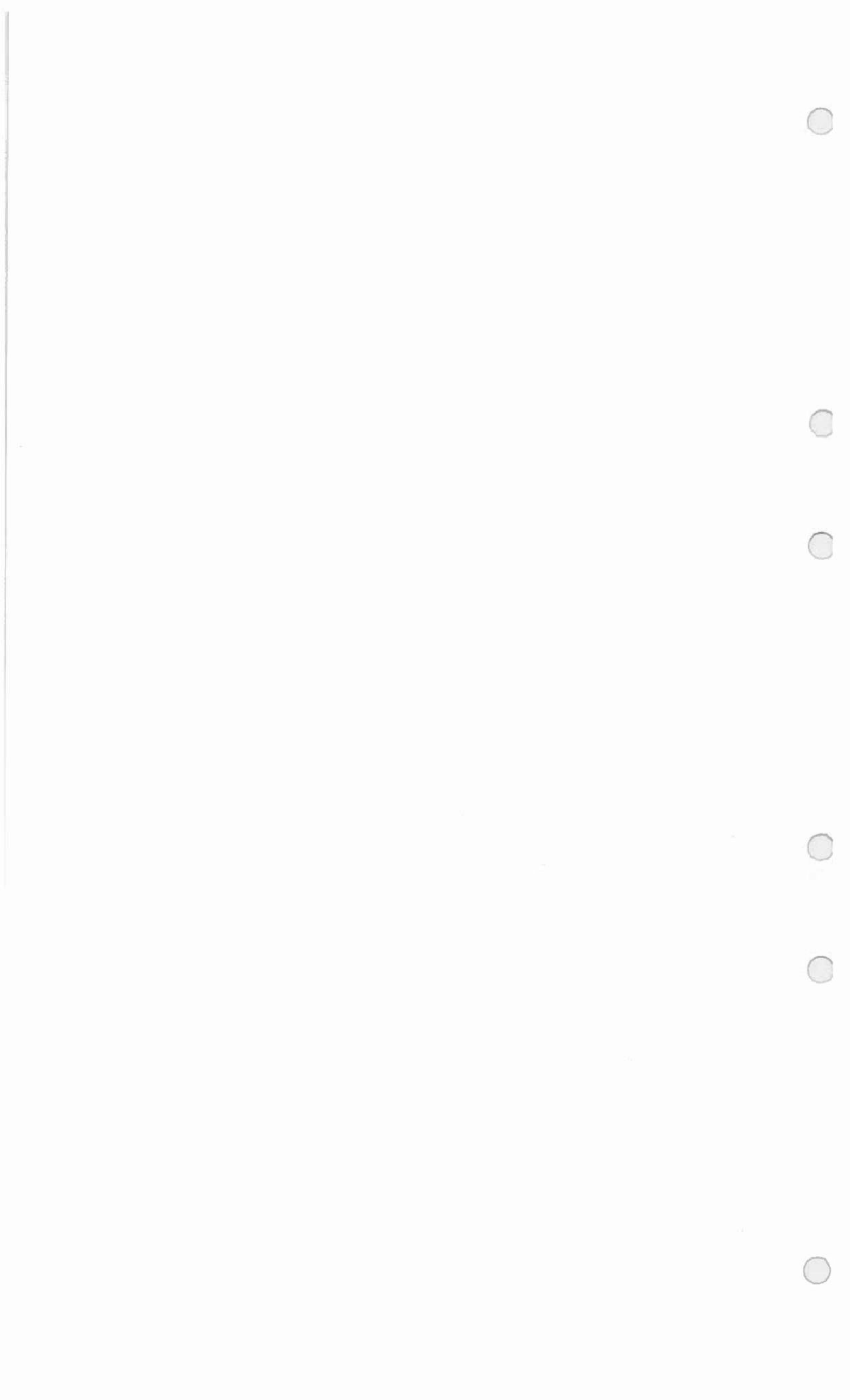
"....On Christmas night River View, the residence of Mr John Stewart, presented a festive appearance when all his relatives living in Western Ontario and a number of invited guests assembled and spent an enjoyable time. At 6:30 dinner was served, when the doors of the spacious dining room were thrown open, revealing the long tables artistically decorated and fairly groaning under the weight of Jumbonian turkeys and an array of choice delicacies.....The walls of the dining room were hidden by evergreens, ferns and floral mottos and formed a pleasing contrast to the glittering tables.....dessert consisting of native and tropical fruits and choice confectionary was served, after which dancing was commenced and the light fantastic was tripped until the wee sma' hours, being indulged in by the frisky head of the house, a sportive lad of over three score, as by the younger members of the party. Mr George H. Steckley, a gentleman formerly in Her Majesty's service, London, Eng., acted as floor manager, and received the thanks of the assembled party for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. Mr F.J. Rathwell, S.C.B.C., of Stratford, was the lion of the evening, and many were the admiring glances bestowed upon him by the unmarried female portion of the party. Mr J.L. Parke contributed largely to the amusement of the evening by the performance of several extremely interesting sleight of hand tricks, while another gentleman sang several solos so low as to be heard by only a small portion of his audience. Mrs Chas. Stewart and Mr Jas. Barkley furnished the violin music and Miss Annie Stewart presided at the organ. Mr and Mrs Stewart were presented with a number of valuable presents by the members of their family and received a vote of thanks from the entire party for the manner in which they had made the evening enjoyable....."

26. S. Jane went to Clinton to meet Father[.] I was at [?] Junor's funeral[.]²⁴ 5
Freezing
Cold wind
27. S. Fen[wick Stewart] & Ned [Glen were here P.M. Father at U[n]cle] James' P.M 5
Hard, frozen.
28. M. Jessie Wigg[inton was] here P.M. 6
Softened a
little, very
windy
29. T. The 4 [children] of U[n]cle] James & 3 of U[n]cle] John's,* Jim Barkley, G[eorge] Steckley, Mac & Maggie MacNaughton & D. [then] clear Ross [canvassed the school section] col- & frozen lecting [money] for a present for M[as- te]r Baird.** Mary, Ned [Glen] & Jessie Foster [were] here [this] even[ing.] *
- *Fenwick, Ada, Ida and Annie(McBrien) and Adam, Lily and Annie(1867-96)
** The Master had
taught in the school section since January 1861, and in belated recognition of his 30 years of service, a photo of past and present pupils with the Master was taken at the school. (See Sept 22.) *The New Era* Jan 8 records that the community presented Baird with a watch in gratitude for 31 years service. He would go on to serve a full 50 years.
30. W. Father [was] at the [annual] school meeting and got [our copies] of the school pictures.* Aunty home[.]
- *Eleven decades later, many copies survive. (Ed.)
31. T. Fen[wick] & John shooting[.] Ned fetched [the news] papers[.] Weather and egg count torn off.

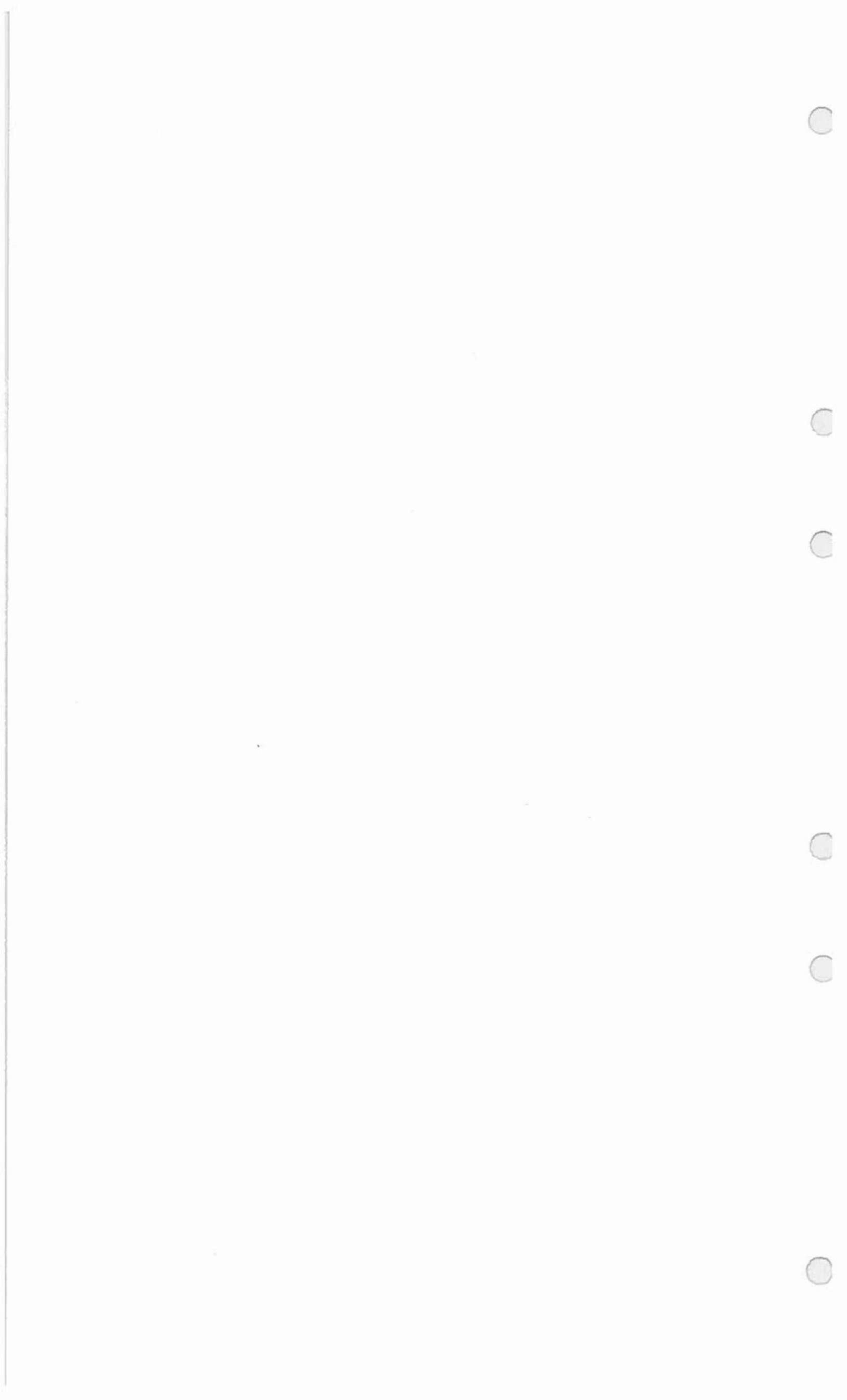
1. A teaching assistant? See McAsh *Varna in Review*
2. The Grange (or Granger Movement) was American with feelers into Canada. It tried to organize farmers politically and economically against the big city political interests which in turn were in bed with the banks and the corporations. It also tried to encourage self-help, self-improvement and social life.
3. Elizabeth Glen 1891-1969, married to Francis Watkins "Frank" How. She became a Jehovah's Witness. She has two sons, Glen and Maynard. Glen, a civil rights lawyer, has earned a national and international reputation effectively fighting for the legal rights of his co-religionists.
4. Isabella Melvina Stewart (1858-1911), second child of John & Abigail Stewart, married 1883 to John B. Green, son of Goderich Township pioneer George Green. The Green's farmed up on the Bayfield Concession. The log house of the John Stewart family was over crowded, and Bella bunked in with Aunt "Nancy" (Agnes) and kept her company as a surrogate daughter. Bella's mother was a Tweedy and John's mother was a Betensen, both of which were families with a serious genetic weakness for tuberculosis. John and Bella Green had 5 children. John Stewart Green (1887-1907), Abigail J. Green (1890-1908) and John himself died from T.B. Lillian Louisa (1888-1930) or "Lulu," (Mrs Norman Welsh), Janet or "Netty," (1896 - 1982 - Mrs Clayton Prouty) and George, (1899-1974) did live to grow up.



5. See obit in *The New Era*, March 20, 1891. Donald Ross died March 12, 1891, aged 78. He settled on Lot 27 (2) Stanley, about 1850, cleared it, and resided there until his death.
6. *The New Era* for January 8, 1892, identifies as a Stewart guest a Mr "F.J. Rathwell of Stratford." For many years I wondered if he could be connected to Rathwell's in Smith's Falls. James Stewart's sister Anne was married to a William Rathwell of Beckwith Township. This young man, however, was the oldest son of Edward Rathwell (1841-1921) and his wife, Jemima Thompson. Counting 2 stillborn's, this couple had 14 children. Edward or Ned was born to pioneers John & Jane, on the Bayfield Concession, and would live in Goderich Township his whole life, except for a brief residence on the 4th of Stanley. He sold his small holding to MacFarlane's (hence "Rathwell Place.") His farm was a triangle of 98 acres, north of Varna and across the Bayfield River. McFarlane's and Rathwell's could cut across fields and the river and reach each other's house in minutes. According to notes by Rathwell family historian Mrs Muriel Grigg, Fred Rathwell was born December 6, 1870. We learn from the *New Era* that in December, 1891 that he was residing in Stratford and that at John Stewart's Christmas party, his good looks (according to the writer of the local news column) were sending shock waves through the ranks of eligible maidens and their mothers. Perhaps this young man also had a lively personality. His father was the only Rathwell of his generation who could match the Glen's, MacFarlane's and the combative Stewart's in repartee and debate. (The Rathwell's were certainly not humourless, but they were gentler.) My hunch is that in the James MacFarlane, John and James Stewart households, Fred may have been viewed as prime husband material for a total of 9 still unmarried daughters. Eliza-Ann's diary reveals that Fred died on May 19, 1892 and that her parents went to his funeral on May 21st. The handwriting is shaky for both entries as it would be when she recorded her own father's death in 1899 - the letters are larger and she pressed harder. Though she guards her feelings, by not attending the funeral, she allows posterity to wonder if she was too grief-stricken to attend.
7. McQueen's farmed Lots 22, Concessions 2 and 3. Mrs Edward Glen, mother of Ned and Willie, was Elizabeth McQueen. Wm. McQueen is probably her father - hence Eliza's interest in his passing[.]
8. Beatty is the correct spelling. See *Stanley: 1836-1986* p. 380 for detailed account of the Beatty family. The Beatty's were protestant Irish immigrants who settled on a farm in the south-west corner of Varna in 1848. It's not clear yet which Beatty Eliza-Ann is talking about. The Beatty's were like the MacFarlane's - serious farmers strongly into pure bred stock-raising. Beattys also did bee keeping and operated a general store and farm impliment dealership for decades.
9. Mrs Edna A. Stewart of Hensall, daughter of Lillian Stewart and John Cuming, told me that her Aunt Bella and Ada were both cousins and good friends. Ada encouraged Bella to consider matrimony with her brother Fenwick and lent strong moral support. Fenwick's marriage to Alice E. Rathwell on Dec 9, 1898 brought a sudden end to that project. Caught by surprise, Ada (always combative and outspoken) could not conceal her disappointment and made the new bride's early weeks under James Stewart household roof miserable, and enlisting her 2 sisters help. Their mother Mary would have been able to stop this destructive pattern, but she had died earlier that year, in April. Alice never really forgave Ada.
10. Finley McEwen only had two daughters Anabel and Ella, and no sons. Duncan's family included two sons - Alex. and John H. He bought Finley out and put John H. on that place (Lot 28 Con. 3 and put Sandy on lot 28 Con 2. The auction sale mentioned in the diary is Finley's first step in the process of disengagement from farming.
11. Charles Foster had a small farm just west of Varna on the south side of the Bayfield Road. Their daughter Margaret was married to Henry Diehl and that couple lived out their whole lives on Lot 25, Con. V.



12. Maud Scott (Mrs Christie) outlived her first husband and re-married (as wife #3) to the nationally prominent Saskatchewan politician, the Right Hon. James G. Gardener, a federal Minister of Agriculture in the King and St Laurent Governments 1935-57. He married Maud Scott Christie after the war. Gardener came from Huron. His first wife was Violet McEwen and he and Maud in the late forties and early fifties visited at Sandy McEwen's (son of Duncan) whenever they passed through the vicinity. Maud is in the 1891 S.S. #1 photo.
13. When the Stewart's left Smith's Falls for Huron, in 1854, three married sisters stayed behind: Mary (Mrs Robt. Tweedy), of Lombardy, Isabella d. 1879 (Mrs Archibald Garvin) of Smith's Falls and Ana or Anne, (widow of Wm. Rathwell, d 1879), of Beckwith Township. Abigail Stewart had numerous siblings, nieces and nephews in the area. Eliza MacFarlane and her daughters worked hard to keep in touch with these relatives.
14. A large cross-section of books that were in the library and books that were given out as prizes were found in the attic at Glen Lyon on Glenfarm.
- 15 They planted fall or winter wheat in this neck of the woods. It would be sown in late August or early September, germinate and put down roots that would survive the winter and get a head start in the spring.
16. Samuel Rathwell (1836-1912) was the son of pioneers John & Jane Rathwell. He was born in Goderich and moved with his parents to Lot 25, the Bayfield Concession and lived on it his whole life. In 1862 he married Eiza Jane Chambers and they had 9 children: Jane (Mrs Arthur Stephenson) 1863-1948, Mary (Mrs George Sparling) 1865-1953, Annie (Mrs Wm. Beacom) 1866-1919, John, 1869-1945, Alice (Mrs Fenwick Stewart) 1874-1958, Addie (Mrs John McKay) 1877-1924, Samuel Chambers 1878-1957, James Benjamin 1879-1964 and Effie (Mrs Perry Plumsteel) 1880-1929.
17. Charles Stewart (1863-1943) was the second son of John and Abigail Stewart. He married Emma Irwin of Bayfield. His father set him up on a farm as he had done for John, but Charley had the "itchy feet" of his Tweedy uncles. He sold the farm and moved to London and then to Claresholm, Alberta, where he operated a Massey dealership in farm machinery. Charley & Em had one child - a boy - Frank Stewart M.D., who died around 1945 in St Albert, Alta., leaving a widow and one daughter.
18. McNaughton's lived on the Bayfield Road in Stanley, near the junction with the 4th Concession.
- 19 Probably Joseph McCully who farmed lot 21, con 2, immediately west of the Baird farm. His tombstone in Baird's cemetery says he he died on Nov 11, 1891.
20. Jennie Fraser, youngest child of the late Donald Fraser, died Nov 19, 1891, at the home of her sister Mrs Young of Minto Township aged 22 years 3 months. She had taught in Essex county. *The New Era*, Nov 27, 1891
21. When the land was first cleared, barns were buiilt on the ground, and were designed to house the what crop and the grain sheaves awaiting threshing. Livestock were kept in separate sheds. When the west opened up in the 1880's and 90's, and superceded spouthern Ontario as the breadbasket, the farmers near Ontario's growing industrial cities turned to mixed farming to sell, meat, butter, eggs, fruits and vegetables. Barns were raised on cement or stone foundations to make space for cattle and other livestock, and generally included a lane for horses. Sometimes the old horse stable or cowshed might be knocked down, particularly if they were log buildings, but sometimes they were converted to other uses. My Uncle, the late Clifford J. Stewart farmed lot 27 Con 3. He used "the old horse stable" to house his car and never called it the garage.
22. Turnbull? Turnball? possibly a clergyman?
23. See *The New Era*, January 8, 1892
24. which Junor?



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The logbook of Eliza-Ann MacFarlane

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|--|----|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1, | F. | The 5 of us [were] at Uncle Jame's[this] evening[.] | <i>Raining</i> | 4 |
| 2. | S. | Lizzie [Glen] left [daughters] Mary & Bessie here P.M. | | 4 |
| 3. | S. | | <i>Stormy</i> | 8 |
| 4. | M. | Ja[ne,] Ag[nes,] Jno & Bella & U[ncl]e James['s] & U[ncl]e John's[families, Jim] Barkley & Ned[Glen were]at[Charlie Stew- art's on the] sleigh[.] Father [was] in Clinton[and] Hauled in 6 loads of hay[.]* | <i>Fine snow falling</i> | 3 |
| <p>*People in town with horses had to buy hay from farmers - often with cash on the barrelhead. A farmer who needed cash could drive in a load of hay to town and have a choice of customers. In winter, when the weather was bad and roads were blocked, fewer loads of hay came into town and the livery stables and other citizens or businesses with horses to feed would pay higher prices.</p> | | | | |
| 5. | T | I [am] sick[today.]Tom & Jim Agar [were here] all night[.] Ag & John hauled in [on the]wagon 2 loads of hay [from the] stack[.]* | <i>Heavy W. Frost Fine</i> | 5 |
| <p>* When a farmer had more loose hay than the mow could hold, he built a stack outdoors and then brought it in when livestock consumption and sales opened up some room in the hay mow.</p> | | | | |
| 6. | W. | [The] Agars [were here] all day & night[.] | <i>Snowed a little</i> | 5 |
| 7. | T. | [I was in]Clinton[yesterday and]fetch- ed the [news]papers[.] | <i>Stormy</i> | 5 |
| 8. | F. | John hauled 1 load of wood[.] Mr & Mrs Foster [were here] for dinner & tea[.] | <i>Stormy</i> | 8 |
| 9. | S. | [John & Alice] Parke's[were] at Glen's all night[.] | <i>Cold</i> | 4 |
| 10. | S. | | <i>5 degrees above zero</i> | 3 |
| 11. | M. | [The] 4 kids* [were]at Stonehouse's[this] even[ing.]** Father & Jane [were]in Clin- ton[.] Wearing Jewells Godey's Feb 1861 & Method of testing lungs (May 1861) *** | <i>Snowing, E[ast] wind</i> | 8 |

* 4 MacFarlane sisters

** John B. Stewart lived on the former Stonehouse farm on the Bayfield line, Goderich Twsp. he and Amelia, 6 days earlier had their first wedding anniversary and the party was probably to celeb- rate it.

*** I don't understand the last three lines and leave them as Eliza-Ann wrote them.

12. T. Mother & I [were] in Clinton [in the] *Fine,* 3
cutter[. There was] good sleighing[.] *C[old] Wind*
13. W. [A]Fellow looking at horses[was here.] *Snow* 7
John [is] sick [and] I [have been] do- *showers*
ing his chores[.]
14. T. Agnes & Bella [were] in Clinton [in the] 6
cutter[. I] finis[hed] making [a] Black
striped Skirt[.]
15. F. Jane & I [were] in Clinton[.] Jane stay- 4
ed for church P.M. [I] got a ride home
with Ned [Glen.]¹
16. S. [I was] choreing all day[.We] killed [a] 6
heifer[.] Mr Dunkin, Charlotte & Maggie *Clear & fine*
[were here this] even[ing.]Annie Stewart
[was here] P.M.
17. S. Jane, Bella & I [went] in[the cutter[to] 3
Church (Stewart)[.]
18. M. Jno. Thompson (the stone) Mason,was here 5
for a lamb & highland sheep[. The] Geese *Stormy*
[have] paired off[.] I have got a cold &
so has (*sic*) Father, Mother & Agnes[.]
[I] Cleaned some cabbage refuse out of
the cellar[.]*
* possibly the result of making
a tub of sauerkraut.
19. T. [I] was trying knit patterns all day[.] 3
John [was] in Clinton with hide[.] *Clear & Cold*
20. W. [I was] knitting woollen lace for [the] 5
bottom of [a] petticoat[.] *7 below zero*
21. T. Fen[wick was] up in[the] sleigh for but- *drifted* 6
ter[.] Father [was] at Glen's P.M. out- *a little,*
ting [wood.] Tom [was] in at noon [and] *fine*
Jane & John [were] in Clinton[.]
22. F. Jane helped John a little to clean 6
oats[.] Jane, John & Bella [were] at Fos- *Snowed &*
ter's[this] evening[. I] finis[hed] knit- *Drifts a*
ting [the] lace & sewed it on [the pet- *little*
ticoat.]
23. S. John [was] at the mill with chop [and he] 9
hung [a] new door on [the] old H[orse] *Snowing*
stable[.] I washed a few things[.] T[om]
Wig[ginton was] here asking [us] to their
dance[.]
24. S. *Soft* 2
25. M. Agnes & Bella[were] at Issards[.]I wash- 5
ed [and I] shortened Father's cordouroy *Blustering*
pants[.] *even[ing]*
26. T. [I] Started making button-holes in [the] 9
Black Basque[.] A[gnes],Jo[h]n & B[ella] *Blustering*
were] down at Aunty's[. I was] Tareing *& Snowing*
(*sic*) carpet rags at night[. I] Finis-
[hed] going to [the] barn before dark[.]
27. W. [Father has] gone to Delaware below Lon- 5
don [to] Gibson's sale[.] John drove Fa- *Snowed, a*
ther to[the railway] station [this] mor- *little colder*
ning[.] Jo[h]n hauled a load of furnace
wood[.] Ag fetched Aunty up.....

28. T. [Two] men here packed 6 barrels [of] apples (Talman's) [.] Ja[ne] & Bella[were] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s['s in the] even[ing.] Fen[wick was here] all night[.] Showing Nips Wilson edging[.] Jane walked to Clinton P.M. John [went] up [to the station in the] even[ing] for Father[.] 3
Looks soft
29. F. Fen[wick] & John[are] sawing [wood.] Father & Agnes [were] in Clinton with [the] Apples[.] A[gn]es stayed at McTavish's[.] (sic) [Father] & Wigginton [were] at Scott's & Mac's [and] Father had dinner at Wigginton's[.] 5
Softish
30. S. Bob McMillen, Sprung & H _____ [were] here for tea[.] Fen[wick] & John [are still] sawing [wood.] I [was] in Clinton [and] took milk up for Mrs [Elizabeth] Glen from [Willie] Glen's[.] 6
Beautiful
31. S. Agnes & I [went to] Church [in the] cutter[.] Fen[wick was here] all night[.] 7
Frost

February, 1892

1. M. John & Fen[wick] sawing [wood.] I [was] down at Aunty's [in the] even[ing.] 10
Thawing
2. T. [John and Fenwick were] in Clinton for the 8 sheep father bought - 6 of them from Hawkshaw & 2 lambs from Wright[.] 15
Snow Soft
3. W. John & Fen[wick] went to Jno. Cuming's sale[.] * R.J. Erratt [was] here for dinner [and] bought 2 sheep[.] Finley [McEwen was] in collecting [for the] Bible Society[.] 12
**Lot 22, Con 13
Hullett Twsp.*
4. T. Rev. [Alex.] Stewart[, his] wife & [son] Robbie[were] here P.M. Fen[wick] & John [arrived] home P.M. [First] lamb [born] - one of Erratt's sheep[.] 16
Fine
5. F. Mr & Mrs Thompson [were here] for dinner & tea & at yarn for Amy[.] Smith & [Thompson were] here [and] bought [the] Bull Argowan Nubian[.] I [was] in Clinton with Lizzie [Glen.] 16
Cold win[d]
6. S. Father walked to Clinton A.M. Jane & I [were] at [Jim] Junor's P.M. Jane called [on the] Dunkin's & [the] McGre[gor's.] Wigginton & Tom [were] here A.M. Mac & T[om] Frazer here P.M. Fen[wick] went home to-night[.] 30
7. S. One of the 1888 sheep lambed [the] 2nd lamb[.] 12
*Snowing
S. Thaw, Rain*
8. M. [I] Cleaned Lanterns & Hauled in a jag of hay with John [and] Killed [the] gander[.] Bob Churchill & Lillie[were] here [and] bought a cow[.] J. Scruton and Baker [were] here [and] bought Highland lambs[.] 14
*Snowing some,
Frozen a
little*
9. T. Father & John [were] in Clinton A.M with cow & lambs. The Erratt boys [were] here for sheep[.] John hauled 1 load of wood[.] Jane, Ag & John [have] gone with [a] load to Green's [I am] Making [a] Flannel petticoat[.] 25
*Blustering
Fine Even[ing]*

10. W. [I] Finis[hed the petticoat.] John hauled wood A.M. Mr Potter[was] here to buy corn that was sold[.] Agnes[was] helping Father to trim lambs awhile[.] 12
Cold Wind Blustering Even[ing]
11. T. [We] Ate [the] Gander[.] Agnes went down for Auntie[.] John was in Clinton P.M. I took[Auntie] Back when J[ohn] came home[.] 20
Snowing & Blustering
12. F. 15
Stormy
13. S. [Two] lambs (3rd ones) John [was] in Clinton A.M. [with the] cutter to post cards[.] John was] at [the] Mill with peas P.M. 18
Cold Calm wind
14. S. Jane & Agnes [were] in Church[.] (Patterson, one of the High School teach[ers] preached.) [One] lamb[.] 17
Snow & drifted some P.M. & night
15. M. Rob McMillen [was here] for dinner[.] Father & Jane went by Wig[ginton's] to Clinton[.] [Two] lambs 18
Fine, Drifting a little
16. T. [Two] sheep lambed - 1 the little ewe - both doubles[.] Ned [Glen] fetched in [32 1/2 bushels of] Peas[.] John & I hauled in 4 jags of hay[.] The 1st load upset[.] 11
Dull
17. W. Father [was] in Clinton & Agnes [was] at U[n]cle Jame's P.M. 18
Clear & Fine 4 below zero[F]
18. T. [Two] lambs Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] J[ohn] was] at [the] mill with grist & chop[.] Kizer² & another [were] here [and] sold Father fanning mill fixtures[.] 9
Softish Snow evening
19. F. John [was] in Clinton P.M. posting letters[.] John took[a] load to Wigg[inton's] this evening. Jim Barkley came back with them [and stayed] all night[.] 17
Snowing Soft
20. S. [Two] lambs & 1 dead John [has been] hauling lumber from Clinton for U[n]cle James [Stewart's new house.³ Jim] Barkley had sorrel[.] 31
Thawing Fine
21. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] 2 lambs A.M. 18
22. M. Helen & Aggie Butchart [were here] P.M. & evening[.] Their brother] Johnny came in [the] evening for them[.] Father [was] at [the] Mill for grist & chop[.] 22
23. T. Bella & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] Agnes & John hauled in 2 jags [of] hay [which] I helped take off[.] J. W. McDonald [was] here [this] evening [and] fetched back billy[.] [Today, in a by-election in the Dominion riding of Huron West, the Hon. James C.] Patterson [was] Elected (Tory)[.]⁴ 26

24. W. Churchill, J.B. Holmes & fanning mill men 17
[were] here[.] Aunt Abby & Alice [were] at
Glen's[.] Father[was] at Glen's [in the]
evening[.] Lamb had 1 lamb sheep 3[.]
25. T. [The] Glen's [were] in Clinton P.M. [and] Raining 15
left[their] children here[.] Auntie [was] Cooler
up [and] stitched her jacket[.]
26. F. [One] of the 5 lambs died[.] I cleaned cab- 31
bage out of the cellar and looked [the] Thaw to sun;
barrel of apples over[.] Father walked to Freezing be-
Clinton[.] John [was] up [in the] evening hind
for Harness. [Three] lambs - 1 of them
dead[.]
27. S. [Father walked to Clinton.] Agnes [was] at 28
Mac's [this] even[ing.] The Glen's [were] Cold, Easterly
in Clinton [and left their] kids here. Liz- wind
zie got her teeth[.]
28. S. John [was] at Brucefield & Clinton[.] Stan- Clear
ley Beauty died[.] Blackal here[.] 1 lamb-
a big one[.]
29. M. [John was] in Clinton with hide[.] I was Rain & Sleet
over at Glen's [this] even[ing.]

March, 1892

1. T. John & I [were] in Clinton A.M. 1 lamb Cold N. 17
Wind, Clear
2. W. Spotty calved [a] steer[.] Ida [Stewart], 27
Aunty, Mrs Finley & Mrs Duncan McEwen &
baby Lizzie & Scott [were] here for tea[.]
Peter Campbell's girls [were] married.⁵
3. T. John [was] in Clinton on Bob[.] Father [was] 28
at [the] mill with chop[.] I helped [him] Warmer, clear
clean [the] grain. I finis[hed] stitching A.M., Dull
Aunty's cloak[.] 1 lamb P.M.
4. F. Ag & Jo [hn] hauled in loads of hay[.] Fa- 40
ther walked to Clinton P.M. Jo [hn] went Thawed quite
down for the Stewarts & T. Wig[ginton] was a bit to sun
over[.] Everyone then went to Malcolm
McEwen's in the evening[.]
5. S. Father walked to Clinton [this] Morning[.] 25
Lizzie & Maggie McEwen [were] here P.M. Cold Wind
[I] finis[hed] making [the] Black Basque[.]
Father, John & Ned went to Seaforth with
Horses and 3 lambs for U[n]cle Donald [Mac-
[MacFarlane] & a bull for R. McMillan[.]
6. S. 29
Beautiful, Soft
7. M. Father walked to Clinton to settle with 29
Churchill[.] Johnny Innis and Pete Baird Freezing at
[stopped] in with [a] letter for Father[.] night
I fixed [the] Jacket & put straps on [the]
vest & [a] skirt on [the] ganzie[.] * [First]
Goose Egg * possibly organdy?
8. T. I walked to Clinton & got Jane's & Bel- 31
la's sunshines[.] * Jim Barkley [was] here Snowed A.M.
this even[ing.] One lamb I think[.] Soft
lamb I think[.] * a ladies' magazine?

9. W. [One] lamb Jno. Beesley & Wigginton [were here] for tea[.] Cutting out Water-
proof[.] Maggie Elliot's wedding (Gab's
Maggie)[.] 28
Soft
10. T. Hawkshaw [was here] for dinner & bought
billy shearling[.] Father took him to
Dunkin's & [to the Brucefield train
station.] John hauled [a] load of wood
[and] went to Clinton [in the] even[ing]
on horseback[.] 28
Snowing
11. F. John [was] in[to] Clinton [in the] cut-
ter[.] 31
Drifting
12. S. [John was in Clinton this morning in
the] sleigh expressing a lamb to Hawk-
shaw[.] Jane [was] in Clinton [in the]
cutter P.M. & at U[n]cle James['s] with
John [in the] evening[.] 31
*Drifting a
little, fine*
13. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.]
[Messrs.] Walkinshaw, Jno. Lindsey, Pat-
terson & Grant [were new] elders induct-
ed[.] 31
*Snowing &
Drifting*
14. M. Started quilting (old cashmere "Irish
Chain")[.] John[has been] hauling wood[.] 24
15. T. Finis[hed quilting "Irish Chain"] &
started "Old Swan Bill"[.] John Tough, the
Assessor [was] here all night[.] 29
Cold N. Wind
16. W. Mother & Jane[were] in Clinton [with Bob
in the] cutter[.] Aunty[was] up [here[.]
a little
warmer 27
17. T. Aunty & I[were] in Clinton[.] Levi Trick
& Andrews [were] here for tea[.] Finished
"Swan Bill" a little after dinner[.] 15
*Snow
Showers*
18. F. Father walked to Clinton[.] Lizzie [Glen
went] in[to] Clinton [and] left [her]
children here[.] Started quilting[;] lin-
ing[the] quilt[with the] hexagon centre[.] 44
19. S. John [was] in Clinton P.M. T[om] Wiggin-
ton[rode] home with him [and he] went to
U[n]cle Ja[mes']s [in the] even[ing]. One
chicken hatched[-] the 1st[.] Finis[hed]
quilting [Hexagon Centre] a little after
dinner[.] 35
Snowing P.M.
20. S. T[om] Wigginton [was here] all last
night[.] 35
Stormy, cold
21. M. Jane & Agnes [were] in Clinton [in the]
cutter[.] Elsie Katleton⁶, Ella & Marg
McEwen [were] here[.] Jno. shore 2
billy's (shearlings) [and] 2 lambs[.] 24
Warmer, fine
22. T. Jane[was] at D. McEwen's "Mat Bee." John
[was] in Clinton seeing [the] Vet about
sheep[.] Shore the other shearling billy
too[.] 27
*Snowing
S. Thaw
Raining*
23. W. [I was] working Initials on [a] Hand-
kerchief[.] Bella made [a] White under-
skirt[.] Lizzie [Glen was] at J. Pear-
son's[.] 29
*Frozen
Raw Wind*
24. T. Father walked to Clinton[.] Ada[Stewart
here] P.M. & Fen[wick] for tea[.] Finis-
[hed] cutting Mac's wood[.] 22
*Thawing
Sunshiny*

25. F. John[was] in Clinton with horse in cart getting him shod[.]Lizzie [was] at Finley [McEwen's.] 37
26. S. Finis[hed] binding quilt[. Two] lambs 30
27. S. 33
28. M. First Turkey egg Mother & Agnes tapped 6 trees[.] Tom[was here] in [the] evening[. He had been] crushing* at Glen's[.] 33
Freezing behind sun
**oats were rolled or crushed in the barn for feed for horses, cattle & sheep. The basic mechanism consisted typically of two grooved steel rollers six inches in diameter driven by a pulley. The rollers were mounted on 4 legs and surmounted by a hopper. The pulley might be driven by horse, wind or steam power. One man would shovel the oats into the hopper, a second might hold the burlap bag and a third could shovel the crushed oats, as they accumulated beneath the rollers, into the bag. The popular form of motive power in this period was the wind-driven power mill, mounted on the barn roof.*
29. T. Frogs singing[.] Finis[hed] making Mother's pillows[.] B[ella] & A[gnis] tapped 2 trees more[.]helped clean oats and haul in [a] load of hay[.] 29
Fine Sunshiny & Warm
30. W. Making Buttonholes in [a] Waterproof[.] Jane washed Mac's "Wreath & Roses"quilt yesterday & ironed it today[.] 33
Cold East Wind, No frost
31. T. Father walked to Clinton P.M. Smith [was here] for tea[.] Mac's, H. Steep & C. Ross [were here in the] evening[.]

April, 1892

1. F. John [was] in Clinton [with the] buggy A.M. [and] Plowing P.M. [We] cut lamb's tails [in the] even[ing.] 34
Pretty windy but warm. Snow went away alot.
2. S. Auntie went to Green's.Alice filley foaled(dead)[.]John went for Blackall[.] Red Heifer calved(Heifer)[.] Fen[wick was over in the] even[ing. Pedlars Wileym & Beatie of Varna were] around[.] 42
Very Windy Showers last night Snow
3. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Church(Shil-ton -Methodist)[.] U[n]cle James [was] here[. The] Crocus's (Sic) & wildflowers [are] out [and we have good] roads[.] 46
Windy, warm rain at night
4. M. [Two] lambs [We] hauled in a load of hay[.] U[n]cle James's] Annie [came] up [in the] even[ing] for [her] father[.] Mother [was] picking potatoes over all day[.] 33
Rain A.M. Very Fine & Warm
5. T. Father [was] in Clinton [with the] buggy[.] Fen[wick] fetched Annie's turkey up [in the] even[ing. I [worked at] picking beans[and] took out cellar windows[.] 40
High Wind Rain T[hunder] & light[ning] last night.
6. W. [I worked at]Cleaning grass seed with Father & cleaning at cellar[.] took [the] flowers up[.] 36
Rain & Snow A.M. Fine P.M.

7. T. Bella & I were in Clinton[.] I washed mud off[the] buggy & scrubbed milk shelves[.] Father [was] sowing grass seed[.] 30
Fine & Warm
8. F. Agnes & Lizzie [Glen][went in[to] Clinton [with] Bob[.]I started quilting "Wreath & Roses" upstairs[.] 41
Fine A.M.
Rain & Snow
9. S. 44
Snowing
Soft Windy
Frost at night
10. S. 29
Snow Showers
11. M. Tom W[igginton] & Willie McEwen called[.] A[gness]& Jno.hauled in 2 loads[of] hay[.] 1 lamb 35
Snowing A.M.
Fine P.M.
12. T. Daisy calved[.] Father & Jno.[were] fencing at [the] river[.] 34
Fine Cold raw
N. Wind
13. W. John [was] harrowing P.M. John went to Dunkins [in the] even[ing.] 41
a little warmer
14. T. Jane walked to Clinton P.M. John went to Dunkin['s]with[the] horse[.John & Father] sowed peas & oats [in the] field out at door[. I] Finis[hed] quilting border at dinner about[.Tomorrow is] Good Friday[.] 32
Windy
Middling Warm
15. F. Father [was] at [a livestock] Show. [He went in the buggy with] Bob & John [went] with "Balenbogie Stamp[".] Wiley [was] here[.]Tene & Bell McEwen[were] in [here] & at Glen's[;] Jane & Bella [were] with them[.] 32
Fine
Cold wind
16. S. Father [stayed] in Clinton all day[. The] Grey Heifer calved[.] I [was] sick P.M. 27
17. S. Jane & Agnes [were] in church(Stewart)[.] Jane, Agnes & Bella [were] in S[abbath] School[.] 38
18. M. Father & John [are] harrowing[. The four of] us [have been] quilting every day[.] 29
19. T. John [was] sowing oats[.] Willie McEwen calling round[.] 38
20. W. Jane walked to Clinton[.]Agnes [has been] cleaning peas.....Sowing peas[.] 29
a little warmer
P.M.
21. T. 34
Raining Showery
22. F. Father [was] at Sprung's[.] John [was] at the mill with chop[. I] got 1/2 Doz[en] tea spoons with "Forest & Farm[quilt pattern.] 33
Dull Rain
night
23. S. Father [was] in Clinton all day[.] 31
Fine High wind
24. S. [The Four of Us were] at S[abbath] S[chool.] 26
Fine Cold Wind

25. M. Chickens coming out[.Jane walked to Clinton A.M.[and] I [was]up P.M.getting [the] buggy shaft mended[.]A[gn]es & Jno.[were] hauling in hay[.] Jim Junor & T. Dunkin [were here] for dinner[.] 29
26. T. Father & John[were]at Sprung's with Dickenson seizing [a]horse[. John was at] R. Warmer Tompson's for dinner & tea[.] 56
27. W. Aunty [is] Home[.] Jno.walked in[to]Clinton[.]Dave Kennedy's son [was]here delivering trees[-]2 peach & 1 cherry[.]Blackall & Mac here P.M. Windy 49
28. T. John [was] in Clinton [in the] buggy A.M. [and] Father walked P.M. Mac [was] here Rain, Thunder & [in the] morning[.] Lizzie McTavish [was]l[ightning]last here P.M. night Nice 31
29. F. Aunty [was] up [here.] T[om] Wigginton [was here] for tea[. The] Seaforth plow Dull A.M.Clear peddlar [called in.] Cold wind 31
30. S. Finis[hed] quilting "Wreath & Roses"[.] A[gn]es & Jno. hauled in [a] jag of hay Nice Middling A.M. John was in Clinton P.M. [in the] warm buggy[.] 33

May, 1892

1. S. Jane, Bella & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Raining till about 1/2 past 2 36
2. M. J.B. Holmes[was here]for dinner[.]Father [was] in Clinton & Harperhay with him[.I am] Making a waterproof[.] Misty 34
3. T. Father & Jno.[are] fencing at [the] River[. I] Washed[.] Raining A.M. Fine Very warm rain 34
4. W. Churchill [was here this] evening Fine, Cold Wind 28
5. T. Dunkin Sa-here (sic) for Dinner & tea & tea & McCartney & G. Hanley (sic) [here] for tea[.] Raining 30
6. F. [I] Finis[hed] making [my] "Waterproof" & hemmed the bottom of Mother's & [started] Sewing up Father's old unglued one[.] I.McEwen called A.M. Bella scrubbing school[.] Raining A.M. Dull 29
7. S. Jane & Agnes [were] in Clinton[.] Lizzie [Glen] left her kids here[.] * Mary & Ella Fine, McEwen [were] here P.M. [I] Finis[hed] sewing Father's Waterproof[.] *little tots, C. Wind Mary & Bessie 25
8. S. Jane & Bella [were] in Church(Shilton - Methodist)[.] 27
9. M. [I]Washed plaster & Paint in my Bedroom & filled [the] straw-tick[.] Agnes[was]raking[the] lawn[.]Macs [called and] fetched 3 pigs \$6.00[.] Aggie Butchart [was here] P.M. [and] Mary McEwen [was here in the] even[ing.* This was the first time the] Young cattle [were] out [at] night[.] Fine, warmer 39

***Commentary** If one looks back over the five years Eliza-Ann has been keeping this diary, it's pretty obvious that the MacFarlane's were very hospitable, not only with adults, but also with children. The four MacFarlane sisters had excellent role models in their mother, her maiden sister Agnes (Aunty), and their two aunts by marriage, Mary Barkley and Abigail Tweedy. And, even a century after his death, James MacFarlane's hospitality, kindness to children and his willingness to treat his wife and daughters as equal partners, reveal him to have been an exceptional man. The four MacFarlane women remembered, after they grew up, the enriching experience of various adult relatives taking time out to get to know them and listen. The Four MacFarlane sisters, working closely with their father in the selective breeding of animals and poultry and in improved strains of fruit trees and crops, came to understand the implications for human beings. An unspoken rule, observed for 2 generations, required a MacFarlane woman to marry an exceptional man or remain single. Jane and Isabella, and their niece, Ann MacFarlane all married exceptional men - Ned Glen, Thomas Fraser and Ken Taylor. Agnes Glen was married only five years before her death from cancer, but her husband, Donald Campbell was liked and respected by the Glen/MacFarlane connection. Agnes and Eliza-Ann did not marry and were very independent and self-sufficient all their lives. They were profoundly influential with their Glen and Fraser nieces and nephews and with John's daughter, Ann. One can see in the diary that Eliza-Ann and her sisters are quick to take an interest in any child who wants to befriend them. They got to know virtually all the children, teaching in the local Sunday school. Jane Glen and her unmarried children, Jack, Don and Isabel, perpetuated for two more generations the MacFarlane traditions of generous, unpretentious hospitality and being an extended family for children of relatives and neighbours.

10. M T. [I] scrubbed my bedroom & closet[.] Annie [Stewart was] up for [a] turkey[.] We cleaned[the] stove pipes & scrubbed [the] floor[.] J[ane] & A[gnis] cleaned Aunty's [stove] pipes[.] Mac's c[alled]. 24
Raining P.M.
11. W. [I] washed A.M. [A] Gent called at dinner asking the way to Pearson's[. The] Cattle weren't out since Monday[.] 30
Raining
12. T. Mac & T[homas] Frazer(sic)[were] here for dinner & Mac & [Mrs McEwen] were here in the even[ing.] John and father[have been] fixing[the] concession fence at Smith's[.] Ja[ne] & Agnes [were] in Clinton[. The] y[oung] cattle [were] out all night[.] 40
Fine
13. F. [The Four of] Us girls [were] picking stones all day[.] Jno. [has been] hauling gravel for U[n]cle James[.] * Cows [are] all out[.] * Jas. Stewart's new home is under construction. 29
Very Warm
14. S. [Agnes, Bella and I were picking stones] A.M. Glen's got home [a] new buggy & [illegible] for [the] girl[s.]* Fen[wick] Ag & I [were] planting roots P.M. [We planted] 14 rows [of] carrots and 4 [of] mangols[. We] planted [nearly 2 rows of] *A growing fam- onions and] covered 8[.] ily needs more spacious vehicle. A third child, Eddie, is due later in the year. 33

15. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jane
Jane & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool]. 22
Raining
P.M.
16. M. A[g],B[ella] & I were picking A.M. & Plan- 29
ting Mangols P.M. [We] sowed 15 rows[. For
the first time this year the] Horses[were]
out all night[.] Fine
17. T. [We] Finis[hed] picking stones about 9 23
O'C[lock.We]Took 3 [bee]hives out of pack-
ing [-] dead ones[.] Fine &
warm
18. W. [We] Sowed 15 rows (Turnips & Carrots mix- 26
ed)[.] Scott [was over in the] Even[ing] very Windy
for eggs[.] Washed A.M. I think the horses Sprinkled
were put in[.] some
cooler
19. T. Kate foaled[.] Fred Rathwell died[.]⁷ 25
Windy,
Showery
20. F. Jane & Bella [were] in Clinton[.] [I]
Planted rows Potatoes P.M. 23
Dull, Fine
Cool
21. S. Father & Mother [were] at F[red]
Rathwell's funeral[.] 30
Dull
Showery
22. S. John & Bella[were] in Church(Stewart)[.] 68
23. M. Agnes & John took stones off [the] clo- 31
ver[.] [I] set out 2 hives [of] Bees[.]
Father & I shore 7 sheep[.] D. Ross[and]
Sid Smith (C) Fine, Show-
ery, cool
wind
24. T. [The Five of] Us [were] at Uncle Jno.'s 26
P.M.* Glen's moved Fisher's Barn[.]⁸ Dull
Showery
- *The 24th of May
is the Queen's Birthday.
25. W. Father & John took[the]Bull to Clinton[.] 30
Agnes drove the buggy up. Mr & Mrs Fer- Fine A.M.
gueson [were] here P.M. Raining P.M.
26. T. Father & John [are] fencing [at Smith's 32
on the Concession road.] Moving barn [in
the] even[ing.] Glen's split barn. Fine & Warm
27. F. Jno. Elliot & J. McEwen [were here] A.M. 30
A & [J. Elliot were here all] night[.John Cold North
and] Willie McEwen[were here in the]even- Wind
[ing] changeing[sic] eggs[.] I[worked at]
raking [the] yard & scraping [the] cel-
lar[.]Father & Jno.[were]fencing[.]U[ncl]
Ja[me]s & Fen[wick]were]in Clinton & fetch-
ed [the news]papers[.]
28. S. Fa[ther] & Jno. shore 14 sheep[.] 32
McDougal of Porter's Hill & 2 kids Fine &
[were] here for tea[.] Mother & I Warm cool
[were] in Clinton[.] wind
29. S. Ja[ne], Ag, Ada [Stewart] & I [were] 27
in S[abbath] S[chool.] Father [was]
at U[ncl]e Ja[mes]'s[.]* Mist &
Rain A.M.
Warm
Cleared P.M.

*probably to inspect the progress
of construction of the new home.

30. M. Father, Ag & Jno. shore 5 sheep A.M. (All [done]) Cut out waist (print Brown)[.] Very Warm 31
31. T. U[n]cle Ja[me]s[was] up at noon for some cut[seed] potatoes[.] Father & Jno.[are] [are at a] banking conference these days[.] Very Warm 38
Pouring

June, 1892

1. W. Mac[was] here [in the] morn[ing.] Agnes & I [were] at Rob Pearson's baby's funeral[.] His full name was John Alex. Stewart [Pearson.]* Very Warm 24
Showery
*named after the much-loved and respected Rev. Stewart, and his grandfather John.
2. T. Finis[hed] making Brown Print waist[.] Jane, John, Ned [Glen], Lindy Shoemaker & I [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] Raining 32
Showery
3. F. Started Blue Print[.] Jno. McEwen [was] in after umbrellas[.] Raining & Windy 36
4. S. [We had] Wiggin[ton], Mac, Miss McNaughton & Ed & Mr & Mrs Cooper for dinner & C*.] Bella went home with [Miss McNaughton.] Father & [Mr Cooper] went to Snell's[.] * & C has evolved to mean "for tea" In 1888 and 1889 (C) seemed to be a code for male callers interested in Eliza-Ann. 16
5. S. Father & Jane [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] U[n]cle Ja[me]s & Glen [were] here[.] Adam [Stewart was here] for dinner[.] Warm 15
Showers
6. M. I [was at Malcolm McEwen's] P.M. Fine, Foggy & warm 28
7. T. Mac, Biggins & Ormsby [were] here P.M. John started at summerfallow[.] Fine 28
8. W. Ormsby A.M. Father took him out to Snell's and back to Wigginton's [He is] Hunting [for] Advocate advertiz[ing.]* I was Cleaning bee frames[.] Fine 36
*probably a weekly: Exeter Advocate ?
9. T. Ag helped clean a few bags of oats[.] I washed 2 bee boxes and a lot of frames[.] Scott [was] in [here] P.M. Raining Heavy 21
10. F. Mr & Mrs [Nicholas] Cuming & Mr & Mrs & Mary & Isie Elliot [were] here[.] Father, John & Agnes dipped 40 lambs[.] Jane & I [were] in Clinton [at] church (J.A. McDonald, Varna)[.] Fine, Warm 24
11. S. Father & Agnes scuffled roots P.M. Father [was] at [the] Mill with chop[.] Fine & Very Warm 18
12. S. Father, Mother, Jane & I [were] in church (Stewart)[.] I walked up with Parker and got [a] ride home with Adam [Stewart] & (C)[.] John [and I were back] in church in the even[ing] (Shilton)[.] Very Very Warm 10

13. M. Father walked to Clinton A.M. Ag & I picked[the] 1st[potato] bugs [which are] very plentiful[. I've been] Making Ma's Print dress & I cut out [a] Par[a]sol covering[.] Dan & Mac McNaughton [were here this]even[ing] showing [off]cart[.] Mac [McEwen was in] too[.] *More wind* 20
14. T. Jno. walked to Clinton[. I] Finis[hed] making Mother's Print [dress]& covering Parasol[.] Father & Mother left for Oak Lake, Manitoba P.M.* Bessie Ross, Tene, Bill & Liz & Lindy & Ned [were here in the] even[ing.] *Fine, cooler wind* 29
15. W. Agnes & I [drove] Jess in[to] Clinton[.] Lizzie [Glen went] with us[.] I [was] at U[n]cle Ja[mes']s with oats [and took along little] Mary Glen[.] *Misty Morn Warmer* 24
16. T. Agnes & I [were] picking bugs A.M. & [the two of]us & Bella planted 20 rows of turnips P.M. I. McEwen & Bessie Ross [were here] in [the] even[ing.] Mac's (C) *Very Warm Morn Cooler Wind P.M.* 30
17. F. Jane, Bella, Agnes, John, Lindy & J. McEwen [were] at [a] picnic P.M. Tom & Jenny Ages [were] here [in the] even[ing] & all night[.] Aunty [came] up & stayed all night[.] *Poured rain, misty Fine* 18
18. S. I scraped [the] milk-room & [the] hall [working] all day at it [.] Aunty stayed here all] day[.] Jno. sowed rape[seed and was] in Clinton[in the] even[ing.] Willie & Maud Scott [were] here[.] *Cloudy Fine* 26
19. S. Bella & John [were] in Church [in the] evening (Patterson High School)[.] Agnes & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Bees swarmed out & returned [to the] W[est] hive[.] *Misty Drizzling* 21
20. M. Ag, Bella & I [hoed turnips] all day[.] John[was away] at road-work[.] Fen[wick] [came] for tea[.] *Fine, a little dull, coolish* 25
21. T. [Ag, Bella & I hoed] mangols [all day.] [We] Picked bus A.M. & I got dinner & C Jane [did the] washing[.] Mac's (C) *Showery evening* 23
22. W. Jane, Lindy & Marie [were] in Clinton A.M. Bees swarmed 1st [time from hive] No. 3[.] Ag & Bella [were] hoeing roots all day[.] I [joined them] P.M. *Fine, warm Rain Even[ing]* 18
23. T. [Ag and Bella hoed roots all day. I did] too all but got dinner from 1/2 after 11 & washed dinner dishes[.] Jane washed 6 blankets[.] Jno. hung [a] wire Clothes line & [a] low gate[.] Jno.[was] in Clinton [in the] even[ing.] *Dull, Warm Fine Cool* 18
24. F. [I] Picked bugs A.M. John [was] hauling sand to barn-step[.] A[gnes] Jno & B[ella] [were] hoeing after till noon[.] Ag & I Finis[hed] weeding Roots P.M. (through at tea time)[.] *Fine & Warm, Dull & cooler* 13
25. S. Agnes picked 1st Strawberries [and] Made 2 pies[.] Jno.[was] hauling sand to [the] barn step[.] I washed Mother's Straw-tick and Feather covers & (C) all day[.] D. Ross [was] here[.] *Fine & Warm* 15

26. S. Jno. & Agnes [were] in Church (Patter-son)[.]Jno. & Fen[wick were]up[to church in the] even[ing](Patterson)[.] [Agnes, Bella & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Tom] Wigg[inton was] here[.] Fen[wick was here] all night[.] 24
Fine
Rain Even-
ing
27. M. [I] Scrubbed Mother's Bed-room & ironed ticks & washed [a] big quilt[.]Jane[was] in Clinton[.She] went by Wigg[inton's] & drove up with their horses[.]⁹Jno. mowed [the] lawn[.] 12
Raining
28. T. [I] Scraped at [the] pump [in the] lane, Filled Mother's Tick & aired the bed clothes[.The] W[est] hive swarmed again[; the bees] stayed[out]2 hours & then went back[.] Jane,Agnes & Majorie [were] at Junor's & McGregor's[. Uncle James's] Annie [was] here P.M. 15
Raining in
Morn, Fine
Raining
Evening
29. W. West hive swarmed again[- the] 1st that stayed off[.]I finis[hed] scrubbing[the] cider barrel[.] Ja[ne was] quilting at Glen's P.M. Ag & I picked bugs A.M. & finis[hed] P.M. & hoed 6 rows [of] pota-toes[.] B[ella was] at Mac's [in the] even[ing.] 14
Dull
Like Rain
30. T. [I] Scraped out & filled holes in [the] Milk-room & washed [the] Milk-R[oom] doors[.] Jane & John[were] in Clinton[.] Baird & C. Ross [were] in at noon[.] 18
Rained at
night,Dull
Clear &
Fine
- July, 1892
1. F. I [was] in Clinton A.M. to meet Father & Mother[.]They came on the P.M.train [at] 2:28 o'clock[.]John [was] hauling [more] sand to [the] barn steps[.] W[est] hive swarmed 2nd [time.] 27
Fine
Cool Wind
2. S. A.M. [we] scuffled some[.] We hoed a few pot[at]oes P.M.before [the]rain[.] Bella & I [were] in Clinton A.M. 20
Dull A.M.
Raining P.M.
3. S. None of us [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] John [was] in Church [in the] evening[.] 17
C* Raining
* I think
this C is code
for "courting."
- It was quite respectable for a Victorian young man to drive a young lady to morning or evening Sunday services and drive her home again[.]
4. M. I picked [a] 1/2 q[uar]t [of] Strawber-ries A.M. [Father,Agnes, Bella & I were Hoeing potatoes till tea time[. Father, Jane & I were]putting labels in lambs[.] Jno. [was over] at [Wm. Glen's [barn-] raising [in the] even[ing.] W[est] Hive Swarmed 3rd time A.M. [The North Hive swarmed at 3 P.M. for the 2nd time.] 12
Fine
showers
5. T. Jno.[was] mowing A.M. [and] raking P.M.I washed[. We] started coleing hay P.M. 17.
Fine

6. W. [More mowing and raking A.M. and coleing P.M.] Both Hives Swarmed(doubled them)[.] * 20



LOADING HAY.

* When bees swarm, they cling together in a huge "bee ball" to a tree branch (protecting the queen) while scouts look for a suitable place to build a new hive. If spotted in time, a bee keeper can cut the branch off and carry the swarm and drop it in a fresh hive with some frames and cellwork. Almost always the swarm will take the hint and occupy the proffered hive. Miss MacFarlane appears to have nabbed both swarms today.

7. T. Aunty [is] back from Green's[. We]hauled 5 loads[of] Hay [and] Finis[hed] putting up [the] Rathwell field[. I] Washed [an] Old Brown B[ee] Box[.] 12 warm
8. F. [We] Hauled in 7 loads [of] Hay[.] Jane & Aunty [were] in Clinton[.] 15
9. S. [We] Hauled in 4 loads [and] finis[hed] is[hed the] Rathwell field[. I] took [a] Frame[of] Honey from[the] W[est] Hive[and] Hive] No.3[.] No. 3 Swarmed [but the swarm was [very small.] 15
10. S. Jno. & I [were] in Church A.M. [and] John went again with] Jane [in the] even[ing] (Mr Mitchell-a student)[.] Father [was at] U[n]cle James's [and was] up [here in the]even[ing] with him[.] 18
11. M. Jno.mowed A.M.[and] We put it up[in the] even[ing.] Jno. scuffled [in the garden] up to[the]potatoes & C Agnes & I picked [the] 1st Rasp[berrie]s.[I] cleaned out Private[.]* *winter toilet in woodshed 22
12. T. Agnes, John & Bella [were] in Bayfield[.]* Mr [Edward] Glen Sr. [was here] P.M. & [for] tea[.] Father was mowing [in the] even[ing] and I followed] putting up some[.] *probably to see the Orange Walk 22
13. W. [We] Hauled in 3 1/2 loads [of hay] & coled some[.] Jane & Agnes picked 7 lbs [of] Rasp[berrie]s. 22
14. T. Jno.mowed[the] Shanty field[.]We finish- ed raking below [the] barn [and] Hauled in 2 loads[.] Mother & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] 19
15. F. [We] Hauled in 4 loads [and] Finis[hed] that field[.] Agnes [was] sick today[.] Jane & Ag picked Rasp[berrie]s [in the] morning[and] traded with Lizzie[Glen]for [some] B[la]ck currants[.] Fine, Very Windy Heavy Showers even- [ing] 20
16. S. [We] Hauled in 5 loads [from the] Shanty field & Raked it all & coled most of it[.] Bella walked to Clinton[.] Scott [of] Brucefield & [Indecipherable were here] for tea & got some wool[.] Fine & Very Windy 23
17. S. Agnes & John [were] in Church(Scott, the lawyer's brother)[.]U[n]cle Ja[me]s[was] here P.M. Fine, cool 19

18. M. John Finis[hed] mowing[and We] Hauled in three loads [-] all of [the] Shanty field[.] Agnes & I [were] picking Rasp[berries] A.M. & Weeded some nips P.M. *Fine, a little warmer, Breezy* 26
19. T. [We] Hauled in 3 loads[.] Jane [drove] Jess in[to] Clinton for Paris Green[.] *Fine* 21
20. W. [We] Hauled in 4 loads[of hay.This]Morn[ing] Father Finis[hed] thinning Turnips [in the]morn[ing. Malcolm and Ann McEwen were here] in [the] evening[.] *Fine, Warm* 21
21. T. [We are] Finis[hed] haying[.We]Hauled in 1 load A.M. - the last [of] 42 loads[.] Mac's (C) Agnes, Bella & I [were] Greening Potatoes P.M. Jno.[took the] Cart in[to] Clinton[.] 14
22. F. [The] 4 of us picked 27 lbs of Red Rasp[berries] & lbs. of B[la]ck Rasp[berries][.] I washed[& I] took some honey to cousins[.] 14
23. S. Jane pulled & cooked [both] yellow & B[la]ck Rasp[berries][.] Cutting Wheat[.] Ag & I [were] stooking all day[,]Jane P.M. [and] Father after tea[.] 13
24. S. Jane & John [were] in Church(Scott) [and John went again in the] even[ing.The] Rev.[Mr] Stewart & wife are back[.] *Heavy Showers A lot lightning Fine & very warm* 16
25. M. [We] Finis[hed] cutting wheat early [and] Father, Ja[ne], Ag & I [were] stooking[.] U[n]cle Ja[me]s called round on us[.]Tene & Bell McEwen [came] in [the] even[ing][.] Ag & I [were] at Auntie's[.] *Fine & Very Warm* 27
26. T. Jno. [was] hauling gravel to [the] barn step[.] Agnes & I picked Rasp[berries] A.M. Mother, Jane & I [were] in Clinton P.M. *90 [F]* 22
27. W. [We] Hauled in 5 loads[of] Wheat at Rathwell's[.]Cooked 1st apples Sauce & Pies[.] *a little cooler* 12
28. T. [We] hauled in 6 loads of wheat from the Rathwell place[.] Father walked [to] Clinton[.] *Very Warm, A little cooler* 8
29. F. [I] Sorted Bee's Wax, Washed, Ironed, & [was] at Glen's [in the] even[ing.] Agnes [was] at U[n]cle Jas. [this] even[ing.] *Raining* 26
30. S. Cutting Peas P.M. Jno.[was] in Clinton [with the] Horse [and] Cart in[the] even[ing.] Edna Green, Mary Glen, Eliz[abeth] & Mag[gie] McEwen came over P.M.* *Fine, A little cooler* 36
- *Four girls ranging in age from 4 to 11.
31. S. Jno. & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] We went again in the] even[ing](Earnest)[.] Earnest [was here] all last night[.] *Cooler* 26

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| 1. M. | [We] Hauled in 7 loads[of] wheat [-] all [done] but [the] Raking[.] Bella Green & Rachel Hanley [were visiting] at Auntie's[.] She went back with them[.] | 37
Rained
Some |
| 2. T. | Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] Cutting Peas near[ly] all day[.] Agnes[was] raking till tea time[.] J. Dunkin [was] here[.] | 24
Fine &
cool |
| 3. W. | [We] Finis[hed the]wheat [and] Hauled in [a] small load [of] Rakings[.] Cutting Peas[- We] Finis[hed the] field at [the] door & Hauled in 4 gags[.]Took lambs off sheep[.] | 28 |
| 4. T. | [We] Finis[hed] cutting Peas over next Mac's bush & Hauled in 2 loads after tea[.] Bella walked to Clinton[.] Hill, the Brucefield butcher [was] around[.] | 28 |
| 5. F. | Father & I turned some peas A.M. We cut down a piece of oats beside [the] roots[.] Jane walked to Clinton[.] | 18
Dull A.M.
Raining P.M. |
| 6. S. | F[ather],Jo[hn], & I [were] sawing rails for [the] thresher A.M. ¹⁰ Ag turned Peas P.M. & hauled in [the] piece out at[the] door.(3 1/2 loads) P. McGregor & McLeod & J. McKenzie & Mac's (C) | 36
Fine
Cool Wind |
| 7. S. | Jane & Agnes[were] in church(Stewart)[.] John [went in the] even[ing]. | 25 |
| 8. M. | Father,John & I [were]in Brucefield with 3 steers to [deliver to] P.McGregor[.] Father,John,Agnes & I[were] cutting oats P.M. Next Mac's bush[.] | 26
Very Warm |
| 9. T. | [We were]Cutting oats all day[.We]Finis[hed] cut[ting]. Jennie Grant [came] P.M. & [stayed] all night[.] | 22
Very Warm
Heavy Rain
even[ing] |
| 10. W. | Father [was] at Woon's threshing all day[.] Jno. hauled some manure[.] Ag & I milked sheep A.M. Jane & Bella [were] in Clinton P.M. [I] cut out [a piece in the newspaper about] making aprons[.] | 24
Showers
all day |
| 11. T. | Father,Ag & I Did Pea - [indecipherable] & put off a load [of] Peas A.M. Father [was] at Mac's threshing P.M. I [was] in Clinton[.] | 21
Dull, cooler
a little
misty, rain |
| 12. F. | Father & I lifted stooks A.M. & turned Peas P.M. Ag was turning Peas too[.]Lizzie & Annie were in Seaforth[.We] Hauled in 2 loads [of Peas] after tea[.] Aunty [has returned] home[.] | 44
Fine, Cool |
| 13. S. | Agnes & Bella [were] in Clinton & at R. Thompson's[.] John drove Bella to [the] Goderich train[. We] Hauled 5 loads [of] oats & 1[of] Peas[.] | 46 |
| 14. S. | Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[. We] drove to Clinton with Jess[.]Father[was] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s [and] fetched 2 kittens home[.] Jno.[went]with Ned [Glen] to church in the] evening[.] | 31 |
| 15. M. | [We] Hauled in 7 loads [of] oats[.] Jno. Dunkin & [his] Wife[were here this] evening[.] | 22 |

16. T. [We] Hauled[in 5 loads of oats] from next Mac's bush[.]Father & Dunkin[were at]Wig-
[ginton's,] Salkelds &(C) Father bought 2
steers from Cantelon[.] Scott [was] here
[in the even[ing]& Mr Buchanan[,the] Live
Stock Advertizer, [was here] all night[.]
17. W. [We] Finis[hed] Harvest[.] Hauled in 4
loads [of] oats & 2 [of] peas[.We] made
a stack[of]oats yesterday[and] finis[hed]
it to day[.]Father & Jno.[were]at Scott's
[in the] even[ing.] Jane walked [into]
Clinton[.]
18. T. [I've been]Fixing Bella's B[lac]k-Spotted
skirt[.] Jane [was] at U[n]cle J[ames]'s
P.M. Jane & Ag [and the James Stewart
family were] at [John] Diehl's [in the]
even[ing. The] Dunkin's & Amelia [were]
here [this] even[ing.]
19. F. Jane & Agnes[were] in Clinton A.M.[I was]
Helping Jno.roof[the] stack A.M. Jane & I
[were] at Isard's [in the] evening[.]
20. S. Father & Jno.[have been]hauling manure[.]
Agnes [drove] Jeff [into Clinton.]
21. S. Mother & Jane [were] in Church(Stewart.)
[John went in the] even[ing.] Mrs Edward
Glen Sr [is] at Lizzie's[.]
22. M. [I] Finis[hed] fixing Bella's skirt &
mended Father's heavy pants. [We had] 2
Sturdey's(sic) for tea[.] Jno. went to
McTavish'es to see [Bill] Perdue [about
threshing our crop.] Jane & Ag [were] at
Mac's[.]
23. T. Agnes [was]at Butchart's P.M. & called at
Ross['es.] Jim Junor [was here P.M. [Mr]
P.Cantelon fetched steers[in the]even[ing]
[and was here] for tea [with his] 2 sons
too[.]
24. W. Jane & I [were] at Grants P.M. [in the]
buggy [with] Bob[.] Charlie Mason [was
here] P.M.
25. T. Mother & I were] in Clinton P.M. [The]
Threshers came [in the] even[ing &] 2
[stayed] all night[.]
26. F. [We] Finis[hed]threshing[here]early [and]
Jno. had to move to Shepherd's[.]¹¹ Aunty
[was] up at Glen's for tea[.]Ida Miller &
Laura & Frank Perdue [were here] P.M.
27. S. Agnes [was} at [the] Barn all day [and] I
[was there] P.M.helping to lift [the] pea
load off the [barn] floor[.]I put another
load off[.] I [was] in Clinton [in the]
even[ing.]
28. S. John & I [were] in Church(Stewart.) Jane
& I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Jim &
Ettie Cartwright [were here] P.M.
29. M. Father [was] in Clinton getting Bob &
the Sorrel shod[.] Ernest West came to
work here[. I am] Making over B[ella]'s
B[lac]k dress these days[.]

35

Fine &
Very Warm

24

24

29

Fine and
Cooler

28

23

27

24

Fine, a
little
Warm

12

Dull, Warm
Rain even-
[ing]

26

Showery

19

Dull, Fine

22

Clear &
Cool

19

Fine &
Warm

38

Fine &

30. T. [The] Boys [are] hauling manure these days[.] Tom Wigg[inton] was here] all last night.[The five of Us] Kids[were] down at U[n]cle Ja[me]s['s] with Mac's kids last night[.]

26
Very Warm
Heavy Rain
P.M.

31 W. Weir, the Machine Agent & McPhail [were] here trying to buy apples[.]

27
Rain P.M.
& even[ing]

September, 1892

1. T. Stanley [the] apple buyer [was] here[.] Father [walked into] Clinton[.] John [drove] Jess[into] Clinton in the] even[ing.] Jane & I [were] at McTavish's P.M. [and we] called [on] Mac's [in the] even[ing].]

9
Fine
Cold Wind

2. F. Jim Junor [was here] P.M. for dinner & tea[.] Father at Woon's, Marshall's, [?] Wigg[inton's,] Mac's, McGregor's & (C)

27
Fine, Warm

3 S. [We had a] Sturdy lamb for dinner & tea. [We were] at Dunkin's with [a] Billy & took 1 from Frazer's[.] Jane & Agnes [drove] Jess in[to] Clinton P.M. John [was in] at noon [with] Bob[.]

22
Very Warm

4. S. Agnes & Father [were] in Church (Henderson)[.] Fen[wick] & John walked[to] Church in the] even[ing.]

16
Dull, Warm
Heavy Rain
even[ing]

5. M. I [was] at Jim Junor's for [a] pig[.] Mr Weir [came] here [and] bought apples[.] Agnes & I pulled pears (about a bag)[.] G. Smith [was] here for dinner[.]

20
Raining
Morn, Warm

6. T. Sowing Wheat[.] John T[h]om[p]son [was here] for dinner[.] Jno. & Andy Dunkin [were] here[.] Jane & Agnes went to Finley's [this] even[ing.]

23
Raining
all night
Clear &
Cool P.M.

7. W. Jim Junor & Mac[came] here for Bob[.] Father went with him to load [the rail] car[.] I [was] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s['s] with [a] pail [of] pears P.M. Mrs Jun[or] & kid & Tene & Bell[were here in the] even[ing.]

18
Fine &
Warm

8. T. Jim [Junor was] in for his team[.] Jane and Agnes[were] in Clinton P.M. [and] sent Bella her clothes[.]

Fine

9. F. Father [was] with Mac at A. Dunkins A.M T[om] Frazer fetched a sheep[.] I scrubbed [the] cellar steps & out [the] door[.] I [was] helping] Jno. clean grist A.M. [and was] sic[k] with it P.M.* A. Dunkin [was] here[.]

30
Fine &
Warm

*Inhaling too
too much fine
grain dust can give one
a sick stomach (threshing
fever) or it can play
havoc with allergies.

10. S. I walked to Clinton P.M. Jno. & West [were] up [this] even[ing] with the] cart[.] West [was] at [the] mill for flour[.] Fa[ther] & John] washed 3 Billes[.] Pressed kettle pears[.] J. Dunkin & James [were here for the] night[.]

12
Dull

11. S. I walked to Church [in the] morn[ing.] 12
Jno. & Ja[ne went in the] even[ing.] I Fine, Windy
got a ride up with Trick* & [a ride] home heavy rain
with Alex. Innis[.] even[ing]
- *Probably Bob Trick.
12. M. [I] Made factory drawers and sewed wire 32
on [an]old hat[.] I cut lining for[a]shop- Showery
ping bag[.] Agnes [was] at Glen's [this] Raining
even[ing. We] got a card from Bella[.]
13. T. [I] Stitched [the shopping bag,] gave the Raining 17
drawers to Jane* [and Started making an- all day
other pair[.]
- *For her trousseau. Jane would marry
Ned Glen on Dec 28 and this is the
first intimation of it in the diary.
14. W. [I worked at] Trimming sheep all day with 16
Father[.] Window glass in the kitchen[was] High Wind
broken last night[.] & Rain
Dull
15. T. [Another day of trimming sheep with Fa- 13
ther, including trimming a sheep's horn Fine, Heavy
for] Mr G. Baird Sr. [I] Finis[hed the sec- Rain even-
second pair of drawers [and I] Made 1 & [ing]
mended 1 root mit[.] Ned fetched [the
news]papers[.]
16. F. [I've been] making [an] under-waist[. Mr 12
G. Baird Sr. was here] morn[ing] & evening Fine
for tea & sand[wiches.] Father [was at Cold Wind
Scott's [and] had dinner there[.] Jno. &
West [are] hauling stones to pave the
C[ow]Stable these days[.]
17. S. [I] finis[hed] making a corset cover all 11
but [the] lace[.] Ag [was] in Clinton[.] Warmer
Wigg[inton] called [in the] morn[ing] &
Mac[in the] even[ing. Mr] Ferguson & [his]
wife [came in the] even[ing and] bought
"Old Jess"[.]
18. S. I walked to Church [in the] morn[ing] 11
(Stewart) [and] John [went in the] even- Fine, Windy
[ing[.]
19. M. Wigg[inton] & Tom* [came] for tea[.] They 12
took some lambs[.] Father & Ernest [went] Cool
with lambs [to] Brucefield[.] Ferguson &
2 girls [were] back with "Old Jess"[this]
even[ing. Three** MacFarlane] Kids & Mac's
[have]gone to U[n]cle Jno.'s[.] I Finis[hed
the] Shopping Bag and started [on the]
lace[.]
- *probably
Tom Fraser
** Eliza is
home working on Jane's trousseau
and Bella is away teaching on
week days, so "Us" in this
instance does not equal 5 Mac-
Farlane siblings - just 3 - Ag,
Jane & John.
20. T. [I] Finis[hed the] lace for 1 sleeve[.] 15
Father & Mother went for grapes[. I] Cool Wind
killed the last swarm of bees[.] Jno.
[was] in Clinton getting [the] horse
shod[.]

21. W. Father left for [the] London show[.] Jno. & Ernest hauled in the end of [the] Old [hay] Stack[.] 12
Warmer
22. T. [John, Ernest,] Jane, Ag & I [dug] at [the] potatoes [for] 15 rows[.] Father [joined in digging] some at [the end[.] Nannie & her Aunt (Mrs Ferguson) [were] here P.M.¹² [We] sold Femy to Hill[.] 14
Warm
23. F. John took Femy to Brucefield[.] [We] Finis[hed the last] 8 rows [of] potatoes[.] T[om] & Jessie Wigg[inton], Nigo Sheriff & Fen[wick were here this] evening[.] 24
Pretty Warm
24. S. [I] Finis[hed the] lace for [the] other sleeve[.] Father, Mother & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] Father was seeing Mr Scott[.] Very Warm
25. S. John [went in the] cart [to] church [in the] morn[ing] (Simpson Brucefield) [and also in the] even[ing.](Stewart.) Scott died[.] Mrs Isard & E. Ann Mac. P.M. 8
Rain P.M.
26. M. Agnes, John & I [were] at Scott's [this] evening[.] Ernest left[.] 15
Fine Windy
27. T. Agnes walked to Clinton A.M.[and was] at [the] funeral[.] Father & Mother walked [and] John drove to [the] funeral[.] Father & Jno.[were] hauling manure[.] Fine, Windy
28. W. John [has] gone to [the] Goderich show[.] Burns & ----- called to see horses[.] A fellow [was] here to buy [a cow that is already sold[.] 30
29. T. Father walked to Clinton P.M.W[m.] Glen went for Lindy[.] Agnes & I [were] at the Master's P.M. 15
Beautiful
30. F. I [am] making[a] Sunbonnet[.] Jane finis[hed] making Ticks[.] I Found [a] turkey nest[.] 11

October, 1892

1. S. [The] Rev [Mr] Stewart & [his] 2 sons called[.] Aunty [is] back[.] J. Thompson [was] here with sheep[.] J. McKenzie & wife [were] here [this] morn[ing] for [the] heifers he bought[.] Father [was] at McKenzie's [and] bought [a] Grey horse[.] I [was] in Clinton getting [a] shoe changed[.] 8
Clear Cold Wind
2. S. Jane & Agnes [were] in Church (Lee from Scotland-Mac's relation)[.] Jane & Agnes & Lindy [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Jno. & N[ed] walked [to] Church in [the] evening[.] 7
3. M. Glen's killing heifer[.] Morrow's store [in] Varna burned yester[day.] 12
Warmer Raining P.M.
4. T. [I] Finis[hed] making [the] Sunbonnet[.] 6
Cold Wind Showery even[ing]

5. W. Agnes & I started pulling Apples (Seeks). Mother [was] at U[n]cle John's seeing Mrs Ferguson[.] Lilly [was] up for [a] Pattern[.] 6
Snowing
very Cold
Windy
6. T. Aunty & I [were] in Clinton with things to show[.] John [was in with a] Horse[.] Father, Ja[ne] [and] A[gn]es were] at [a] prayer-meeting[.] The] Master [came] for tea at Scott's[.] 12
Nice Cool
Wind, War-
mer
7. F. Jane, Agnes & I [were] at [the] show[.] We went in the] buggy[.] John & Ned went up in [the] cart[.] Showery
8. S. I [was] in Clinton to post [a] card to Teaswater(sic)[.] Father & Jno.[are] hauling manure[.] At night] Fa[ther] & I put glass in by times [the broken] kitchen window[.] 16
Misty, Rain
9. S. Jane & I [were] in Church [this] morn- [ing] (Stewart)[.] Jno.[went in the] even- [ing.] Mr & Mrs Wigg[inton] & Stella [were here] P.M. 9
Nice
C[old] Wind
10. M. [We were] pulling apples all day[.] Killed 2 Hives [of] Bees[.] Fa[ther] start- ed pulling Mangols[.] A[gn]es] Jo[hn] & I [were] at U[n]cle John's seeing Miss Ferguson¹³ 6
Nice &
Warm
11. T. Father & Mother went out to Elliot's[.] I went to Wigginton's [to stay] all night. 6
12. W. [The] Blythe show [is on.] John was at U[n]cle Jno's threshing P.M. Mrs Wigginton & Stella & I [were] at [the] Ben Miller Woolen Mill[.] 8
Beautiful
13. T. John [was] at U[n]cle Jno.'s threshing till about 3 & then [to] U[n]cle Ja[me]s[']s[.] Ja[ne], A[g] & I [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] Copeland from Teeswater [stayed] all night at Wig[ginton's] with Father[.] Wigg[inton] came] back with them[.] 6
Warm
14. F. Jno.[was] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s[']s thresh- ing till 2 P.M. Father & I [were] at [the] Bayfield show[.] Copeland bought [a] Shear- ling Billy & took him home[.] Mr Webber called[.] 5
Very Warm
15. S. Edward Glen [was] born at noon [to Willie and Lizzie.]¹⁴ Jane & Lindy [were] in Clinton P.M. M. Snell & [a] friend from Listowell called [in the] morn[ing.] Rain Day
Nice night
16. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church [in the] morn- [ing] & John & Ned [went in the] even[ing] (Stewart)[.] 12
Fine, Dull
17. M. Ag & I [were] pulling apples all day[.] Father & Jno.[were] pulling and hauling in mangols[.] John Thompson arrived [this] even[ing] to point [the] hen house & (C) 9
18. T. Us pulling apples all day[.] Jno.[was] at Butchart's threshing all day[.] Agnes stayed at Glen's all night[.] 3
Rain even-
ing

19. W. John[was] at Butchart's threshing A.M. I [was] with Father P.M. fetching stones from [the] river[.] Aunt Mary called[.] Kate Pearson's Mother¹⁵ [was here]P.M. 4
Fine & warm
20. T. Father & Jno.finis[hed] pulling mangols A.M. John [was] at D.McEwen's (Finley's) P.M. [We were] pulling [apples] all day[.] 5
Highish Wind
21. F. John, Jane & I [were at] Church in Clinton (Hamilton)[.] walked home[.] Fine & Nice
22. S. John hauled in mangols A.M. [and was] at Mac's threshing P.M. P. Campbell & J. Dunkin [were] her[e.] T[h]ompson & Lindy went home[.] Jane [was] at Grant's P.M.
23. S. John & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] A. Walker [was here] P.M. & even[ing.] 9
Raining
24. M. I washed [clothes and I also] washed out a lot of old duck p[an]ts[.] Jane & Ag pulled some apples P.M. The Mason & Lindy are back[.] 10
25. T. P[eter]Campbell & S[am]Cooper [are] here to build[us a] Wood-shed[.]Ag & I [were] pulling apples all day & at Glen's [in the even[ing.] Mac & ----- [were here] from Wingham[.] Drizzley
26. W. John[was]in Clinton A.M.for lumber & P.M. A[g]& I [were] pulling apples all day[.] 17
27. T. Beetie [was] here[.] T[om] Wigginton fetched him[.] Father took him to J.Dun-kin's P.M. A[g] & I finis[hed] pulling apples[. The] Mason floored [the] cow-stable [and] went home[.] Dull
28. F. I took in our barrel of apples(all Spys.) [Agnes, Ned, Jane & I hauled in] 2 loads [of] mangols all P.M. John was at Glen's threshing yesterday & to-day[.]Jane[was] in Clinton A.M. S.W. Wind
Fine
Rain even-
[ing]
29. S. John [was] down early [in the] morn[ing] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s for lumber* & [took the] cart [to] Clinton P.M. Cooper [was] here & bought 2 shearling Bil-lys[.] I washed [the] kitchen & pant-ry[.] 6
Raining &
Snow all
day
- * probably left over from recent con-
struction of the new farmhouse
30. S. John [went to] Church[this] even[ing] in [the]cart(McDonald of Seaforth today)[.] 0
Rain,some
snow Morn-
ing, Nice P.M.
31. M. [The] Carpenters [were] back (Dan Camp-
bell too) & [they] left at night[.] Fa-
[ther],A[g] & I pulled 4 rows [of] car-
rots[and] Jno. hauled in 2 loads[.] Fen-
[wick], Bell & Jno.McEwen,Mr Wigg[inton]
& Jessie, Ned & Lindy [were here] all
night[.] 5
Fine,Dull
Raining
even[ing]

1. T. A[g is] sick[.] Jno. hauled in 3 loads [of]carrots & I threw [them]off in [the] barn[.] Father [was] pulling nips[.] Dull 3
2. W. [John hauled in 4 loads of] carrots & 1 [load of] turnips[.]Ag [was]at Wigg[int-on's] P.M. Cooper was here & bought 3 more [sheep.] Dull Drizzly
3. T. Father [and Tom Wigginton were] at Cooper's with [the] sheep[.] Ag & I pulled some nips P.M. Jane [was] in Clinton P.M. Rain P.M.
4. F. Jno. (Father helped fill) hauled in 5 loads [of]turnips P.M. Fa[ther],A[g] & I [were]pulling turnips A.M.Mrs & Jane Fergueson [were] here[this] even[ing] & all night[.] Dull A.M. Rain P.M. snowing & Freezing
5. S. [Father,Ag and I pulled turnips A.M.]between loads. Ferguesons left [at] noon[.] [With] F[ather] & Jno. filling nips & Ag & I unloading[we]hauled in 7 loads[.] Ja[ne,]Ag & I put straw on[the]apples[.] Fen[wick] was here] for dinner[.] Dull Frost at night
6. S. Jane & Agnes[were] in Church[this] morn-[ing](Stewart) & Jno. & Fen[wick in the] even[ing. Today was the 1st day of the] organ[.] 17 Beautiful
7. M. [We] Finis[hed the] Turnips A.M. 1 1/2 loads[. We] Killed 2 pigs P.M. & 12 Turkeys [in the] even[ing.] Raining High Wind
8. T. [We] killed 13 more] turk[ey]s this]morn-[ing.] Jane [was] in Clinton A.M. & P.M. Father left for Toronto [on the] 1/2 past 1 train[.A] pedler(sic) [selling]trinkets [was] here[.]
9. W. Father [got] home [at] night [and he has] Bought Jane [a] watch[.]¹⁶ 3 Softened Some Snowed, Dull
10. T. Thanksgiving Jane,Agnes & I [were]at[the] S[abbath] S[chool] examination[.] Sarah & Ida Isard [were] here P.M. & Even[ing.] Dull
11. F. Agnes & I packed 5 hives [of] bees[.]Dickson's man fetched sheep[.] T. Frazer and The Master[were] here for their sheep [in the] even[ing.]A[g] & I shook the carpets [from]Ma's & Ja[ne's]rooms[.The]Cows[are] all in [the barn.] 3 Soft, Dull Soft Snow even[ing]
12. S. [I] washed double windows and put in the cellar ones P.M. I threw off a load of turnips A.M. 2 Snow Showers,Freezing some
13. S. Jane & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Froze hard Soft
14. M. Ja[ne] & I washed plaster & (C) * in Ma's Bedroom[.]Jane washed 5 windo[w]s[.] Father[was away] seeing Apple-packers at Scott's P.M.I scrubbed spar[e]B[ed]-room down & Ja[ne washed spare room and]stair [windows.] Rainy Dull & Warm

* appears also to mean "We had a good yak while we worked."

15. T. [The apple-packers] Packed 51 barrels altogether[and stayed] here all night[.] Sturdy [was here] for dinner[.] Jane & I [were] filling refuse all day & Fa[ther was]carrying [it] in[.] Dull & Warm
16. W. [Jane, Ag & I were filling refuse all day] & hauling [it] in with Farmer & [the] stoneboat[.] Jane took Fa[ther] to [the train] station A.M. for Teeswater[.] Jno. [went] up with [a] load[of] apples (17 bar[rels.]) Kids & Stewarts [were at] Mac's[.] Warm 45
Bees fly-
ing
17. T. [Jane went to the train station] for[Fa-ther in the]even[ing.] We Finis[hed]haul-
ing in refuse app[le]s [John was up
with another load of apples.] Raining
Fine
Coolish
18. F. Jno.[went] up with [the] last load [of] apples & got salt[.] Father walked[.] Raked up yard[.] Put down carpet in Ma's room[.] Mac [was here] in[the] even[ing.] Snowing
19. S. Father walked to Clinton to get ap[ple] pay & [was at U[n]cle J[ame]s['s] P.M.[I] put boards in[the] woodshed(out of [the] orchard) & put up platform at bees[.] Snow 1
Showers
20. S. Dull
Bad Roads
21. M. Tom W[igginton] called[.] Jane [is] mak-
ing Jno. [some] p[an]ts[.] Agnes cleaned
[the] house pantry[.] Nailed cover for
sugar-barrel[.] Dull
Slight S.
showers
22. T. I walked to Clinton[.] Father [was] at
Glen's helping[to] kill beef. A[g] finis-
[hed the] pantry[.] Snow
N. Wind
Snowing
23. W. [First] Sleighing[to-day! We]cleaned[the]
kitchen stove pipes & washed off [the]
floor[.] Tene McEwen & Kate McDougal[were
here P.M.] Snowing 1
24. T. Mother & Jane[went into] Clinton in [the]
cutter[.] I washed[and] Ag cleaned up Jno's
stair[.] 2
25. F. Agnes[has been] washing kitchen plaster &
a little paint[.] Mr Glen* [was here] all
night[.] Jno. took chop to[the] mill & [was]
in Clinton[in the] even[ing.] Ja[ne] fin-
is[hed the]p[an]ts -2 p[ai]r for Jno. & 1
for Father[.] Now Jane is] cutting out [a]
dress[.] * probably Edward Glen Sr
26. S. Jno. was] in Clinton to see about [the]
colt's foot A.M. [He was] at Nile &
fetched [a]load[of] wood P.M. Jno. Thompson
[came] for sheep[.] Jimmy Dunkin[were here]
for dinner[.] [We've been] Cleaning [the]
Kitchen[.] Dull
27. S. Jno. & Agnes [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] softish
28. M. Mother & I[were] at Isard's P.M. [We had]
poor sleighing [in the] cutter & [we] got
turkeys[.] I [was] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s['s]
for Wood-shed windows[.] Jno. [has been]
hauling up wood[.] softish

- 29. T. Ag & I put things all out of [the] anty-* room into[the] wood-shed stair[.]Jno.[is] softish hauling wood[.] * ante: Latin for "before"
- 30. W. A[g] & I finis[hed] cleaning [the] empty room & [we] dusted and swept Jane's room[.]Father[was]at Wigg[inton's]threshing[.]

December, 1892

- 1. T. Mother & Jane [went to] Clinton in [the] buggy[.] We put carpet down in Bella's Room[.] Softened
- 2. F. Father walked to Clinton [and] bought a little Furniture from Chidley[.] I cleaned my Room[.] Misty
- 3. S. John [was]in Varna about Apples A.M.& in Clinton P.M. Blackhall[came here this even[ing to] see [a] colt[.] Powell &-----fetched [the new] furniture A.M. Soft
- 4. S. John [went to]Clinton in [the]cart[this] morning for colt medicine[.] Aunty[came] back from Green's[.] Slight snow
- 5. M. John[was] in Varna[on the]sleigh with 20 bags of apples for cider[.We] borrowed a barrel[. John] fetched [an] Apple-butter Kettle too[.We have our own bar full too[.] Showers
- 6. T. [Today We were] Making Apple-butter[and] Bar-cider[.We also had]about 15 pails of peeled apples[.]* John took [the] barrel & Kettle back[.]

*In the days before refrigeration, the standard way to keep apples over the winter was to peel them and ream out the core and dry them out. They could be used simply by dropping them in boil-water. Dried apples were an export as well. They could be dried at home in a small-scale operation or in a large-factory operation with an "apple evaporator." The apple peeler was a simple cast iron kitchen utensil that could be clamped on a board or table. The operating handle turned a large geared wheel which, in turn, drove two different operations. The operator impaled an apple on three parallel rotating prongs. The drive wheel also drove a second large wheel which had 2 spring-driven devices. One device closely resembled a man's safety razor. The spring pressed the razor-edge against the apple's surface, the rotating prongs spun the apple against the sharp edge. As the bottom wheel rotated, the apple would be peeled in three or 4 seconds. The rotation was complete when a second spring-driven arm pushed the peeled apple off the prongs. The operator would crank the device at a steady speed with one hand and with the other hand would impale another apple on the prongs. A tube-like knife which turned like a key, removed the core. Peel missed by the peeler would be removed with a paring knife. The peeled apples might dry out in the sun or in a dry cellar corner near the furnace.

7. W. Elsie Thomson [was] here for turkeys[.] Father [was] at Rutledge's sale[.] I scoured up [an] old brass candlestick & Ironed some[.] Blackall [was here] & Adam [came in the]even[ing.]
8. T. I washed[.] Jane [was] in Clinton P.M *Snow Flurries, Cold Wind*
9. F. Father & Agnes [were] at [the] School Exam[.] *Dull, Raw Wind*
10. S. Father walked to Clinton[.] Agnes [was] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s[']s P.M. Mr & Mrs Ross & Child over from Denver came last night[.]
11. S. Jno. walked to Church and got[more] medicine from Blackall[.] *Flakey Raw*
12. M. Jane walked to Clinton A.M. to get jacket lining fitted[.] Agnes washed[.] Jno [was] in [at] night to see Blackall about[the] colt[.] I washed some kitchen paint[.] *Raw & Dull*
13. T. Fergueson & Jno. Kyle [were here]for dinner[.] Ferguson, J. Elliot [were here] for supper[.] Father [was] at Whittingham's¹⁷ sale[.] J. McDonald [came] P.M. with sheep[.] [I did some more of] Washing paint[.] *A Little softer sprinkled*
14. W. Fen[wick Stewart] & W[illiam] Glen [were] here all day[.] We killed 2 pigs & [a] heifer & W[illiam] Glen's pig[.] John & Jane [were] in Clinton[.] Jane walked home [and got a ride with] Wanless[.] *Rain, Soft*
15. T. Mother & I [went to] Clinton in [the] buggy P.M. John [was] in Clinton for flour[.] *Hard Frozen Soft Hard Frozen*
16. F. I [was] at Varna with [a] hide to get tanned in [indecipherable.]
17. S. P[eter] Campbell & S[am] Cooper [are] finishing [the] woodshed[.]* *See P. 30*
18. S. Jane & I [were] in Church (Student)[.] The Rev. Alex. Stewart [was] in church[.] *Hard Frozen*
19. M. [The] Carpenters [are] back roofing [the] hen-house inside[.] [The] Colt died[.] Jno. [went to] Clinton A.M. for lumber[.] [This] even[ing] we were] Over by Stonehouse's & (C)* *Snowed a little*
*They made a social call on cousin John B. Stewart and his wife Amy.
20. T. The carpenters finished this evening[.] Aunty [was] up & stayed all night[.]
21. W. [I] Drove Father [in the] buggy part way to Brucefield[.] He has] gone to [a] London sale[.] Fen[wick] was] up with [our news] paper A.M.
22. T. [I] Baked The Cakes[.] Aunty [was] up all day[.] This] evening Agnes went [in the] buggy to meet Father[.] John has gone to Brucefield with Ned [Glen.]
23. F. Father & Jno. [were] in Clinton for 5 sheep[.] Bella arrived home[.]

24. S Jno. [was] in Clinton in the] cutter for 4 sheep P.M. & even[ing.] Mother & I [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter P.M. *Snowing*
25. S. *Stormy*
26. M. Jno. Steep fetched E.A. Isard over A.M. ([She is] making Bella's dress.) Ag & Jno. [went] down to U[n]cle] Jno.'s to-night[.] Killed 2 geese 2 turk[ey]s & 3 roosters [also a] kitten *Dull
Calm*
27. T. Jno. [was] in Clinton for Mr & Mrs R.L. Lang from Oak Lake, Manitoba & [their] 3 children[.]¹⁸ *Nice day
sunshiny*
28. W. Jane's Wedding-day *Sunshiny
with light snow
falling
Beautiful Moonlight*
29. T. Bella & I [were] in Clinton[.] Mr & Mrs Dunkin & the McTavish boys & a friend (Stewart) [were] here[.]
30. F. Miss McNaughton & Miss Foster [were] here[.] Father & Mr Lang [were] in Clinton & at Biggins's[.]¹⁹
31. S. Maggie [Lang] & I [went] in [the] cutter to] Clinton A.M. Father & Robert [Lang were] at Jno.Elliott's & the mill (in the cutter) P.M. *Fine
Dullish*

The Woodshed and Other Odds and Ends

"...Mr Jas. Stewart has excavated the cellar for his new house; Mr [Peter] Campbell has the contract for the woodwork and Mr Arthur Cantelon the mason work and plastering:.....

The New Era May 6, 1892

"..Jas. MacFarlane recently added a wood shed to his commodious house."

The New Era November 4, 1892

While Eliza-Ann has several direct references to the building of the new woodshed, not once does she mention that the James Stewart family were finally replacing the log house with a modern frame farmhouse. There are several indirect references to Uncle James amassing building materials, and that's all.

The MacFarlane, James & John Stewart households were very close, tied by blood and friendship, but there was also a healthy rivalry to have the best crops, livestock, buildings, vehicles and impliments. The rivalry also showed up in the give-and-of sharp banter, and verbal jabs and, of course, noisy posturing. In the privacy of the home, each household mercilessly analysed the strengths and shortcomings of all members of the other two households, told stories about them and mimicked them.

When John Stewart was building his stone house in 1878, James came over to inspect. When asked what he thought, James sniffed and said "They tell me that stone houses are only good for fifty years." When James, some 12 or 13 years later began to consider what kind of new house he might build, he took a fancy to the Junor's house on a triangular lot at the corner of Goderich Township's 16th Concession and the Bayfield Road. It was a compact "Ontario classic" - storey-and-a-half with peaked gable and made of field stone. The story goes that the two brothers were going home from Clinton, and, as they passed the Junor place, James confided to John that was what he like to build on the fourth. (Fenwick was very probably riding with them.) John cast a contemptuous look at the edifice and grumpily replied: "Go

ahead! Build yourself a nice little shithouse!"

The two brothers regularly needled each other and the MacFarlane's in front of the children - to put on a show. James and Eliza MacFarlane took pleasure in the "game," while Abigail and Mary, and maiden sister Agnes were quiet and kindly. At any rate, James was sufficiently stung that he opted for a substantial L-shaped frame house, with sharp peaks, made even more imposing by putting it on an artificial mound, as Malcolm McEwen had done. In later years, Fenwick's wife Alice: "I wish Fenwick's dad had built a house like Junor's - it would've been less work to keep up."

When the house was being built, James MacFarlane came over to inspect. The front faced west and the kitchen window was on the west side. South off the kitchen were 2 rooms, a bedroom and a pantry. MacFarlane said "James, you're shutting the sun out of the main room of the house! You're making a terrible mistake!" James insisted that Campbell knock down the studs and give the kitchen a south window. Later that same year, James MacFarlane put a wood-shed on the south face of his own house, much to the bafflement of the James Stewart household.

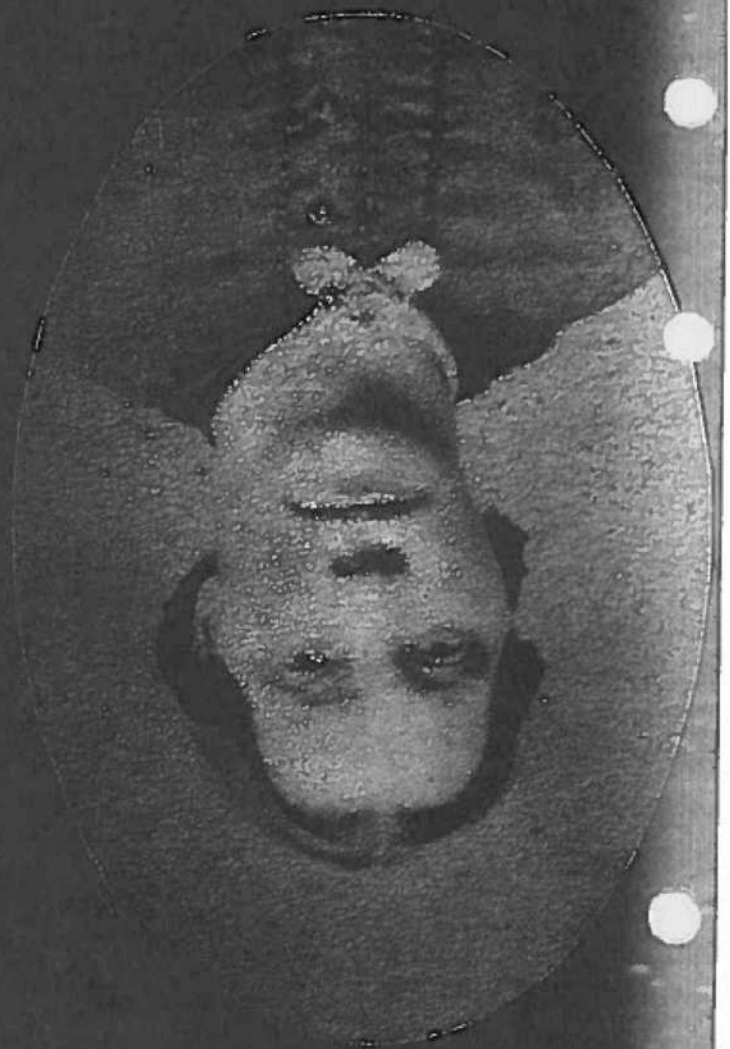
1. The diarist's antagonism, so obvious in 1887 and thereafter appears to be subsiding. Jane and Ned would marry in December[.]
2. The proper spelling is "Kaiser". Benjamin Kaiser of Brucefield is listed in the 1878 Atlas as a hotel keeper. In the early 20th cent. Jack Kaiser ran a blacksmith shop in Brucefield.
3. James Stewart was practically the last of the local pioneers to replace his log house with a modern farmhouse. It was built in 1892. Peter Campbell did the carpentry and Arthur Canteleon did the stonework. See *The New Era* quote above page This is the first reference to the impending construction.
4. The nearby Dominion riding of Huron West was the preserve of Malcolm Colin Cameron, a Goderich lawyer and Liberal. His long service in the Commons (1867-98) was twice interrupted when he lost his seat in disputed election proceedings. He won Huron West in the 1891 Dominion election but was unseated December 26, 1891. James Colbrooke Patterson had been the Conservative sitting member for Essex North since 1878. He lost his seat in 1891. The caretaker Abbott government, that was formed after Macdonald's death was in need of fresh blood and Patterson was sworn in as Secretary of State January 25, 1892. He needed a seat and had already been nominated to run against Cameron in the by-election. Stanley Township Tories had fought Cameron (1867-78) as the sitting member for Huron South. When extensive boundary changes went into effect in the 1882 election, Cameron ran in new Huron West riding. In the by-election on February 23, 1892, Patterson carried the seat by a mere 25 votes. Though they could not vote in the contest, there is little doubt that the Glen's, MacFarlane's and Stewart's, rejoiced at the spectacle of Cameron getting his lumps. However, Patterson left politics in 1895 to become Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and Cameron was returned in a by-election, January 14, 1896. See CDP & 1912 PG
5. Peter Campbell (1843-94) was born in Drummond Twsp., Lanark County and came to Stanley with his parents at an early age. He lived in Clinton and then moved to Lot 22, Con 3 Stanley in 1882. He had 4 sons and three daughters. Eliza-Ann's diary doesn't make clear whether the wedding was a double or a triple affair. One of the daughters, Christena, married John Moffatt (*New Era* Jan 26, 1894) Campbell built the new SS #1 School house in 1875. He built the L-shaped farm houses on Lot 27 (IV) - Jas. Stewart 1892, Lot 27 (III) - Butchart 1891 and Lot 32 (III) Pearson 1888.
(III) Pearson
6. "Kettleton" is the proper spelling of this name. There were Kettleton children for some years in this period enrolled at S.S. #1. Isabel Glen recalled in long retrospect that the family lived in a house near the London road and she was pretty sure the father was a section hand with the rail-

- road. A section hand had a certain section of track assigned to him (a mile or several hundred yards) and he would go over it daily looking for loose nuts, (which he would tighten), missing spikes (which he would replace) and he would earmark ties or rails that needed replacing. It was a very low-paying job and a section hand was well-advised to rent a cheap house near his designated section. Mr Kettleton had a section of the old London, Huron & Bruce line of the Grand Trunk, running near the western end of Stanley's Concession I. A farmer, who Isabel declined to name, disowned his daughter when she married a Kettleton boy against his wishes. "I would as soon see her in her coffin as see her where she is now!" he is alleged to have said.
- 7 See diary entry for March 21, 1891 and footnote #6 1891.
- 8 The
- 9 Possible explanation: It's raining. MacFarlane's buggy has a a roof one can put up, while the Wigginton rig does not. In return for her trouble taken to pick them up, Wigginton's give MacFarlane horses a rest and hitch their team to the MacFarlane vehicle.
10. The fence rails of dry cedar made excellent kindling. The farmer who engaged the thresherman and his outfit was expected to supply the firewood and water to drive the steam engine.
11. The Belden Atlas (1878) shows four different Sheppard farms on both sides of the road on the Bayfield Concession in Goderich Township, a couple of farms west of Rathwell's,
12. "Nannie" is Annie Stewart, daughter of John and Abigail Stewart. Abigail, daughter of Charles and Margaret Tweedy, had a younger sister Mary (1837-96) who married John Ferguson, a school teacher. They lived all their lives around Smith's Falls. They had 3 sons, William, Thomas and Charles. John Ferguson died while his sons were quite young, and the 3 sons looked after the mother as long as she lived. Abigail Stewart did not see a lot of her Tweedy relatives. The 250 miles between Clinton and Smith's Falls, even with direct rail connections, was by 19th century standards a very long distance. Since Abigail and her sister-in-law Agnes Stewart were born in S. Elmsley Township near Smith's Falls, they tried to keep in touch with Tweedy's and with the three Stewart sisters of Eliza who had married down there: Mary (Mrs Robert Tweedy), Isabella (Mrs Archibald Garvin) and Ann (Mrs William Rathwell). With the deaths of Agnes Stewart in 1911 and her sister, Eliza MacFarlane in 1912, communication between the Smith's Falls and Clinton families lapsed. The four MacFarlane sisters kept up contact for a while and they preserved enough written and photographic evidence to allow the writer to piece much of this back together. But as long as Abigail, Agnes and Eliza lived, there was continual keeping in touch by mail and occasional visits back and forth. This must have been happy occasion for Abigail to have her younger sister Mary come to see her. (paper on Tweedy's edited Stewart)
13. "Miss" should probably be "Mrs." Mary (Tweedy) Ferguson had 3 sons and no daughters.
14. Edward "C." Glen: 1892-1962, lived all his life on the original Glen farm - Lot 30 Con IV. He married Mary MacLaren: 1897-1965 in 1917 and had two children - Robert: 1920-86 and Alice (Mrs Chester Neillans of London.) Robert also spent his whole life on his father's farm and inherited it when his mother died. Robert married Muriel Wise in 1948. Their son Gordon lives on the family acres - the 5th generation to do so.
15. Eliza-Ann says "Kate Pearson's mother" because we have here an example of how many Scots settlers had the same names. The lady she refers to is Margaret McDonald (1826-1915) wife of pioneer Alex. McEwen, who lived on lot 15, Con 3, 15 farms south of his nephew Malcolm. Most of that family went west or to the U.S. John and Ann stayed on the home place and Kate married John Pearson in 1887. With more than one Duncan, Alex., John, Margaret and Catherine McEwen's, it is easy to get confused. To make it worse, they are all sort of related.
16. The watch, the case and the guarantee are preserved in the house at Glenfarm.
17. Whittingham's farmed on the 4th concession south of sideroad 25 and the James Stewart place. Will Potter, who took over

the farm married a Whittingham girl. One of their daughters, Hazel, would marry Malcolm (or Mike) MacFarlane, son of John, and, Eliza-Ann's nephew.

18. Mrs Lang was the daughter of James MacFarlane's brother (Donald? William?) Check.
19. The Biggins family had the first farm south of Clinton on the Stanley side of the London Road. They were English settlers with means and the original Biggins was often referred to as "Squire" Biggins.





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1. S. Maggie [Lang] & Agnes [were] in church *Stormy*
[this] morning & Jno.[in the] even[ing.]
2. M. Agnes [is] helping Jane to [wallpaper[.]
E.A. Isard[was] here[.] Rob [Lang] & Jno.
[went to] Clinton in[the] Horse and cut-
ter A.M.[The] Kids & the Mr & Mrs [were]
at U[n]cle Ja[me]s[']s[.]
3. T. Rob & Jno.[were] at Snell's, Fair's etc.;
Agnes washed[.]
4. W. Lang's & Agnes [visited] at Jane's & *Fine*
Mac's[.] Dan Ross (Denver)[was here] for
dinner[.] Mrs Finley & Bella Ross [were]
here[.] I took E.A Isard home[.]
5. T. Rob, Agnes & Bella [were] in Clinton[.] *Stormy*
Rob [was] at Biggins'[es] for dinner[.]
Rob, Maggie & I [were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s
in the evening[.]
6. F. [Rob, Maggie] & [the] Baby [were] visit-
ing Maggie's old neighbours[.] Tom & Jim
Agar [were] here for dinner [and] Jane was
in all day[.]
7. S. Willie Isard came for E.A.[in the] even- *Snowing*
ing[.] Father [was] in Clinton[.] He rode *som[e]*
"Sorrol" to & from Wigg[inton]'s[.]
8. S. Rob, Maggie, Bella & I [were] in Church *Stormy*
[this] morn[ing]. John, Bella, Ned & Jane
went in the] even[ing.]
9. M. E.A. Isard [came] back [this] morning[.] *Stormy*
Maggie [Lang][.] washed[.]
10. T. Agnes melted snow[.]* I Over-easted *Very Stormy*
Bell's B[la]ck dress & B[la]ck wrapper & **the supply*
[I] put pockets in the skirts[.] *of rainwater*
in the cistern or rain-
barrel had been used up
by a houseful of guests[.]
11. W. [I] sewed hooks on [Bella's black dress *Snowed some*
and black wrapper.] Jane [was] in all
day[.] Folks [were] breaking [open the
snowed-in] roads to-day[.]
12. T. The 5 of us [were] in Clinton P.M. get-
ting photos taken & Lang's, us & Mac's 2
girls[went to] Jane's[in the] even[ing.]
13. F. Jno. took E.A. Isard home this even[ing.]
Father & Rob [were] at Wise's & Middle-
ton's[.]
14. S. Mr & Mrs Lang [were] in Clinton calling
on Mrs McLennon([at the] bakery)[.] Bella
[was] in Clinton with Ned[.]
15. S. Maggie & Agnes[were]in Church[this] mor- *Very Stormy*
ning [and] Jno. [in the] even[ing.]
16. M. John & I [were] in Clinton [and we] took *Very Cold*
Bella up to [the] station en-route for *Wind*
Ottawa[.] Mr & Mrs Lang went with us to
Mac's going to Gilmour's[.]

17. T. Jno. drove Mr & Mrs Lang & Family to [the] station enroute for Hensall[.] Mother [was] at U[n]cle John's early this morning. Mary's second son born[.]*
Clear & Cold
Sunshiny
*Donald Ross
1893-1981
18. W. Ag washed[.] I made [a] basting-thread holder [and] sorted the dress-making remains etc. Father & Jno took the hind quarter of beef to the cellar[.]
Cold & Raw
Some snow & Drifts
19. T. Jno. was at Glen's cutting all day[.] Finley called P.M. while the Mrs went to U[n]cle Jno.'s[.] I [went to] Clinton in [the] Cutter P.M.
Some warmer,
Bad Roads for passing
20. F. Father [was] in Clinton[.] I took him to Wigg[inton's] corner and met him at Jane's[.] Jno. Middleton [was] here P.M. & even[ing. I] made [a] cord bag etc. for the pantry[.]
Warmer
Sunshiny
21. S. D[an] Ross [came] for dinner[.] Ag & I [were] at Jane's [this] even[ing. I] cleaned the Hen-House[.]
Heavy W.
Frost
Sunshiny
Eliza-Ann comments about the temperatures for Jan 11-21
"In the zero direction all these nights."
22. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.]
Some Warmer
Snow
23. M. Father & Mother [were] in Varna at Foster's[.] Jno. Middleton's son was here P.M. Jane called [while] Ned [was] down at U[n]cle Jno.'s[.]
24. T. Jno. [is] working in [the] bush[.] Jane [was] in here P.M. Agnes drove her down to Aunty's & then home[.]
25. W. Ned [was] at U[n]cle Jno.'s [and] bought 3 head of cattle - a fat heifer & the others milkers[.] I washed[.]
Drifted some,
fine
26. T. Agnes [was] in Clinton[.] She got Jane to go with her [and] bought a mantle[.]
Dullish W
27. F. Agnes & John, [using] Adam's sleigh [went] with [a] load to Thompson's [this] even[ing. I]
Silver Snow
28. S. I washed, cleaned [the] hen house, & swept out [the] veranda[.] Agnes scrubbed, blackened [the] stove & carried in soft water[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. shore 2 billy lambs[.]
Silver Thaw
Raining
29. S. T. Wigg[inton] at Glen's [and] called here[.]
Windy
Freezing
30. M. [Father shore] the other lamb to day[.]
Snowing a little
31. T. Agnes & I [were] down at U[n]cle Jno.'s & [at] Aunty's [this] even[ing. I]
Drifting
- February, 1893**
1. W. Jane [was] in P.M. at Lizzie's & her & I [were] at Aunty's [in the] even[ing. I] put [a] collar on [an] old gingham basque[.]
Mild, Cold
Stiff N. Wind
even[ing]

NAMES

Standing, L. to R. Charles, Mary Emma, (Mrs Donald R. Ross, and James Adam. Seated L to R. Alice Louisa, (Mrs John L. Parke) Margaret Elizabeth, (Mrs William Glen) Lillian Ellen, John Barkley, Annie, and, Isabella Melvina (Mrs John B. Green.)



FIRST COUSINS: THE JOHN STEWART FAMILY

While the date of this studio portrait is unknown, the people in the picture appear to be the right age for this to have been taken in 1891. It was probably one of the several presents given to John and Abigail Stewart by their children at the house party on Christmas day, 1891.

2. T. Agnes [was] in Clinton P.M. Mrs [Finley McEwen, Mrs Duncan McEwen] & Mrs Scott [were] at Jane's[. I worked at] putting [a] collar on [the] black-striped dress[.] S.Thaw, night
3. F. Adam[Stewart was]here cutting wood with John[. I] finished fixing [the] B[lac]k Dress[.] 1st lambs 1 sheep in morning 1 dead & 1 living 2nd 2 lambs night Stormy,Cold
4. S. Adam [was] with John all day[.] Agnes & I[were]out at Jane's [this] even[ing.] D.M. Ross fetched our mail Hard Drifts Calm even[ing]
5. S. Cold 101 S.E Wind
6. M. Agnes washed & I accomplished nothing visible[. I did the hen nests and fed the boys[.]H.P. was over for [the]step-ladder[. I] hunted up old books to see how to make..... Silver Thaw 1 Raining Snowing evening
7. T. Jane [was] in all day[.] Jno. took her home & went to town[.] Fenwick fetched our mail[.I] cut [a] black polinise off into a basque[.] Drifting 102 some & a little snow
8. W. Ned [was] in sawing wood with Jno. P.M. Ag [was] down at Aunty's P.M. Cold Wind 1 some drifts
9. T. [Ned was in sawing wood with Jno. P.M. I] Finis[hed] fixing the basque[.] Mr Finley McEwen & [daughter] Anna Bell [were here] for dinner[.] Snowing & 2 Drifting P.M.
10. F. Ned [was] in sawing P.M. Jane was in too[.] They went down to U[n]cle Jno.'s [in the] even[ing. I] Made [a] feed trough for hens & 1 nest box[.] Snowing & 2 Drifting A.M.
11. S. N[ed] sawing P.M. T[om] Frazier [was here]for dinner. I]made 2 nest-boxes[.] Agnes & Jane[were]in Clinton P.M. Aunty [was] up P.M. (2 lambs-doubles) Fine & 1 Nice
12. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Good sleighing (2 lambs-doubles) W. Frost. 1 Beautiful
13. M. Jane & I went to Nicholas Cuming's[.] Jno. McKenzie [was] here [and] bought [the] B[lac]k Heifer[.] Nice 1
14. T. Jane & I went to Brigham's for dinner & to old Mr Elliot's P.M. Jane stayed at Brigham's all night [and] I stayed at Elliot's a little 7 silver, raining P.M.
15. W. Jane & I got home about 10 o'clock. Lizzie & [the] children & Aunty [were] here P.M. Father & Jno. took the heifer to McKenzie's[.] Nice 3
16. T. Jno. [was] cutting wood with Ned[.] Wigg[inton] & J. Dunkin & Charlotte called[.] Father [was] out buying a cow from Jno. Stewart & [was] at Jack McDonald's for dinner T. Cold Wind 7 Flakey

17. F. I [was] in Church P.M. (McQuarrie-Wingham)[.] Jno. hauled home some wood[.] W. Glen [is] cutting[.] Powell & Young [were] here [this] even[ing.] Father went to Dunkin's [this] even[ing] with Mac[.] Fen[wick] & Jno. [have] gone to Wigg[inton's] dance[.] 6
Cold East Wind
Stormy even-
[ing] & night
below zero
18. S. John [was] sawing wood with Ned P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. [and] Ag drove her home[.] D.M. Ross, wife & family left for Denver[.] Snowing 8
& drifting
a little
19. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Snowing 10
Very Stormy
20. M. Jno., A[g] & I [were] at Mac's [in the] even[ing.] The 4th con[cession] & [the] 2nd con[cession] folks [were] there[.] Jno. [worked] with Ned P.M. 11
Dull & Cold
21. T. Mr & Mrs Lang & Luella [were] back for dinner[.] Jno. [worked] with Ned P.M. J.W. McDonald P.M. fetched oats[.] 10
Snowed some
22. W. Mr & Mrs Lang & Luella left after dinner[.] Jno. [was working] with Ned[Glen] & Jno. Scott P.M. Agnes [was] at McTavish's P.M. & her & I [were] at Jane's [in the] even[ing.] Nice 9
23. T. Jno. [was] in Clinton P.M. Aunty [has] gone to Green's [We are] making Jno.'s drawers[.] 10
Snowing &
some drifts
24. F. Jno. [was] sawing with Ned P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] drawers[.] Out at Jane's this even[ing] in cutter for [a] letter[.] 11
Fine, Sunshiny
25. S. I [was] out at Jane's morn[ing] & even[ing] for mail[.] I was [at the] barn all P.M. Ned & Jane [were] in Clinton sitting for photos[.]¹ 19
Flakey, Sun-
shiny
26. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Nice 7
some drifts
27. M. At barn A.M. cleaning Pea-floor at hay Cold E. 9
Wind Some
Drifts
28. T. [I have been] Making Father's drawers[.] This even[ing] I was [pasting in] scrap books[.] We [Had frozen] eggs for tea[.] 13
Raining, West
Wind, Colder
- March, 1893**
1. W. A[g] & I [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter A.M. & Jno. [went] P.M. with "Sorrol" hitched with Fen[wick's.] Willie, Lizzie & Edd [were] in Clinton[.] Wigg[inton], Fen[wick], Ida, Lilly, Nannie & Bessie [were here] for dinner[.] 4
Cold W. Wind
Stormy P.M.
Sunny evening
2. T. Agnes & I [were] out at Mac's [this] evening[.] I went to Jane's but she was at Scott's[.] I swept out my room & put Jane's [wedding] presents in there[.] Fine 9
Thaw to sun
3. F. Father was at Charles Avery's² sale[; he] got a ride with U[ncl]e Jno. [Stewart.] "The load"* [landed] at Stonehouse's Mac's Girls & Boys too[.] 12
Snowing P.M.
Fine even[ing]
Stormy

* "The load" appears to be a new slang term for the five MacFarlane siblings.

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| 4. | S. | Father & W[illiam] Glen[were] in Clinton[at] McIsa[a]c's farm sale(our cutter [Glen's] horse)[.] | Stormy | 6 |
| 5. | S. | Agnes & I [went to] Church in [the] cutter(Stewart)[.] | Fine, drift-
ing P.M. | 5 |
| 6, | M. | A[g] washed kitchen window valences[.] I was helping Jno. to haul in some hay P.M.(from one barn to the other.) | Fine
C. Wind | 8 |
| 7. | T. | Agnes & I [were] at D. McEwen's [this] even[ing] & Father out at Jane's went with us[.] | Beautiful &
Warm | 7 |
| 8. | W. | I Mended faher's shirt & cleaned the hen-house[. I]Have to help with chores at night this long-time[.] | C. Wind
Real Thaw | 10 |
| 9. | T. | Father shore 3 ewe lambs[.] I [was] in Clinton P.M.[The Roads[are]very bad[.] Spotty calved [this] morning[.] Ellie Cairns [was here this] even[ing] & all night[.] | Rain P.M.
Clear even[ing] | 4 |
| 10. | F. | Father & I shore 3 ewe lambs[.] [Ellie Cairns was here] all day[& all night.] | Fine | 9 |
| 11. | S. | Father walked to Clinton[. He]got back with W[illiam] Glen [who] turned back about Pearson's[. I] Mended Father's pants & finished making his drawers[.] | Raining | 8 |
| 12. | S. | Ned was in P.M. for tea[.] Their 1st cow calved to-night[.] | A little
soft snow | 14 |
| 13. | M. | I walked to Clinton A.M. to post [a] letter to Bella[.] McTavish called[.] Jno. [has] gone to Graham's[. I] drove [to Clinton] P.M. to post a reply card[.] | Froze
a little
E. Wind | 12 |
| 14. | T. | [I] Helped father shere(sic) all 3 ewe lambs[.] Making button-holes in Mother's good basque[.] Dewdrop calved [a] heifer[.] Jane was in P.M. I took her home & her 12 hens[.] | Raining
Snowing | 11 |
| 15. | W. | Father walked to Clinton to get B.Marshall's writings done[.] Finished button-holes, sewed buttons on old shoes & sewed slippers[.] | Blustery | 18 |
| 16. | T. | I [was] in Clinton P.M. | Fine
Cold Wind | 13 |
| 17. | F. | Willie Scott[was]in A.M. Ag & I [were] at Jane's [this] evening[.] Ned [was] in town [and] fetched our mail[.] | Fine, frosty
Sun Thaw | 14 |
| 18. | S. | Ned [was]in all day sawing with John[. I] Cleaned [the] Hen-House[.I] have to help with the chores every night[.] | | 19 |
| 19. | S. | Agnes & I [were] in Church(McDonald-Seaforth)[.] John walked up [to church in the] even[ing].] Charlie's son born (1st)[.]* | Soft Snowing | 16 |

*Frank Stewart
1893-1945

- 20. M. Ned [was] in [here] all day sawing[.] Mother & I [drove to] Clinton in [the] cutter[.] started making bleached cotton p[an]ts[.] 16
Cold Wind, Rain-
ing Even[ing]
- 21. T. [Ned still here sawing. I] Helped move move some peas on straw[.] 20
Thawing, Dull
- 22. W. Mother [was] out at Jane's for dinner[.] Uncle James's Annie was here & at Glen's P.M. Jno. [was] with Ned sawing[.] 21
Some snow
C.E. Wind
- 23. T. I [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter[.] [John & Ned still sawing.] 15
Soft
- 24. F. Kate & Lizzie McTavish [were] here P.M. [John & Ned still sawing.] Ned & Jno. [were] in Clinton [this] even[ing.] 19
Thawing, A
Shower at noon
River floods
- 25. S. [I] Finis[hed] making drawers[.] Jane [was] in P.M. Adam fetched the mail[.] Ida Stewart [was] at Glen's P.M. Father [was] there [this] even[ing] for a little while[.] 18
Frozen a little
Dull
- 26. S. Jno. [was] in Church [this] even[ing.] Father [was] at U[n]cle James's[.] 23
Fine, Frost
at night
- 27. M. [I] Made 3 towells & sewed at Mother's dress[.] Father [was] out at Mac's[.] "The load" [landed] at Jane's to-night[.] William Glen's colt died[.] 22
- 28. T. Mrs Bob Pearson & Jane [were] here P.M. [Mr] Tough [the] Assessor [was] here all night[.] 24
- 29. W. [I] Finis[hed] making mother's print dress (Dutch Elm)[.] Ida called[.] 20
- 30. T. Ned [was] sawing up [the] old house with Jno. P.M. I [visited] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s[']s P.M. Jane fetched in [the] news papers this morning[.] Aunty [was] back A.M. 20
Thawed a lot
Frost at night
- 31. F. Good Friday Aunty was up[.] Ag took out A[un]t & [the] news papers to Jane in the Jane in the buggy[.] I washed[.] Maggie Cuming died³..... 28
Snow went a
lot, Frost at
night

April, 1893

- 1. S. I [drove] in [to] Clinton [in the] buggy P.M... [I was] at Aunty's [this] even[ing] & Ag [was] at Jane's[.] 30
Fine
Frozen
- 2. S. Agnes & I [were] in church (Stewart)[.] Father heard frogs[.] 42
Fine
Snow show-
ers P.M.
- 3. M. Father went to Blythe to Maggie Cuming's funeral[.] I took him up [in the] morn[ning] & went for [him in the] even[ing.] Rosy calved [this] morning & Fannie A.M. Jno. & A[g] were] at Isard's dance[.] I heard the] Frogs singing[.] 25
Rain A.M.
Fine, P.M.
warm showers
- 4. T. [I was] With father A.M. measuring [a] field[.] I was] stitching [a] jacket[.] Jane & Auntie [were] here P.M. & Tene & Bell [in the] even[ing.] John is plowing sod land 30
Thunder
H. Wind
Snow went
fast.

5. W. Agnes walked to Clinton[.] Ed[ward] Glen Sr.[was here] P.M. [I] Set 2 Varna geese [on] 22 eggs [and] 1 hen [on] 15 eggs[.] 24
Dull, coolish
6. T. [I] Was just ready for Clinton when Carrie & Kitty arrived. [I have been making Button holes in Mother's lilac [dress.] I got my] 1st Turkey egg[.] C[old] 35
E[ast]
Wind
7. F. Jno. [has been] plowing old sod [in the] field beside [the] barn these days[.] Jack Parke, Adam [Stewart] & Jno. [were] at Mac's[.] Jane was in P.M. stitching [the] jacket[.] Mr Jno. Dunkin & [his] Father [were] here [in the] even[ing.] 26
Dull A.M.
Warm P.M.
8. S. Father [was] in Brucefield for McIntosh A.M. ([The] Young bull [is] sick[. He] came P.M. Jno. [was] at [the] mill for chop A.M. & in Clinton P.M. getting "horse" shod[.] I [was] in Clinton P.M. High 29
c[old]
wind
9. S. A[gness] & I[were] in church A.M. (Stewart.) Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] C. Wind 29
a sprinkle
of snow
10. M. I [went] in[to] Clinton P.M. [for a] "Rooster" [which came] on the [1:30] express[. I paid] \$2.00 express charges (minus) 70 [cents for picking it up in person[.] Jno. [is] plowing[.] McIntosh [came this] even[ing.] Dull 30
C. Wind
11. T. [Eleven o'clock] when I got in this morning & out early even[ing. I was] at Aunty's [this] even[ing.] H.E. Wind 38
Dull
12. W. [The] Glen's had Mary at doctor for skin disease[.] A[g] & I [were] at Jane's for a little while [this] even[ing.] H.S.E. Wind 32
Rain at night
13. T. Mother & Aunty [were] at Jane's P.M. I [was] in Clinton P.M. 34
14. F. John [was] at[the] Brucefield Show [and] got [a] 1st [prize] for horses. [I] set [a] 2nd hen[.] Ja[ne], A[g] & I [were] at the Debating Society's Entertainment even[ing.] Dull & cold 26
Snowing....
15. S. [I] Stitched Mother's basques & mended Fa[ther's] shirt[.] Set [the] 3rd goose[.] A[g] & I [were] at Aunty's [this] even[ing.] Snowed 36
A.M. 2 or 3
in[ches]
Thawed [in] sun
16. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] Jno. walked [to the] even[ing] service[.] Jessie Wigginton [was] here P.M. I [was] at S[abbath] School[.] C. Wind 31
Raining
17. M. [Jane & I were] in Clinton P.M. 27
C. Wind
Clear & Fine
18. T. U[n]cle Ja[me]s [was here] P.M. & for tea[.] Mr G[eorge] Baird [was here] for tea also[.] Aunty [came] up[.] [I] Set 3 hens with turkeys[.] [I] Took [a] hive out of packing[. All the bees were] dead[.] Clear & Fine 24
Sun Warm

19. W. Winters, D. Ross & Harry Steep [were here] for tea[.] Ross & [another man] were after potatoes[.] Agnes [was] at Wigginton's P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. at [the] bush for flowers 33
20. T. [I] Finis[hed] Mother's lilac dress [The heavy] wind blew [our] wood-shed about 2 1/2 [feet] aside & blew down [a] barn door & [at] Ned's place [it blew the] roof off Robinson's⁴ barn[.] very very windy, Raining too 30
21. F. [I] Finis[hed] mother's blue print basque ([the] 3rd one lately.) Fen[wick was] up for [the] Gander[.] Jane fetched in [news]-papers [this] morn[ing.] W[illiam] Glen fetched more [in the] even[ing.] Ag [was] at Glens P.M. Windy, Raining & Snowing 27
22. S. Father [was] at Mac's for dinner[.] With Mac [he was] at the Martin's P.M. [and they had tea at T[om] Frazer's[.] I [was] at Aunty's P.M. Ned [stopped] in on his way to [the Robertson] barn[.] Rain & Snow 23
23. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church (Stewart.) [We] lost [a] bolt out of [the] whiffeltree coming home[.] C. Wind Some Snow 23
24. M. Fa[ther] & Jno. [are] putting [up] some fences[.] Jno. [was] plowing P.M. I made [a] print case for my comfortables[.] Dull 28
25. T. [I] Washed & Ironed[.] Agnes scrubbed Jno.'s stair[.] Agnes & I [were] at Jane's [in the] even[ing.] C. Wind Fine 24
26. W. D. Ross [was] paying for potatoes[.] I [was] Mending an old smock for John[.] [I] Cleaned [the] Henhouse[.] A[g] swept Mother's room and hall[.] H.C. Wind Raining 14
27. T. [I] Cleaned wheat with Jno. A.M. Jno. in Clinton P.M. for flour[.] We got Belle's photos & letter[.]⁵ [I] set [a] hen [in the] H[orse] Stable[.] I was [at] Aunty's [in the] even[ing.] H.C. Wind 24
28. F. Jane & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Mac (C) Aunty [was] up[.] Windy Some Warmer 29
29. S. McTavishes [called] in for [the] scraper[.] Fa[ther] was over at Trick's [and] I was at Ned's[.] C. Wind Fine 19
30. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church (Mr Hunt-McDonald's assistant [in] Seaforth.) Stayed at Ned's [after church.] I got [a] sheep on her back. Ned [was here] in [the] even[ing.] Warmer Raining P.M. evening 20

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1. M. [A] lamb died[.] I stitched Mother's blue & yellow skirt[.] Jane [was] in P.M. Harry [Diehl] & Jno. caught 4 suckers P.M. & [Jno. caught 2 at night.] 1st ones [this year.] Warm & Showery 28
2. T. Fa[ther] & Jno. moved [the] wood-shed back[.] I stitched mother's cashmere skirt[.] Colder Dull..... 20

3. W. [I stitched Mother's] Basque etc. Fa-ther mended [the] gate at [the] barn[.] Sunshiny & Warm
Jno. [did the] 1st. sowing P.M. Mamie, Bessie & Eddy Glen [were] here A.M. [while] Lizzie [was] in Clinton[.] 17
 4. T. Jane took their sheep down & visited Aunty P.M. I [was] in Clinton P.M. Mrs Glen Sr had a stroke[.] Ned & Jane were up all night[.] C. N. Wind 22
 5. F. U[n]cle Ja[me]s's Annie [was here] P.M. Nannie called [this] even[ing] - She had been] at Glen's helping Lizzie make over [a] dress[.] Some of the cows [were] away all night[.] 33
 6. S. Father [went A.M. in the buggy] with 2 bags of grain for chop[.] I] Took "Dolly" out for Ned & Jane to go to his mother's[.] I] finis[hed] Mother's skirt[.] Clear 20
 7. S, A[g] & I [were] in church(Stewart)[.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] Ada [was] at S[abbath] S[chool.] Good Wind Beautiful 21
 8. M. Father walked to Clinton [and] got 2 teeth filled[.] I] Took Dolly out for Jane to go to Clinton [this] even[ing] to stay all night[.] Nice & Warm 25
 9. T. Jno. went out for Doll for Father to go to Blake to the mason's for grapevines[.] He] bought 2 pigs[.] The cows [were] all out all night[.] Beautiful & Warm 22
 10. W. Father [was] in Clinton [with the] buggy[.] He] left the horse with Jane [upon his return] to go to Clinton [at night[.] I] finis[hed] Mother's cashmere dress, all but [the] overcasting[.] I was] cleaning oats P.M. Nice & Warm 22
 11. T. [The] Glen's [were] in Clinton[;] Mary & Bessie [stayed] here[.] A] sheep lambd - [she] had, I think, [a] ewe[.] Mary foaled - [she had] (this is right) [a] filly[.] J[ane] & A[g] etc. [are] making a factory corset cover[.]* Rained a little a little cooler 30
- *The 3 sisters have a production line making "unmentionables" for Jane's trousseau.
12. F. At sheep all P.M. dagging and feet[.] A[g] & I washed [the] buggy at Smith's river[.] Jno. & Ned [have] gone to look for pigs by Varna[.] They got 4 - 2 for Will[iam] Glen.] 21
 13. S. Jno. finis[hed] sowing [this] even[ing.] [I]finis[hed the] waist, all but part of [the] lace. Jno. got [a] fish last night [at] Adam's[.] Rainy 27
 14. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(stewart)[.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] Ada & Lily[Stewart] were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Misty Fine P.M. 21
 15. M. Fa[ther], Jno., Ag & Mamie [were] washing sheep [in the] river P.M. W[illiam] Glen [was] at Ben Miller for[a] spruce tree[.]⁶ Mrs Dunkin [was] here P.M. A[g] & I[were] out at Jane's [this] even[ing.] Fine C.N. Wind 26

16. T. Fa[ther] A[g] & Jno.[were] picking stones *Misty & W* 18
all day[.] I [joined them] P.M. Scruton & *Cold, Wind*
F. Carling [were] here trying to buy & *Rain*
lambs[.] We kept [the] milch cows in to-
night[.]
17. W. [I was] Out at D[uncan] McEwen's to see 26
about getting oats[.] Fa[ther was] at *Cold Wind*
U[n]cle Ja[me]s's A.M. Jno. [was] at [the] *& Rain*
mill P.M. with chop [and] fetched [some]
lumber home[.]
18. T. Mac's (C) Father [was] at [the] mill for 25
chop and got a long ladder[.] Jno.[was] at *C.H. Wind*
Brucefield to see about oats[.] The *Fine*
Colts were out all night(I think)[.] Fitzsimmons
was here [and] bought lambs[.]
19. F. Father went to Clinton with Mac[this]mor- 21
ning[.] I] Planted Onions, Beans & Corn[.] *Fine &*
Jno. Thompson [was here] for dinner [and] *Warm*
bought a billy[.]
20. S. Jane & I [were] in Clinton[.] I] Got Dolly 25
shod[.] Jimmy Dunkin [came] for eggs [and
stayed] for dinner[.] Wiley [was] around
[in the] even[ing.]
21. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jno. 16
up with Adam etc.
22. M. [I] Aired feather-ticks etc. A.M. Ned, Jane 23
& Mamie washed their sheep P.M. I
planted 4 rows [of] potatoes [in the] even-
[ing.]
23. T. A[g] & I planted 1 row [of] potatoes[.] 18
[Two] pedler[s] called[- one representing *Raining &*
the] Chatham Fanning-mill [Company and the *Windy*
other] Home Comfort Steel Range[s.] I] darned
socks [and I] hemmed Jane's print
frills & put one on my brown print[.] A[g]
ironed P.M. [and] I [did] some too[.]
24. W. A[g] & I planted 8 rows [of] potatoes A.M. 28
[and] Fa[ther] & [planted 9 more] P.M. A[g] *C. Wind*
& Jane, Bell & Mag[gie] McEwen [were] at *Fine*
[the] river P.M.
25. T. I planted 10 1/4 rows [of] Carrots and op- 20
ened one[.] I planted] 4 1/4 [rows of mangos *C.H. Wind*
P.M. Fa[ther] & A[g] opened rows & cover- *Threatening*
ed[.] Jno. Diehl [came] here [this] even- *Rain. Fine*
[ing and] bought 3 shearlings[.]
26. F. Mother & I [were] in Clinton[.] John Diehl 20
was here] for sheep [and] got 4[.] I plan- *Some Rain*
ted 16 rows [of] Mangols A.M. & opened a
little [and] Ag planted 3 3/4 [rows] P.M.
[Cousin] Ida [was] here P.M. & [The] Rev.
[Mr] Stewart called[.]
27. S. Father & I shore 10 sheep (Fa[ther] shore 26
2 of them alone)[.] Ag [was] at U[n]cle *Dull, Misty*
Ja[me]s's P.M.
28. S. Ag & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jno. 21
walked [to church in the] even[ing][.] *C. Wind, Fine*
29. M. Mary Glen started school[.] Fa[ther] & I 23
shore 10 sheep[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. & Mac *Nice*
[were] down [this] even[ing] with Ned [Glen] *Rain*
taking down [Robertson's] shed[.]

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30. T. [Father & Mac were back at the Robertson place] with Ned [this] morning[. Father A.M. and I shore] 7[sheep] P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. stitching [her] dress[.] Jno. [was] in Clinton with 8 bags [of] potatoes[.] 29
Fine & Nice
31. W. Fa[ther] & I shore 7 sheep A.M. [and] 1 [in the] even[ing and] finis[hed shearing.[.] Mr & Mrs A. Dunkin & Pearl [were] here P.M. I put away furs to-day & finis[hed] rak-[the] door yard[.] 21
- June, 1893
1. T. Fa[ther], A[g] & I Planted 13 rows [of] turnips A.M. Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] fencing P.M. [at] Rathwell's bush fence[.] Mac's girls [were here] in [the] even[ing.] 21
Warm Showery P.M.
2. F. Frank Shore [was] here about Advocate ads[.]⁸ Ag & Jane [were] in Clinton P.M. [We moved stoves and cleaned pipes-our's and] Aunty's[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [are] fencing below [the] old house at [the] road[.] 18
Fine & Warm Showers
3. S. [I] Set 4 hives [of] Bees out of chaff & washed 2 bee-boxes[.] 24
Very Warm & Fine. H. Rain P.M. & even[ing.]
4. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church (Stewart)..... Mrs Glen died[.]⁹ 21
Fine & Warm, Dull P.M.
5. M. A[g] washed[.] I house-cleaned my room [and] Bella's & Cleaned [the] Hen-house[.] 22
Dull, Very Warm
6. T. Father & Mother [were] at Mrs [Elizabeth] Glen's funeral P.M. Bessie [Glen was] here[.] 17
Fine, dull Cold evening
7. W. Buchanan [in connection with the] Stock Journal ad came for tea & [stayed] all night[.] Jno. & he [were] at Wigg[inton's] this] even[ing.] Jno. [was] in Clinton P.M. [attending] fair day[.] Fa[ther] was] harrowing summer-fallow[.] 17
Fine, cold
8. T. I [was] helping Jane P.M. [to get ready for the barn-]raising* [this] even[ing.] Fa[ther] was] at Dunkin's with Buchanan[.] Tene Baird & Tene McEwen [were here] P.M. Albert Wise & wife & kid called [this] even[ing.] 18
Fine & Warm
- *I think salvage from the Robertson barn is being assembled and raised as a third bay on the east end of Ned's barn on Lot 31-3.
9. F. Jane & I [were] in Clinton P.M. [The] McQueen's¹⁰ [are] at Glen's[.] Fa[ther] was] harrowing and gang-ploughing P.M. 31
very Warm & windy
10. S. Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] in Clinton with [a] steer for Fitzsimons[.] Fa[ther] & I sowed all 5 rows of turnips P.M. Jno. [worked] at [the] fence P.M. [I] finis[hed] cutting out [a] print dress[.] 18
Heavy Rain all Saturday
11. S. Agnes & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing. J.C. Gilroy's, J.W. Jarvis's & Lawyer Scott's baby's (sic) [were] baptized[.] 31
Fine & Warm
12. M. Father started mowing [the] lawn [for the] 1st time [this year. It was pretty] near hay[. The] Spys we kept [are] all going to rot[.] (We made jeus (sic) of some[.]) Wigg[inton] was here] P.M. [The] two pump men [stayed for tea[.] A[g] & I [were] at the school [house] picking library books [this] even[ing.] 22
Fine, Very Warm

13. T. I washed, A[g] washed her print dress... .. 15
..& swept upstairs[.] *Fine & Warm*
14. W. Kitchen & Jim Swan [were here] for dinner[.] I washed P.M. A[g] & I were picking [potato] bugs all A.M.....A[g] was visiting Mrs Nott & Ellie Cairns P.M. 15
15. T. [Ag & I picked bugs A.M.] Jane & Tene [were here] in [the] evening[.] Mac's fetched our papers[.] *Fine & very warm* 17
16. F. [I] Sewed the band on [a] skirt & made 3 frills[.] Fitzsimmons[came] after a lamb, (1st one)[.]Ag[and I] ironed[and I killed 2 roosters[.] *Fine & very warm A.M. Heavy Rain & Hail P.M.* 16
17. S. Father went to Clinton to meet Bella(returning from Ottawa.) [Father] took woolJno. [was away] at road work[.] *Fine & Warm* 13
18. S. Father & Mother [were] in Church(Smyth - Methodist)[.]Jno.& Fen[wick went in the] even[ing](Houston - School Teacher.) Tom Wigg[inton] & Ernest West[were here] P.M. *Very Warm* 7
19. M. A[g] & I picked bugs A.M. & part of P.M. Father [was away] at road-work all day [and] Jno. [was] fencing[.] 8
20. T. [Father was at road work] A.M. Fa[ther] & Jno.[were] hauling manure P.M. I[was] in Clinton P.M. *Very, Very Warm* 19
21. W. [I worked] at [my] dress all day [and I] finis[hed] putting frills on [the] skirt[.Father and John were hauling manure] all day[.] *rain last night & in morning. Very very warm in evening.]* 17
22. T. A[g] & I [were] picking bugs A.M.[Father and John hauled manure all day.] Bella [was] at school P.M. Kitchen [was] letting [roadwork] jobs [this] even[ing.] *Dull & cool a little rain* 10
23. F. Jane & I [were] in Church P.M.(Carrière-Grand Bend)[.]Fa[ther] & Jno.[were]hauling manure all day[.] *Warmer* 29
24. S. A[g] & I picked bugs P.M. *A little Dull, Warm* 13
25. S. Fa[ther], Mother & I [were] in Church [in the] morn[ing] (Prof[essor] Gregg)[. I] went with Ned & Jane, Jno. & Bella [in the] even[ing.] *Fine & warm a little rain even[ing.]* 9
26. M. [Father and I were]weeding roots all day [and we] planted some cabbage[.] Jno. scuffled all the roots & potatoes[.] Fa[ther] & Jno.[were] at[the] manure [for] part A.M. *Fine, cool wind* 25
27. T. A[g] & I [worked] at [the] roots all day [and] Fa[ther helped] P.M. [after] putting out manure A.M. *Fine* 9
28. W. [Two] Hives swarmed & returned[.]Fa[ther was] at [the] mill P.M. A[g] worked at roots all day[.] Jane went to Clinton & I stayed there to get dinner ready[.] *Cool Morn-[ing], Fine* 8

29. T. Fa[ther] & Ag dipped 35 lambs [and] I [worked] at [the] roots [.] Chickens [are] coming out [and] hives swarmed [.] Hearn & a government man [were] here looking at [the] bull [.] 8
Fine & Warm

30. F. Fa[ther], A[g] & I [worked] at roots [.] (Fa[ther] just finis[hed] the potatoes [.] 9

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1. S. Fa[ther] & A[g] finis[hed] dipping lambs [.] Jno. [was] in Bayfield P.M. I stayed in all day & finished making [the] print dress [.] 8
Fine

2. S. Jno. & A[g] [were] in Church (Stewart) [.] Mac's (C) 7
Fine & Warm
Pouring Rain [in] even[ing].

3. M. I [worked] at roots with Fa[ther] all day [.] Fitz[simmons] was here after lambs today (I think) [.] Mac's (C) 14
Cool & Fine

4. T. [Ag, Father and I] worked all day at roots [.] Father was in Clinton P.M. & took Jane with him [.] They got Blankets, etc.* 9
*Jane by now is three months pregnant.

5. W. Fa[ther], A[g] & I finis[hed] weeding carrots A.M. & started on [tur]nips & [were] at them P.M. Jno. [was] in Clinton & Brucefield [in the] even[ing]. 12
a little rain

6. T. At roots all day [.] (I did not write these days at the time so I might have made a mistake) [.] 14
A shower at noon

7. F. Fa[ther], A[g] & I [were] weeding turnips A.M. [We started] at hay P.M. [and] hauled in 1 load [.] Jno. [is working] at summer-fallow these days [.] 13
Fine

8. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] weeding nips all day [and have] finis[hed] weeding roots [.] A[g] scrubbed A.M. & pulled & canned cherries at [the] old house P.M. 11
Very Warm
Windy
cold even[ing]

9. S. A[g], Bella & I [were] in Church (Stewart) [.] Bees swarmed [.] 9
cold cold wind

10. M. Jno. took off [the] load & hauled in all day with [the] grey stallion [for the] 1st time [.] He hauled in 5 loads of hay [while] I [did the] raking with "Old Kate" [.] The w[est] hive swarmed [.] 12
Fine, cool wind

11. T. [We hauled in 6 loads of hay.] Father [was] in Brucefield to see if [the new hay] loader came [.] Mac's & Ag [were] at Glen's [in the] even[ing]. Jno. took Bella to Varna [this] even[ing] for Bayfield tomorrow [.] 13
Fine & Warm

12. W. [We] Hauled in 7 loads [.] Jno. [was] in Clinton this even[ing]. The Hive that swarmed on [the] 9th swarmed [again]. 8
Very, Very Warm

13. T. Ag & I went to Goderich [to the] Prebby-Methodist Picnic [.] We left [the] horse in Clinton [.] Aunty helped Mother [this] even- [ing.] Bella [came] home [in the] even- [ing]. 7
showers P.M.
Heard Thunder

14. F. [I] cut out [a] light delaine skirt with flower[.] Jane [was] in P.M. [We were] putting up hay after IV P.M. Parke's [are] at Glen's[.] Fine & very Warm
15. S. Aunty & I [were] in Clinton[. I Got Dolly shod [and] I got 2 front teeth filled[. I was] putting up hay [in the] even[ing.] Heavy Rain Fine & very warm
16. S. Bella & I [were] in Church(Stewart)) [.] Jno.[went in the] even[ing.] A[g] had [a] sty & sore lip[.] 14
17. M. [We] Hauled in 7 loads [of hay. I] raked it up with Kate[.] Fitz[simmons was here] for [a] lamb[.] Fine & Warm
18. T. [We hauled in 5 loads. I raked where the windrows were[.] Swan [was] here telling [us that the] loader [had] arrived[.] cooler 12
19. W. Fa[ther was] in Clinton A.M. [for twine [from the] Central Prison[.] Mac went for [the] loader & [it was] used P.M. Father & Jno. moved to the shanty field [and] Hauled in 1 load [in the] even[ing.] I greened potatoes A.M. & P.M. [We] 43
20. T. [We] Hauled 3 loads with [the hay] loader 1st shanty field P.M. Father [was] mow- ing A.M. [in the] field next shanty[.] S[am] Cooper [was here] all night to bore (sic) ladder[.] Very Warm even[ing] 17
21. F. [Father] finis[hed] mowing in field next shanty. We] Hauled in 4 loads [-] all of Shanty field[.] Jule [was] in for "Dolly." Mother [was] in Clinton with Jane P.M. Fine & Warm 12
22. S. [We] finis[hed] haying[.] Hauled in 7 loads [including] all [the] last field & what was left in [the] Rathwell [place.] I raked with Mary(imported)[.] Very Windy A.M. Sprinkle of rain P.M. 13
23. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Bayfield) Hen- derson)[.] Jno.[went in the] even[ing.] Old Innis died[today.]¹¹ The "Master"[is] away at [the] Chicago World's Fair[.] * Fa- [ther was] at Wigg[inton's.] * It was a settled convention in the neighbour- hood that George Baird would pen the obituaries in the weekly New Era. The obituary for John In- nes, which would normally have appeared in the New Era on July 27, appears a week later on Aug- ust 3. Very dusty 14
24. M. Father [was] in Clinton A.M. [We started] Cutting wheat[.] Fa[ther] A[g] & I [were] stooking P.M. A[g] picked our first Rasp- [berrie]s A.M. Fine, Windy Slight Shower 9
25. T. Father & I [were] at [the Innes] funeral [and] went [in the procession] as far as Clinton[. We] finis[hed] stooking [the wheat] A.M. Warm & Windy 9
26. W. Hauled in 4 loads of wheat P.M. Rid barn & took off [last] hay load before[.] Fa- [ther] [was] hoeing roots[.] Mrs A. McMur- chie [was] here A.M. collecting [money] for [the Rev. Mr] Stewart's present[.] * Fine & Very Windy 14

*Celebrating 15 years as Willis Church's minister.

27. T. [We] Hauled in 9 loads of wheat(all but the rakings)[.] Carrie & Jennie [Grant were] here [this] even[ing] for [the lady's side-]saddle.*Uncle Ja[me]s's girls [were] at Jane's [this] even[ing.] *Fine* 10
28. F. Fa[ther] & Jno. took [the] bull [to the] station A.M. Fa[ther] brought [the] buggy[.] I raked [the] stubble A.M. & Jno. & I hauled in[the gleanings] & put[them] off etc. P.M. *Fine & Cool Rain even[ing]* 14
29. S. Father [was] at [the] mill with chop for pigs[.] Jno. & Fen[wick took] wheat[.] I washed & ironed[.] *Fine* 9
30. S. [The] Rev. Robert Craig[was]at S[abbath] S[chool. The] Master [is] back [from Chicago.] *Fine & Warm*
31. M. Jno.hauled rails for machine A.M. I held them [while he sawed them] P.M. [We] put in sheep to label lambs[.] 16

August, 1893

1. T. I [was] labelling lambs A.M.[and] making at delaine dress P.M. Woon was here asking [for] threshing hands[.]Jno. & Bella [have] gone to Varna to [a] garden party [this] even[ing.] *Fine & Warm* 43
2. W. I [was] cleaning grist A.M. Jno., Mother & I went to Clinton [in the] buggy with grist & wool P.M.[Everything was closed for] Civic Holiday [and we] had to return[.] *Nice cool breeze* 12
3. T. Father [took in the grist and the wool] A.M. Jno. [was] at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing all day[.]Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Jim Swan [was] here[.] *Very Warm & dry* 10
4. F. Jno. [was] at Woon's threshing A.M. & Mac's P.M. Father[was] at Mac's P.M.till Jno. came[.I was] out at Jane's [in the] morn[ing].....[and] made 2 jells P.M. Wigg[inton] & Jno. Plewes* [came] for dinner[.] Aunty went to Green's[.] 26
- * John Plewes was the first owner of Lot 31 (3). He moved north to Goderich Township to a small 20-acre plot on the south-east corner of the Bayfield Road and the 16th[.]
5. S. [We were] Threshing P.M. [We had] 15 men for supper, our own included[. Perdue's] Took [the] machine to the McTavish'es[.] Fitz[simmon's] son [came] for [a] lamb [in the] even[ing.] *Rain even[ing]* 11
6. S. A[g] & I [were]in Church[this] morn[ing] (Stewart)[.] Jno. & Bella [went in the] even[ing. The] Green's & Wigg[inton's] [were] at Glen's[.] *Cold Wind* 27
7. M. [We were] Cutting peas all day in [the] old sod field beside [the] barn[. Ned] Glen [was here] for tea[.] *Cool Wind* 16
8. T. [We were] cutting peas all day[.] U[n]cle Ja[me]s [came] for dinner[.]Mother[was] at [Uncle James's] P.M. *Warm* 23

9. W. [We] finis[hed] cutting peas] at 17
5 o'clock[.]
10. T. [We were] Cutting oats all day. A[g] & I 22
[were] stooking[.] Father has a boil on Very Warm
[the] back of [his] neck[.]
11. F. [We finis[hed] cutting [the] field of 23
oats & hauled in 3 loads of peas[.] Warm Rain
We had] Jim Swan & [another] gent for early even-
dinner[.] Bella went to Grant's P.M. [ing] Poured
& H[igh] Wind
12. S. [We finished cutting the last two fields 29
of oats. The] Wind last night twisted & Cool Wind
threshed [the] peas badly[.] Fa[ther]
turned some peas & set up stooks[.]
13. S. A[g] & I[were] in Church[this] morn[ing] 26
(Acheson Kippen)[.] Jno. & [George] Cold Wind
Stickley [went in the] even[ing.] Ada
[Stewart] got [a] ride home with us.
[[She]was all night at Whittingham's[.]
14. M. [We] Hauled in 6 loads of peas[.] Cool Wind 16
15. T. [We hauled in 4 loads of peas and two 13
of oats[.] One of the oat-loads had a Nice
forkful of peas on[it. We are] Finis[hed
the] peas [-] 13 [loads of] peas & [a]
forkful altogether[.] Father [was] in
Clinton [this] even[ing.]
16. W. [We] Hauled in 3 1/2 loads of oats[. Mr] 15
Sturdy [came] for dinner & Jack McDonald Dull Rain
for tea[.] Middle P.M. &
even[ing]
17. T. A[g] & Bella [were] in Clinton P.M. [I] 16
Cut out the Delaine Basque & Cleaned out Dullish, Nice
[the] Hen-House[.]
18. F. [We] Hauled in 2 loads of oats[. I] Basted` 24
[the] basque together and up[.] [A] Hedge- Heavy Rain
fence canvasser [stayed] for tea[.]* P.M. Fine
P.M. & even[ing]
- *Up until the 1820's priests school teachers of the poverty-stricken Catholic majority of British-ruled Ireland kept Gaelic alive by holding school in the shelter of hedge rows. These schools were widely looked upon as subversive of authority and of progress by the Ulster Scots-Irish protestants and were alluded to with contempt. The pro-British, anti-Catholic viewpoint was sustained by the oral tradition in the MacFarlane John Stewart and James Stewart households, and was almost never alluded to in writing. It is not clear just who the canvasser represented - a marginal protestant sect or perhaps Roman - Catholic separate school supporter seeking largesse from the wider community.
19. S. Bella went to Bayfield with Ned, Jane & 19
Tene McE[wen for the] 2nd [Concession]'s Fine & Cool
picnic [.* I] Sawed wood with Jno., Rid
upstairs in [the] woodshed, made jelli-
cake etc. * The Baird's School community spirit was such
that the tradition of having area picnics persist-
ed right up to the late 1950' The first one would
be on Dominion Day in Innes's Grove or McGreg-
or's bush. The second one would be mid-August.
As transport became faster and cheaper, Bayfield
became the favourite site. I recall that the
1957 picnics were well attended. But in the next
10 years, rural de-population, closing the school
house and the move to larger capital-intensive
farms gradually killed off the tradition[.]

20. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church [this] morn- 34
[ing](Stewart)[. Jno. & Fen[wick went in
the] even[ing[.] *Fine & Cool
Showery P.M.*
21. M. Father walked to Clinton[.] Ag washed[.]
[I] sewed hooks & eyes on [the] basque &
fitted[.] A[lex.] Innis & [John] Avery
[were] here [this] even[ing.]*
- *See footnote No. 4.
22. T. [We] Hauled in 8 loads [of] oats[.] a little warmer 37
23. W. [We hauled in 3 loads of oats and]finis-
[hed the] Harvest[.] Father went to
Brucefield [for] the new cultivator[.]
Jno. [has] gone [to a] party [at] S[am]
Rathwell's[.]
24. T. [Father was] at [the] mill with chop[.] 22
[Father] & I milked sheep A.M. Jim Swan *Very warm*
[was here] for tea[.]
25. F. Ag & Bella went to [John Thompson's] 23
(the mason). Father [was] in Clinton[.]
26. S. Father [went] for chop[.] I hurt the] top 24
of my thumb poking at[a] dress thistle &
[I had a] tooth-ache P.M.
27. S. A[g] & I [were]in Church(Stewart)[.] Jno. 21
[went in the] even[ing.] *Rain Rain*
28. M. Jno. [was] sowing wheat P.M. [I found it 15
a] nuisance working at [the] dress with *Heavy Rain A.M.*
[a sore] thumb[.] Bella [was] at [the]
school P.M. Tene & Jno.McEwen[came over]
in [the] even[ing.]
29. T. Father & I [were] in Clinton midday[.] We 46
received the] 1st[lot of game bird] fea- *Very cold*
thers from U[ncl]e Jno. [MacFarlane] in *N. Wind*
Scotland[.]¹² I ironed P.M. T[om] Wigg-
[inton is] helping Glen's paper spare
rooms[.]
30. W. Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Sandy 21
Ross & Ada[Stewart came] for dinner[.] *Pleasant*
Killed [the] 1st rooster for dinner[.]
Jennie Grant [came] P.M. & [stayed] all
night[.]
31. T. [I was] Working at [the] basque[.]I]pre- 22
served egg plumbs[.] (*sic*) [I] milked
sheep etc.[in the] even[ing.]Jane [was]
in P.M.stitching [her] blue print wrap-
per[.]Annie & Ida [Stewart were] up [in
the] even[ing] with [a] gander[.]

September, 1893

1. F. Father & Mother[have]gone to Varcoe's[.] 33
A[g] churned & I baked bread & buns *Fine, Rain even-
[ing] & night*
2. S. Father & Mother [were] at Andrews [and] 20
returned [in the] even[ing.]Ag walked to
Clinton P.M.
3. S. Father & Mother [were] in Church(Stew- 24
art)[.] Jno. & Adam [went in the even-
ing[.] Bella & I [were] in S[abbath] *Cool & pleasant*
S[chool.] Ag [has] boils on [her] face
these days[.]

4. M. Bella & I [were] in Clinton[.] Bella [was] getting dresses fixed[.] Father started digging the foundation under [the] wood-shed[.] 37
Fine & Warm
5. T. Father & Bella [were] in Clinton A.M. [I was] making[a] frill for[the] delaine[.] G[eorge] Sturdy ([who came] after [a] Billy) & Cox[stayed] for dinner[.] Smith [was here] for tea[.] 24
6. W. Jno. & Bella [were] in Clinton [this] even[ing] for [her] dresses[.] 20
Cold E. Wind
7. T. Jno. took Bella to [the] station enroute for No. 5 S.S. Colborne[.]* [I]Made Bella's shopping bag[.] A[g] made jelly (apples)[.] 27
Rain H. Wind
Fine P.M.
- * Bella's first teaching job is in a rural one-room school house, School Section #5, Colborne Township. The township is directly north of Goderich Township, the boundary being the Maitland River.
8. F. [I] made [a] frill for [the] basque and stitched the one on [the] skirt etc. Father walked to Clinton A.M. Jno. [was] trimming a lamb P.M. & Fa[ther]plowed[.] 21
Fine & Cool
9. S. [I] finished[the] delaine dress & mended Jno.'s shirt,P[an]ts & braces[.] [I] helped Father fix sheeps' feet[.] Father [went] to Clinton shipping a lamb to Jno. Junor. 30
Warmer
10. S. Jno. & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.]Jno. [went again in the] even[ing.] Jno. & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] 23
Fine &
very warm
11. M. [I]pasted starch over comfortable & partly scraped[the] cellar[.]* T. Dunkin [was here] for dinner[.] F[ather] & Jno. [have been] plowing & putting some shingles on [the] barn & [they] put [a] ring in [the] bull etc. 22
Windy
12. T. A[g] & Ada[Stewart]went to Fergueson's[.] I took them to Snell's corner[.] Jno. [Thompson* came] for tea[.]He has gone to [William] Glen's to floor [the] stable[.] [I continued] scraping [the] cellar A.M. 22
Windy & Warm
- * Stone mason John Thompson of Blake - he was the MacFarlane's mason of choice and a good friend. William Glen has raised his barn to put stables under it. Ned would do the same 1899-1900.
13. W. [I] Finis[hed] scraping [the] cellar[.]My tooth [is] aching[.] One Armed Armstrong called(peddling fruit trees[.] 25
14. T. [I] Killed & picked 8 roosters A.M. I [was]in Clinton P.M. with them[.]* Jno. [Thompson] [was] over [in the] even[ing.] 20
Very Warm &
Windy
* to sell
15. F. I washed mine own & 5 pairs of socks[.] 20
Very Warm
& Dull, Smokey
16. S. [I] Peeled apples for pies etc. A.M. [I] ironed,scrubbed, picked apples & pears[.] [I gave Jno. Thomson [a] p[ai]r of chickens[.] Fa[ther was] in Clinton A.M. Jno. hauled [a] load of sand[.] 18
Raining
Showery
Very Windy

17. S. Jno. & I [were] in Church(Hamilton Londesboro)[.] Jno [went in the even[ing] with N[ed] & J[ane]. John and I were in S[abbath] S[chool.] *Calm* 25
18. M. [I] Washed kitchen windows, blacked [the] stove etc. Father [was] in Clinton A.M. for lime & cement[.] Jno. [has been haul-stones to [the] wood-shed[.] *Raining Morn-[ing], Fine* 20
19. T. I went over to Glen's P.M. with Aunty[.I] Scalded [the] hen-house P.M. Ada & Ag returned P.M. Geo.O.Sturdy [was] here [and] bought 2 shearlings[.] *Rain Very Windy* 19
20. W. Father went to London Fair[. He] got [a] ride to Bruce[field] with Mac's[.] A[g] washed[and]Mother & Aunty[were] at Jane's P.M. I white-washed [the] hen-house[.]Jno. went to Sturdy's*for Goderich tomorrow[.] *Fine Very Windy* 19
- *Sturdy's had a farm on the north side of the Huron Road, between Clinton and Goderich, near the junction of the IX-X Concession Road, Goderich Township
21. T. Father walked to Clinton[.I] started cutting out [a] dress[.] Jno [Thomson was here] all night[.] *Nice, Windy Sprinkled* 18
22. F. Mother & I[were]in Clinton A.M. Jno.Thomson [is] here building under the wood-shed[.] *Beautiful* 10
23. S. I walked to Clinton P.M. [John Thomson is still working on the shed foundation.] 19
24. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] *Cold Wind* 16
25. M. I[was]in Clinton P.M. Mr & Mrs Levi Trick & Miss Bertha Andrews [were here in the even[ing.The] Master [was] in [at]noon[.] Jno. [was] trimming sheep[.] Father made [a] box [in which] to ship [a] lamb[.] *Very C. Wind* 45
26. T. [I] Took Fa[ther]up to Coat's road [this] morn[ing. He] went as [a] judge to Exeter fair[.] Jno. went to town [in the] even[ing.]Mr Greaves([a] poultry judge),[was] here all night[.] *C. Wind Fine & nice* 28
27. W. Fa[ther], Jno.,A[g] & I [were] at Clinton fair[. We] took cattle,sheep & hens [and] Ned took sheep up[.] *Fine & pleasant* 33
28. T. Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] at Wigg[inton's] threshing P.M. Jessie [Wigginton was here this] morn[ing.I] held[the] wood for[the] machine[.]* I [was]in Clinton P.M. & sent father back to ship the lamb[.] *Fine C. Wind Light showers even[ing] W. Frost* 35
- *Jessie Wigginton came over probably to get a wagon-load of sawed up fence rails to feed the steam threshing engine that afternoon. Eliza held the rails while her father or John or both sawed some up. (July 31st entry above.
29. F. Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] at Wigg[inton's] threshing [this] morn[ing.] Fa[ther] was in Clinton P.M. Jno. [was] at U[n]cle James's] threshing P.M. *Nice* 16]

30. S. [John was threshing at Uncle John's A.M. and Uncle James's P.M.] I filled wheat A.M. Dull & Windy 18
& father carried itr to the other barn[.]
[We were] sawing wood P.M.

October, 1893

1. S. A[g] & I[were]in Church(Gregg Toronto)[.] 16
[Ag and I were in] S[abbath] S[chool.]Jno.Beautiful
& Ernest [West were] in Varna[.]
2. M. [We were] Threshing from[10 o'clock] till 6
supertime[.] Father was in Clinton P.M.
to meet[the] Stratford train[.] I[was] in
Clinton [this] even[ing and] got [a] tele-
gram[.]
3. T. Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing all day[.] Raining 10
4. W. [Jno. was at Mac's threshing A.M.[and] at 11
[the] Bayfield show in the east P.M. [I Fine & nice
was] at Jane's P.M. Fa[ther] & A[gnese]
were at Bayfield [and Tom] and Jessie
Wigg[inton] went with them[.] E[rnest]
harrowing[.]
5. T. Jno.& Ernest [were] at Ned's threshing[.] 17
I [was] out helping Jane[.] Fa[ther] was
in Clinton P.M.
6. F. Fa[ther],A[g] & Ernest]lifted 9 rows [of] Dull A.M. 8
potatoes[.] Aunty & I [were] in Clinton Rain Shower
P.M. P.M.
7. S. Fa[ther], Jno., Ernest & I lifted 14 rows Fine 5
[of]potatoes[.]Jno.[was]away all night[.]
8. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(McMillan Mimi- Beautiful 8
co - "Scotch" Gunn's bro[ther]-in-law[.] & Warm,Windy
9. M. Jno., Ern[est] & Fa[ther] have been] haul- 9
ing out manure[.]
10. T. [John, Ernest and Father were hauling out 2
manure.] Fa[ther] was] in Clinton to meet
Mrs McMillan & daughter & Mrs Crearer,
Stratford[.]
11. W. I took Mrs Crearer to McTavish'es A.M.Jno.Beautiful 8
went to[the]Blythe(sic)show last night[.] & very warm
The mason [was] here P.M. pointing [the]
chimney[.] Ernest [is] plowing[.]
12. T. Mrs & Annie McMillan, Ag & I[were]at Bay- Beautiful 6
field[. Ernest is plowing.] Jno. [was] at & very,
D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] very Warm
13. F. H. McGregor drove Mrs Crearer up here[.] 1
I took them to Clinton station[.]Ag walk- Dull & warm
ed up[.] Moore [was] here wanting to buy
[a] rooster[.]
14. S. [I] Fixed roosts in [the] Hen-house[.] Raining & 7
High,Cold Wind
15. S. Jno.[went to Church with Adam[Stewart The 6
minister was The Rev.Mr Henderson. Three] Raining,a
hens chilled dead last night[.] little warmer
16. M. [The] Boys[are]hauling out manure[.] A[g] 9
& I pulled all our apples[.We have] about Fine & Nice
12 bags,fallen included[.](just guessing)
[I] smothered [a] hive [of] bees[.]

17. T. Fa[ther] & I pulled 10 rows[of] mangols[.] Jno. & Er[nest] hauled them in P.M. - 4 loads on [the] sheep[rack[. I] Smothered the other Hive [of] bees[.] Warm 2
18. W. Fa[ther was] at Dunkin's sale[.I] Doubled a hive[.] Jno. & I pulled 8 rows [of] mangols[.] Jno. & Er[nest] hauled them in 3 loads[.] Beautiful very warm 6
19. T. [I] Killed 12 chickens A.M. Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M.[The]Men finis[hed] in pulling & hauling mangols (7 Rows)[.] Cool Wind
20. F. A[g] & I[were] in Clinton at Mrs Wilson's funeral[.] Jno.[was] away P.M.hunting for Hunter[.] Alexander [was] here for dinner[.] Dupee called [in the] morn[ing.] Nice & Pleasant 6
21. S. [I] Took in some apples and cut honey off [of] frames, etc. A[g was] at Diehl's & bought a gander[.] E[rnest is] plowing[.] Fa[ther [is] putting in roots to [the] root house[.] Jno. is putting up [a fence [that the] wind blew down[.] 4
22. S. Father & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jno. & Er[nest went in the] even[ing.] Good roads dust flying Beaut[iful] 1
23. M. [I] Took "Old Kate" and hauled in Apples & Earth to fill holes* in[the]hen-house & fetched up [the] "cooler"** from [the] shanty[. I] punched in [and]pounded earth in [the hen-house] P.M. Beautiful 5
- *Note the precipitate drop in egg production. Predators (foxes, racoons, skunks) must have dug under the stone walls and come up through the dirt floor, in the hen house. Eliza-Ann had to get more hens to replace the casualties, and, checking ahead, egg production resumed in late January, two months later.
- ** slang for a sledge hammer or wooden mallet.
24. T. Jno. Alexander[was] here [at] night[and] had supper[.] [Brother John was] hauling rails with Kate[.] I rid wood-shed, scraped bee-frames etc.,etc.Father [was] pulling carrots[. The] boys hauled them [this] even[ing] in 2 loads[.] Beautiful Slight Shower 4
25. W. [I was] sorting apples...[and]....packed 4 hives[.]Mr & Mrs Calder[were] here all night[. There were many callers this evening from Mac's, Uncle James's, Uncle Jno.'s plus Ned and Jane.] Cool & pleasant 4
26. T. [I] Finis[hed]sorting apples & made jelly etc. [The]Calder's left[at] night for [their] daughter's [home] in Clinton[.] C. E. Wind Raining 2
27. F. I [was] in Clinton[.] Jane [stayed] in all day[. The] Men[started] at[the] turnips[. I] peeled the first drying apples[.] T. Wiggin[ton] called peddling tea[.]Fen[wick] was up for pears and apples[.] Dull, Rain Showers P.M. 5
28. S. [The] Men[have] finis[hed] pulling & taking in roots[.] Er[nest was] plowing these days while they pull[ed] them[.] C.H. Wind Snowing night 7

29. S. A[g] & I [were] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Jno. & Ern[est] were in]church[this]even-
[ing](Stewart)[.] 5
30. M. Ern[est]hauled up some wood and took out
manure with[the] sleigh[.] Jack McDonald
& Cooper [were] here for tea[.] Jack
traded a Ram[. I] peeled app[les in the] *Snow Showers*
even[ing.] *2 or three in*
morn[ing.] 4
31. T. Jane & I [were] in Clinton P.M. A[g] & I
I[were over]at Auntie's [this]even[ing.] *Fine* 3
E. Wind

November, 1893

1. W. I washed[.] Er[nest is] plowing[.] Fa-
[ther has been] cleaning rubbish(the re-
mains of U's* old house)[.]** Jno. was
trimming lambs[.] *Nice & Dull* 2
Indian Sum-
mer-like
* colloquial and ungrammatical
substitute for "our." To my knowledge, there
was no family with a surname beginning with U,
associated with that corner of the community.
** MacFarlane's stone house was
put up 1878. The historical atlas of 1878 shows
the 2 houses as black square dots. The log house
appears to have been 50 to 100 yards south-west of
the stone house. Earlier references in this diary
suggest that the old house served as a laundering
station and a summer kitchen and bakery. In 1892
and 1893, there are references to its gradual
dismantling.
2. T. Jane[stayed] in all day[.]* Father walk- *Rain*
ed to Clinton P.M. I ironed [and] sorted
rag [and] wool pickings etc. Mrs J[ohn]
Diehl and Ada [Stewart] [were here] P.M.
- *Jane is in her 8th month of pregnancy.
3. F. Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M. [at]
church(Musgrove from Walton)[.] Fa[ther]
& Jno.[were] at W[illiam] Glen's thresh- *Fine &*
ing[. They] started a little before *Nice*
noon[.] Cooper[was] here [and] bought a *Cool Wind*
lamb[.]
4. S. [I] finis[hed] packing bees[.] Jno. went *Hard*
to Jno.[Thomson's] with [a] thoroughbred *Frost*
heifer P.M. *Beautiful*
and warm
5. S. Father, Mother & I [were] in Church(Stew- *Nice*
art)[.] Jno. [attended] even[ing] church
in Varna on[the] way home from Jno.Thomp-
son's[.]
6. M. [I] rid around[the]bees & my room & Moth- *Bees out*
er's[.] *a little*
these days.
7. T. Mr Tom & Mr Baird came for dinner[.] *Beautiful*
Father [was] at [the] school[. I] worked
the ends of [a] p[ai]r [of] blankets[.]
A[g] & I [were] at Finley [McEwen's this]
even[ing. The] Butchart's [were] there[.]
McMillan ([from] below [Grand] Bend) [was
here] looking at P.A.
8. W. Father[was]splitting wood [and]piling[it] *Beautiful*
in[.] Jno. hauled up old rails[. I was] *& Warm.*
melting beeswax[.]Ned fetched in potatoes *Bees fly-*
& bar ashes[.] Agnes washed blankets[.] *ing thick[.]*

9. T. [I] Took wax off [the] "cooler" & peeled apples etc. [The] Rev. [Mr] Stewart & [his] wife called in on Jane[. I was] at Ned's [in the] even[ing while] he[was] in Clinton[.] *Beautiful dull partly*
10. F. Aunty & Jane [were here] for dinner & P.M. Jno. [was] helping Ned with [a] fence[.] Fa[ther was] plowing with Ned's team etc., below[the] watering place[.] There is fall wheat in [the] field next [McEwen's] bush at [the] road & they finis[hed] plowing the other 4 fields to-day[.] *Warmer*
11. S. Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Mother [was] making soap[.]
12. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church (Stewart)[.] Jno. & _____ [went in the] even[ing.] *Very Misty A.M., Dull*
13. M. I [was] in Clinton P.M. Jos[eph] Gaard [was] here looking to get a fat sheep[.] I Killed & picked 9 turkeys[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's[.] Er[nest] started [plowing] sod[.] *Raining Showery Fine & Dull P.M.*
14. T. Mother [worked] at her soap[.] I [was] choring [and] melted white wax[.] Fa[ther worked] piling up wood in [the] bush[.] Jno. & Ern[est] [were] plowing sod above [the] shanty field[.] *Snowing Showers E. Wind Freezing*
15. W. Ned helped father kill pigs[.] Boys [were] plowing[.] I [worked] at melting wax[.]
16. T. [I melted more wax] A.M. Jane [was] here[.] I [was] in Clinton P.M. "The 4th con[ces-sion]" [was] at [a] party at Mac's[.] *a little snow shower morn-ing H. Frozen*
17. F. I killed 3 Turk[ey]s A.M. [and was] in Clinton P.M. [I] peeled apples [in the] even[ing.] Fa[ther] & A[g] [were] at Ned's [and] killed their pigs & 5 turk[ey]s[.] *Softened Nice, Windy*
18. S. Melting wax[.] Mother salted pork[.] Er[nest has been] hauling gravel since [he] finis[hed] plowing[.] Er[nest's] sister & brother [were] down [this] morn[ing.] *C. Wind*
19. S. A[g] & I [drove to] Church with [the] colt (McDonald Seaforth)[.] Jno. walked [to church in the] even[ing.] *C. Wind Snowing a little*
20. M. Ag Jno. [with the James and John Stewart families were] at [Charlie Stewart's this] even[ing. I] finis[hed] melting wax[.] *C. Wind Nice Even[ing]*
21. T. Fa[ther was] at [William] Mustard's funeral P.M.¹³ [The] Rev. [Mr] Stewart & F[inley] McEwen called when retu rning[.] I washed, cheese & wax rags too[.] Elsie Thomson [was] here P.M. and all night (for lame lamb)[.] *C. Wind Snowing P.M. Rain night*
22. W. [I] Killed 2 geese[.] I [was] in Clinton P.M. to meet Bella[.] *C.C.S.W. Wind & Snow & rain*
23. T. Ned, Jane & Aunty [came] for dinner[.] The Smith kids [came] with [a] cow[.] Thanks-giving[:] A[g], Ada & I [were] at [the] S[abbath] S[chool] exam[.] Examiners [were] R. Irwin, Clinton [and] Forest [of] Bruce-field[.] *C. Wind Snowing*

24. F. [I] Took Bella to [the train] station [in the] morn[ing and] washed[the] wax dishes P.M. Bella came to Jane's [this] even[ing.] Jno. [is] flooring [the] box stall [in the] horse stable these days[.] *Snowing some C.C. Wind*
25. S. Ned took Bella back to [the] station [at] noon[.] I washed my hair[.] Father walked to Clinton[.] Aunty [has] gone [home.] I went down [there] at night[.]
26. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Henderson Hensall)[.] [It was] Children's day[.] Jno.& E[rnest went in the] even[ing.] *C. Wind Good roads H. Frozen*
27. M. [I]Cleaned the hen-house A.M.,washed[the] double windows, & put in the cellar ones P.M. [I] Peeled Apples[in the] even[ing.] Fa[ther] has been] mending bags[.] *Raining C. Wind*
28. T. Double windows [were] put in[.] I basted hems on the 3 woolen sheets[.]Father mended more bags at [night.]
29. W. [I] Stitched the hems, worked on the] end [of a] blanket[and] Cut out drawers[.]Jno. [was] at Duncan McKenzie[Senior's] funeral P.M.¹⁴ *Snowing Raining Sleet*
30. T. A[g] & I [were]in Clinton P.M. [The] Boys [were] in [the] bush [the] 1st. time[.] Fa[ther was] at [the] mill with chop[.] I Worked an end blanket & sewed buttons on shoes[.] W[m.] Glen killed pigs[.] The Boys [were] at [a] prohibition meeting in [the] school [this] even[ing to hear the] Rev. J.A. MacDonald, Pres[ident.]* *Stormy Snowed a lot just after dark*

*The Rev. J.A. MacDonald, age 31, was a writer, editor and crusader for Liberal causes. A native of Middlesex County, he was ordained in 1891 and had a church in St Thomas. He was destined to be the editor of the Toronto Globe and fiercely supported Laurier and Reciprocity in the 1911 Dominion election.

December, 1891

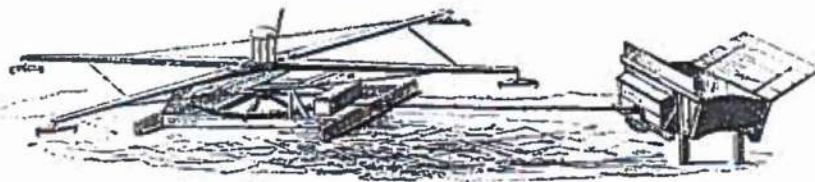
1. F. [I] Made [a] goose house [from] rails[.] I [went to] Clinton in [the] cutter P.M. Ern[est was] hauling up wood([we had] good sleighing[.] *Stormy*
2. S. Fa[ther was] at "the Master's" P.M. [I] Put [a] tail on[the] ganzie & made drawer straps[.] Jno.& E[rnest were] in town [this] even[ing.] *some snow*
3. S. *snowing*
4. M. Jno. [drove the] sleigh in[to] Clinton [for] grist[.] Fa[ther went to get [a] tooth pulled but didn't[.] Jane & Manie [were here all day.] Jim Swan [was here] for tea[.] *Nice & Sunshiny*
5. T. A[g was]housecleaning Jno.'s stair[.]Jno. [was] at Jno. Elliot's threshing[.] Jane, Annie & Jim Fergueson, & Bell Taylor were at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s's [this] even[ing.] Jane & Bell stayed there[.] *Dull, drifting a little*

6. W. Ferg[ueson's] went home P.M. Jno. [was] in Clinton A.M. getting sucker of pump fixed[. I] Started making Fa[ther [a] smock[.] Jno.[was] at [another] prohibition of alcohol meeting[atthe]school[.] A little colder,dull Snowed
7. T. I [was] in Clinton P.M.[and] took up our shawls for the "Young Women's Mission Band" Scotch social[.] Snowed a Little
8. F. Agent Weir & gent called [in the] morning[.] John Thomson [was] here all night[.] A[g],Jno.,Nannie* & Adam [have] gone to Green's[. I] Finis[hed] father's smock[.]**
 *Adam's sister Annie, so-called to distinguish her from her cousin Annie in the Jas. Stewart family. The 4 first cousins are visiting Bella Green and her family up on the Bayfield Line in Goderich Township.
 ** A smock was a working garment much lke today's jean jacket.
9. S. Father[was] at Hensall seeing about oat dust[.] Sturdy [was] here P.M. [I] made [a] chemise tail & worked [the] ends of Jane's blankets [in the] even[ing.] Dull & nice A.M. Raining P.M.
10. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] C. Wind snowing P.M.
11. M. Jane drove in P.M.[and] Ned[came in the] even[ing. I] peeled app[le]s for pies[.] McLeod in with heifer (no name)[. I] Stamped [the] drawers & worked [the]ends of [the] B[aby's] blankets etc. Snowing & Drifting & Wind
12. T. [I] Worked on [the] bottom of p[an]ts[.] A[g] is knocking down plaster in [the] dining room[.] Snowing
13. W. [I] Cut out [the] basque lining & sleeve part [this] even[ing.] A[g is] cleaning [her] room[.] The Boys [are] hauling out logs these days[.]
14. T. [The] Men killed W[m.] Glen's beef & our cow[.] Jno.[was] in Clinton P.M.with [a] hide[.] [He] fetched home some shawls[.] E.A. & Ida Isard[were]at Jane's[.] D[uncan McEwen's] boys [Jack and Sandy came] after[the] sheep rack box[.I was] cleaning guts all P.M. Snowing some
15. F. I stitched (hemmed) Jane's canton flannel[.] Fa[ther made] out lamb pedigrees all day[. The] Boys washed [the] single harness[.] S. thaw a little Raining all day
16. S. I swept & dusted my 2 rooms[.] A[g] & I [were] at Jane's [in the] even[ing.]Fa-ther went to] Clinton for tags in [the] buggy[.The] Boys[were]oiling harness[.] Freezing & Snow good sleighing
17. S. Jno.& E[rnest] walked to C[hurch in the] even[ing](Musgrove.) Roads icy Big Floods
18. M. [The] Boys finis[hed] oiling harness[.] Mac's & Adam [were] in[this] even[ing.] Fa[ther & E[rnest were] sawing wood P.M. Snowing
19. T. Cutting out dress P.M.Jno.[was]in Clinton P.M. E.Glen Sr. [was here]P.M. A[g] [was] washing kitchen plaster[.] Snowing & Drifting

20. W. Fa[ther], Er[nest], & Ned & teams [were] in Brucefield after a horsepower¹⁵ & straw-cutter[.] A[g] & I went out with Ned in the even[ing.] A[g] was washing plaster [and] I washed [clothes.] *Nice, Flakey*
21. T. Jno.[was] at Wigg[inton's] wood-bee P.M I[was] in Clinton[.] E[rnest is] making [a] salt trough [from a] big log[.] Ned [is] fixing [the] Frazer bridge[.] *Beautiful & Sunny*
22. F. Jack McMann [was] here P.M. Jim Swan [came] for dinner[.] Ned[was] here helping to cut [wood.] *Thawing Raining*
23. S. [I] Killed [a] goose & a hen[.] Shore [from] London [came] for dinner[.] Teen called[.] Foster fetched [the] cow robe. Fa[ther] went up to Goderich[.] Jno.went up P.M. [in the] buggy to meet him & Bella[.] *Beautiful Sleighing gone*
24. S. *Raining*
25. M. [This] morn[ing] Bella went out for Jane with[the] buggy[.] I took [her] home P.M. A[g], J[ohn], Bella, Er[nest] & I [were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s this even[ing.] *Raining Beautiful Bees Flying*
26. T. Jane's D[aughter] Isa[bella] Pearl Glen [was] born[.] Bella & I[were] in Clinton P.M. *Raw Wind Hard Frozen*
27. W. I [was] at Jane's[.] Jack McMann [was] here P.M. *Nice*
28. T. Bella & I[went to] Clinton P.M.in [the] covered buggy[.] Ida [Stewart was] here & her & Ag [went] out to see[the] kid[.] *Raining*
29. F. I [was] at Jane's[.] Jno.went [at] night to Jno.Thompson's with sheep & for McIn-tosh[.] *C[old] & Raw Flakey*
30. S. Ben Tomlinson [was here] all day & night[.] The white-faced mare died[.] Fa- [ther] walked to Clinton[.] Bella got Ned to take her up[.] *Fine & H. Frozen*
31. S. [Bella went back to Goderich.] I [came] home P.M.

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1. This is a reference to their wedding photo, taken by the H. Foster studio in Clinton.
 2. The Avery's farmed lots 27 and 28 on the Stanley side of the London Road. John Avery's sister, Atlanta, was Mrs Alex. Innes.
 3. Maggie Cuming was a Mrs Ballantyne.
 - 4.
 5. This may be a reference to the very attractive studio portrait Isabella had taken in Ottawa when she was at Normal School. See p.

- 6 The lane of the Glen farm in 1999 is still lined with spruce trees. On the Huron Road, near Benmiller, Mr A. Taylor, a close relative of the Taylor's of Morris Township, ran a greenhouse and nursery operation. Claire Taylor says he was famous for developing an attractive strain of spruce and it is possible that Wm. Glen bought the spruce trees for Spruce Lane Farm from Taylor.
7. We know that the original 2-bay barn on Ned Glen's main farm (Lot 31, Con III) was built in 1862. The year 1862 was drilled in auger holes over the south doorway. As we saw in 1892, the barn on the Robertson place was badly damaged in a wind storm. Jack Glen told me that his father used the beams salvaged from the Robertson barn to build a third bay on the east end of the barn on Lot 31.
8. *Farmers' Advocate?* *The Exeter Advocate?*
9. *The New Era*, June 9, 1893. Elizabeth, wife of E. Glen died June 4, 1893, aged 65. [buried in Clinton cemetery.]
10. The late Mrs Glen was the former Elizabeth McQueen. Don Glen told me that the McQueen brothers were prosperous Stanley township farmers, who made a lot of money in the mid-1850's, during the Crimean war (that "Rooshian war") selling wheat to feed the British soldiers in the field. The War Office paid in gold and this stimulated wheat production in Ontario. The McQueen brothers (Mrs Glen's siblings) squandered the gold on whiskey, became compulsive alcoholics and ran their farms into the ground. The MacFarlane's were strong teetotallers, and the Glen children were much closer to that side of the family. Elizabeth probably encouraged the keeping of the McQueen relatives at a distance. Don said that the McQueen's were held up as an example **not** to follow. Relations with them were respectful and correct and infrequent.
11. See *Huron News-Record*, July 26, 1893 and *The New Era*, August 4, 1893: John Innis, 1814-93, d. July 23, aged 89 years, 3 months. A Stanley pioneer, he emigrated from Banffshire, Scotland 1846 and lived in Zorra Twsp. for 7 years. He came to Stanley in 1853 and cleared Kot 30 Con II (now farmed by the Scott's.) He was the father of Alex. Innes (Lot 32, Con II), of Mary (Mrs Duncan McEwen) and of Mrs W.H. Scott He was a strong Liberal and was one of the first horse importers in the area. Interment in Clinton Cemetery. Survived by his widow Isabella [?].
12. James MacFarlane's father brother were hereditary game keepers on a large estate in their native Perthshire[.] They salvaged so many splendid plumages from pheasants and other game birds that they could send generous consignments. Isabel Glen still had some of the best specimens which she showed me in the 1950's. My mother Verna Stewart urged her to take them to a miliner and have them made into a lady's hat - which she eventually did. The hat and unused feathers are still in the Glen farmhouse[.] A photograph of Uncle John, his wife, daughter and widowed father can be seen below at the end of the footnotes. Don Glen told me that James 's brother John came out to Canada with the other brothers and was going to marry Agnes Stewart. However, when his aging parents could no longer live alone, John went home to Scotland to bring them here. They refused to budge and John felt he could not leave them. Apparently Agnes was quite charitable when he asked be released from his promise to marry her. I don't know if John asked her to consider coming to Scotland, but if he did, she refused. She was born in Ontario and had no ties with Scotland. John married eventually and carried on as the Game Keeper.
13. Check Stanley blue book
14. *The New Era*, December 1, 1893 Duncan McKenzie died November 27, 1893, aged 77. He was a native of Ballachlish, Inverness, Scotland. He emigrated to Canada in 1843 and settled in Stanley in 1853. He pioneered on Lot 24, Con IV Stanley, and lived there for the rest of his days. He was survived by his wife Mary, sons Duncan and Hugh and a daughter Margaret (Mrs Chapman of Ethel in Perth Co.)
- The obit does not mention a son Paul who died young. In the 1871 Dominion census, Paul, aged 16, is listed as living with James MacFarlane. Don Glen confirmed that Paul was the hired man. The Mackenzie's were undisputably the neighbourhood "characters" whose antics were recalled and whose droll utterances were mimicked for 3 generations

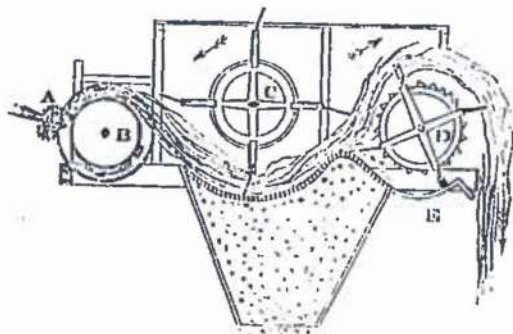


THRASHING MACHINE.

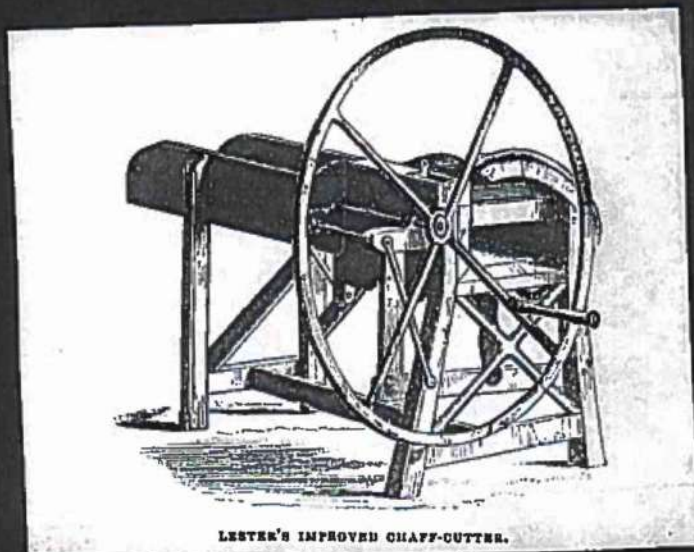
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- in the community. They lived in primitive squalour but were the sould of honour and integrity. Eliza-Ann totally ignores the McKenzie's kin her diary save for one fleeting reference to Margaret and this allusion to Duncan's death.
15. The horsepower was a device to supply motive power to pulley-driven machinery. Steam and gasoline tractors 1900-20 made the horsepower obselete. "The motive power was four teams of heavy draft horses, each hitched to a long beam. The horsepower machine itself consisted of four long beams, each placed at right angles to the other, and attached to a central pivot. A large cast iron gear, about six feet in diameter, was fastened to the underside of the beams. This in turn engaged a small cog wheel attached to a steel shaft. As the horses moved about a thirty-foot circle pulling the beams, the steel shaft rotated and transmitted the motion to the.....[threshing machine, buzz saw or straw cutter.] from *The Barefoot Boy From Francistown*, by Robert Bruce Walker, edited by K.F. Stewart, OISE Press, 1989, p.10.

The following wood-cut will make the princple of the threshing machine quite clear. At A are sluted iron rollers between which the unthreshed corn passes, at rather a slow rate; B is the cylinder or drum, containing four projections or beaters. These are bars of wood



covered with iron, and revolve rapidly. Grain, chaff, and stems, all pass over this cylinder, and are thrown forward into the second compartment, where they are acted upon and shaken by four rakes, placed on the hollow cylinder C, and moving rapidly in the direction of the arrow. Here the grain and chaff fall down through the wire meshes into a winnowing machine, and the straw is carried forward to another cylinder D, where it is again shaken by rakes, and then thrown out at the end of the machine. Sometimes this last cylinder has brushes fixed to it, which sweep back any of the corn or chaff which may have fallen into the cavity at B.



LESTER'S IMPROVED CHAFF-CUTTER.



CHAFF-CUTTING.

ELIZA-ANN MACFARLANE'S LOGBOOK FOR
HER XXTH YEAR
1894

January 1894

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1. M. Jno. took B___ T___ to Brucefield[. I Cold Wind
[was] at Aunty's [in the]even[ing] & out
to Jane's[.]
2. T. Finley [McEwen was here this] even[ing.] Dull
Jno. took Bella to [the train] station Softened
for Glencoe[.]* Fa[ther was] at W[m.] a little
Glen's cutting [wood.]
* Bella has changed schools.
Glencoe is a large village in Middlesex County,
south of London.
3. W. Mo[ther [was] out to Jane's & I [came] Fine & Sunny
home [this] morn[ing. Mother came] home L. Wind
& [I went] back [at] night[.]
4. T. Fa[ther] & A[gness were] at Mrs Donald Roads soft
Smith's funeral[.] Looking like
rain
5. F. Fa[ther was]in Clinton[.] Ned [was] here Snowing
sawing [wood] P.M.
6. S. [Ned was here sawing wood] all day[.] I H. Frozen
[was] at Jane's[. I] B[aked] & W[ashed.]
7. S. Jno. & Adam[were] in church [this] even- C. N. W.
[ing.] I [went] home [this] morn[ing.] Wind
8. M. [I was] At Jane's all day [with] M[o- 1
ther[.] A[g was] in Clinton P.M. Ned was
here sawing [wood] all day[.] Light Snow
C.N. [Wind]
9. T. [I] Came home[in the] morning & [was]out
P.M. with Ada [Stewart.I was] at Aunty's
[in the] even[ing.] Duncan Smith [was]at
Ned's[.]
10. W. Mr & Mrs Dunkin called P.M.[Duncan Smith C.N.W. Wind
is still at Ned's.] I w[ashed] & clean-
ed [the] H[en-House[.] Fa[ther was] at
[the] mill with chop[.]
11. T. [I was] at Jane's all day[.] Fa[ther] C. N. Stormy
walked to Clinton P.M. A[g was]at McTav- even[ing]
ish's P.M. Jno.[was] sawing with Ned[.]
Jno. & E[rnest were] at Marshall's
dance[.]
12. F. Jno. made a Hen-House gate[;therefore I] Cleared even-
darned Jno's mitts, etc. [ing]
13. S. [I was] at Jane's all day[:] W[ashed] - Beautiful
S[ewed] & I[roned.* The] Stone-house cow Soft
calved[.] Ned & Duncan [were] in all day
cutting [wood.] *Eliza-Ann has refined
her short forms by assigning
single capital letters to domestic chores.
So far B = baking I= ironing S= sewed and
W = Washing. A = Agnes and M or Mo. = Mother.
14. S. A[g], M[other] & I [were]in Church(Stew- Softened
art)[.The] Boys [went in the] even[ing.]
15. M. [I was] At J[ane's] all day -B[aked],
W[ashed.] Fa[ther was] at Brucefield[.]
Ned [was] at [Londesboro] with grist[.]

16. T. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] [were in] Varna [visit-
ing the] Dunkin's & [the] Fosters[. I]
Cleaned out P _____ * & making at.....
Jno. [has been] sawing [wood] at Ned's[.] *Dull & Warm*
- *P may stand for "Private," or for privy -
the cold weather indoor toilet in the wood
shed, but the rest of the sentence is in-
decipherable.
17. W. A[g] & I [were] at Grant's P.M. Helen & *Soft & Dull*
A[gn]es Butchart & M.A. McGregor [were]
at Jane's[.]
18. T. [A] sheep died ([the] Beatie Shearling.) *Fr[oze at]*
Jno. & Ned [were] in Clinton for salt[.] *night*
I [was] at Jane's all day [and] W[ashed].]
19. F. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] [were] in Clinton [and]
went to D. McEwen's (but they weren't at
home[.] *Softened*
20. S. I [was] at Jane's [in the evening. I] kil- *Soft*
led [the] last gosling[.] Jno. [was] in *Rain*
Brucefeld & Clinton [to] see Swan[.] Peter
Camp-bell died[.]¹
21. S. Jno. & E[rn]est [were] in Church [in the] *Rain, Soft*
even[ing.] A[gn]es [was] at Ned's[.]
22. M. I [was] at Ned's[.] E[rn]est A.M. & Jno. *H. Frozen*
P.M. [were] hauling in hay with Ned[.]
Fa[ther] & [the] boys [were] at a Patrons
of Industry meeting [in the] school [this]
even[ing.]
23. T. Fa[ther] & I [were] at P[eter] Campbell's *Softened a*
funeral P.M. Jno. & Ned [went too. I] *little. Sno[w]*
C[leaned the] H[en-]House[.] Foster & M. *[at] night.*
Brigham & Mary Miller [were here in the]
even[ing and] at Jane's at night[.]
24. W. Jim Barkley [is] home[.] A[g] was] with *9*
visitors at Lizzie's for dinner & at *Rain & Sleet*
U[n]cle Ja[m]es's for tea & [the] even- *Snow*
[ing. I] Finis[hed] Jno.'s p[an]ts & darned
socks[.]
25. T. [I darned socks] & ganzies[.] Ned, Mac, & *15*
Adam [were] here cutting [wood] P.M. [The] *Cold, a*
Kids* [were] at U[n]cle Ja[m]es's [in the] *little snow.*
even[ing.] * probably Eliza-Ann, Jane, Agnes &
John MacFarlane.
26. F. [The] Men [are] cutting [wood] at Ned's[.] *6*
A[g] & I [were] in Clinton P.M. [The] *Nice, Some*
visitors [have] gone home[.] *sleighb.*
most buggies.
27. S. [I sewed & swept] for Jane A.M. [I] peel- *15*
ed app[le]s at Aunty's [in the] even- *Light Snow*
[ing and did] Mending[.]
28. S. Fa[ther] was] hauling logs to [the]
mill[.] I made [a] gate for [the] H[en-
house door & baked 2 kinds of cook-
ies[. I] Wrote to U. Jm & Gertie[.]² Jno.
& I [were] in Church [; We took the] cut-
ter up[.] *7*
Snowing P.M.
29. M. *13*
Nice

30. T. [I worked] at making [a] serge skirt[.] Fa[ther was] hauling logs all day[.] *Softish* 14
Snowing & Drifting
31. W. Mo[ther] carded wool & ewe lacked lamb comfort night[.](sic) [I] cleaned [the] H[en]-H[ouse and] finis[hed] cutting out [my] dress[.] *Light Snow* 9

February, 1894

1. T. E.A. & Son [were] here P.M. Fa[ther has been] mending bags[.] A[g] & [were] in Clinton[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's sawing [wood] P.M. [and] Helping Ned with logs A.M. *Snowing* 13
Heavy Light
2. F. Jno.& Ned [were] at Hensall for feed[.] A[g] changed library books & [was] at Ellie's P.M. [I] W[ashed], dusted etc. *Sunshiny* 14
Frosty
3. S. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton P.M. [and the] boys [went in the] even[ing.] *Some Milder* 13
4. S. [A[g] & I [were] in Church (McMullen of Woodstock[.] *5 above C.W.* 13
5. M. Mr & Mrs Dunkin [came] for dinner[.] J. & W. Cooper [came] for tea[.] Aunty[was] at Jane's[.] Ned & Jane went to McQueen's[.] Jno.[was] at [the] mill for chop[.] Dewdrop calved[.] *Warmer* 18
Sun, Thaw
6. T. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] at Rob Thompson's[. The] Boys etc. [are] on loa[n] to Isard's [I was] working a little at the skirt[.] *9 degrees* 17
7. W. Jim Barkley [was here] for dinner[. I] washed A.M. Jno. [was] in Clinton P.M. [He drove horses,including] Ned's one[.] Mrs Jim McQueen's³ funeral [was this afternoon.] A[g] & I [are] papering [the] little B. room[.] *Thawing* 14
8. T. [Ag and I] finis[hed] papering the B room[.] Another lamb [born.] Mac & Fitch* called. *Frozen* 22
**Probably "Fitz" misspelled (Fitzsimmons, the Clinton butcher.)*
9. F. Bk. Liz, Ger[tie], Hes[ter] & Bob Thompson & Lilly, Linsey & Annie Churchill & Ned, Adam, & Tene & Jno. [McEwen were] here [this] even[ing.] 2 lambs-one died sabbath night[.] *Sleet, Rain* 21
Thunder & Lightning at] night.
10. S. A[g was] at Ned's P.M. & I [was] at Aunty's [in the] even[ing.] Er[nest was] in Clinton P.M..... *Frozen* 23
Blustering
11. S. A[g] & I [went] in [the] buggy to]Church (Stewart)[.] *Light Snow* 17
Blustery, C. Wind
12. M. Jno.went to Blake for [a] heifer[.] A[g] washed;I [was] mending sundries[.] Jno. [McEwen] called[.] *C. Wind* 18
A.M. very stormy P.M.
Worse [in] even[ing.]
13. T. [John McEwen] & young Wiley [called.]Jno. [got] home [at] noon[. John] & [the] rest [have] gone to Stone[house's.]* Fa- *Big Drifts* 22
Roads bare
[ther was] at Ned's [this] even[ing] & us *Fine*
at Aunty's[.]

14. w. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton.[I] fixed [a] Fine 21
plant box for [the] hens[.] A[g] is mak-
ing over [her] B[lac]k dress
15. T. A[g] & I [were] in Clinton & at D. McEw- Fine A.M. 6
en's[.] Mrs Stewart & sons(Rev.) [were] C. Wind, Snow-
here[this] even[ing.] Jno.[was] in Clin- ing, Stormy.
ton with Ned(lambs)[.]
16. F. Finley[McEwen] called A.M.(B.S.) [I was] Snowing 23
Making folds for [a] skirt[.] Aunty [was] Clear
here] for dinner[.] Er[nest] finis[hed]
hauling wood [and] started [on the] man-
ure[.]
17. S. [I] Finis[hed the] skirt all but [the] Rained a 17
pockets[.] Jno.[was] in Clinton [in the] little; soft
sleigh [and he] sold "Sorrel." Mot[her] Rain.
was] at Jane's[.]
18. S. Jno. & I [went to] Church in [the] cut- C.W. 16
ter[.] 3 lambs triplets Frozen
19. M. [I] Finis[hed the] skirt, Made garters, a flurry 23
cleaned [the] H[en]-House [and] looked Nice
over apples[.] Jno.[was] over on [the]
Parr [Line]* looking at "Jack"[.] *Concession
VI and VII,
Stanley Township - the road runs north and south,
from the Bayfield River, intersecting the Bayfield Road
in the centre of Varna, running south to the Hay Stanley
Town Line and beyond. Years ago I referred to the 6th of
Stanley and Don Glen said "You never hear it called the
6th - it's called the Parr Line!" The 1986 Sesquicen-
tennial history of Stanley says that John Parr was the
very first to file for a lease on that line, but he
allowed the application to lapse and never actually
lived on it. Looking at who lived on the line, the
name Wiley jumps out at the reader, as the probable
owner of "Jack."
20. T. [I was] At Jane's A.M. [while] they C. Wind 23
[were] in Clinton [getting] teeth fill- Snowing
ed[.] Mrs [Ned] Rathwell, Isaac & Win- even[ing]
nie [were here] P.M. & even[ing.] Fin-
ley [McEwen] called[.] Fa[ther was in
Clinton[.]
21. W. A[g] & I [were] in Clinton P.M. at [a] C.W. 20
S[abbath] S[chool] Convention[.] Jno. Fine
[was] in Clinton[.] Jno. & E[rnest were]
at Wigg[inton's] dance [in the]even[ing.]
22. T. Kate McTavish [was here] P.M. [I] Star- 3 above 20
ted hem-stitching [the] band[.] Fine, Drifty,
even[ing.]
23. F. [I] Drove Jno. to [Malcolm McEwen's] be- Stormy 22
fore diner[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. were at
Finley's & Dunk's P.M.
24. S. A[g] & I [were] in Clinton at Worthing- 4 degrees 17
ton's sale of [fancy goods.] at about 1/2
past 8, 6 degrees
at about XI P.M.
25. S. A[g], Jno, Er[nest], Jane & I [were] in Nice 17
Church [this] even[ing] (Miss McKay - Sunshiny
Formosa)[.]
26. M. Fa[ther was helping W[illiam] Glen kill 21
a heifer A.M. [and was] in Clinton P.M. Very Nice
A[g] & I [were] at Ned's [this] even-
[ing.] Mrs Brigham & Nellie [are visit-
ing [there.]

- 27. T. A[g], Mrs Br[igham] & I [were] in Clinton P.M. [Mrs Brigham] & Nellie [came] home with us[.] 27
- 28. W. [I] Went for Aunt A[gnies] [this] morn[ing.] Jane & Ned [were here] P.M. Us at Lizzie's this even[ing.] 23

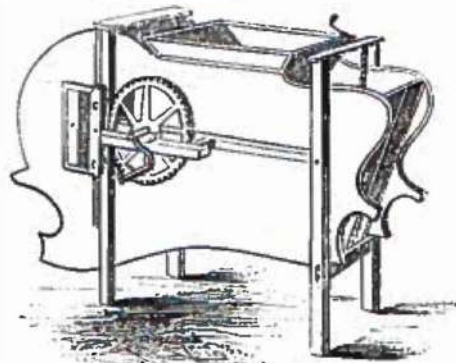
March, 1894

- 1. T. [I] Took the Br[igham's] to U[n]cle John Stewart's this] morn[ing.] Jno. & I [were] in Clinton P.M. L[izzie] Thompson [came] home with me[.] 15 *Beautiful*
- 2. F. Lizzie & I [were] at Grant's P.M. [in and the] buggy[.] Mac, Ned, Willie & Adam [were here] cutting [wood.] 23
- 3. S. Liz & I [were] at U[n]cle James's] P.M. Mild & [at] U[n]cle John's in the] even[ing.] Frosts at [Lizzie, Mrs Brigham and Nellie came] Night 23
- 4. S. Mrs B[rig]ham & Mot[her] went] out to Ned's P.M. Beautiful 30 *Beauteous*
- 5. M. Mrs B[rig]ham was] at U[n]cle James's] A.M. [and she] crossed [the] creek[!]* Springlike Jno. took [the] B[rig]ham's] to [the] station [in the] even[ing.] Jno., Ned & Jane, Lizzie & I [were] at McTavish'es [in the] even[ing. (Lizzie and I were there P.M.)] 29

* There was a well-worn and somewhat circuitous path running from MacFarlane's to the James Stewart house. MacFarlane's lived on Lot 30, Con IV and James Stewart's farmhouse was on the front 50 acres of lot 27 -IV south of MacFarlane's. Half the land in the 3 intervening lots was still bush. One went out of MacFarlane's back door, over the fence into "Uncle John's back 50." The front 50 acres of Lot 29 was James MacFarlane's bush. Cutting through John Stewart's back 50 is Wiltse Creek, starting over in Tucker-smith township and flowing south-west towards the Bayfield River. It runs for its final mile and a half through Lots 29, Con II, III, IV and V. While it was often dry in mid-summer, melting snow and rain in March and April could turn it into a torrent. Once across the creek, one made for the south-west corner to go around Finley and Duncan McEwen's 50 acres of bush on the east end of Lot 29 (IV). From the South-west corner of the "back 50" one could aim straight for James Stewart's house. Eliza-Ann is impressed that Mrs Brigham rose early, walked the route and forded the swollen creek.



6. T. Fa[ther was] at Jno. Elliot's, Marshel's Raining 34
 (sic) & Wigg[inton's. I] made a log cab- all day
 in block[.]*
 *"Log Cabin" pattern for quilts.
7. W. Liz & I [were] at Jane's & Mac's P.M. & 22
 even[ing. The] Master's boys etc.[were] Beautiful
 in at noon [showing off a] telescope[.] Cool Wind
 1st Goose Egg
8. T. I [was] in Clinton P.M. with Lizzie 10
 T[hompson.] Jno.[was working]with Ned[.]
9. F. Jno., A[g] & I [were] at Dunkin's [in 40
 the] even[ing.] Fa[ther [got] some prun- Beauteous
 ing done.....
10. S. Jno., E[rnest] & Fa[ther were] pruning[.] 36
 Fa[ther was] at H[arry] Diehl's & [had]
 dinner at U[ncl]e Ja[m]es's[.] A[g] & I
 [were] at Aunty's [in the] even[ing.]
11. S. A[g] & I [went in the] buggy [to] Church Cool Wind 33
 (Stewart)[.]
12. M. Ned [was] helping cut peas P.M. [and he 43
 stayed]for tea[.Mr] Tough,[the Assessor,
 [came for tea] & [stayed] all night[. I]
 started hemming [a] 2nd-hand _____ &
 cutting out browney[.] *
 * an "unmentionable?"
13. T. Jno.[was] away getting [a]wheel for[the] 35
 fanning mill[.] Jane fetched in [a] tur- Showery
 key [this] morn[ing.] Bob Marshell(sic) Snowing
 called.....



WINNOWING-MACHINE.

14. W. Making Browny skirt[.] H. Frozen 35
 Nice
15. T. I [was] in Clinton P.M. Snowing, C.W. 22
16. F. Er[nest was] at Glen's cutting [wood.] C.W. 53
 [I worked] at making dresses[.] Sunshiny
17. S. Jno. [was] at [the] mill for chop[.] Fa- Raining 25
 ther walked to Clinton [and] got a ride T[hunder] &
 up with Adam[.] Lightning
18. S. A[g] & I [attended church in the] morn- Very 40
 [ing](Hamilton - Londesboro)[.] Jno. Warm- Frogs
 [went in the] e[vening.] singing wildly
19. M. Jim Swan called[.] A[g] & I [were] at Beautiful 34
 Ned's [this] even[ing.]
20. T. [Ag and I were at] Aunty's [this even- 46
 ing. I] Made cakes A.M. [I] Washed & C.E. Wind
 C[leaned the] H[en-]House P.M. & rain

21. W. Jno.,Er[nest] & I [were] at Ned's Crushing & Cutting[.] S.E.W. 25
a little rain
22. T. [I]Swept B[ella]'s room[.] Jennie [Grant was here] all night.....as School Exam all day[.] Jno.[was] at[the] station for Bella [in the] even[ing]. The] Stonehouse Calf died[.] Raining 33
23. F. Aunty, Ned & Jane [were here] for dinner[. I] made [a] muslin apron[.] Very 34
stormy [this] morning, Snowing
blow[ing.]
24. S. Fa[ther] & B[ella were] in Clinton A.M. Rain & 33
A[g],B[ella] & I [were] at Ned's[in the] Sleet P.M.
even[ing.]
25. S. Fanny calved [in the] night[.] A[g] minded [the] baby for Ned & Jane A.M. Jno. & 34
E[rnest went to church in the]even[ing.] Cold & Stormy
26. M. Jno. took Bella in [the] cutter to [the] station [in the] even[ing.]* Snowing 43
calved [in the] night[.] Bessie all day
*end of Easter Week end
27. T. [I was] Working at [a] Serge basque[.] Cold & 36
Wintery
Sleighbing
28. W. Aunty & Ida [were] at Lizzie's[. A] pedlar called at Lizzie's [and stayed] all night[.] A[g] & I [were] at Ned's[in the] even[ing.] Light 34
Snow P.M. &
29. T. Jane & I [went to] Clinton P.M. in [the] buggy[.] A[g] minded [the] Kid[.]A[g] & I 37
[were] at Aunty's [this] even[ing.]Lizzie C.W.
[Glen] is down home with [some illness?] Softened
[The]Men[are] getting fence-binders these days[.]
30. F. Aunty [has] gone to Green's[.] Jno. [was] at [the] mill[. I] Made button-holes in [the] basque[.] Milder 30
31. S. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton[.I worked] at [the] basque[.] Milder 41
Snow all
gone. Rain
at night.

April, 1894

1. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[. Four new] Elders[were] ordained-J.Houston,McClarty, D. McEwen & D.McTavish[.] C.N.W. 31
Dull
2. M. Smith stop[ped here] for tea[.] Ned,Jane & Kate & Will McTavish [were] at U[n]cle Jno's[. I worked] at [the] basque [and] finis[hed it.I] knit cuffs [and added a] ruffle[.] H[ard] Frost 35
A little
warmer.
3. T. [I] over-casted [the basque], washed & made jell[y] cake[.] Ned called[.] Alex. 29
Smith [came] for eggs[.] Jno. Stewart H.F. C.W.
[has] gone to Denver[.]⁴ raining
4. W. Sid[was here] looking at lambs[.] Fa[ther was] in Clinton[.] A[g was] at Wigg-inton's] P.M. [and I was] At Ned's [in the] even[ing.] C.C.W. 34
P.M.

5. T. Jno. [was at Wigginton's] & A[g was] in Clinton P.M. Jane's turkey laid 1st egg. [A] Stonehouse cow [was wandering loose] somewhere here[.] 30
Snow Showers
C.W.
6. F. John [was] at [the] Brucefield horse show[.] A[g]& I [were] at Jane's[in the] even[ing] quilting [a] cradle quilt[.] Er[nest was] plowing P.M. 38
Fine, C.W.
7. S. Jno. [was] in Clinton P.M. Fa[ther has been] pruning by spells these days[.] 33
8. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] 36
9. M. Kate died[.]* Jane & I[were]at Bob Pearson's P.M. Mrs Jessie & Stella Wigg[in-ton were] here P.M. 30
* a beloved old horse
10. T. [I'm] Still [working] at [the] basque[.] 1st Turkey Egg 37
Snow & slush
11. W. [I have] Finis[hed the] basque all but [the] watch-pockets[.I was] At Jane's in the] even[ing and] A[g was] at Mac's[. Jane and I] Finis[hed]quilting[the]cradle quilt[.] 28
Dull, Warm
12. T. A[g] & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Carrie & Jennie [were] Jane's P.M. 39
Beautiful
13. F. T[homas] Fair [the] Postmaster died[.]⁵ A[g was] in Clinton [this] morn[ing] & I [was] at Green's P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. Mr & Mrs McEwen [called this] even[ing.] Jno. speared 28 fish[.] 58
14. S. Jno. & E[rnest speared 3 fish[.The] contract for a new Frazer bridge [has been] let to Jno. Diehl [for] \$175[.] Lumpy Hodgins died[.]* 38
*Possibly a member of the Hodgins family in Clinton, well-known grocers.
15. S. Father & I [were] at Thos.Fair's funeral P.M. A[g was] at Sabbath School[.] Jane took my class[.]G[eorge]S[teckley]started [at] U[ncle] Jno.[']s] & Jno.Elliot['s] P.M. 32
Beautiful
& warm
16. M. Fa[ther was]at Middleton's and Bill Perdue's to get grafts[. Father and John were] grafting plums P.M. [I] started cleaning [the] milk room[.] 34
Beautiful
& warm
17. T. [I] Finis[hed cleaning the milk room] & some of other[.] Jno. started seeding [with] Mary & Grey[.] Er[nest is] cultivating 33
18. W. [I] Finis[hed] cleaning [the] cellar[.] Jno. walked to Clinton A.M. [and] got teeth filled[.] A[g was] at U[ncle] Ja[mes']s P.M. [and] her & I [were] at Ned's [this] even[ing.] 42
Sprinkled
19. T. Jane [was]in Clinton with Tena [McEwen.] I [went] out for [the news]papers[.] Fa[ther is]grafting these days[.I have been] Mending socks[.] 32
Rained
Beautiful &
Warm

20. F. [I]Took over 2 barrows of manure for As- 35
pargus & [on] Sat[urday] morn[ing two] Slight Ap-
more[.] ril Showers
21. S. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton, going around 38
P.M. & even[ing] with [a] petition for W. A little cool-
Jackson for to be(sic) Postmaster[.]⁶ ish, slight
showers.
22. S. A[g] & I[were]in Church(Stewart)[and in] 33
S[abbath] S[chool with] Ada & Ida [Stew- Coolish, Fine
art[.] Isabella Pearl Glen [was] baptiz-
ed[.]
23. M. [Uncle James's] Annie [was] up with[the] 29
petition[.] Fa[ther] walked to Clinton
[with the petition. We've] Finis[hed]
seeding[.]
24. T. [I] Planted some onions P.M. A[g] & I 36
[were] at Jane's[this] even[ing.]Er[nest Warmer
was] plowing[.]
25. W. A[g] & I gathered old metal & planted 32
onions[.]Fa[ther did] grafting [and the] Warm & Nice
Boys were taking stones off [the]
fields[. The] Red Heifer calved[.]
26. T. A[g] & I, Liz & [? were] in Clinton P.M. 30
[I] Got Dolly shod[.]
27. F. Sorting potatoes all day.....A[g] making 31
closet &.....Men washed some sheep & Very Warm
shore some[by the] river[.] Cows out all & pleasant
night for good[.]
28. S. Jno. & I [were] sorting pot[atatoes] all 34
day[.] Ned [helped sort] part [of] P.M. Warm Rain
[We got] 3 bags altogether[.] Jno. Green Beautiful P.M.
fetched Ned's and oue pigs[.] Aunty [is]
home[and] we[were] down[this] even[ing.]
Jno.[Green went] hom[e in the]even[ing.]
29. S. [At Church](Stewart) Doll [went] lame[.] 27
Jn[o.] & Er[nest went to church in the] Beautiful
even[ing.]Ida[was]in S[abbath] S[chool.]
30. M. Ned & Jno. [were] in Clinton with potat- 30
oes[.] Er[nest has been] hauling manure Beautiful &
these days[.] Warm

May, 1894

1. T. I sowed 14 1/2 rows [of]Carrots & 17 1/2 23
[of] Mangols[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] Beautiful &
opening, etc. Mac called [in the] morn- Warm
[ing.] Jno. [worked] at [the]river fence
A.M. Jim Swan & [an] agent called[.]
2. W. I sowed 19 rows [of] Mangols A.M. An- 37
drew Scott called wanting potatoes & T. colder
Wig[ginton was] around selling gate
hinges[.] (I bought [a] p[ai]r.) Aunty
[was] at Jane's[.]
3. T. I[was] in Clinton P M. Ned & Jane [were] 19
in for pota[toes.] Warmer
4. F. Jno. [was] at [the] Mill [for] chop[.] 33
Fa[ther] & Er[nest] finis[hed] washing Rain, C.W.,
sheep (ewes)[.] I took out double win- [then] Warmer.
dows[.]

5. S. [The] Boys sowed Tares & Tares & Oats[.] Fa[ther was] in Clinton P.M. [for the] plum trees[.] Mag[gie] McEwen [was here] with my Lesson Book[.] One [of the] Hunter's called[.] 18
Rain P.M. & even[ing]
Warmer
6. S. Mary foaled[.] A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] Mary & Bessie [Glen were] in S[abbath] S[chool: Bessie for the] 1st [time.] 23
Fine A.M.
Heavy Rain
7. M. Jno. Hunter [was] looking at [the] bull [this] morn[ing.] Twitchell [was here] with trees (spruce, W[eeeping] Willow etc. Jno., Er[nest] & I planted 12 rows [of] potatoes[.] Jno. planted onions[.] 27
H.W.
C.H.W.
8. T. Jno., Er[nest] & I planted 22 rows [of] pot[at]oes[.] Jno. Er[nest] & Fa[ther] cut [seed] pota[at]oes A.M. [I] Finis[hed] [the] Blouse (G. Print.) 24
Warmer
9. W. [The] Boys [worked] at Riv[er] fencing A.M.[and did] shearing P.M. Fa[ther] & Ag [were] digging flower beds etc. [I] washed, [and] sowed beets[.] 25
Warmer, Fine
10. T. Mother & I [were] in Clinton P.M. T[om] W[igginton] called [this] morn[ing] for lend of (sic) [our] adz[e. The] Boys [have] finis[hed] shearing[.] 24
cool Wind
Warmer, Rain
11. F. Ned & Jno. washed his sheep[.] Jane & Aunty [were] here P.M. [The] Boys [were] knocking down lane posts and made [a] barn gate[.] The] Last set of chickens coming out[.] 30
Fine & C.W.
Warmer
12. S. Jno. [is] shingling [the] school[house.] Fa[ther] & Er[nest] are] fixing fences[.] I washed [the] print racks & ironed[.] 28
Warming & Fine
13. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in Church (Hamilton - Lonsboro)[.] 25
Fine, C.W.
Warmer
14. M. [I] baked some cakes[.] Took chaff from round.....full of bees[.] 56
Rain, C.W.
15. T. Mo[ther] & A[g] [were] in Clinton P.M. Adam fetched up E red - finis[hed] morn-[ing.](sic) [I] baked [a] shanty [cake] & some C - Pies[.] 32
Fine
C.W. A.M.
Warmer
16. W. A[g] scrubbed up boys' stair[way. I] fixed [the] serge basque[.] 28
Heavy Rain
Thunder and Lightning
17. T. Aunty & I [were] in Clinton P.M. Fa[ther] had] walked to Clinton before [us. The] Boys [are] making [a] gravel box[.] 28
Very Warm
Dull, Rain
18. F. [I was] sorting rooms[.] A[g] ironed[.] E[rnest] was] splitting wood[.] 26
Rainy
19. S. Fa[ther] was] at [the] mill A.M. & [in] Brucefield P.M. [I] took [the] long-tailed off [the] striped B Basque[.] 29
Cold & Showery
20. S. Jno. [was] at C[hurch] in the] even[ing] (Shaw - Egmon[dville.]) 31
Rainy

21. M. Ned [was] here fencing[. To-[night Jno.,
A[g] & I [were] at [a] Congregational Meeting[.] 28
Rainy, Cool
- 7
22. T. [Ned was here fencing.]Ned Sr.[came for] 30
dinner[. A] Machine Agent called[.] A[g] Nice & warm
was] at Mac's & I [was] at Ned's [this] even[ing.]
23. W. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] [were] at Ben Miller 28
[and] came home by Clinton[.] Ned [was] slight showers
here [working] at fences[.]
24. T. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were] at N[ed] Rath- 27
well's for dinner & tea[.] Ned [worked] Beautiful
at fences A.M.[I] finis[hed] putting [a] & Warm
top in [a] straw tick[.]
25. F. Jno. [was] at Ned's [and] Jane [was] in 32
[here] P.M. Fa[ther was] in Clinton [and] I was] Cleaning my rooms[.] [John B.]
Stewart & Graham*[have] gone to [the]Old Country with cattle[.]7
*Goldie or William?
26. S. Fa[ther was] at U[ncl]e Ja[me]s['s] A.M. 24
Jno.[was] at Ned's[.] N[ed] & Ja[ne were] at J. McQueen's [barn] raising[.]*[I was]
cleaning my rooms[.]**
* John MacFarlane would do Ned's chores while Jane & Ned went to help McQueen relatives.
** As the eldest, and as a symbol of her importance in the farming operation, Eliza-Ann has her own parlour.
27. S. I walked to Church(Henderson came.) 25
Fine, Warm,
Rain even[ing.]
28. M. N[ed] & Jno. [were] fencing at [the] riv- 31
er, I think[.] Fa[ther] went to Jno. El- Snow showers
liot's[.]
29. T. Fa[ther was] in Clinton [at a] "Fair Dir- 32
ector's" meeting[. I was] at Jane's stay- Fine & Cold
ing with the baby A.M. McLean lecturing in school[.]*
*Probably M.Y. McLean, an active Liberal, editor and owner of *The Huron Expositor* in Seaforth.
30. W. I spent all day in bed[. The] Men were 29
cleaning wheat etc.A[g was] cutting out a Raining & Hail
print dress[.] Higgins called[this] even- [ing to talk] politics[.]
31. T. Aunty [was] at [Lizzie Glen's] & [the] 27
Green's came after her[.] Jno. [was] in Fine, C.W.
Clinton with [a] load of wheat P.M. [The] Men put up the river fences again[.]* Mrs Gabey E[lli]ot was] in with J. Reid[. I washed a little[.]
* probably shaken up by high winds and flash floods.

June, 1894

1. F. Jno. [was] in Clinton with [a] load [of] 25
w[heat.] A[g was] in Clinton A.M. [The] Warm, Fine
Advocate ads man called[.] C.W.

2. S. A[g] & Jane [were] in Clinton P.M.[while] 24
I minded [the] baby[.] A[g] got her new *Raining all*
(J.)[.] *day, clear*
middle P.M. & even[ing.]
3. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch](Stewart).. 26
.....A[g] minded [the] kid for *Warmer*
N[ed] & J[ane][.] *Rain P.M.*
4. M. Ned here, men fencing between Reid[.] Er- 40
[nest was] hauling gravel to [the] barn *a little cool-*
steps[.] Ja[ne was] in P.M. *er, sprinkle*
[in] even[ing.]
5. T. N[ed] & J[ohn were] fencing [at] Ned's[.] 27
Fa[ther] & Mo[ther]have gone to Hullet[.] *Fine & cold*
U[n]cle]Jno.'s & Gilmour's & J[ohn] & Bell *W[hite] Frost*
[were] at Ned's[.]
6. W. N[ed] & J[ohn were] fencing[.] U[n]cle]Jas. 22
[was] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] *Fine & Warm*
Colder
7. T. Jno. Scott & Jno. McEwen[were] here[this] 24
even[ing.] Jno. [has been] shearing with
Ned[.] 1st swarm about 6 o'clock(I think)
[from] O-W-Hive[.]
8. F. Scruton, [the] butcher & Jno Middleton 21
called[.] I did some] Baking[.] Fa[ther] & *Fine,warmer*
Mo[ther] returned[.] N[ed] & J[ohn have
been] fencing[.]
9. S. [Ned & John were fencing.] Jane [was] in 25
to-day[.] A[g] & I[were] in C[hurch] P.M.
10. S. A[g] & I [were] in Church(Stewart)[.] Jno. 26
& Fe[n]wick went in the] e[vening.] *Fine & very*
warm.
11. M. Watson & Jno.Middleton called[.]I] churned 24
the first c[ream] with Daisy[.]* N[ed] & *Very Rainy*
Jno. [were] fencing[.] I wrote to Maggie
Lang[. At] noon Y-W-H[ive] swarmed [and]
B-H[ive was] next[.]
- *Eliza-Ann had one or more cows that were her's to
milk and sell the butter their cream provided.
The sale of eggs and butter and dressed poultry
all contributed to Eliza-Ann's income.
12. T. [Ned and John were fencing.] Fa[ther] & 27
Jane [were] in Clinton[.] Mekin c[alled] & *Heavy Rain &*
[a] man wanting to loan [?] I] washed some *Very Warm*
& baked some pies[.]
13. W. Jno. [was] at Ned's all night & A.M. Ned 26
[was] in helping [to] dip lambs[.] Howson *Very Warm*
[was here] for dinner[.] The] other B[ee]
hive swarmed[.]
14. T. [I] put 1/2 oz.taps in bee frames[.]I was] 27
planting....in drowned-out places nearly
all day[.] Aunty [is] home[.]
15. F. Colt foaled(filly)[.]Mo[ther] & A[g were] Rain A.M.31
in Clinton P.M. *Fine & Warm*
16. S. [We] Planted 14 rows of turnips A.M.[and] 37
plowed up 6 rows [of] potatoes[.] We were] *Very Warm*
Planting beans and nips near[ly]all day...*83 degrees [F]*
.....McNaughton called[.]He] at supper
called before on the 12th[.]

17. S. Father, Mary[Glen] & A[g were in]C[hurch.] 27
(Stewart) J[ohn went in the] e[vening.]
18. M. Jno. & Er[nest were] at Road-work[.]Ned & Heavy 29
Harry Perdue came for dinner[. The] Rev. Rain- Warm,
[Mr]Stewart & Donald & M. Swallow called[.] Cool even[ing]
[I 'm cutting out gingham [for a blouse.]
19. T. Fa[ther], Jno. & Er[nest worked]at roots[.] Rain 28
Jno. Allen [came] for dinner[.] Cool & Misty
20. W. Aunt & I [were] in Clinton P.M. [I got 39
some] teeth filled[and] my front ones re- Nice
filled[.] Fa[ther] & Mo[ther were]at Wig-
[ginton's this] even[ing.] J. Pearson
ca[lled.]
21. T. Carrie and] Jen[nie Grant] & Liz McTavish 24
& Jane & [the] kid [were here] P.M. [The]
young W-hive swarmed [again.]
22. F. Fa[ther] & A[g] [have] gone [to see the] 23
Model Farm at Guelph[.]* I[was] in Church very warm
P.M. (Shaw)[.] Jim Dunkin [was here] all Rain, even-
night[.] Jno[was] meeting [the] train[to] [ing]
night[.]

*part of the fledgling Ontario Agricultural
College founded 1874.

23. S. Ned & Jane were in Bayfield & at Charlie 20
[Stewart's in the] even[ing.] A[g] & I Very Warm
milked their cows [this] even[ing. The]
Boys washed [the] buggy[.] W-1 swarmed &
[then] returned[.]
24. S. Fa[ther] & Mother[were]in C[hurch](Stew- 19
art)[.] I went with Ned & Jane[. W -1 Very Warm
swarmed again and returned[.] Rain Even[ing]
25. M. Jno. [was] stretching wire with Ned[.] 28
Er[nest was] hauling earth to [the] barn
steps[.]* [Mr]Scott[of] Brucefield Call-
ed P.M. [I]washed some clothes P.M.[The]
Y[oung]- W [Hive] & the B next the W one
swarmed[.] A[g] got badly stung[.]
26. T. [There was]voting[today and] Father[was] 24
out at school all day[.]* Mo[ther, A[g] &
I washed[.] Er[nest is] plowing a piece
for rape[.]**
- * Ontario provincial general election
** Canola - an oilseed crop
27. W. [Ernest is still plowing.] Aunt & I 24
Jane's P.M. Er[nest] fetched home [a] new Cool & Misty
bicycle[.] [The] B[ee] hive next W - 6 very Warm
swarmed[.] Cool
28. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] A[g] & Jno. 26
left[this] even[ing]for Brigham's picnic Warm & Windy
tomorrow[.] A[g] canned old house cher-
ries & I picked bugs[.] 4-W swarmed[and]
doubled[.]
29. F. [I] Baked pies A.M. & scalded roost[ers.]
Mo[ther] churned & Fa[ther] finis[hed]
sowing rape[.] Er[nest's] hauling [more]
gravel to[the barn] steps[.] Willy (Crip-
ple) Elliot [is] here with kids[.] * Bee
Hive 6 doubled[.]

* William Elliot (1837-1912) was
the son of James Elliot and Mary Anna Stewart of Hullett Twsp.

30. S. I swept out our rooms and Mother's. Jno. [was] in town [this] even [ing] for Bella [.] Warm 24

July, 1894

1. S. Fa[ther] & Mo[ther] went to Jno. Thom- 29
son's [.] I [was] at Jane's [.] Very Very Warm
2. M. Jen[nie] Grant & Bella [were] at [the] 29
river [.] Fa[ther] took Willie [Elliot]
down to U[n]cle Jno.'s [.] Jno. made [a]
screen door [for the] kitchen [.] Very Warm
3. T. Jen[nie] & Bella [were] in Clinton [.] I 32
put Paris Green [on the] pot[atoes]. We
cut a little hay [this] even [ing- the]
1st [.] A little Cooler
4. W. Bella & Jane [were] in Clinton P.M. (Jane 27
dr[ove].) darned 6 p[ai]r[of] socks with
A[g] & [We] washed winter clothes etc. P.M.
Er[nest] was mowing A.M.
5. T. [The] Boys hauled in 1 load [of hay] A.M. 23
& [with] Ned, hauled in 5 or 6 loads P.M. Cool W[ind]
Bella [was] making her blazer etc. I [was]
sorting wool with Fa[ther] near[ly] all
day [.] Mother & Willie [were] at Will's [.]
Ada [Stewart] was here in the even [ing.]
6. F. Fa[ther] & N[ed] were in Brucefield with 25
wool [.] W[illiam] E[lliot] went out to Rain, Cool
Ned's back [?] P.M.
7. S. [I] Took Willie E[lliot] & son to Aun- 28
ty's [.] A[g] & Be[lla] were in Clinton Cool & W[indy,]
A.M. & Jane [was] in P.M. Fa[ther] & Jno. Fine
[were in Clinton] with [the] Bull, [the]
Shouragh Heifer & steers [.] I] finis[hed
the] gingham blouse [.]
8. S. [I] Minded [the] kid [.] A[g] & B[ella] were 22
in Church [.] Jno. & B[ella] went [in the]
even [ing.] Fa[ther] was at U[n]cle
James's [.]
9. M. [I] Greened [the] potatoes [.] The Men haul- 26
ed in 6 loads [of] hay [.] I drove [the] Warmer
horses [on the hay] fork [.] Ned [was]
here [.]
10. T. [We] Finis[hed] mowing A.M. [and] hauled 18
in 4 loads [.] I [did the] raking P.M. Er-
[nest] went in [to] Clinton P.M. for a pul-
ley on [his] bicycle [.]
11. W. [We] Finis[hed] haying [this] even [ing.] 17
[We] Hauled in 1 [load] A.M. & 5 [loads] Warm
P.M. I did [the] raking P.M. [There were]
Just 4 [loads] in [the] Shanty field [.]
Jno. [was] in Bruce[field] for a pulley
A.M.
12. T. Jno. & Er[nest] were hauling in with Ned 24
all day [.] B[ella] & A[g] were at Wig- Pretty Warm
[ginton's] P.M. Jno. took B[ella] to [the]
station enroute for God[erich] etc. [She
caught the] late train [.] I] cut out [the]
print dress [.]
13. F. Er[nest] was mowing with Ned [.] Fa[ther] 18
walked to Clinton P.M.

14. S. Jno. & Er[nest were] hauling in with Ned all day[.]A[g] churned & I made 8 cherry pies P.M. 40
15. S. A[g] & I & Jane[were]in Church(Stewart.) Very Warm & Dry 26
16. M. [The] Boys [have been] cutting wheat[.] Ja[ne] & A[g] were] picking Ja[ne]'s berries A.M. Bella [is] home.....[I] took some honey fron No. 4[.] Very Hot & dry 25
17. T. [I] finished taking 4 bee frames [from No. 4. and We have] finis[hed] cutting wheat[.] I[was] in Clinton P.M. Sam Wilson called[.] 26
18. W. Jno. [was] reaping for Ned[.]I] was pulling & preserving cherries[.] A[g] & I picked berries P.M. 24
19. T. I [was] in Clinton P.M. Ellie P.M.& Ab & Mr & Mrs A. Dunkin[were] at G[len]'s for Cherries [in the]even[ing.] Jno. finis[hed] reaping [at] N[ed]'s A.M. Ned & Jno.[were] in C[linton] P.M.[with the] Waggon(sic)[.] 23
20. F [We] hauled in 11 loads [of] wheat, ([I] think.)[We] Pulled currants [and] finis[hed them.] Rain even[ing] 25
21. S. Jno. [was] in Brucefield A.M. & got slings[.]⁸ N[ed] was in Brucefield] P.M. [We] finis[hed the] wheat - 4 l[oads] & [the] rakings[.] I[was] raking after tea until late[.] Fine & Cool 24
22. S. Fa[ther & I [were] in C[hurch.] A[g] & I minded the kid[.] 33
23. M. A[g] & I[did a] washing and Made[ginger] snaps[.] Jno. & Er[nest] [were] hauling with Ned[.] Warmer, Showers [in] even[ing] 25
24. T. [John] went to C[linton[.]Fa[ther] & Mother] went to W. Kyle's[.] I washed & done some mending[.] Rain Fine & Warm Rain 25
25. W. Bella[was] at [Master George] Baird's[.] [I] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts[.] I] Took some honey [from the beehives. I] Lost [the] kid [at] noon[.]* Ned [was here] P.M. to [work on the] steps[.] Fine & Warm 28
*Jane reclaimed Isabel.
26. T. Bella & I [were] at Ben Miller[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton. The] Boys [were] hauling m[anure]with Ned[.] A[g] & Bella [were] at[Lizzie Glen's this] even[ing.] 32
27. F. Jno. with A[g] was at Lizzie Glen's this evening[.] Ja[ne] was]at Lizzie's P.M. Ned [was] hauling gravel here P.M. [I] Made jell[y]c[ake], ironed & washed under-skirts[.] 90 [degrees F] at tea time 40
28. S. Ned[was] here[.] Jno. & Er[nest]cut some peas[.]Ja[ne] & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. [leaving] A[g] minding [the] kid[.] Very Warm 10
29. S. A[g],Bella,Maimi & Jane[were]in C[hurch.] 20

30. M. [I] Raked peas A.M. A[g] picked bramble [berrie]s A.M. U[n]cle J[ame]s, Aunty Mary, & Mr & Mrs Armstrong[were here] A.M.⁹ Etc. Aunty & Jennie [were] here P.M. To-night [I] filled honey jars [and] churned[.] Adam [was here] P.M. [working] at peas[.] 24

31. T. [I] Made 9 pies[.] [I was] looking in [at the] bees P.M. Fa[ther], A[g] & I, & [the] Armstrongs [were] at Jane's [this] even[ing.] Jno. & M[other] & A[g] were in C[linton] A.M. & Jno[went] again[in the] even[ing.] Ned[w]as hauling g[ravel] P.M. Er[nest was] plowing[.] 26

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1. W. A[g] & Bella [were] in Clinton A.M. Ned [was] helping [us] finis[h] hauling in peas A.M. Jno. & Er[nest] helped with Ned P.M. M[other] & A[g] went down to Stewart's P.M. [Mr & Mrs Armstrong] & A[gn]es & B[ella] were at Lizzie Glen's this even[ing.] Warm 22
Cool

2. T. Ned [did] stooking [and] Jno. started cutting oats[.] Fa[ther] & [the] Armstrong's [were] in C[linton] etc. P.M. Tene & Bell [McEwen and] Nannie & Lilly [Stewart] [were] here [this] even[ing.] Warm 25
Windy

3. F. Er[nest] filled in] for Ned at Scott's threshing A.M. [and was] at Mac's P.M. [The] Arm[strong's] went to U[n]cle James's this morn[ing]. I] darned socks etc. Light Rains 31

4. S. Er[nest was] pl[owing] A.M. [and] cutting Ned's peas P.M. Jno. [was] at Ned's[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Cool Wind & Fine 20

5. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Stewart.) 19

6. M. [I] Cleaned [the] hen-house, milked sheep etc., etc. [The] Boys [were] at Ned's & Will's all day[.] A] Jew-pedler[came] in[.] Warmer 24

7. T. I [went in[to] Clinton [this] morn[ing] for [binder]twine [and] made pies P.M. Jno. [did the] reaping [while] Fa[ther] & Er[nest] did] stooking[.] 20

8. W. [John reaped while Father] & Ned [did] stooking[.] Er[nest, who was] at Woon's threshing, [was] home at 2 o' cl[ock]. I] put [a] tail on a ganzie [and] done some mending[.] Very Warm Slight Showers 28

9. T. I went to Stonehouse's with Lizzie to pick bramble[berrie]s[.] I drove] Lucy[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton]. The] Men [were] hauling in N[ed]'s peas[.] Stat- ion Agent A.G. Patterson & [his] son[were here this] even[ing.] Rain, Fine & Nice 26

10. F. A[gn]es & Bella [were] at Fergueson's[.] Ned & F. Heywood [were] here [and] haul- ed in 12 lo[ads] of] oats, (I think)[.] I] Sorted berries & Made pies etc. [A] Horse lost a shoe[.] Pleasant 26

11. S. Ned [Glen] & Frank [Armstrong were] here all day[.We] hauled in 17 loads & finished [hed the] oats[.] Frank & I [worked] in [the] mow P.M. Mo[ther was] at Jane's [in the] even[ing.] 18
12. S. Warm 28
13. M. Jno. & Er[nest] & Frank[were]hauling in Ned's oats[.] Fa[ther] & I[were]in Clinton P.M.[The] Armstrong's left[. I]killed 7 roosters (The first [batch].) 26
14. T. Fa[ther was] at Andy Dunkin's [in] Varna & [at] G[eorge]Baird's[.The] Boys finished [hed] Ned's [at] noon & [were] at Will's P.M. Foster Andrews, [the] Nursery Pedler, called[. I] Made 2 Jell[y] Cakes & Hermits[.] Warmer 25
Slight Showers
15. W. [The] Boys cut Rape & R[ye] and Oats P.M. Bella [was] at Grants P.M. [and John & Adam [were] there [in the] even[ing. I] baked pies, shanty cake & washed some[.] Dull & Cool 24
Slight Showers
16. T. Fa[ther] & I[were] in Clinton A.M. Mrs & Jessie Wig[ginton were here] P.M.& [the] Jas.[Stewart] girls were here in the even[ing.] S, Reid called[this] even[ing.] Beautiful & Cool 21
17. F. Us Kids etc.,[were] at[the]Bayfield picnic[.] Fa[ther]walked to C[linton]. A Tramp called [in on us.] 21
18. S. [We] Finis[hed the] Harvest [and have] 3 jags of Green feed[.] Ned & Will [Glen were here] for tea[.] Jno. took Bella to [the] station[in the] even[ing.] A. Dunkin [was here] for dinner[.] Warm 21
19. S. A[g] & I [went to church in the]morn[ing] (McMillan-Gunn's brother-in-law.) [John, Fenwick,] Ned & Ja[ne went in the] even[ing while] I minded [the] Kid[.] Sunshiny & Pleasant 26
20. M. Jno. [was] at Jno. Cluff's* seeing about threshing[.] Jno., Ned & Ja[ne were] in Clinton P.M.[and] left [the] kid here[.] Tho[mas] Frazer(sic) called [. I worked] at making Fa[ther's] p[an]ts[.] *The 1878 Atlas shows an R.J. Cluff on part of Lot 18, the Bayfield Con., Goderich Township. 39
21. T. [I]Finis[hed] making Fa[ther]'s ducks[.] The] Boys [are making a] Russell fence next Mac's bush and U[n]cle] Jno.'s [back fifty. I] wrote to Mrs McMillan, Gertie & Aunt Janet[.] Cool 20
22. W. [I] Mended Er[nest]'s shirts & Darned socks[.] Ned [worked] at [the] fence P.M. Beautiful but very dry 18
23. T. Mother & I[were] in Clinton P.M. N[ed] & J[ohn were] fencing[. We] Killed[a]Shrop lamb[.] Hot Day 15
24. F. N[ed] & J[ohn worked]at fences [and]Jane was in all day[.] S. & Ida Isard [were here] P.M. (went to Jane's 1st.) Er[nest was] hauling stones[. I was] making [Jim Barkley's] woolen p[an]ts[.] 20

25. S. [I] Made pies, biscuits & ironed [the] w[hite] pett[icoat] etc. A[g] walked to C[linton] P.M. (broke T)* Jno. [has been] fencing with N[ed and] Er[nest has been] hauling stones & rails[.] 20
26. S. A[g], Jane & I[went to church this] morn-[ing](Henderson.) Jno. & A[gnes], Ned & Annie S[tewart went to the] even[ing ser-vice[.]] Aunty [is] home[.] Jane [was off] seeing Aunty Ellen[.] A Billy died[.] 24
Cooler but dry
27. M. Ida [was] up for pears A.M. Er[nest],A[g] & I [were] at Scott's [this] even[ing. I worked] at making Fa[ther's p[an]ts[.]] Lizzie[is making] Mo[ther an] apron[.]Er-[nest was]hauling stones[.]N[ed] & Ja[ne] went to Stonehouse's[.] 21
Warm & Dry
28. T. [I] Washed[.] A[g] pulled & cooked plums- 3 3/6 q[uar]ts (Gems.)* A[g] & [our]cous- ins [were] in[the] river[.] Fa[ther & Jno. [were] trimming sheep[.] 16
*Gem glass sealers
29. W. [I]Killed 6 Roost[er]s[.] I[was] in Clin- ton P.M. E[rnest was] hauling gravel to [the] steps[. Ernest] bought a horse from W. Elliot[.] 25
Slight Showers Dull, Warm
- 30 T. [I] Baked Cup Cakes, Cookies & 3 Jell[y] cakes- 1 [was] a failure - no soda[. I] stitched Jno's present apron[.]* Jno.[has been] asking hands for threshing[. I] Killed [a] Shearling ewe[this] even[ing.] 16
Cool & Dullish
* See Monday entry; John appears to have enlisted the help of Lizzie Glen and his sister Eliza to make an apron for his mother.
31. F. [We began] threshing P.M. [I]made 13 pies (I think.) A[g was]in Clinton P.M.to post letters to Fox[.]* 15
Dull & Smokey
*Possibly Robert Fox, a Clinton cooper(barrel-maker)

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1. S. [We had] 21 men for dinner[and]finis[hed] threshing about 1/2 past 2 P.M. Jno.moved them over to W. Elliot's[.]Ned helped rid nips[. I] made 5 pies A.M. The Advocate ads man [was here] for dinner[,] W.Isard [was] killed [while riding] on [a] bi- cycle[.] 13
Warm, dry & Smokey
2. S. A[g] & I [were in church](a youth [named] Cameron.)Jno.[went to church in the]even-[ing.] Jno. Thomson[was] here[.] A[g] & I [were] at Isard's [this] even[ing.] 17
Very Warm
3. M [I] worked at making p[an]ts[.] Fa[ther], Mo[ther] & Jno. [called] at Isard's[this] even[ing.] Er[nest was] away [for the] "Labor Day" celebration in Clinton[.] 7
4. T. Jno. [was] helping N[ed] take out stones [from the] river[bed] A.M. Jno.& I [were] at [the] funeral P.M.[.] Mr & Mrs A. Dun- kin called this even[ing.] Er[nest has been] hauling out manure[.] 9
Rain A.M. Very Warm

5. W. Fa[ther was] in Clinton for tile P.M.[.] 18
 [I] Finis[hed the] p[an]ts, all but [the] Some Rain
 pressing[.] Fa[ther has been]putting wood Fine & Warm
 in [the] shed these days[.]
6. T. [I] Killed 10 Roosters[. I was] in Clint- 18
 on P.M.[with] evaporator app[le]s [which] Fine
 A[g] & I picked up P.M. Jno. [has been] Windy & Warm
 draining the cellar[.]
7. F.[I] made pies 14
 & pressed Fa[ther]'s p[an]ts[.] Slight Rain A.M.
 Fine P.M. & Heavy
 Rain, T[hunder] &
 L[ightning at night]
8. S. [I] Darned socks [and was] picking up Ap- 14
 ples & limbs etc. [The] Boys [were] haul- Fine & Windy &
 sand A.M. and plowing P.M. (I think.) Very Warm
9. S. Fa[ther] & I[were in Church](Geo.Law [of] 12
 Stratford [who preached on] "Peter's Den- Very W[arm]
 ial".) Adam [Stewart] & Jno. [went in the Thunderstorm
 evening.]
10. M. [I] [was] picking a[pples] A.M. Jno.[was] 9
 in Clinton P.M. [He] took A[g], who got a Thinder Shower
 bar [?] lime[.] Cook called [this ev- Then C.W. then
 en[ing] to see Er[nest].] fine & Warm
11. T. A[g] & I [were] at R. Thompson's[.]Finley 8
 [McEwen] called [this] morn[ing].] C[old] Wind
12. W. [I] Took Fa[ther] & Jno. to C[linton] en- 15
 route for Toronto Fair[.] Jessie Wig[ginton] Cold & Fine
 [was here] P.M. A[g was] at N[ed]Rath- C.W.
 well's[.]Jennie [Rathwell came] back with
 her[.] Mac [was here this] even[ing.]
13. T. Jennie[Rathwell] & A[gn]es were] at Jane's 10
 P.M. & [at] Mac's [in the] even[ing.] Mrs Heavy, Heavy
 Isard & Mrs Cartwright [were] here P.M. Rain, T[hund-
 [I]] Met Fa[ther] at [the] night train[.] er] & L[ight-
 [He was feeling] sick[.]* ning]
- *James MacFarlane died of
 prostate cancer on October 1,
 1899 at age 66. This may well
 one of the early signs, five
 years before.
14. F. [I] Stayed with [the] baby P.M. Ned took 6
 our horse to a funeral[.]* A[g] & J[ane] Fine & Warm
 were] at U[n]cle Jno's [this] even[ing.]
 Jno. came home [to]night with Adam[.] *She doesn't
 tell us who died.
15. S. J[en]nie R[athwell] went home[. I] Made 12
 pies [and was] Picking Apples P.M. Cook R[ain] Shower
 called[.] Jno. [was] in Clinton with Er- Fine
 [nest.]
16. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](G. Law.) Jno. 12
 [and] Fen[wick went at night.] Nice & Pleasant
17. M. [I] Took Fa[ther] to the station enroute 17
 for London[.]I]was Sorting Apples near[ly]
 all day[.] Er[nest] finish[ed] sowing
 wheat[.]Jno.[was] trimming sheep[.]Finley
 called[in the morning.]
18. T. Er[nest was] at Mac's threshing[. I] Put
 [a] tail on[the]gizie & turned[the]flan-
 nel pettic[oa]t[.]Aunty & Ja[ne were]here
 P.M. Jno. [went] in [the] wagon with ap-
 ples to C[linton.] P.M. Fa[ther]home [in
 the] even[ing.]

19. W. Fa[ther]drove A[g] & I to Brucefield[and] Ned met us [in the] even[ing]. We went to London [Fair.] Er[nest] & Jno. [were] at Mac's threshing[.] Fa[ther] was in Clinton [where he] expected [the arrival] of [Mr] Hanna[.]¹⁰ 11
Cool & Pleasant
20. T. Fa[ther] was in C[linton] A.M. to meet [Mr] Hanna, [who he] took all round with him[.] The visitor spoke in the] Hall [at] night. Jim Cooper and A. Dunkin called[.] Er[nest] was at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] 11
21. F. Fa[ther] took [Mr] H[anna] to [the] station [this] morning[.] Finis[hed] hemming [a] 2nd hanky etc., etc. Jno. went up to J. McDonald's P.M. Er[nest] was at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] 9
22. S. Sturdy [was here] for dinner[.] Jno. went back with [him] to another Sturdy's [and] they fetched down [the] R[am] Jno. had bought[.].....Jno. pulled beans[.] 10
Nice & Windy
23. S. A[g] & I [were in Church] (G. Law.) Ada[m] & F[enwick] went at night[.] "Judge not that ye be not judged[.]" In a blank space at the bottom of the page Eliza-Ann continues her train of thought: [I] Resolve... To take [a] text (example "Judge not...etc...") & think & practise continually till it is part of us [We should] Have our root within ourselves, not depending on outward things, preachings, etc. 11
Rain, cold & very Windy
24. M. Mr & Mrs Earl Graham [came] for dinner[.] 12
for Ned [The stone] Mason went home[.]
[I] Hemmed 1/4 handkerchief[.]
27. T. [I] Killed 10 R[oosters.] A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. & Er[nest] were threshing all day at W[illiam] Glen's[.] 12
Warmer & Fine
28. F. [I] Hemmed 1 side of [a] handkerchief A.M. Er[nest] was threshing P.M. [while] I [was] at Jane's[.] Threshers arrived [there] about 1/2 past 4 o'clock[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] this] even[ing.] 12
Beautiful
29. S. [I was] at Jane's all day[.] 11
30. S. A[g], J[ane] & I [were] in C[hurch] (G. Law, Rev. Stewart back.) "Sower & seed" Any one showing any desire to understand teachings were always gladly helped (Seek-to know.) 10
Light showers nice P.M.
H.W. & Cold

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1. M. [I] Hemmed side 4 [of the handkerchief] A.M. & Finis[hed] P.M. [I] Took honey from [the] Bees A.M. and fixed the B[ath] Mat [in the] even[ing]. [I] Hunted up App[le]s[.] The stone] Mason [came] back [at] noon[.] 10
Beautiful
Cool W[ind]
2. T. Jane & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. [with] things to show[.] A[g] stayed with [the] Kid[.] Jno. [was] up [in the] even[ing] for a barrel of cement[.] 13
Dull, C[old] W[ind]

3. W. All but Mother [were] at C[linton] Fair[.] Jane left [the] Kid with Mother[.] Some Hens[have been] killed - 2 on Tuesday[.] *Raining Nice & Sunshiny* 7
4. T. [We] Started pulling App[le]s P.M. Adam Elliot, Foster Brigham and Bella Cuming called[.] The Men have been at the river getting stones for [the] cellar[.] Cook called. *Dull, Rain Even[ing]* 10
 Eliza-Ann omits to mention the death today of Isabella, widow of Stanley pioneer John Innes. See below Footnote # 11.
5. F. A[g] & I[were] pulling a[pples] till after 6 P.M. Fa[ther] was in C[linton] P.M. for[news]papers[.] E[rnest] was plowing[.] *Showery* 10
6. S. Jno. & I [were] at [Mrs Innes's] funeral P.M.¹¹ Jock went home[.] A[g] & I [were] pulling app[le]s P.M. *C.W. Fair* 10
7. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in Church](Stewart.) Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] *Fair C.W.* 8
8. M. A[g] & I [were] pulling Ap[ples] all day[.] Er[nest] was plowing[.] The Mason came back [at] noon[.] We Finis[hed] the cellar[by] taking out[surplus]stones[.] *High Cold Wind* 6
9. T. A[g] & I [were] pull[ing] apples] all day[.] The Mason & Fa[ther] were taking stones out of [the] river[.] Thomson took down[the] front steps to strengthen [them and] went home [in the] even[ing.] *Cool Wind A.M.,* 10
10. W. Fa[ther] & Jno. & Er[nest] were] at Bayfield Fair[.] Jno. & Ned load[ed] the sheep [being entered in the] Fair[.] They called on Finley [McEwen], W[illiam] Glen, George Baird, Mr Copeland & Mr Barber[.] A[g] & I[were] pulling app[le]s[.] I killed 2 box hives [of] bees[.] *Dull, Cooler* 7
11. T. A[g] & I pull[ed] apples] all day[.] G. Baird [came] for tea[.] Cook called on A[g] & I [in the] orchard[.] *C.H.W. Very Dull Pleasanter P.M.* 5
12. F. A[g] did a washing[.] I was in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [has been] making a potato bin, etc.[I]cut the honey out of 1 hive box[.] *Pleasant Dull, Raining* 7
13. S. I killed 8 Roosters [and was] in C[linton] P.M. Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] taking stones out of [the] river[.] *Raining Showery* 7
14. S. A[g] & I[were in Church](Stewart.) "Christ washing disciples' feet" Humility etc. *Dull Snow, Hail* 7
15. M. [The] Men [were] lifting potatoes[.] A[g] & I [were] pulling ap[ples] on the] 3 Spy trees[.] Ad[am] and Jno. [were at church] [in the] evening[.] *Fine between Dull & Bright* 8
16. T. A[g] & I [were] pulling ap[ples] all day[.] The Men [have] finis[hed] lifting pot[atoes.] Er[nest] & Fa[ther] were pulling Mangols P.M. John [was] in C[linton] P.M. for [a] bar[.] *Nice & Warm* 8
17. W. A[g] & I[were] pulling ap[ples.] Jno. Thomson came [this] morn[ing] and was fixing [the] front steps[.] The Boys [are] pulling & hauling in Mangols[.] Jno[was] in C[linton] for lime[.] *Beautiful* 7

18. T. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. [and] pulling a[pple]s P.M. Jno. T[homson] left A.M. [and] fixed Mac's chimney[.] 6
19. F. A[g] washed [and] I[was] pulling [apples.] Jno. shot [a] hawk [in the] orchard[. The] Men finis[hed the] Mangols[.] 5
20. S. [The Men pulled] & hauled in Carrots[.] A[g] & I[helped] A.M.[and] I [helped] P.M. Finley [McEwen] called[.] 4
21. S. Jno. & A[gn]es were in C[hurch] (Stewart.) Jno. & Ned [went in the evening.] 5
22. M. A[g] & I finis[hed] pulling a[pples] & pears[.] Cantelon peddlers drove in [to get] out of [the] rain[.] Apple packers arrived [in the] even[ing]. The Men finis[hed the] carrots[.] 4
Dull, Rain, T[hunder] & L[ightning] Warm, Fine
23. T. Jno. & Er[nest] were at Wig]ginton's threshing till 2 o'clock[.] Lizzie & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. [I had to] post [a] letter[. We] Packed 37 bar[rels] and have] finis[hed with apples.] 4
Misty, Fine Rain
24. W. A[g] & I [were] picking culls all day[.] Er[nest] was plowing[.] Fa[ther] was pulling beets & house carrots[.] Cook called etc. Bell May [McEwen] came after apples[.] 18
Dull, Fine, Warmer
25. T. A[g] washed [while] I [was] sorting a[pples.] Fa[ther] was in C[linton] P.M. 4
Dull & Pleasant
26. F. I [was] in Church (McAllister.) [The] Calder's came as Jno. was going [The] Calder's, Fa[ther], Mo[ther], Jno., Adam, etc., [gathered] at Mac's [this] even[ing.] Finley [was here this] morn[ing] for ?] 3
27. S. Jno., [Ernest,] & Ned hauled out apples[.] I [was] sorting a[pples] all day[.] 15
Beautiful
28. S. Fa[ther], Mo[ther] & I [were] in C[hurch.] Ag minded B[ella-P[earl]] & Lizzie's kids[.] 3
29. M. [I was] Sorting a[pples] A.M. Ned & Ja[ne] [were] in C[linton] for cider [and] took up evap[orator] apples too[.]* J. Scott, Adam & Mac's [were] peeling [this] even[ing.]** 3
Warm
- * In this period, most towns in the area had a small factory or mill where you could take apples to be dried or made into cider.
** Usually bruised or pitted apples were made into cider. Apples for drying were first peeled and cored. While you could dry them yourself over several days in the sun, it was a lot speedier to take them to the evaporator and fast-dry them in a warming oven while you waited.
30. T. [We were] Making apple butter [and then] Jno. took back the kettle[.]* Er[nest] has] finis[hed for this year] & [is] gone to night with Jno. 4
Raining
*rented from evaporator?
31. W. [I] Partly packed 4 hives[.] U[n]cle Jno's, Jno, & both Glen's have gone to Green's [this] even[ing.] I] peeled some apples this even[ing.] Ned had a runaway [horse].

1. T. [I was] at Jane's A.M. helping to churn[.] Jno. [was] meeting Ned at Jno. Middleton's[this] morn[ing. I] loosened frames in 2 bee boxes [that I'm getting ready to unite[.] *Windy Beaut[iful]* 14
2. F. Fa[ther was]piling furnace wood in [the] cellar[.] (yesterday too) Mo[ther & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [We] took pears [and] app[le]s [to the] Wigg[inton]. Jno. [was] hauling out manure[.] 14
3. S. [I] Picked [a] goose, put bees together & [was] bagging onions etc. Fa[ther] pulled 4 rows [of] turnips [which] Jno. took in[.] *Showery & Windy* 3
4. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Stewart.) Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] *Fine & Dull* 3
5. M. Jos. Isard [was] here [this] morning[.] [I] Finis[hed] packing [the] bees[.] The Men [worked] at [tur]nips[.] Jno. [was] plowing A.M. [I] peeled apples [in the] even[ing.] *Fine* 18
6. T. [The] Men [have] finis[hed tur]nips[.] [I was] Cleaning [the] hen house[.] A[g] is building [a] goose house[.] Jno.[was] in C[linton this] even[ing.] The Master [was here] after sheep[.] *Light Snow showers; Ground White* 12
7. W. Carrie & Jennie [Grant] called, hunting [for] apples[.] Wiley [was] here & Jim Swan called[.] Finis[hed] cleaning [the] hen-house, sorted at onions, etc. [The] Cows [were] in all night[.] *Dull, Softish* 3
8. T. [I] Killed 3 Turk[ey]s[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] A.M. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [and brought Father] home with me[.] Finley [was here in the] even[ing.] *C[old] E[ast] W[ind] Slight Flurries* 3
9. F. Fa[ther], Mac & Ned killed Ned's & our pigs[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton], B[rucefield] & Varna getting a barrel[.] The Colts and all cattle[were] in to night[.] [I was] cutting honey off frames this even[ing.] *Stormy & Snowing* 5
10. S. [I cut honey off of frames] all day[.] Fa[ther was] at [the] mill for chop, 1st [time with the] sleigh[.] A[g], Jno. & I [were] at Glen's [this] even[ing.] *C[old] W[ind] Snow Showers* 4
11. S. A[g] & I [went to church](Stewart)[in the] buggy[.] Jno. [went in the] even[ing.] *Fine Snowed a little* 6
12. M. [I] Churned[.] [We had] Callers-[The] Rev. Mr & Mrs Stewart[.] Dickson (Goderich) bought the Shear[ing] Ram[.] Nannie [and] Adam [Stewart] & B[ella] Cum[ing] [were here this] even[ing.] *Fine Dullish* 1
13. T. [I] Killed 6 Tu[rkey]s & 8 chickens[.] [I was] in C[linton] P.M. Dickson's man [came] for[the] Ram [and] Greaves [came] after his sheep[.] Jes[sie] Wigg[inton] & her cousin McGregor [were here] P.M. *Softish Snow Showers* 3
14. W. [I] Washed[.] Jno. [has been] hauling earth to the barn steps these days[.] I was] at Ned's [this] even[ing.] *Snowed Some, Softish, Dull* 3

15. T. Mo[ther] & I[were] in C[linton] P.M. [-We went in the] buggy[.] Fa[ther was] at Dyke's sale[.] *Fine, Soft*
16. F. Jane [was] here[.] I [was] sorting honey all day[.] A[g] [was] washing[the] k[it-chen] windows[. The] Master [was here]in [the] even[ing[.] *Fine, Dull* 1
Slight Showers
17. S. Washed hair(mine)[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] P.M. Jane went to C[linton] in [the]cart P.M. A[g] washed kitchen plas-ter[.] *Slight Snow* 1
Showers, Fine, Dull
18. S. [The] Horse [is] minus a shoe[.]Jno.walk- ed [to church in the] even[ing.] *21(Rotting)*
Snowing
19. M. [I] Made pies, mended p[an]ts etc., [and], hemmed[a] p[ai]r[of] grey flannel sheets [in the] even[ing.] *Snowing* 2
20. T. I [was] in C[hurch] A.M. [We] Killed & plucked 10 geese & 12 Turk[ey[s[.] *C[old] S.E.* 1
Wind
21. W. [I was] in C[linton] A.M. Sturdy [came] for tea[. I] Killed and picked 2 geese[.] *Soft*
22. T. Thanksgiving A[g] & Jessie & I [were] at the [Sabbath School] exam[inations P.M. Houston & Scott [were the] examiners[.]Mr & Mrs [Wigginton],Stella,& Jes[sie],Ned & Jane [came for] dinner[.] Jane went [out] for & returned with U[n]cle J[ame]s & Aunty Mary[.] *Fine, Dull* 1
23. F. Jno. & Ned [were] up at Porter's Hill etc. A[g] & I[were]at Grant's P.M.& even[ing.] *Dull but* 1
pleasant
Jno., Adam, Ned & Jane [were] at Grant's [in the] even[ing.] Grainger [was] here [and he] bought [thee] Grey cow[.] Aunty [is] home[.]
24. S. Fa[ther] walked to Clinton[.] Aunty [was] up[.I] Put [the] remainder of [the] hon-ey in jars[.] *Snowing*
25. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Stewart.)..... *Frozen, a* 2
.....Jno.[went in the] even[ing](Day-Tor- *little C.W.*
onto.) S[abbath] S[chool] Anniversary*
- *My educated guess is that this is the 20th anniversary. The school probably commenced at Easter, 1874. Eliza would have been 10 and able clearly to recall it.
26. M. Fa[ther] & I put in D[ouble]Windows [and I] Cleaned[the] H[en]-H[ouse. I] took in some cabbage to [the Rev.] Mr S[te]wart[.] *C[old] W[ind]* 2
27. T. Aunty & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. A[g] washed blankets[.] *C.CN.W.W.* 7
Snow Flurries
28. W. [I] Darned Fa[ther's] & Jno.'s mitts & Fa[ther's] "socks"[*I] Washed [and] A[g] ironed[. The] G[len] kids[were] here P.M. [while] Lizzie [was] in C[linton.] *Snow Flurries*
C[old] W[ind]
*euphemism for long underwear?

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29. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Killed 4 geese & 7 Turkeys[.] C[old] 1
E[ast] W[ind] Blizzardy
30. F. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. & [at] Wigg[inton's in the] even[ing.] Fine, 1
Dull, Warm

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1. S. Jno. [was] at Will's crushing P.M. Jane [was] in P.M. Fine, a little
Softish
2. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Stewart.) Jno. [went to] C[hurch in the] even[ing.] Snowing
Wetting
3. M. Ned [was] here A.M. fixing[the] arms [on the]H[orse P[owe]r[We]cleaned[the]H[en-] H[ouse and then John went to] B[ruce- field[.] Grainger & H. Parker called[.] Fine
Sunshiny
4. T. A[g] & I & Mac's [were] at "Master's"[in the] even[ing. I] sewed steels on [the] basque & put new pockets in Jno.'s over- coat[.] 1
5. W. [I] Cleaned potato earth out of[the]cel- lar, swept it[and I] Washed P.M. A[g] was out helping J[ane] pick 5 Turk[ey]s[.]
6. T. Fa[ther was] at A. Dunkin's[.] A[g] & I [were] at Ned's [this] even[ing] picking 7 turkeys[.] A. Dunkin & kid [were] here [to-]night[.I worked]at making [a] stoc- king bag P.M. Beauteous
7. F. [I] Finis[hed the stocking bag and spent the] even[ing] a t Aunty's[. I was] in C[linton] A.M. with Jane' s Turk[ey]s[.] Raining P.M.
8. S. [I'm]making Jno.'s woolen p[an]ts[.]A[g] is washing kitchen paint these days[.] Jno. [went to] B[rucefield.] Rainy
9. S. [The] Horse [has] lost [a] shoe[.] Jno. [walked to church in the] even[ing.] Beautiful
10. M. [I'm still] making p[an]ts[.] A[g] was at Mac's[and I was] at Ned's[this] even- [ing.] Mild, but
cold E[ast] W[ind], Rain.
11. T. [I] finis[hed the] p[an]ts[.] Slight Showers
12. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] with [the] grey cow[.] Fa[ther went]in[the] top buggy[,] A[g] [was] cleaning [the] pantry[.] Raining, Sleet & Snow
13. T. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en-]H[ouse] P.M. [I] Took Jane out 12 pullets and took in 2 turkeys[.I] Put new feathers[in] hats[.] A[g] [has] gone to Ellie's (Mrs Nott's.) Fine
Dull
Slush
14. F. [Agnes] came back [at] night[.] N[ed] & Jno.[are] at[the] wood[.] Dewdrop calved [a bull calf this] morn[ing.] Beautiful
15. S. Ned[was] here P.M. A[g] was] in C[linton] with Jane P.M. Beautiful 4
16. S. A[g] & I [were in church.] Ad[am] & Jno. [went in the evening.] C.W. 1
a little Rain P.M.

17. M. Jane[was] in C[linton] P.M. Mother [was] out minding[the]baby[.]Sawed a little at Uncle's old house[.] Fa[ther was]helping Will kill[a] heifer [this] morn[ing.]Jno. [was helping] Mac's[with the]farriers[in the] morning[.] Fa[ther was] at Wigg[inton's this] even[ing.] C.W. 4
Freezing
18. T. A[g is]housecleaning the upstairs[.]Aunty & I [were] in C[linton.] Fa[ther was] at Avery's[.] Ned [was] here..... Fine, Dull 2
19. W. A[g is] cleaning [the] up-stair[s] hall [and she] washed plaster[.] Cutting P.M. Alex McDougall & Bride [are] at Mac's[.] [Our household was] at Mac's for tea & [for the] even[ing]. Beautiful 3
20. T. We] Baked "Christmas Cakes"[.] A[g] & Jno. [went to] Jno. Pearson's dance[.] Fa[ther was] at Wig[ginton]'s] etc. Fine 2
21. F. Wylie [was] here with lambs[. I] swept & scrubbed my room[.] A[g is] cleaning down [the] hall [from my] room[.] Slight Rain 4
Fine & Beautiful P.M.
22. S. [I] Picked 2 geese etc.[I] Swept & dusted B[ella's] room etc Beautiful 3
23. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Stewart.) Jno. & B[ella went in the evening](McMillan.) 2
24. M. Ned [was] in dipping "hero lambs[.* I] Swept [the] cellar & made [some] pies[.] Dull 4
Snow Even[ing]
* lambs born with the onset of cold weather. Any that live until spring will be "heroes."
25. T. [We had Ned & Jane & I[sabella] P[earl] for dinner[.] A[g], Jane, & I [were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [in the] even[ing. We] are] making Mo[ther's]print dress[.] Jen. Grant [was here] P.M. & all night[.] Fine & Frozen 3
26. W. [We] Washed P.M. [and] Cleaned chop[.] [We were] Making Jno.'s print basque[.] C.W. 4
27. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] finis[hed] Mo[ther]'s basque,mended[the] ganzie & bathed[.I was] at school[this] even[ing.] May Bell, Annie, Mary & Ella [McEwen* were] trying for catechism diplomas[.] very 3
C[old] W[ind]
- *The first three were daughters of Duncan McEwen. Bella May and Annie died of TB on July 27 and October 15, 1904. Mary lived to a ripe old age, married Oscar Paisley, and lived in Clinton all her life. Ella was one of Finley's 2 daughters. She was later Mrs H. Alexander of Clinton[.]
28. F. J. Avery and Hunter called A.M.Jno.[was] at Woon's threshing A.M. [I'm] Mending [an] old b[la]ck dress[.] Snowing Some 6
29. S. [I finished mending the old black dress.] [I] Picked[a] goose & [a] hen[and] darned stockings[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] with Ned's lambs[.] Snowing Some 6
Cold

30. S. A[gnis]& I[went to church[in the buggy[.] 1
*Let him that standeth..etc.*Jno.,& B[el-
 la went in the evening,using the]cutter Snow evening
 [for the] 1st time [this season[.]
31. M. [I] Made pies, Cleaned [the] hen-house, 1
 mended [a] coat &[a pair of p[an]ts etc Fine, not
 Fa[ther [went to] Hensall in [the] cut- so cold
 ter[.]

Editorial Meditations:

(1) Eliza- Ann: 1894

On January 23, 1894, Eliza-Ann went to Peter Campbell's funeral, helped entertain Brigham relatives from Hullett and Morris townships, and visited her sister Jane and 4-week-old Isabel. Though she doesn't mention it, Eliza-Ann had also turned 30. Matrimony was not in the cards. No suitors of the calibre of James MacFarlane or Ned Glen were anywhere in sight. Had she been willing to lower her sights a bit, with her skills and her drive and prospects for an inheritance, she could almost certainly have had her pick of run-of-the-mill farm boys for a husband. But at home, she was treated as equal partner by an enlightened father, she was able to make her own money from the sale of eggs, butter, honey and dressed poultry and she had all the friends and recreation she needed.

At 30, she had taught Sunday school for many years, read the Bible thoroughly and had internalized the best of many sermons. In 1894, we see her using the diary to jot down quite profound theological insights possibly for use in her teaching but also for self-improvement. There is also an entry this year where she has a bath, washes her hair and puts on her best clothes, just to supervise four McEwen girls writing an exam in catechism.

She would bear no children of her ^{own} but she would rejoice in the friendship of nieces, nephews and neighbours' children. She must have given spiritual inspiration to more than a few of these young people. And with Isabel, her first niece, there was immediate, life-long rapport.

(2) John: 1894

Isabel Glen told me: "In later life, Grandmother and her 4 daughters blamed themselves for the way the only son and brother turned out. They spoiled him!" But the problem was bigger than that. Though intelligent and quick-witted, John was fundamentally lazy, easily bored and prone to avoiding work he did not find entertaining. The commitment to hard work and excellence, evident in his parents and his sisters, fostered in him a stubborn contrariness. When forced to perform uninteresting tasks, he tended to do a hasty and slipshod job. His family valued education; he quit school as soon as he could. His parents and sisters took religion seriously, he thought it a humbug. But had he stopped going to church, it is quite possible that Malcolm and Ann McEwen would oppose his courtship of Bell. It might also have been the final straw for his parents. He liked living at home and hoped to end up owning the farm. In 1892 and 1893, we find Eliza-Ann recording his church attendance. Face is saved by accepting his going to evening services with friends his own age. As for work about the farm, the diary reveals that ^{he} was allowed to drive wagons and implements, go on the interesting errands. The arrangement worked short term.

(3)The House and Barn:1894

Eliza-Ann informs us of a lot of comings and goings of the mason, and the hauling of a lot of stones from the river bed, without specifying what is going on. I think the barn 'steps' to which she refers are the two gangways that would lead into the raised 4-bay barn. At the house, I suspect moisture was seeping up through the dirt floor in cellar. Weeping tiles went in and stone and concrete floors were laid.

1. See
2. Gertie is Gertie Stewart, her first cousin in Missouri. I can't imagine who "U. Jm" would be. Perhaps she really meant Uncle Sam Stewart, Gertie's father. Sam lived at James Stewart's 1854-66 before moving to Missouri for free land and to be near his future bride, Jessie Campbell. Perhaps Eliza-Ann wrote to tell him of Peter Campbell's passing. I don't know if the deceased was Jessie's relative, but it is possible. Jessie's parents William and Ann Campbell ran a hotel in Clinton [according to 1861 Canada Census] before moving to Missouri. Roland Stewart, Sam's son visited in the Clinton area in 1909 and in 1938. Don Glen clearly recalled the second visit and had a "very strong impression" that Roland went off for a couple of days to visit his mother's relatives in the area.
3. James McQueen settled on Lot 17, Con I, the 3rd lot north of Brucefield on the west side of the London Road. He would be a brother of the late Elizabeth Glen so the deceased would be Ned's aunt by marriage.
4. It's not clear which John Stewart she's referring to. It's probably her cousin John B. Stewart, but it might also be her Uncle John. But I have yet in the diary to see a reference to her Uncle as simply John. I perused the rest of the entries for 1894 and found no reference to his return from Denver. According to Isabel Glen, Dan Ross was in the parlance of the 1990's, abusive. On one occasion, she said, Jack, Charley, and brother-in-law Willie Glen responded to a distress call from Mary Ross and went to Denver "to calm things down." The whole matter was very hush hush, out of sympathy for Mary Ross. Victorians were strong on respectability and avoided getting "talked about." Being far off in Denver, Mary could keep the lid on news of domestic discord, as long as no one at home blabbed about it in Clinton. Dan Ross died in the autumn of 1899 in his 50th year. Mary returned to Ontario with Stewart, Bessie and Donald and there was a consensus by those in on the details not to speak ill of the departed.
ton.
5. See *History of Clinton:1875-1975*, published 1975 by the Clinton Centennial Executive. Assembled by the Historical Committee: Mrs Doris Batkin, Chair: and Mrs C. Trott, Elgin Thompson, Charles Cook, Homer Andrews, Gerald Fremlin and Mrs Glen Lockhart pp. 160. See "Postal Service" pp. 102-03. Thomas Fair was Clinton's Postmaster from January 1856 until

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- March 13, 1894. He died one month later on April 13, 1894. He built a frame building on Victoria Street, north of the hotel in 1866 and operated the post office there until his death. For Eliza-Ann, the death of the only postmaster she had ever known would mark the end of an era.
6. *History of Clinton: 1875-1975* p. 103. Robert Porter was Thomas Fair's successor as postmaster and would hold the post until 1901. On pp.84-5, we learn that Thomas Fair's sister was the first wife of Thomas Jackson, one of Clinton's pioneer businessmen. The petition is asking the Dominion, in effect to appoint the nephew of the late postmaster to the post. In *The New Era* for January 26, 1911, there is a social item recounting a visit and social evening. Mr & Mrs James Fair and Mr Fred Jackson of Clinton visited Mr & Mrs Adam Stewart and Fenwick Stewart and John MacFarlane "dropped in." This suggests that the Stewart's, MacFarlane's and the Malcolm McEwen family were old friends of the Fair's and the Jackson's.
 7. In the issues for August 7 and 14 and September 11, 1896 issues of *The New Era* is a continuing account of another expedition to sell cattle in Scotland. Goldie Graham and Malcolm McEwen took 150 head on steamer *Laurentian*, which sailed for Liverpool on Aug 9. William Graham went as far as Montreal and the cattle lost a lot of weight in the heatwave.
 8. See Robert Bruce Walker, *The Barefoot Boy From Francistown*, edited by Ken F. Stewart, M.A., O.I.S.E. Press, 1989.p. 123: "When the sheaves were dry, they were loaded onto the hay rack and built into a load on top of rope slings. There were four slings to a load and the slings were hooked into the same equipment and off-loaded into the other mow using the same procedure we had for hay. The trip rope released the ends of the slings and the quarter load fell where you wanted it to go. We had to mow the sheaves, a practice consisting of spreading them out in rows from front to rear of the mow and then tramping them down. This insured that the entire crop would fit in the mow and that the threshers would have a much easier time forking them back out of the mow."
 9. Mrs Armstrong was the former Nancy Barkley. In the Glenfarm photo archives is a carte from the early 1870's, taken in a Seaforth studio. On it is a caption "Nancy Barkley - later Mrs Armstrong." She appears to be 25 to 30. Also in the collection is a cabinet photo from the late 1880's or early 1890's of a middle-aged woman from Wisconsin. Isabel Glen said that all she knew for sure was that it was a "Mrs Armstrong." The Armstrong's were Barkley relatives. From time to time I stumble on an unknown Barkley name in Smith's Falls or Huron county research. Ann Barkley Stewart and her brother David had siblings back home. I think a few nieces and nephews emigrated to Canada and stayed with Stewart's or Barkley's on their arrival. The photo albums in Glenfarm and my possession indicate this Armstrong branch in Wisconsin and a Johnston branch in LeClaire, Scott County, Iowa. On a will or a deed in Lanark county's registry office, a signature was witnessed by one "James Barkley - Teacher." Contact appears to have lapsed with these American cousins.
 10. Probably the gentleman is W.J. Hanna, a 32-year-old Sarnia lawyer, businessman and Conservative. He was an effective speaker and a practical politician. He would unsuccessfully contest a Lambton seat in the Commons in 1896 and 1900 and then win the seat in the provincial legislature in 1902. He would be one of the leading cabinet ministers in the powerful provincial administration of Conservative Premier Sir James Whitney, in office 1905-14. However, there is an outside possibility that it could be the Rev. W.G. Hanna, who would be a 38-year-old Presbyterian minister, a native of Holmesville, and since 1889, pastor in Uxbridge, Ontario. He was educated in Clinton Collegiate, University of Toronto (B.A. 1881) and Princeton Seminary, N.J. In his later career, he was secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. See H.J. Morgan, ed.; *The Canadian Men and Women of the Time: A Handbook of Canadian Biography of Living Characters*, William Briggs, Toronto, 1912, p. 497. Hanna the Conservative politician, is a better bet. James MacFarlane was a prominent Conservative, educated, and an ex-teacher. It would make sense for him to be given the task of meeting the distinguished guest speaker and squiring him around.

11. See the *New Era*, October 12, 1894; Isabella, born 1807, Banfshire, Scotland, emigrated with late husband, John Innes 1846 to Zorra Twsp. They came to Stanley in 1853 and pioneered on Lot 30, Con II. She was the mother of Alex Innes, Mrs W.H. Scott and Mary (Mrs Duncan McEwen.)

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