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Wednesday 9 Nov 1921

This morning the ground is frozen to hard to plow: The snow is falling and the Earth is again covered with snow.

Voltie is digging the garden regularly carrots, beets, and parsnips. Joe went down to his fathers for something, I don't know what, and stopped at Rachels to to feed her hens. There are lots of quail heads heads left on the poles. I guess they will have to remain there all winter. The wind is from the East this morning and breezy Ray Card came in here in his car buying turkeys; bought Emma's paying her \$10.⁰⁰ dollars in advance. I received a long letter from Grace, a very interesting letter expressing regret that she had not known of the acquaintaince and friendship between Mrs John Grey and myself. I too am sorry. I would have written her, had I known that she was living, and her place of residence, which was no further away than Watertown. So I have received an answer to one of my 4 letters. Howard here to borrow Salt. Joe up to Samy's all day cleaning and bagging oats. but comes home to supper. The boat won't come in this day on account of storm. So Voltie does not think of driving through to the dock in morning. Storm increasing
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Thursday 10th Nov 1921

Awoke this morning to find a real wintry day far and wide. The fields, roofs of every house, barn, and shed as far as we can see covered with a white blanket of snow a foot deep and the snow is falling fast. Emma up getting breakfast, Edith helped to milk Joe upstairs with a lame back. Voltie went over there to feed his hens. Edith talking to Arlome by telephone. Churning done. Vottie drove to the boat for apples for Gus Rathray two barrels. had to wait a long time for the boat to come in. Many of the neighbors there waiting too, to send there produce to Kingston. As soon as loaded, the boat left again from the village. We were waiting for Voltie to come home to supper. After 8 O'clock when he came Emma doctoring Joe for rheumatism.

Friday 11th Nov 1921

This day same as yesterday for wintry weather tho it is thawing a little. The ground is white with snow every where. Voltie and Joe both affected with rheumatism. both saw my wood with cross cut Saw. Edith away to Annie's for our gobler. Not much to write in a diary these days for the time goes monotonously on day by day. Three meals each day which occupies a most of the time. Not much sewing done; no threads only crochet thread, no yarn to knit Keeping a diary may be all nonsense. Who knows

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our big globbler got tired of waiting to be
to be carried to market and so went
in company of our neighbors turkey, but
a little globbler came to live with our turkeys.

Thursday 18th Nov 1921

Nearly a week since I wrote in this
diary. Since last Friday I have
received letters 1 from Grace, 1 from Muriel,
1 from Charley Halliday Jr. & one from Ethelyn
Halliday. in answer I have written Grace
and Muriel. I wrote a long letter to
Belle which remains unanswered

Then yesterday Voltie butchered 4
pigs and Emma's turkeys 10 of them
which weighed 112½ lbs. besides bagging
oats too. Now this is 21st of Nov '22
a very fine day. snow all gone. Wind
south and blowing some. The wind
shaking the few remaining leaves from
the trees. Voltie and Joe plowing. Emma
washing and sewing and getting dinner
Rachel washes dishes. I finished writing
to Charley H Jr. and Ethelyn but dont send
any to any one. Yesterday was Sunday
No one here excepting Mr and Mrs
George Niles who were invited in
while passing here on their way to church

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Voltie and [[Joe]] & Keil & Samy went to Grindstone Island in the motor. and returned at dark bringing candy, pins, and calico A birthday present for me from Joe and Emma and one from Rachel and one from Voltie. The boys, Voltie and Joe, saw some, not very handsome people in the store from Gananoque buying things

It was late when they arrived home but V went to Rachels to feed her hens and drive home the cows, milk, separate milk then supper, then wash dishes then to bed. but Edith came home a little while from Keils. Friday was the 18 Nov and recieved a letter from Belle also one from Grace. Sat 20 Nov was Voltie's birth day. 20 of Nov Yesterday 21 Nov

Monday a very fine day. V and J plowing all day Emma washed, Churned got all the meals served, made my dress as a surprise for my birthday. a week ago this day Emma went to Will Gillespies to the aid society with Annie Niles.

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No not on Monday the aid meets every Tuesday.

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Monday 22nd 1921

Once more I've made a mistake
This is Tuesday p.m. Ema
is away to Annie Niles to
the aid taking Keddie Trewe
with her and the snow is falling
thick on and Joe & Voltie has gone
plowing over the hill to bag oats or
some kind of grain & Rachel is
washing dishes and I am
writing without glasses

Tuesday 23rd 1921

Yesterday was the anniversary of my birth 88 years
ago. I received a present from Ema & Joe
a present from Voltie and one from Rachel

Wednesday 24th Nov 1921

The roads are so bad mail came only as
far as Arelius Berry's. ground bare
and brown

Thursday 25 Nov 1921

A cold stormy day of sleet some snow
some rain which freezes as it falls Emma
and Voltie away to Kingston by boat Joe
drove to boat morning, and again at night
Edith came home from Kiels ½ past 10
staid till 8 pm then going back to Kiels
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I send letters
to Muriel and
Charley & Ethelyn
Halliday.

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Friday 26th Nov 1921.

chilly weather sun not very clear. Windy weather
an argument at breakfast about Cleary &
and his duty as a mail carrier which
ammounted to nothing excepting a noise
and ended in laughter. a good fire in furnace
fire in little stove gone out.

{I receive letters from
Mrs Adams and John}

Saturday 27 Nov 1921

Work going merrily along Emma done all sorts of
Saturday work besides some washing Took carpet off
small room floor moped cleaned baked got the
meals. Rachel knit wee Irene a pair of mittens
Joe went to his fathers to get hog grist ground.
Voltie went down on the lower place and
chopped a load of wood When Joe came home
with grist Joe drove down and helped V bring home
the wood. Then made sour krout in evening in
kitchen.

{Voltie popped corn by furnace}

Sunday 28th Nov

Nasty bad weather all day. No one came
no one went from here. day is short thick
dark and cold. I write to Grace. three meals this
day come close together Edith dont come home

Monday 29th Nov 1921

a cold day cloudy wind blowing from
North. Rachel knitting for Joe Voltie a pair of mittens
Emma fixing together a quilt lining. V & J working
in shop. V & J are getting wood down on
the lower place.

Tuesday 29th 1921

This day same as yesterday. Rachel knitting

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Thursday 1st Dec

This a very good day. Arose early

Voltie drove to the dock with Joe and

the coal bags. Joe going up with the

his oats for market Sam went also Voltie

plowed. I sent a letter to John by Joe.

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Friday 2nd Dec 1921.

I forget the kind of weather. I guess it couldn't have been very bad for the mail came bringing me two letters one from Irene and one from Grace. I was Pleased to get them both and imagined I was in Southern Pines North Carolina where every thing is so bright warm and beautiful with flowers, pines beautiful scenery. Cold Here.

Saturday 3rd

A terrible day for wind and weather
Wind South West and blowing a gale and cold
Volkie and Joe finished plowing by the road
The same saturday work done as usual
Knitting going on I dont do much of any thing
only think which is of privilege too
Edith comes home across the field with her suitcase
in hand, to stay home. They paid her \$5.25.

Sunday 4th

A very good No one goes from here. No one comes till afternoon, when Frances Gott and Mortimer McDonald drive in here for a visit. They stay till 11 O'clock p.m. Then go home. I dont feel very and go early to bed
Caught cold yesterday The usual amount of of cooking and eating done
Sheridan Maloney and Samy Woodman here to dinner. Sherd enroute for the village to do his courting. George Woodman came for Sherd & took him to the village and brought him home again

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Monday 5 Dec 1921

Weather the same. I send a letter to Irene and Kathleen. Rachel received a letter from John. Voltie and Joe chopp and saw wood. Sheridan Maloney here to dinner. Edith got the breakfast V and J went to the farmers meeting at the school house this evening. Emma went as far as Kiels.

Thursday 6 Dec 1921

This is election day for the whole dominion of Canada. Great contention between the farmers and the Meighen government (conservative) and The farmers. The Reformers or Liberals Joe is away to the new school house as returning office carrying the ballot box Emma is moping, Rachel knitting Edith washing dishes Weather half cloudy and cold. The aid meets at George Niles this day. The woman all vote then go to the aid. Voltie drives to the school house with Emma. then home to dinner. Lois here to dinner then Emma and Lois walked down to Geo N's to the aid. No only Emma goes Lois stays all afternoon She and Edith pop corn in cellar by the furnace The county of Frontenac in favor of the farmers by a big majority. Reed is the man Hon Dr Edwards is out of office Conservatives low

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Wednesday 7th December 1921

This is a very fine day. butchering day. Bill Kiel and Samy helping. all here to dinner. all talking all very merry and happy. A letter from Mabel and one from Grace. Churned and made prints 20 lbs for market. V planning his affairs

Thursday 8 December 1921

Voltie and Emma went to Kingston this morning on the carrying porks (2 pigs) which were 27 dollars. Voltie bought for himself a new suit \$47 dollars, and under wear I sent a letter to Grace. V bring me a I drank a glass of cider; wish I hadn't. This is a lovely day.

Friday 9th Dec 1921

A cloudy day not cold S wind. Emma cleaning all the floors. Rachel knitting as usual Madaline and Edith [*Bouvine*] here to supper. then came Alden M. Howard N Ambose N they staid till 11 pm.

Saturday 10th Dec 1921.

Wind South. no frost on the windows. Didnt get up very early. but we are all up now and after breakfast Emma cleaning up again after last nights visitation. Rachel knitting Edith washing dishes. V & J cutting and sawing wood by the wood pile. Weather thick and cloudy Edith walked over to Morgans at 4pm.

Came home at 2am. I was surprised by the late arrival of Evening visitors Ray, Maggie & their three children, Isabel Lawrence & baby Dora and Smythe and another chap. All played cards.

Sunday 11 Dec. 1921

A soft warm day, sun shining—Emma and Joe gone to church. After service, come home, dressed Irene and drove to Hiram's for a visiting. I write a letter to Will. Emma & Joe stay late to Hiram's. I was in bed long before they came home. He talks of going to Toronto with Voltie Tuesday.

Monday 12 Dec 1921

A beautiful day, warm, bright, sun light clear all day. I send Will's letter to Post box. Voltie and Joe and Sam working in shop all day shoeing horses putting tongue in single buggy to drive to the village tomorrow. I began a letter to Maybel Morgan Emma washing Rachel knitting. no letters only for Emma from some Kenny girl in Watertown. Only 2 daily Whigs. Christmas number of the Canadian Countrymen and Farmers []
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{Mr Geo Niles here awhile}

Tuesday 13 Dec 1921

Arose at 5 am. hustling around now to get ready to start for the village to get the first boat across to town. Voltie going to Toronto as a delegate to the Farmers Convention, Joe driving to the village with Voltie and Sam. Joe came back in time for dinner then done all the chores that were left undone Emma brought in all the wash and folded the clothes. Joe done all outdoor work.

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Wednesday 14 Dec

A cloudy day, threatening snow one day of Volties absence from home gone. Rachel knitting. I sent a letter to Mabel. Sinclair Michea came to make us a visit and staid to dinner.

Thursday, 15th Dec 1921

A cloudy day not cold. Edith out of bed early this monring. going to Kingston; last night Emma called Annie N to request a passage for Edith with them to the boat. Said yes Edith carrying 7 lbs of butter and a basket of homemade stuff to a Mrs. McMillen. apples, hickory nuts, a frosted layer cake, a bottle of pickles and a can of tomatoes came back from the dock with them Rachel knitting Ate dinner with the McMillan's Voltie away 3 days. Joe fixing a place in the barn for his horse Pansy.

Friday 16 Dec 1921

A beautfiul day. Voltie swung up from Kingston this morning to say he is so far on his journey towards home and wants Joe to drive to the villiage for him Joe went V came home about 2 O'clock pm, glad to get home but pleased with his trip, and we are glad to see Voltie home again. Rachel knitting. V brought me two books from Toronto Title "A true diary of the Worst Farmer." the other, "The Yellow Horde."

Sent quilt blocks to June & Kathleen

Saturday 17th Dec 1921

Clouds gathering for a storm. I dont remember what the men done. I wrote letter to Kathleen and Irene. I hope the weather grows no colder.

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Sunday 18 Dec 1921

I never saw so wild a day on the river; all day the wind howls and shrieks. The river is one white sheet of rollers from the south. The old house trembles this day, rain is falling barrel running over. Voltie and Joe looking after the boats the punt, skiff & motor, The wind blew the machine shed away tore the smoke house to pieces and upset the toilet. Oh it was a day of wind; but we had three square meals. Voltie went from the lower boat house to look after R's hens.

Monday 19 Dec 1921

A bright brilliant sunlight all day succeeded yesterday's storms. The mail came quite early no letters. I sent a letter to Kathleen. Emma done a big wash cleaned floors brought in and folded the clothes. Such a pile of them! then Ironed in the evening while her bread is baking. Emma work work all day. Rachel knitting all day. Men out doors. Dont know what they do: Irene raising Kane all day climb climb climb got spanked for it. does no good climbs in chairs onto cabinet, sewing machine on top of the table and watching every chance to climb the stairs and break her neck. A bright rosy sunset.

Tuesday 20th Dec 1921

Half cloudy, half sun bright day. Joe & Voltie away to fix Rachel's old hen house which took a terrible twist Sunday and came near blowing away. Rachel knitting. After breakfast dishes washed, crocheting going on. Irene climbing as usual; she is bound to kill herself some day. Emma is ironing now Joe away to Will Gillespies. Sam here to dinner.

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{Joe & Ema go down to

W H Woodmans in

Evening heard the boat that

George H Woodman was on

& lost & all hand as washed over.}

Wednesday 21st 1921

A very chilly day. Killed and dressed 21 chickens and a turkey for market. cooked one for dinner I write a letter to John. churned and made prints 10 lbs for market. V went to Flynn's Rachel knitting for Clarence Woodman & finished the mittens. Irene 1½ years old this day no letters from any one. A clear sun set.

Thursday 22nd Dec 1921

The coldest night and day and shortest of any this fall. Up early Voltie drove to the boat with Joe & Emma, a barrel of apple for Geo Rattray a few apples and mckaries for Miriam Burton A basket of chickens for market a turkey of Lucy Cook #1 oil cans. Rachel knitting. Voltie went to Flynn's and back before dinner. Shot a duck Sam here awhile I write to Watson Weather cold but warm within doors, my fingers cramp V drove to dock for Joe and Emma a very pleasant evening follows.

Friday 23rd Dec 1921

Front windows clear of frost. cloudy & snow. not very cold. Rachel knitting. Cleary came with the mail this day. I sent W.F. Watson a letter. E and E sent some Christmas toys to Maggie's kids Emma made a rag doll for Irene Edith carried a top to Ida Kiel. Voltie working in shop. Cold in morning A meeting at School house this Evening to select a candidate for councilman for the foot of the Island. Ellery wants the job so he will be elected of course. Nearly 11 pm when V and Joe come-home.

{Cards Cards. E Essford, Higgins, Nelly Beard
A book from Louse a dollar Bill
from Grace a Card from Meriam
Bruton, Dante & Kate}

Saturday 24th Dec 1921.

A cold day. Thick frost of every window Cloudy and snowing. Rachel knitting Voltie is hulling corn. Last thursday Voltie shot a wild duck. Emma hung it in Veranda where it froze. Now they are picking the feathers off from the duck in kitchen.

{Voltie & Joe moved
the stove from the
Kitchen to the dining
room}

Sunday 25 Dec 1921

Sunday and Christmas a very happy day after breakfast baby Irene passed around the christmas gifts. Joe and Emma gave me a warm pair of wool lined shoes a box of letter paper and a cloth for an apron I gave Emma a book Edith gave me a book and cloth for an apron & gave Rachel cloth for an apron Emma gave R cloth for an apron

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Edith gave Voltie a book and a pair of slippers
Joe & E gave V a new shirt, fancy A roasted
duck for dinner with dressing and the usual
accompaniments besides assorted nuts candies oranges
The table presented a very fine appearance and
all went merrily. Only some over ate. Madeline
came in evening bringing her new beau Ambrose
Niles Howad and Samy made a short call
After supper Joe played violin and they danced
till bed time 11 O'clock p.m. Voltie Emma Edith
Madeline and Ambrose even wee Irene was
carried around as a partner. at last our guests are
gone the house is quiet and Christmas is over till
another year walks around

Monday 26 Dec 1921

Joe not very well, which gave Voltie the opportunity
of doing the day's chores alone Every thing is
quiet and peaceful. I forgot what Voltie done
Joe recovered towards night and helped to do the chores
A book from Lori

Tuesday 27

a very good day only cloudy. Cant very well
remember what occurred this day for I've not written
in this diary for a whole lot only I know Emma &
Joe went to the village dance drove in
buggy a long cold drive and rough roads
Madaline who is working for Arch Berry went
with Ambrose Niles so goes The world

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Wednesday 28 Dec 1921

Em and Joe came at 5 am. went to bed Voltie called Joe at 11 a.m. Emma arose a little later A lot of cards came this day I dont remember that I received a letter but cards without Short or measures Joe went to his dad's to get ground a hog grist Volkie working in shop making axe handels for Kesler

Thursday 29 Dec 1921

A bad cold day. I write letters Rachel knits preparing for butchering tomorrow crocheting and so the day passes along and is soon gone

Friday 30 Dec 1921

A cold day. Kiel Sam Joe and Voltie butchering our winter pork Joe says it is the biggest pig he Ever helped butcher weighs aobut 500 . V shot a duck. Joe shot 5 Samy one. 7 wild ducks to be picked and roasted. more cards a package of newspapers and cards and letters from W. F. Watson V gave me the dollar that Kester gave him for Axe handles I write a letter to Louise finish one to Grace but miss the mail and send nothing

Saturday 31 Dec

The last day of the year. never agan can date a letter 1921. Cold bad weather Emma picks ducks, bakes and does the wash Saturdays work. Friday, secured cards papers and W [T] papers from Watson V cutting up pork; it weighed 520 Enough to last all winter

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Sunday 1st Jan 1922

a cold day. Wind West roasted three ducks for dinner. Rachel again ate too much. had to take pills. No one here till evening. Then Howard came and stayed till 10 pm.

Monday 2nd Jan 1921

Sometimes I think I'll never write in this diary again. but still I keep on and on sometimes forgetting it. or neglecting it for 3 more days. I send away a few kept over letters. one I send to Grace the last one I've written. very cold. the river is closing. I guess this is the day I rec'd a letter from Will. and Wednesday I rec'd letter from Herb Dignem a letter from Charlotte Gibson a letter from Watson together with a lot of W.I. papers from her Mrs Wesley Watson. she has a very powerful name Geraldine Ubrica Oh! and he mentions her name too many times in his letter suppose he thinks it is beautiful Well monday I sent a long letter to Mrs Brooks Spokane and Wednesday to Louise Dixon. Yestderday we had visitors Liggie Kiel and her man Bill and her two babes they were here to dinner and supper and staid here nearly 11 am playing cards while little Ida walked around the the floor Voltie carried Ida home Bill carried [left margin] The baby Lizzie carried the baby Foot passengers have been crossing the river nearly all the week on ice Kehoe Kiel Rattray

Friday 6 Jan 1922

I dont know much about this day I neglect the diary to write letter but I know the mail came with Mr White as a deputy mail man for Cleary is off again in Philadelphia visiting his his colored friends and relatives Edith knows it all as usual cant tell her any thing

Saturday 7 Jan 1922

Another fine day. Sun shining out brisk mostly all day a rosy sunset. The usual Saturday work going on baking pies cakes fried cales basting and roasting meat V working in shop and drawing out fertilizer Samy here awhile then came again in Evening Voltie, Joe SAmy and Emma played cards and had a glad uproarious time

Sunday 8 Jan 1922

A beautiful day. Eidth trying to make a raise of some one for a visitor but failed. So went to church. Brought the preacher home with her to dinner Poor man, he has a tough time among the church members. He after wheeling all the way from the village over rough roads on wheels and he has a bad cold. To preach to only five Edith, Lizzy Horn Geo Niles and his wife & Son Howard. Mr Charleswoth didn't stay long after dinner, but drove back to the village. Ema & Joe went Evening visiting to their brother Sam's Voltie sat up and read Longfellow Howard [left margin]

Came for an Evening visit & all is well

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Monday 9th Jan 1922

A very fine day. Ice getting poor again
not even walking nor skating along the shore
I received a letter from Grace. A good long
letter and glad to get it, but am sorry Bert Snyder
is down and out again President no more
of the Candy factory but I am more sorry for
Maude than Bert. Dont understand the trouble
cant see why Bert cant keep a position in business
a little while any way. Never can lett what
our men Voltie & Joe are doing outside.

Tuesday 10 Jan 1922

Another very find day Emma done big washing and hangs them on the line after dinner we
were surprised by
the unexpected arrival of visitors the two Mrs Barry
Mrs Geo & Mr Albert. They{} came walking all the way
from their home I was glad to see them and we all had
a very social time Mrs Goe gave Me Mrs Sagers address
which I lost almost immediately. A strange disapearence
we treated them to apples they staid to supper. Joe's White Plymouth rooster died from
indigestion

Wednesday 11 Jan 1922

A cloudy morning. A storm gathering Joe and
Emma brought in the clothes from the line
Voltie made mistake in the time and
got out of bed an hour Earlier than usual
all up to breakfast this morning
taking about Murphys and [OKrums] dogs killing

Gotts sheep. We were expecting Evening visitors
The storm prevented them coming They were
Madaline and the upper Teacher. I suppose
the rest of the little clicque would have come too
It is a regular winter storm with N.E. wind
I send two letters one to Charlotte and
one the W F W but received none this day
Emma received 3 one each from Wills
family of women Jen Lottie and Lena
None from Louise Emma Ironed the clothes
Will Dixon 63 years old this day and I
am 25 years older than Will.

Thursday 12th Jan 1922

The sun shining bright and clear this day
with a beautiful fall of snow on the ground
R up stairs writing to some of Wills family
Joe & Volty working in shop Samy come and
they all went to the cellar for cider I guess
Emma is sewing on machine. Visitors this
Evening Alden Madaline a Miss Agnes
Brown, upper School teacher and Howard
Niles. They played cards & danced Volty
treated them to apples and pop corn
Ema gave them Tea cake and cheese
nearly 12 when they went home.

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Friday 13th Jan 1922

Snow falling all night. No bare ground this morning. The landscape beautifully white Every where. Voltie and Joe working in shop on Jack's sleigh Emma cleaned floors, and sewed on machine. After dinner Joe hitched Pansy to Cutter and Emma drove to W H W's with her quilt blocks Mrs W helped her set the quilt together. Joe went down in evening and took Emma and himself to Kehoes for an Evening visit Howard called here to tell us his Aunt Nancy Niles died Thursday night.

{Sent a letter to Charlotte

Sent a letter to Herbert [*Degnun*]}

Saturday 14th Jan 1922

A very fine day Voltie walks across the ice to the funera. Nancy Niles burned to day the funeral at the home. A woman preached the sermon. She is the local preacher at St Lawrence V came early accompanied by Sheridan Maloney Sheridan intended going to the village no way to go so staid all night Samy here in Evening

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Monday 16th Jan 1922

Sent no letters nor received any for
there was no mail. Road are out of
order or something is wrong
Sheridan walked home across the ice
after breakfast Emma sewing. men out working
in shop fixing J. N. old sleigh
Weather not very cold but looks
like a storm. Kehoe brought the mail
from the village. A letter for me from
Edith Dixon Watertown

Tuesday 17th Jan 1922

Not very cold but freezing Enough to
keep the ice in the river Roy Ruth
and Annie and Jack Niles start for
Delaware on account of Isadore []
got a heart complaint. Edith went down
to Roys to visit and stay with Maggie
Cloudy weather. Didn't sit up very
late. Emma slept down staris to
look after the baby
{Emma done big
washing and brought
them in- fold them ready for
ironing moped the floors}

Wednesday 18 Jan 1922

A cloudy stormy day V and Joe worked
in shop Mail came this day bringing
me a letter from John and one from Murl
A party at Charley Gillespie this Evening
Emma and Joe went. Joe furnished
the music.

Thursday 19 Jan 1922

Joe and Ema came at 3 am. This day Mrs [Charley G] drove here bringing Lurena and Grace [Michea] for a visit she was accompanied by little Gordon She brought a dozen of Eggs that Emma had bought from her The day passed beautifully with by all those happy joyous young voices, Howard came in the evening. Veltie a dish pan full of corn. Smyth brought Edith home

Friday 20th Jan 1922

A very fine day. Towards night Veltie Joe drives over to Doras with Pansy hitched before the cutter carrying Emma Lucena and Grace and herself going to stay all night. Joe is going from there to the village and Kingston Howard here for milk. Once more Edith gets the meals

Saturday 21 Jan 1922

A very fine day. Skating good. A hockey game at the village. Jim Kehoe goes up on the ice in his automobile carrying 5 himself Kiel, Samy Woodman Everett and Florence Woodman Edith does the Saturday work. Howard came for milk.

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Sunday 22nd Jan 1922.

No one here. Looked for Ema and Joe They
they didn't come. staid over to Doras
while Little and Joe wanted to go to the
hockey match Monday 23 Jan 1922

No one here to help

Volkie do any chore. Niles family go
milk here every day for their Tea

Tuesday 23 Jan 1922

A very good day. We were very
happy to see Joe and Emma come
home this day. All happy and merry
and the sun shines clear in door
and out door and the sun sets bright
and easy and I write write all day

Wednesday 24

A very fine day The mail came to day
bringing me a letter from Belle and on
from Louise. Volkie and Joe working
in shop all day. I am glad to get
those two letters which tell us we
are still remembered by dear ones
far away

Thursday 26

A bright winter day Joe and Samy drawing
 baled hay to Kinston started late came late
 I wrote a long letter to Belle which I intended
 Enclosing in a letter to Grace, but I dropped it on the floor and baby Irene tore it in pieces
 and it was swept up and burnt with the rest
 of the sweepings which I very much regret
 The sun sets bright and the west is a bright rose color.

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Emma washed a big
 wash this day and hung them
 all on the line. I helped
 bring the clothes from the the line
 Joe was late comng home
 from Kingston

Friday 27th Jan 1922

A bright cold day baby Irene and I both had
 a beth in the work tub. Joe away again with baled
 hay to Kingston. I send Belle a letter A
 hockey match on the ice by Kehoes V. went
 down to look on. stood around with no over
 coat on caught cold causing his right arm to
 bother him more than usual Howard here
 they played cards in evening. Rachel not very
 well all to much corn (hulled) a noisy card
 time and a very cold night follows a beautiful
 rosy sunset.

Saturday 28 Jan 1922

A very cold morning and cloudy looks like a storm. I made a mistake this morning
 by asking Joey a question. An idle ~~thoughtfull~~
 Thoughtless question which never will occur again
 tho it pulled the wool from my Eyes the
 answer did, "never more", "never more"
 Quoth the Raven never more" Lois
 [V] here for milk V and Joe Emptying the

coal bags into the cellar. I watched them through my bedroom window. Voltie phoned John O'Brien to shoe the mares. John said he would.

Sunday 29 Jan 1922

Joe drives across the river to Geo Niles. Staying all night
A new good day. ice good for traveling. teams come and go any where the ice. Before Joe and went across, Will Niles and John Burnham drove in
John here. some what "for" loud and noisy and profane staid to supper and cider. Samy Woodman here also & staid to supper. John and Will went aay directly after supper.

Monday June 30 1922

came home leaving Ema over there
oe and Voltie worked in shop all day. and so the day drags along. Edith gets the meals and washes dishes

Tuesday 3rd 1922 Jan

A bright beautiful day Voltie with Joes horse and cutter drives across the river. Samy out to burnt Rock and bargained for a post

acres of timber land, to get fence post two hundred
 he wants for fencing. Stops at Uncle George
 Niles and brings Ema home. she came bright
 happy and joyous glad to get home. Joe done the chores.
 { a very heavy fog till dinner time }

Wednesday 1st Feb 1922

A very fine day Voltie drives to Kinston with
 a load of baled hay for Joe. While Joe drives
 up on the ice too with his rig to the Hockey match
 at the village. Our boys lose the game. The benefit
 is for young Crawford another member of the Hockey
 Society who is sick and needy. We were honored
 by a visit or call from Sheridan Maloney
 and Will Niles. William is very much a
 "Geraman" this. I suppose he thought he might
 be more so before he went from here on cider
 but no one here to treat them.

{ I sent a letter to Hattie
 by Joe Voltie renewed
 his subscription for the
 daily Whig this day
 Daily }

Thursday 2nd Feb 1922

A soft warm day, cloudy and rained hard in
 the night a great crack in the ice by Niles
 Point. The ice covered with water. Voltie was
 going to town with a load of baled hay
 for himself & had Howard and John there
 engaged to go but didnt go We and Joe
 went and began at the old house taking
 it all to pieces and will bring it home and
 build a new one George M^cDonald
 drove in here to Engage to duild a barn

{ I began a letter to
 Louise. George Barry
 drove to Kinston with key }

Friday 3rd Feb 1922

Arose Early intending to go to Kingston with hay but weather not favorable tho much colder. Anna up all around a sort of consultation about going up At last they al stay home.

Saturday 4th Feb '22

Another very fair day; dont go to Kingston this day V rang Geo [Barns] to ask about going to Kingston Geo has one load more Mrs B answered & said she has discourages Geo' from going. Mopping, baking and a general clean up for Sunday Also a miserable row between Rachel of the first part and Edith of the second part. This is the third horrid blow out. Bill Kiel here to dinner.

Sunday 5 Feb 1922

A soft warm day Will Niles walked over said there is lots of water on the ice. Howard drove over to Doras for Lucina and brought her here. Howard, Sam, Clarence, Woodson I sat behind the stove and have my dinner Table full Enough with me. The usual sunday Evening performance, singing, piano, violin loud talking [left margin] Lois Niles here Voltie and Joe tearing down the old house

Monday 6th Feb 1922

A bit of a freeze up. V thinks he can go tomorrow to Kingston. Sam here and they work at the Engine all day Sam here to dinner & supper Emma Lucena go up to visit Lizzie. Come home to supper. The snow is falling thick and fast. snow flakes big as 25 cts adn many much bigger. As the day advances the weather grows colder. Edith Maloney at Charley Gilespies Wanting Ema, Joe and Lucena to come there for supper. They dont go. Sam and Howard here till nearly 11 p.m.

Tuesday 7 Feb 1922

V arose Early and is away to K on the ice loaded with hay. C Gillespie Gott Samy Woodman and himself they came quite Early Voltie bought a map of Kingston. A poor affair; A little better than nothing, price, 10 Howard went up with a load for Joe. This last Lucena goes home. when Charley G driver up on the ice with Edith M, and her Kid Audra. Edith over here visiting her mother Dora a whole week. Howard and Sam go to the villiage dance I sent a letter to Louise Dixon. Cleary home from visiting and on the mail route gain

Thursday 8th Feb 1922

Arose Early again; one more load of baled hay takes Voltie to Kingston. Had to ring Samy up. He is sleeping late after his last nights dance at the villiage He is going to drive up with Voltie we lend his horses old Sandy and lick. For they are sold to a man in K. Joe done the Chores. They came home quite late 7 o'clock Samy staid in town. A man accompanied him home. A South American from Argentina a Spanish mother & father indian. Was engaged to work for Mary Burk Berry. After supper he walked there, found the door closed and fastened. Wouldn't let him in. He talked with them through the window standing on the outside. They said they had changed their mind about his working for them. So he came back here and staid. A benefit party at John Murphys for the Catholic Priest cards and dancing. Joe and Emma attend the party.

Friday 10 Feb

A very good morning Emma & Joe came home at 2 o'clock A M. After breakfast Mr Alex Oree starts out walking to Kingston. Ema and Joe come down stairs about 11 a m. V and J

worked a little while there after dinner. Joe and Ema away again over to Doras going from there to the villiage from there to Pittsburg from there back to Kingston and from there to a show to night and from there I don't know where. Voltie says he is discouraged. no one to help him get wood; don't know where to get it any way. V is not very well

besides his right arm is bad. Joe & Ema up stairs fixing to go away. Now they are gone.

Saturday 11th Feb 1922

Saturday morning is rainy. No one here (excepting)

John Jr here for milk, and Sam here working at the engine; a sad gloomy day Edith baked cakes for Sunday and mops floors and gets the meals. Voltie does the chores shop work and goes to the lower place for wood and so the day passes away. Sam stays to supper and plays checkers with Voltie.

Sunday 12th Feb 1922

~~A beautiful fall of snow on the ground this morning. The sun shining.~~ Clearly. A cloudy day cold and gloomy V doing all the chores alone Joe and Emma not home yet since Friday alone all day We read and doze and I read Tolstoys visit to the United States and his oppinion of the people and the country. Then I read "Grahams" "Inside Russia" and his ideas of that great miserable land both accounts written in 1917. Tolstoy considers Russia much superior by way of literature. He says there are not books stores nor Newspapers in the States. I supposed Tolstoy was a very intelegent man.

Monday 13th Feb 1922

A bright beautiful morning. A fine fall of mon last night which will make good sleighing. Mr Goodfriend Nelly had drove in here this morning. He brought Same home from Howe Island The mail came Early. I sent no letters Joe and Ema came about noon. Joe helped V a little while in afternoon. Howard and Sam in Evening. Card playing as usual. I receive a letter from Muriel and a package of Pecans I am writing Muriel when the letter and package arrived all the way from Georgia

Tuesday 14 Feb 1922

A dark cloudy morning. Threaten now and rain. Joe helps V awhile Then E & J begin to talk about going to the villiage dance I dont think Joe cares to go but Ema persuades him to go and he go. Howard drives over for Lucena in cutter. then Leaving Lucena here Joe home for the car and they all go up on the ice in car. I send by Joe for a letter tablet and a letter to mail to Muriel

Wednesday Morning 15 Feb 1922

A cloudy morning. Joe Ema & Lucena came home at 3 o'clock a.m. R tearing around again in the night saying someone had "stole" her money. She frequently disturbs Voltie by her hollering and yelling in her sleep.

In afternoon Joe, Ema, Lucena & Howard went to the Hockey match at the villiage came home after supper Howard went to Doras with Lucena after supper

Thursday 16 Feb 1922

Cloudy day all at home. Joe drew sand Ema washed lines full. In Evening Howard Sam Alden Madaline and Agnes Brown Here in Evening till late and extremely cold night. They brought home the books they had borrowed and borowed 3 more "Maid of old New York" "The shuttle" "Thankful's inheritance".

{A [] Gen peddlar
here selling Shady goods
old cast off army
supplys}

Friday 17 Feb 1922

A very cold day. Voltie and Joe drew Sand again this day. No one here this Evening I write a letter to Kathleen in answer to one from. didnt get much more only papers V and Joe mark in shop a little while done all the chores etc And so the days pass along each day following the other in quick sucesion which brings the Spring and day morn and out Life one day shorter all night

Saturday 18th Feb 1922

A bright cold day. Edith gets the meals Emma baking and preparing for Sunday. Dont know who may come. V and J getting wood working in shop. Didnt expect Evening visitors but Bill Kiel and Lizzie came bringing their two Kids came to Supper and cards.

So after supper and dishes washed The "deck was cleared for action" (meaning the table) so they gathered around the table Each man with his pipe tobacco and matches. Then the shuffling and whang banging commenced. quite orderly and quiet at first some talking till soon they all grows very interested in the game and became very vociferous & noisy and now while Lizzie is shuffling the cards with lightning rappidity Each one of the male players scratch a match and four bright flames are applied to their noses, (or very near their noses) and the smoke from 4 pipes Encircles their heads like a cloud and rises to the ceiling then they apply themselves onee again to cards game

more noisy this time. then silence for a whole minute broken by a ripple of laughter followed by an explosion, a roar of laughter a tremendous roar accompanied by whack, whack, bang, bang, then more quietness and more card shuffling another firing up of pipes, then more explosions and roars, more table pounding, and so it goes on from ½ past seven o'clock, ½ past 8 ½ past 9, and sometimes ½ past 10 p.m. This card performance is a very frequent occurrence in this house. The residence of J.D. Bamford.

Sunday 19th February 1922

A beautiful day, sun bright and warm.

Visitors came. First Mr and Mrs John Burnham our first acquaintance with her. Next arrival was Will Sr, Bill Jr and Lena. A young scotsman came with the Burnhams. A musical visit and very glad to see Will and Bill and Lena.

But after all where there is so many and all talking at once, cant enjoy the short visit not nearly as well as if the Burnhams had staid home and came some other time.

Will Niles came but so many here he wouldn't come in. At 4 p.m. they all went and a solemn stillness reigns. We go to bed early. The present of a book from Lottie and a very beautiful calendar. I send a book to Lottie "The worst family" "to Somme" "The Marquess."

Monday 20th Feb 1922

A grand thunder storm last night with brilliant lightning and a heavy downpour of rain which attracted the attention of our baby for she stood by the window and danced with delight every time it thundered and lightened & hollered more, more.

Ground nearly bare this morning.

Lots of water every where Emma does some patching Voltie and Joe butcher 12 chickens for market. Edith picks off the hen pin feathers. V puts up a grist of wheat for flour etc.

Teusday 21 Feb 1922

A very good morning. Voltie went to Kingston with chickens (12) and got \$10.35¢ for them and flour. Will Niles came over and shot old Ben horse and miled up on cider. Voltie came just at dark. He met Dixek Halliday. Dixek paid him \$30.⁰⁰ dollars for concrete work.

At sunset a storm was gathering in the south west. But Joe and Emma drove to the villiage to a show amateur theatre. Will N started to go home but didn't go because he couldn't. He got as far as the river then lay down. Joe couldn't get him up. V managed to after he came home but he wouldn't come in the house.

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Wednesday 22nd Feb 1922

Awoke this morning to see snow every where and a snow storm raging can't see to the river also found Lucina here. She and Howard came down on the ice behind Joe, stormed so she stopped here and staid all night. Will N can't walk home through the raging storm. Snow storm lasting all day. Voltie and Joe out working at the engine. Howard came in the evening & the card playing goes on as usual, but not quite so fierce and noisy. only one roar which startled me from a quiet sleep as I sat in my chair. Snow still falling when we all went to bed.

Thursday 23 Feb 1922

Not very cold. Not very cloudy. Sun comes peeping out from behind the clouds as they roll away. Will Niles walked across the ice this morning. Then Joe nd Emma drove across to Niles. Emma going to visit Stella for the day while Joe drives out beyond the corners to buy wood. Soon after dinner begins to rain and pours for two hours. Joe and Ema come home just at dark.

Friday Feb 24 1922

Not a very bad day but colder. Joe drove across for wood. Emma putting up a lunch for Joe and Will Niles is going to help him cut the wood. They came back at sundown with a big load.

A letter from Grace.

I received a letter from Muriel.
They are coming home in the spring,
home from Georgia. We had visitors
we have visitors Mr & Mrs Eves and
their three youngest children
from Simcoe Island. They left 2
oldest at home. I suppose they
were disappointed to find Joe
away. I was glad V was here.
Will after supper Joe and Emma
drove to Wm H Woodman's where they
found the Kiels, Kehoes, Sam Woodman,
and his family, each family with 3
kids each excepting Kiels have only
two. There were 11 youngones in all!
Saturday 25th Feb 1922
Voltie and Joe both drove away o'er
the ice and away back of the corners
for wood. I sent Charley Dixon
a letter by Voltie as he is going to
stop at the corners. We were
surprised to see Will & Lena and
young Vanalstynes drive in here
with a big Ford automobile. Will
brought for Voltie 3 kinds of seed beans
and pop corn. I'm glad they came to dinner.
Will came for Rachel. She couldn't go, nothing
to wear. Will has got to come again.
[left margin]
Voltie and Joe came before sundown
with a big load of wood. Evening visitors were
John Murray and Howard Niles. Played
cards

Sunday 26 Feb 1922

A soft warm cloudy day. Kiel came for milk. Howard called for a few minutes. The atmosphere domestic is very mild this morning pleasantly congenial. I think I'll write a letter to Grace. Joe and Emma went to Will McDonalds visiting came home at evening time. Sylvia sent me 9 Montreal Heralds and Weekly times. Howard here in evening.

Monday 27th February 1922

A dim cloudy day. V drove across the river going for fence posts expecting to see Will Niles who promised to go with him but Will not home so he drove to the corners, bought candy and came home in time for his dinner. After dinner, Will N drove here in cutter didnt come in but staid out in the shop with Voltie nearly all p.m. then drove home. He told V he would help him tomorrow. After dinner Joe and Emma drove to the Capt Vincent to a military dance. Howard came and went with them. I sent a letter to Grace by Joe. V goes to bed early. R wanting to ring Mrs Jordon again about how long the foot of a sock should be. I objected and O O O— Geo Gillespie hurt by falling off a load of hay had the doctor from the villiage

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Tuesday 28 Feb 1922

Voltie up early this morning & after doing the chores drove away over the river again going for cedar fence posts. Will N is going with him. Joe and Emma came home at or after daylight. after awhile they go to sleep awhile get up about noon. Voltie came home about 5 p.m. with a big load of fence posts.

Wednesday 1st of March 1922

Up early again this morning & after chores done Voltie and Joe both drive away over the ice and away to the burnt Rock for another load of fence posts. Each carrying a box of dinner. Will Niles and Edgar Niles drove there with their own team. Edgar drove here at 5 p.m. with a load of poles. V and Joe came later.

Emma done big washing of white clothes and hung them all on the line: cold day and cloudy.

Sam came and turned out the cows.

I didn't get a letter. I expected one from Grace.

Thursday 2nd March 1922

A cold cloudy morning. Snow fell in the night. No bare ground this morning a wilderness of snow every where, fence posts, branch of every tree, wood pile, and Voltie has driven away up the river to Kingston to report to the custom officers concerning the fence posts wh

Friday 3 March 1922

Uncle Voltie & Joe gone after wood, quite a lot colder than yesterday. We all have colds. Grandma not well but is reading her book Lottie sent. Sam & Evertt here to see Joe. The men came at 4 oclock. Grandma went to bed early.

Saturday 4 March, 1922

Grandma didn't get up for breakfasat but I help her get dressed after & she came out & set in her chair for a while.

Then I helped her back to bed.

She will get up again.

Grandma passes away

half past nine. Never to be with us again.

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		dollar \ \$	ct.
Nov 3rd 1921	Voltie paid John.	50	00
"	Voltie paid Anglin on acct.	15	00
10	Voltie paid Weir & Rattray for apples	12	75
24	Paid Hunter and Stevenson, on furnace	62	98
24	Paid McFarland for hog feed	11	50
Dec 8th	Telephone bill	2	24
" "	Crawford	11	00
" "	Anglin	58	60
" "	Taxes	72	50
" "	Clothing	49	65
" 16th	paid bank note	50	00
" "	Oculist for testing sight	4	00
" "	2 Books from Toronto	2	00
" "	McGlynn for beef		
" "	George Whitmarsh for beef		
	Paid Volt for drawing hay	4	00
Jan 11th	Gave Rachel on the hay	113	10

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125 tobac
25 stamp
25 razor
35 potum
20 screws

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335 plish

2,55

40 c flakes
10

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