

June

Saturday 8

1912

JANUARY

MONDAY 11

(11-354)

1909

Weather very fine to day, Sunshine and warm

Ewart brought down the team & plow this morning, and plowed the lot back of the premises, I had wheeled out to the back all the available manure and spread it, the land is pretty wet through the low part of the lot, but it does not seem to harden as some soils does, Ewart had it all plowed and harrowed by about 11 o'clock, and after running down for some 2 bags of chop at the mill, he put off for home, he had 5 acres to cultivate this afternoon if possible.

Sunday 9

Beautiful weather to day. The land has dried up wonderfully to day, it looks as if we will soon get a good seed bed for our potatoes. we had a visit of Bella before Churson going this morning, Maggie went home with her this afternoon, and Mary prepared the dinner for us, George also had dinner with us, he is too shy in coming in that way, we would like him to be more social, I wrote a fairly long letter to Alex. Springfield, Mass. I also wrote a few lines to Mr. Jacob Smith, who, we understand, is now very ill, and very low at the present time, lately, it seems, she expressed a desire to be remembered to Mother and I, and to be told of her low condition at the present time.

Monday 10

Weather really very fine and pleasant to day. The land has dried up so as to take the seed, I cut a little more than 2 bushels of potatoes for planting this morning, Ewart was down at the store for "Black Strap" to give his young cow which does not seem to be well, Maggie planted out a quantity of raspberry bushes this morning and after dinner, she & I planted all the potatoes on the lot, excepting 6 rows that I had planted before, we also planted a little corn for the table, we left a small patch for tomatoes & cabbage.

Tuesday 11

A very fine day, very warm and the land begins to have the appearance of being dry & dusty, there were indications of rain's approach, but they disappeared pretty soon again, a little shower would do no harm even now, especially where the land is baked in any way. Maggie & I have been cleaning off the gravel & other stuff from the entrance to the place, and hoeing some, there is quite a rapid growth now taking place, and I have been cutting grass &c. to clean up.

Wednesday 12

Dull and threatening this forenoon, some rain fell through the night which, no doubt, will do good, frequent moderate showers is what is wanted during the growing time. I planted out 28 or so, of tomato plants, Ewart forgot to ask his father if he could get the horse & buggy for me to day.

Thursday 13

Weather fine, some rain, the rains have softened up the soil a little, we laid off the place for a cedar hedge, and Maggie and I drove over to McKenzies, Ewart brought down the horse & buggy for us this morning, and we dug up about 50 small cedar bushes and planted them, after making a trench, we were late before getting done, drove to Rockwood this forenoon and got as posted at Bank

Friday 14

Fine day, think I may have been at Rockwood to day, instead of yesterday as I have it stated, got some wire netting for keeping chickens in check, looks as there may be a change in weather, I intend going to Erie tomorrow if fine

Ewart plowed the potatoe patch to day.

land pretty wet through the low part of the lot, he was at the mill.

Bella here this morning Maggie went with them this afternoon George & Mary wrote a letter to Alex. Sp'g'd also a few lines to Hannah Smith.

Land dried up rapidly planted our potatoes to day, also some corn left some land for tomatoes and cabbage.

Warm and dry, a shower would do good notwithstanding the recent rains.

Sent up asking Ewart for horse & buggy tomorrow

got 2 dozen tomatoe plants from Mrs. Robertson for 20¢. planted them. Fanny Benson was married to day to Stuart Royce Rock.

planted cedar hedges.

got the bushes at McKenzies line Bank Rockwood

think I was at Rockwood to day, or else yesterday.

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JANUARY

THURSDAY

1912

Very dull and overcast this morning, we had prepared for going to Erin this morning, but the weather threatening a change we did not go, Mr Robertson was going with me to go to the dentist the rain held up fairly well until about 2 o'clock, when it came down good and hard, as L. A. Abbott expressed a desire to have a cedar hedge like what we have planted, I thought I would gratify her by going over by McKenzies and get the cedar trees. Nellie went with me, but we had just got past G. Gray's gate where the rain began to fall, and it soon poured, and kept it up for long. Nellie & I drove in to McKenzies, where we waited till the rain was over and then John helped me dig up and load up 3 or more of very suitable cedar trees, when done, Nellie & I drove home, and after tea, Maggie helped Abbott to plant the hedge, and I drove up to Ewatts, Errett driving me down to Guelph road, Harold also. Last night, a letter received from James J. Hill saying he would give \$500.00 towards improving the Cemetery

heavy rain this afternoon  
drove over to McKenzies and got some cedar bushes to make a hedge for Abbott  
drove up to Ewatts, Errett drove me home  
letter from J. J. Hill say. he will give \$500.00 towards fixing the Cemetery.

Sunday 16

Quite a heavy rain this afternoon, with thunder, it appears we have to put up with an overabundance of moisture, Ewatt & Gerlie were down this evening and, we made arrangements for Errett to bring the horse & buggy in the morning, if the weather appears to be fine, as I wish to go to Erin to visit and see Uncle Thomas Cotton, I wrote a letter to Jennie at Edmonton to day, and expect to mail it in the morning, Errett tomorrow morning

thunder and rain  
Ewatt & Gerlie down to day  
wrote a letter to Edmonton

Monday 17

A fine day, as there was promise of a good day, I made ready for the drive to Erin, Errett brought along the horse & buggy before going to school, Mrs Geo. Robertson went with me, she went to see about her teeth at Dr. Abbott's, I paid \$2.25 for my dues to Overland, only expected to pay \$1.50. as I paid that amount before for this year, but he tells me the usual fee of three dollars was found to be inadequate for meeting the current expenses this year, and the fee had to be raised 75¢. to meet them, Uncle Thomas looks much the same as when I was over before, but he is duller and has less to say. The rest of them are well, I bought a piece of sole leather from Archie for 75¢. and got a bottle of Baseline for Mother 10¢.

drove to Erin to day, Mrs. Robertson with me, paid dues A.O.W.W.  
got a piece of leather for repairing  
not much change in Uncle Tho's, Cottons condition.

Tuesday 18

(16-349)

A very fine day, cooler than yesterday, I drove up to Ewatts to day, and helped him some at preparing posts for his wire fence and we dug 2 post holes down by the gate at the line, he plowed at his root land this forenoon, and harrowed it, it was rather wet and soggy. had a letter from brother Jamie this evening, he speaks of coming down, if he hasn't worn out his welcome, I thought 50¢ worth envelopes at Marshall's this evening, and 25¢ postage stamps

drove up to Ewatts to day helping to prepare for building wire fence.  
letter from brother James  
envelopes & postage stamps

Wednesday 19

Very fine day, I drove up to Ewatts this morning with the horse and buggy, reached there about 9 o'clock, helped to plow a little and afterwards cut a lot of burdock with spade, dug post hole &c. on driving home took Mrs Baldwin to D. Robertson corner, on her way home, Bella came here this A.M.

again at Ewatts helping Ewatt  
Bella here to day

Thursday 20

Very fine weather to day, warm & dry, I hoed in the garden this forenoon all that was fit to hoe, potatoes, onions, tomatoes & raspberries &c. Bella here to day, Willie & Maggie came for her this evening, repaired Harold's shoe this afternoon, also sewed the lap bugs ripping, Mary also here to day making up a dress blouse for Harold, Bella also helping.

hoing in the garden.  
Bella helping make Harold's blouse.



June

Friday 21

1912

Very fine and beautiful weather, excepting, perhaps, that cool nights prevail, and although the sun shines out clear & warm, there is a cool wind through it all. our last planted potatoes do not show through the ground yet and we have been expecting to see them by this time, we planted them on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I sharpened my axe this morning and cut & peeled some 7 or 8 poles (cedar) for making a climbing frame for Maggie's sweet peas. I bought 7 1/2 lbs galvanized wire, 37 1/2 pound from Dan Simons, and we fitted them into position (5 strands of wire). I mailed a letter to brother James this morning, watered tomatoes, raspberry new plant & hedge this morn.

Saturday 22

Hot sunshine, though a cool air, the land and crops would be the better of a nice little rain again, growth is somewhat backward on account of the late cool weather, the potatoes show very little yet but they are coming, Ewart drove to Guelph to day. he had 6 bags potatoes, which he sold at an average of \$1.65, also about 48 lbs of wool at 21¢ per lb, = about 20 dollars in all. Gertie & he got their photos taken together, it is a good picture four dollars a dozen at Burges. Am unwell with the cold, half sold Errett's roots to day, not doing much.

Sunday 23

A very fine day, pleasant and clear sunshine, a shower of rain would now be welcomed, as the top of the ground is dusty and dry, Ewart & Gertie drove down to day and had dinner with us, I have not felt well to day, my cold is a long in breaking up, finished reading Gamble's Book, The Titanic's foundering and all in connection with it.

Monday 24

Warmer than usual last night, and very warm in the sun to day, we expected rain to day, a little fell but nothing of consequence. I hoed in the garden some to day, the potato bugs are getting plentiful on our earliest potatoes, I killed a lot of them to day. but we will have soon to use Paris green, I bought a 1/2 lb package to day 15¢ at Marshalls, watered the tomato plants, and cedar hedge.

Tuesday 25

Dry & warm to day, in the blaze of the sun it has been hot there was a very heavy dew this morning, I bought 85 lbs of feed wheat for the hens costing 85¢. Young Charles & Dougall brought it up from the mill for me, and I rode up the line with him to Willie Jones and walked across the fields to Ewart's, getting there at noon. after dinner I ran the turnip sower empty over the drills as Ewart made them, and Ewart sowed them afterwards, Errett drove home after we had the lawn mowed.

Wednesday 26

Another dry, warm day, thought there would be rain, there fell a little but nothing of consequence, a little rain would now be welcome, John Roszel & Isabella came on a visit to day, they arrived here between ten & eleven o'clock, and stayed till about 7 P.M. John is quite a cripple with rheumatism, we water the things in the garden.

Thursday 27

Continues day, a little cool at night, we need a little rain, because hot in the sun through the day, I cut the lawn this morning, hoed some of the potatoes, the most part are not up sufficiently to hoe, Children's night at church has drawn a large crowd, fine moonlight for them to night, 3 or 4 men now at the bridge, they are now drawing grass, and otherwise preparing for building, I took a walk down this evening there, and also went as far as Mr. Dougall's.

(18-347)

1909

Sharpened my axe and cut & peeled some poles for a rack for carrying some peas by the house. Bought wire, mailed a letter to Bro. James.

weather drying up the land from potatoes backward. Ewart to Guelph to day. Sold 6 bags potatoes \$1.65 per bag. got their photo. 1/2 sold Errett's roots had with the cold.

Ewart & Gertie down to day. Sick with the cold. finished reading Gamble's Book The Titanic's foundering.

hoed in garden potato bugs bad. got Paris green to day. watering the hedge & tomato plants.

bought 85 lbs wheat for the hens went up to the farm, helped Ewart with his turnips sowing brought down the lawn mower.

John Roszel and Isabella paid us a visit to day. watering the garden &c.

cutting the lawn Children's night at church. Boys at it. walk down to the bridge & Mr. Dougall's men working at the bridge.



June &amp; July

Friday 28

1912

Continues ~~dry~~ dry and warm, the top of the ground is getting dry and dusty, but it is moist underneath, (and as the crops are green & healthy looking for the most part, we would not think they were suffering yet, it would please us now however to see a shower it was given out that a meeting would be held this afternoon in the interest of the Cemetery, but as there were only 8 plotholders who responded to the call, it was decided that another meeting should be held shortly, it is surprising how little interest is taken in the business of the cemetery. Ewart drew 2 loads of gravel for us this afternoon, I expected to have to draw it tomorrow but as Ewart got through with his own this forenoon, he said he would do ours this afternoon.

Saturday 29

Keeps very dry, there were indications of rain but they blew over, and it is cooler than yesterday, we would like to see some rain, but none comes, George Weatherston finished up his roadwork this afternoon. The Literary Society here, have taken an excursion to Berlin to day, the reduced rates to day for Dominion Celebration induced them to picnic there, McKenjae man had a colt a few days since, both doing well so far

Sunday 30

Continues hot and dry, became cooler this evening, I have kept the house pretty closely to day reading a large portion of the book I have on loan from David Tolton, "The Redemption of the world". Mr. Williams arguments to refute the orthodox contention for the immortality of the soul, are, I think, specially conclusive.

Monday July 1

Dominion day, some frost this morning, and a cool air has, more or less, prevailed all day. I have cut round Mary's fence, the long grass, and carried our own to the drive house, also cut some of Mrs. Hells at the house, she intends taking it into her stable when it makes into hay. I also hoed & pruned the potatoes, we have heard of a great storm out by Regina, in the north west, it is said the half of the town is blown down and many people killed and injured, hope it may not be so bad as reported.

Tuesday 2

Continues hot in the sun, and though signs of rain sometimes arise they just as often blow over without rain coming, if it wasn't that there is considerable moisture underneath vegetation would become stunted. I went up to Ewart's to day and helped him at the post-holes, we brought from the bush some poles for braces, I drove down with Prince & buggy, and intend going back tomorrow morning, bought 6 lbs nails for the post, 2 lbs 6 inch spikes

Wednesday 3

A terribly hot day in the sun, I drove up to Ewart's this morning, we soon got the holes ready for the posts, but I had the misfortune to forget to take up the nails I bought last night, so had to drive down for them, we soon got them placed so that Ewart could finish them, and I changed my clothes and after dinner drove over to the funeral of Mrs. Hannah Smith at Conningby, there was a large funeral, I saw the corpse in the church, I returned by the upper side road and Ewart drove me down home

very hot to day, meeting of plot holders called for to day a failure.

Ewart drew 2 loads of gravel for us this afternoon, he finished his own this forenoon.

Everton road work finished to day.

Literary society makes an excursion to Berlin - reduced rates an inducement.

reading the Book I got on loan from David Tolton, "The Redemption of the world". By Williams.

cooler to day a little frost this morning cutting grass round fences and Mrs. Hells yard, word has come that Regina has been blown down with a cyclone.

up at Ewart's helping at post-holes drove home with Prince and buggy bought nails for the post

Hannah Smith (Hindley) was buried this afternoon, I attended the funeral

at Ewart's this forenoon, before the funeral



July

Thursday 4

1912

Extremely hot and dry. I dug the patch of ground for the cabbage plants this forenoon, and cut and peeled 2 poles of cedar to make an enclosure for the chickens, towards evening I rode up with John McDermott to Wilsons on the town line, and got 60 cabbage plants, afterwards walked up to Ewatts, and drove home with the mare & buggy and keeping her all night so we might have her in the morning to scuffle our potatoes.

Friday 5

Another blister of a day. the extreme heat had an enervating effect on us all especially mother who seemed to feel it the most. I hoed aohila at the potatoes this morning, and about 10 o'clock borrowed Weatherston's scuffer and scuffled the potatoes before dinner, after dinner we (Maggie & I) planted our 60 cabbage plants, watering the holes while planting, and I placed shingles so as to protect them from the blaze of the sun. after tea I drove up the mare & buggy to Ewatts, and while there quite a thunder & rain storm came up, wetting the land well. Ewart drove down with Prince we found there had been little or no rain at Ewarton.

Saturday 6

The thunder storm of yesterday has not cooled the air very much, and another hot day has been experienced, I hoed at the potatoes this forenoon, but did not do much this afternoon as I made ready to be present at the funeral of David Cunningham which arrived at the Cemetery at about 3.30, there were about 30 rigs at the funeral, and a pretty large gathering of people. (Ewarton Cemetery.)

Sunday 7

Very hot again to day. Maggie has attended Church both times as usual, and I dined with mother, I wrote a letter to the friends at Edmonton. which I hope to mail tomorrow morning. Mother feels the heat oppressive, I walked up to Ewelghs to enquire about D. Luttrell, and found he is keeping better.

Monday 8

Dull this morning but cleared up to be a hot day again, I rose before 5 this morning and hoed 4 rows of potatoes before breakfast I finished up the other 4 rows about 11 o'clock, Ed. Abbott came home about 3 P.M. and I spent awhile with him, Hector Parker

WEDNESDAY 27

also came along with the Statutes, but he should have brought those of 1897, instead of what he had, he contends that in purchasing more land for the Cemetery the Municipal Council will have to be applied to, in order to make a legal purchase. Mailed letter & Photos to Edmonton

Tuesday 9

Weather hot & dry, we hear of electric storms in other places, with rain, perhaps our turn may not be far away, have been fixing up a yard for the small chickens. cut the grass in the Miss Robertsons garden &c.

Wednesday 10

Hot, but a welcome thunder cloud came along and left us some rain, the rain kept falling for about an hour perhaps, and no doubt will do much good. I planted a 5<sup>th</sup> package of sweet corn, the most of the other did not grow.

Thursday 11

A little cooler, and the dust is laid by the rain yesterday. I & Maggie put up the chicken wire fence, and put the chicks in, they are hard to keep in, Harris greened some of the potatoes. Ewart & Harold came down with Prince and buggy, they are preparing to go to the Pic the tomorrow.

hot & dry - cut poles for an airy chicken yard. got 60 cabbage plants got the mare for tomorrow

very hot & sultry.

scuffled our potatoes this forenoon.

planted 60 cabbage plants was up at Ewatts a nice pair up there but none here hardly.

David Cunningham, ham buried this afternoon.

John & Bella McKemie at the funeral and came down a little while

wrote a letter to Edmonton. Luttrell some letter.

Peter Matthews burial this afternoon

Ed. Abbott home this afternoon

finished hoeing potatoes, erecting a yard for chickens

Wrote Lynn. Holy one I think died to day

Weather hot and sultry.

Mother feels it oppressive

planted corn. a little welcome rain.

fixing up chicken yard. Ewart & Harold. Ewart also down



July

Friday 12

1912

THURSDAY 28

(28-337)

1909

The weather this morning looked somewhat threatening but the mist that early prevailed scattered after awhile and a dry hot day followed, our folks started off for Stanley park picnic along with others who gathered in front of the Church about 8.30. Emmett brought down Prince & buggy last night and Geo. Robertson & wife and our youngsters, with some of theirs drove there. Maggie intended riding in our rig, but went with some one else, they had a nice day of it, so they say, they were very late in getting back home. I Paris greened our potatoes, they were getting rather bad.

our folks went to Stanley park picnic, Barrett brought down Prince & buggy last night. Geo. Robertson drove him over & Paris greened the potatoes. good turn out to picnic, and good time

Saturday 13

Another hot day. I rose shortly after 5 o'clock this morning and hoed at our potato patch till dinner time, and after having a good noon spell, I finished up the hoeing and also hoed the cabbage patch, I had 5 rows of the potatoes done yesterday. the rest to day. A card to day from Alex announces the death of Mrs Lynn.

hoed the potato patch and cabbage &c - a card from our Alex announces the death of Mrs Lynn.

Sunday 14

The heat to day has been excessive, I was in hopes that a thunder cloud would visit us, and give vegetation a drink and cool the air, but it did not come. Bella was here to day, she attended the 2 meetings with Maggie, and went home in the evening with her own folks. James Abbott & wife drove over to day. Ed. accompanied them to Erin, he intends leaving for Owen Sound to morrow, and goes from there to Duluth, calling at Sue St Marie, where he expects to see his Uncle Willie Mitchell who is very poorly.

very hot. Bella over to day with us was at 2 meetings with Maggie. James Abbott & wife over from Erin. Ed. went off with them to night.

Monday 15

Very hot this forenoon, threatening rain with thunder, a big cloud gathered and broke into a heavy shower which lasted about half an hour perhaps. it will be good, although we would have liked it to have lasted longer. Geo. Robertson and I hauled out the pump, and I made leather valves for it, but did not get it finished, it got cooler this evening.

a nice shower to day. Geo. Robertson helped me at the pump to day.

Tuesday 16

Cooler last night and to day. The rain of yesterday has made things look better, but the ground soon dries up again. I notice that the corn I planted last Wednesday was up an inch high yesterday. I was looking after material for valtering the roof of the house in expectation that brother James would soon be down. I got a card this evening however saying that he is poorly and we now hardly expect him, I was looking after lumber to cover the top of our well and think I may get it from Mr Couell, there is none at the mill, I cut poles for making the top and carried them home this evening. Geo. Loeve carried a long one for me a piece of the way.

things improve from the rain a card informing us that Bro. James has been very poorly, not likely he will visit us. Cut poles for top of well. expect lumber for it from Mr Couell.

Wednesday 17

Warmer than yesterday. I walked up to Mr Couell's corner and sorted out enough of old lumber to cover our well top, and paid 50 cts for it, he was only charging me 25 cts but I thought it too little, he put in another board or two however, it is good stuff and I was glad to get it. I got John McKenzie to take it down for me, also a wheelbarrow I bought from Mr Smith for 2 dollars.

Paris greened the potatoes this afternoon. they were buggy again. bought some lumber from Mr Couell for covering well. bought a wheelbarrow from Mr Smith.

Thursday 18

Cooler again to day, and rained quite awhile this afternoon. I made a platform for the well top to day. Mrs Bryant came last night and has been with us since. got a letter from Bro. Alex. Meaford, he has been wondering why I am so long in writing. I have thought it his turn, but must be mistaken. Bro. Thos James very poorly.

made platform for top of well. Mrs Bryant here. letter from Bro. Alex. nice rain this afternoon.



July

Friday 19

1912

FEBRUARY

MONDAY

(32-333)

1909

Weather fine again, have been haying in the garden. Some the little rain that falls soon dries up again, and we should take advantage of the softening of the land that a little rain makes, to hoe some. Mr. Luttrell is yet very poorly, and gives his friends much concern. I fear he will not recover. Haying has been hindered by the rain yesterday, got 50<sup>cts</sup> worth oatmeal from Joe Stewart, they left it at Willie Louell's.

Saturday 20

Rather dull all day, and much cooler. Some people thought there was frost this morning. Harold came home this evening his father brought him part of the way, he says, he and Errett helped his Pa to take in 3 loads of hay today. I have been trying to get a sand pump to clean out our well, but only got one old one which is out of order. If Ewart had sent down for me I would have gone up to help him at the hay. Mrs. Bryant is yet with us. Bella also came along this morning, and Mary too. She is making a dress for herself and Maggie is helping to fit her.

Sunday 21

Heavy rain the most of last night and to day every thing is nicely freshened up, this is the finest rain of the season and no doubt will do much to improve the crops, it was pretty cool this forenoon but it became warmer afternoon. I have written 2 letters to day, a long messy one to Sister Bessie, Vancouver, and one to brother Jamie, Meaford.

Monday 22

Considerably cooler but a fine pleasant day. I would have liked very well to have <sup>had</sup> some outside employment. But as Maggie wished me to repair her shoes, I sat inside to fix them, I also repaired mother's felt Boots. I took down the old sand pump to Dan, Simonds, to have it put in good shape to work, he expects to have it ready tomorrow morning. The men are on at the work of the bridge and Dan is also with them. I got & paid for a 100 lb bag of Royal Household flour \$3.<sup>00</sup>.

Tuesday 23

Has kept comparatively cool to day although warmer than yesterday. The Weatherstones hauled in a number of loads of hay to day and I wouldn't have thought it a good hay making day at all it has been cloudy and threatening rain. Ewart was at the mill yesterday he cut some grass, but it does not make good. Mrs. Bryant went to Guelph by stage this morning. She has spent a very pleasant few days with us. I got Geo. Robertson this morning to help with the pump. He tried the sand pump, but it did not work well, and we put down the pump itself and it brought up the dirt better than the other. I got the covering all ready and made a step, so if it gets fairly right I will nail it down.

Wednesday 24

The weather continues cloudy and threatening but does not rain after all. It is not good hay weather although there are some taking it in. Ewart went to Guelph to day, he drove to Rockwood accompanied by Bertie who waited in Rockwood while he took the cars to & from Guelph. The boys, Errett & Harold drove down with the other buggy, and I took the opportunity to go up the farm. I had not much pleasure in going up there because of finding the young filly, that was foaled yesterday, quite sick. I hurried down to Hiram Swaco-hanna, who was at Bentley Hilems, and he gave it a number of injections and partially relieved it, but it could not swallow so we could not give it medicine, and it died before dark, it was sprightly on in the morning and gave little warning of being unwell, but the mare has been losing her milk and it is said what she colts from its mother is a bending matter for the bowels, and the colt should be given Castor oil from the first.

a little fall of rain does good. Dan Luttrell very poorly, haying hindered by the rain. 50<sup>cts</sup> worth oatmeal from Joe Stewart.

Harold came home this evening says they have taken in some hay. Mary, Bella, & Mrs. Bryant all here to day.

heavy rain last night. will do good to the grain and root crops. wrote to Sister Bessie, Vancouver, and one to Bro James, Meaford.

fine weather repairing Maggie's shoes. also mother's felt boots.

looking after sand pump got 100 lb sack household flour (royal)

not very good hay making day Mrs. Bryant went off on stage this morning

Geo. Robertson helping to clean the well, sand pump does not work well.

Ewart & Bertie at Rockwood & Guelph.

went to farm. found the filly sick, got some harm, but too far gone and died this evening.

very sudden bad turn. Should have had opening medicine sooner.

the first.



July

Thursday 25

1912

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 4

(95-880)

1900

Cloudy and warm all day, threatening rain, but none comes here. Ewart was down this morning getting the mower knife new sectioned, he is feeling bad over the loss of his nice young filly. I have been walking round a bit, but not doing any work much. The bridge men are working hard and are now making considerable of a show. There are six of them and it seems like hard work. 3 men feeding the mixing machine with gravel, while the Boss empties the sacks of cement into the machine, and 2 men with wheelbarrows each wheeling the mortar from the machine and emptying it into the boxes which forms the walls at each side of the bridge it is steady hard work. another man (making the sixth) fills in stones in the mortared boxes and packs it while filling.

Ewart getting the mower knife fixed up some

was down seeing the bridge men at work

an account of how they perform their operations

Friday 26

A very good hay making day, and I thought Ewart would have sent down Errett this morning for me to help him, but he didn't, I went onto the roof and did some pitching to the shingling. Ewart was down this evening, he & Errett hauled in 7 loads of hay to day. he would like me to go up tomorrow and help to call up what he cuts in the forenoon.

a good hay making day patching the roof of house

FRIDAY 5

(96-329)

Saturday 27

Has been a good haymaking day. I went up this morning to Ewart's, Errett met me on the way at Jackson gate, we took in a large load of hay before dinner. after that Ewart had cut a large portion of the hay in front field south. we afterwards cut it all up, which kept us going till near quitting time. Ewart & Errett took in the ravings to finish up the field between the barns, there have been fifteen loads in that field. Ewart is turning in the cattle there to night. Ewart drove me down this way. he got the pitman of mower fixed so as to fit tighter.

helping Ewart at the hay to-day. finished up the field between the barns. 15 loads Errett a good help to Ewart

Ewart drove me home to night got pitman fixed this evening

Sunday 28

A fine day. Sunshine and not too hot. good filling weather for the grain. I finished up the reading of the book I got on loan from David Colton, all but an addition at the end, taken from another book. I have been much interested in its reading although it did not remove the difficulties in the way of my accepting the conclusion of the author and his following. The Bible, he contends, is the only authority, and, as it is the word of God, it is sufficient for the establishment of the Church and all its forms and old time ordinances, at least, that ~~SATURDAY 6~~ is implied otherwise it would be of no force. to this I demur, the old Church became apostate, and, if necessary had to be reproduced, and can a dead letter fill the bill, it is an important question and all hangs on the word authority. I give the author (Mr. Williams) credit for presenting his view of the matter in a concise and reasonable way, without the least show of acrimony or a spirit of dictation, supporting all his conclusions by a reference to the word, but, he, at times, has to allow that the translators acted from a bias, he is certainly, however a great Bible Student, to my mind, and great expositor of its teaching and contents.

the reading of the Book the "Redemption of the world" I have been much interested in the reading of it. I think the author is a great Bible Student and a great and truthful expositor of its teaching & contents. I would like a second reading some time by & bye.

Monday 29

Another very fine day, the forenoon and all morning had an unsettled look, it should clear up and become cloudy again but eventually cleared up and settled so, I hoed the garden stuff this forenoon, and went through afterwards over the potatoe patch and hoed the weeds out. and seeing the bugs numerous went at it and Paris greened them getting done before supper. Ewart, Errett & Gertie were here this evening, made arrangements to go up tomorrow and help

hoed the garden stuff forenoon Paris greened potatoes after noon. Ewart, Gertie & Errett here this evening



July & August

Tuesday 30

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A fine day, Errett drove down this morning and took me up to the farm, getting there about ten o'clock. I churned Gertie's churning of butter, and just got it done about noon, was fully an hour and half at it, we took in 8 loads of hay, 2 slings to the load, it was in fine condition. Ewart par's ground his potatoes this forenoon, Errett took Harold and I to Eveleigh corner this evening, sad news has reached Gilbert McCarther's people today of the sudden death of their son Norman at "Swift Current" Sask. he just had been married about 6 weeks, and passed away so suddenly makes it extremely sad, it seems he was a very worthy young man and prosperous, the family is prostrated with grief, John McKenney and Bella are here this evening, they say the body is expected here on Thursday evening.

Wednesday 31

Beautiful weather, those having hay making on hand are having the very best of weather for the purpose. I have not been very well to day and have not put out my hand to do much, went down to see the bridge builders at work they have started to make the way clear for building the second bridge. They have built the current railing on the first one, on the south side next the mill, and are taking the boxing off it, it is a good looking piece of work. - the cement men and the Everton foot ball players had a game of foot ball this evening, in which the Everton team were victorious by 2-0.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

A very fine day, a nice shower came along this afternoon and freshened things up round here, it did not extend far however. Geo. Loe, they had very little over at their farm, Ewart & Gertie & Errett drove down towards evening, Ewart was at J. Weatherston's with the mare her time counts from now, I wrote a letter to our Alex. Spig's, this evening Mary & Maggie busy making preparation for the garden party tomorrow night. Mr. Mitchell of Sault Marie, died to day, he had been long an invalid.

Friday 2

This is the day the night of which was some time ago set apart for the garden party to be held at Mr. Robertson's (Danzald's son) for the purpose of raising funds for improving the cemetery, and it unfortunately has been rainy up to 4 or 5 o'clock when it cleared off fairly well and, I should think, the party had a fairly good night afterward. They postponed the Rockwood g. party, so the way is left clear for this one, George Loe, drove to the mill to day for the ice cream 10 gallons, at first 15 gallons were ordered but they phoned to bring only 10, they were very much downcast on account of the prevailing wet through the day, but when it brightened up some their spirits rose in proportion. Since the above writing, it has transpired the garden party did not turn out so badly after all, there was \$95.25 taken at the gate, and contributions which brought it up to about \$100. The Booth and other thing helped to pay expenses. at this writing cannot say the party is over.

Saturday 3

A fine day after the rain of yesterday, the folks are all tired after their work & anxiety of yesterday & last night, it was fortunate that the rain stopped early in the afternoon, but, for all that there were many who did not appear who otherwise would have done so, but for the rain.

Sunday 4

Very cool turn of the weather, people are thinking that it is too cold for good filling of the grain, this has been a fine pleasant day though, cool, Maggie went over to McKenney's with Bella from church and Mary to her place here, I had a walk up to the cemetery, and went round inside view the tomb stones etc.

Ewart has now 15 loads of hay in from the field, between the Burns and Six out of front field south wood has arrived of the sudden death of Norman McCarther at "Swift Current" Sask.

fine hay making weather, down viewing the bridge - men at work cement warren and Everton foot ball team had a contest this evening, Everton men victorious Ewart down with the mare to Weatherston's, wrote a letter to Alex. Spig's this evening - preparing for the garden party tomorrow. William Mitchell died at Sault Marie.

The Garden party at Mr. Robertson's was carried out to a fairly good finish, the night cleared up fairly well, the crowd would have been much greater had not the wet weather intervened. parties interest were deflected on account of the unfavorable weather, but it turned out not so badly as the weather improve.

Burial of Norman McCarther took place this morning.

Heather improved bridge work going on - cool but pleasant Bella here to day Maggie over with them, I had a walk to the cemetery this afternoon.



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Monday 5

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THURSDAY 11

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Cool again last night, and to day it was rather cool for ripening and filling the grain, barley is being cut, and oats are colouring, a heavy shower of rain fell this afternoon, and the weather does not seem settled, I have not felt well to day and have not put out my hands to do much, took a walk down to see the bridge workers, they have found rock, so they expect to be on with the concrete tomorrow.

harvesting the barley - bridge men have struck the rock.

Tuesday 6

A turn warmer last night and to day, it looked as there might be rain to day but it held off, this has been a better day for the crops than for some time past, I found the potatoes rather buggy again, and I went over and picked them off, I did not like to paring green them any more if possible, but may have to do it yet, the paring green I got from Marshall was last years and am afraid it had lost its strength somewhat, it does not seem good from some cause.

Weather warmer, the potato bugs are increasing and I picked them off this afternoon may have to paring green them again.

Wednesday 7

Weather nice and warm to day, threatening rain come but nothing came of it, although the wind has been from the east and cloudy. This forenoon, Mary has had a ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> fine time this forenoon, her company in the afternoon, the young folks came to hand about 3 P.M. they made quite a big looking gathering, and quite a bit increased by the presence of older people, they seemed every one to enjoy themselves well, Errett drove down Prince and buggy, and the Duffield boys came with him, I made ready and placed the house & buggy at the front verandah to take Mother along, but she declined going after all, she does not feel well at present.

a fine day Mary had a good gathering of her S.S. Children to day they seemed to enjoy themselves well, Mother was expected to go too, but declined at the eleventh hour.

Thursday 8

Heavy rain last night, and considerable fell this forenoon, it cleared off nicely this afternoon, and was very warm, the men at the bridge put in a good afternoon's work, 2 wheelbarrows running steadily filling in the concrete into the boxes on the south end of the bridge, Ewart was here this afternoon and I had soled his boots, and half heeled them, too wet to day to work on the land.

rain last night and this forenoon fine afternoon I soled Ewart's (and heeled) boots down, receiving the bridge men at work.

Friday 9

The weather still remains unsettled, rain has been falling this afternoon, the men working at the bridge are having rather disagreeable weather for their work, they are building away trying to come to the rock to form a foundation for the north wall of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge they now have the south wall up full height, they are digging out the earth at the base while the water may be 6 inches deep. of course they are wearing rubber boots. McLaughlin tells me the preparation for building this 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge is a worse job than that of the larger bridge now built. The meeting of plot owners of the Everton Cemetery was fairly well attended this evening, and the business of selecting seven trustees was accomplished very quietly, their names are as follows, David Robertson, W.H. Hooton, Mr. Couell, Alex. Burns, Josiah Stewart, Hugh Mitchell, and for Benham, who are to confer with the women's institute next Wednesday evening with regard to the Hill donation.

rainy and very unsettled weather had turn of weather for bridge builders meeting this evening of plot holders of Everton Cemetery, election of trustees, accomplished all right.

Saturday 10

Weather yet unsettled, the day was fairly fine a part of the time, but heavy showers in the afternoon made it very unpleasant, there is too much rain for this time of the year, we should now be on the edge of harvest, and the ripening of the grain is being retarded by the excessive moisture and so much cool weather prevailing, Ewart, Gerrie & Errett here this evening.

rain prevailing causes dullness and concern about crop prospects.

Sunday 11

A rainy day, we are certainly having an awfully wet time, it really looks very serious especially for those who have their hay to finish up, also those who haven't got their fall wheat sown, the minister from Hillsburgh is occupying the pulpit for Mr. Nelson who is away among his friends just now.

I wrote a letter to Cousin James Tupper to day, Maggie being at Hillsburgh to day.



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Monday 12

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<sup>FEBRUARY</sup> Quite warm to day and yet has an unsettled appearance but little or no rain, hope it will now dry up for awhile, we are hoping that as the moon changes to day, there may also be a change in the weather. I have had a sore time from rheumatism to day, which may be an indication of a change in the weather, have not done any work of consequence. The men at the bridge are thoroughly tired of the sloppy work among the water.

Tuesday 13

The weather has been much finer to day than has prevailed for some time, rather close and warm however. but we are hoping the weather may settle some now. Maggie McKenzie is here to day and her Aunt Mary Love and our Maggie have been fitting her with a dress. I have repaired her boots to day, sewed up rippings, and half soled them, the men at the bridge worked till 7 o'clock this evening, they commenced to fill in the troublesome hole this afternoon about 5 o'clock, and it is now pretty well filled up with water, they say they will have to bale it out in the morning.

Wednesday 14

Thunder & lightning prevailed last night and some rain. to day has been fine however and ~~work~~ outside has gone on, I repaired Maggie McKenzies other pair of boots (dressed) ones, there was a ~~Methodist~~ Society meeting this evening in the Methodist Church, John McKenzie & Bella, also Willie & Maggie were there. The Women's institute meeting was held this afternoon at the back room of the Disciples Church.

Thursday 15

A very fine day, a little cooler and weather looks more settled. I see Weatherstones have been laying out their barley to dry and taking it in. Geo. Robertson has fixed up his water fixing for setting tires, I helped him some, we afterwards cleaned out our well and fixed the pump, and cemented the inside on top of the rock cutting, I afterwards put the top on.

Friday 16

Quite cool last night and this morning, but warm sunshine through the day. The weather is very fine & pleasant. Geo. Robertson and I hauled up Abbotts pump out of the well, and we had a dangerous looking job at it. Grace Ann Abbott and our Maggie helped to steady the monstrous thing, the long iron pipe 16 feet long with about 4 feet of additional pipe and the spread by the pump at the end of it, made a formidable appearance, and dangerous if it happened to slip, we succeeded in getting it down safely and I was very glad when we did, we had a tedious time getting it apart and making a new balac, we got it all done however, but something got into the bore of the well and the pump is 6 inches higher than before. I got our well going all right to all appearance, and I mailed on the platform and cut Sods and placed them round the edges of it. the bridge men completed both sides of the bridge to day, and some filling up besides. Dan Simmons worked up till this evening with them, he goes to Ewarts tomorrow. Ewart was down here this evening.

Saturday 17

Fairly fine this forenoon, but became unsettled and some rain this afternoon, which increased towards night, the wet spell is not over yet, though harvest is on, the bridge men have erected the top of the flat bridge and placed 12 steel spanners across, besides smaller steel rods, they expect to put the concrete on on Monday. They are also filling up the top of the big bridge. I have repaired a pair of shoes for Maggie, and some other choring.

<sup>1909</sup> sore with rheumatism to day, mailed a letter to Cousin James Murray. men at the bridge discouraged.

Maggie McKenzie here to day, fitted a dress fitted and made repairing a pair of shoes for Maggie McKenzie.

commenced to fill in the hole but this afternoon to the last wall at 2 bridge.

Thunder & lightning last night.

soled another pair of boots (dressed) for Maggie McKenzie.

women's institute meeting to day.

Weather stones turning out their barley to dry.

helped Geo. Robertson to cement his trough for tire. setty, cleaned out our well and got the pump in again. and put the top on well.

Geo. Robertson and I hauled out Abbotts pump and put in a new leather belt. the old one - having given out. we had a tedious job getting it apart after getting it out of the well, the getting it out was dangerous. got our well cleaned out and pump in again, better than have the side walls done this evening.

Bridge men - at work at the saw mill bridge repairing Maggie's shoes. no word from Meaford, very long in writing.

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Sunday 18

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Quite a fall of rain again last night, but dry and fine to day although having evidence that the weather is yet unsettled. It is quite warm this evening and cloudy and we are very desirous that dry weather will now prevail, so as to dry up the grain that is cut and further harvest operations generally. Bella McKenzie with Willie & Maggie have been here to day. They had dinner with us and I went over to their place this afternoon with Willie & Maggie and after tea, came home again with them. They are at the Methodist meeting, their own not being open to night. Bella did not go home this afternoon.

Monday 19

Weather again unsettled, there was quite a fall of rain again last night, and though little or no rain to day it does not turn fine, a good deal of grain is cut and much of it ready for cutting and this wet weather makes the situation a serious one. I have been preparing the place under the house for building a stone wall, it is very damp and dark down there. Ewart & Bertie came down this morning. Bertie stayed all day to get a garment made, and Ewart came back at night for her. I gave Marshall a cheque for \$5.00 and sent \$2.00 away for car drums. Mr. McNab and Charlie Benham and myself were down at the bridge inspecting to day, I was there awhile with them, they have let the job of a further extension of the cement wall of 40 feet, to cost \$125.00 from the far end of the big bridge on side next the mill, towards the flume. The smaller bridge is ready to receive the cement, concrete.

Tuesday 20

Unsettled looking early this morning but afterwards cleared up to be a fine day. Mary and Harold went off to Guelph this morning by stage, Mary had promised to take a holiday for Harold and herself to Guelph and there is not much peace until it is over with. I have been again working under the house and it is now ready to begin building the wall. Mother has been visiting with the Robertson girls to day, and Maggie & I joined her for our tea this evening.

Wednesday 21

Weather fine to day, only one shower, last night was rough, heavy thunder & lightning, with heavy pours of rain, really this is a serious time for farmers, their harvest operations should be on full blast and nothing can be done to forward it. I soled and heeled my boots to day, got my car drums by mail to night.

Thursday 22

Weather fine all day up till about 5 o'clock when a black cloud came down upon us and a heavy down pour of rain, this was the night set for the Osprings Presbyterian Garden party and the heavy rain which fell just as people were making ready for going to it killed it clean out, in consequence it was indefinitely postponed after all preparations being made. I went up to Ewart's to day to look at his grain (barley) if any thing could be done to help it it was not in as bad condition as might have been expected and so we left it, we then hitched the team after dinner, and went to Standish and cut 6 heavy poles to cover the Culvert at entrance to the lane, had them home before the rain.

Friday 23

A fine day, Errett came down with the buggy this morning and I went up again to Ewart's, we went immediately at the Culvert, he had it uncovered when I got there, we first fitted in 5 new cross pieces and had it about covered by dinner time, after we went to our own house and got 2 more poles and fitted them, spiking the whole on the cross pieces with barrow pins, and covered it with 2 loads of earth & gravel.

rain last night very wet harvest

Bella McKenzie here to day, I took a drive over to their place and came back again in the evening.

Weather unsettled, very bad for harvest, am afraid harm will come of it. Ewart & Bertie came down, the latter here all day. members of the Council inspecting the work at the bridge.

Harold and his Aunt Mary went to Guelph by stage this morning, Mother visited at the Robertson girls to day, and Maggie and I joined her to tea afterwards.

thunder storm last night, but fine to day. Soled & heeled my boots to day, got my car drums.

fine weather the most of the day. I went up to Ewart's to day cut and drew poles for Culvert at J. Standish's. Conditions of grain not so bad. heavy shower at night spoiled the garden party it is postponed.

weather fine to day, got out last night that Mary Stephens is much worse and death may be expected. finished Ewart's Culvert.