

1864  
Mr James Cameron Island Dec the 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Fixing the canvas Drawing Wood some old Ducks & Mallards  
Geese Plenty Hawks and Owls flying about 16<sup>th</sup>  
Went to the Menshaws with their car Went  
to Mr Harpers Bought (Butter 2 prints 2 lbs of  
Saleratus and a Wick for Lamp paid all this 1/3) Credit  
1 Cap 10p 19 lb Pork 11/10<sup>2</sup> Hoghead 8 lbs 25<sup>2</sup> 6  
50 lb Flour 7/6 1 lb Tea 3/5 Broom 1/2 Treat 1/2  
Sam Summers on the front a very fine day came home  
17<sup>th</sup> a fine day turned soft Drawing Drags  
Broke the chain ice breaking up before the door  
gucks up to the shore Wind Raising at night  
18 Sunday 3 Men Passed up in a Boat  
Before the Door 19<sup>th</sup> Thrashing the Big Pease  
& Fanning 3 Bushels 20<sup>th</sup> Thrashing the small Pease  
Thrashed 3 Bushels Cold Windy Time 21<sup>st</sup>  
This is about or tomorrow is the first day  
of winter and a stormy day and night it is  
by the Bull and the heifer a wicked frost  
My canoe in a bad way drew some Drags  
22<sup>nd</sup> the ice taken 23<sup>rd</sup> very frosty cold  
ice taken all over went to the head of the Island 24<sup>th</sup>  
Went to Mr Harpers called at Hamilton caught a Duck  
Left it at Hamilton got Christmas a Hooker of Brandy John  
very Rooby but getting Peter Bought of Mr Harpers  
8 yds of Cotton 10p 2 yds Calico 1/8 Wick 1/3 3/2 pinty oil 1/10  
2 Quarts of Wine 1/6 2 lb Candles 1/5 - 14/8 (Bought & Paid for  
Treats & Sweetys) 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY a fine day  
Jim Hopkins George Morris & Lukes Boy here came  
Down on the Ice 26<sup>th</sup> Fine I went to spear Eels got  
44 turning soft 27<sup>th</sup> Working at the pine stick  
got it raised 28<sup>th</sup> Raining cutting the ice around  
the other pine got it to the shore some new moon  
and a soft ice getting bad

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Our Anguss Birth Day Drawing Wood snowing it  
ice all opened out down the Channel 30<sup>th</sup> ice going stees  
Down and swimming got the shortest of the Pine stick lay  
up on skids in the ice thrashed a 1/2 bush of Oats in  
a Bushel 31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of the year Putting the Loops back  
of the Barn Making a Rack for the sleigh see all  
Clear Feeding the Cattle all extra freezing hard 28<sup>th</sup>  
to night Health Race and Plenty But no Whiskey  
Broke an the stock Back of the Barn cattle rich  
all hearty 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1865 New Year  
Day Sunday had a few Rounds of Whiskey this will  
Day nobody here ice commencing to Jam freezing  
to night 2<sup>nd</sup> the ice taken before the door a great  
many air holes Thrashing set 2 traps at the lower point  
3<sup>rd</sup> of Jan Birth Day Thrashing Pease Went Down to  
Charlies took Dinner got some nuts Charlie 1/4  
came up with me hurted the instep of my foot  
splitting a stack of stone wood A strange Dog came here  
about Dark 4<sup>th</sup> Charlie went home gave him some peas went  
some matches stuff for his house 2 Bushel of Potatoes 1/6  
some poison old pair of nuts Fanning Pease 3 Bushels here  
drew some Drags Mary fell out of the Bed 5<sup>th</sup>  
Brushing the Road at the Upper Point to Ham-  
-iltons very crooked with so many air holes  
6<sup>th</sup> crooked to Menshaws got New Years from  
Mr Powell Donald Mr Donald and I  
crooked to Mr Harpers a treat gave Ranald  
Angus a 1/2 for a Maffle of Window sashes  
Bought of Mr Harper 3/4 of Calico 1/2 lb Candles 10 2 yds  
of Shirting 2/6 Went to Mr Danders Summers a treat of  
pease this David went to cure Long Anguss Child  
her Palate was Down David has a charm for  
that heard of Dan going to Toronto  
and a pair of Boots