

James Cameron (1824–1912)

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Mr James Cameron Island

Monday 1st News Years Day Windy Fixing in the New Year ice opening again Mrs Rose here and Pat

2nd a Ball at Davids Pat and I to Mr Harpers him to Williamstown (Bought of Lydia Ann 1/2 Gal of H Wines 1/2 lb Tea 1/2 lb French Tobacco 1/2 lb of plug Tobacco 4 pipes 2 lbs sugar 1/2 lb Pepper 1/2 paper Juns 1/2 Quire of paper Radways Relief I coarse comb 1/2 Doz envelopes 1 Box Matches 1 paper Needles 4 or 5 needles 3 1/2 lb Butter 3 nutmegs) (1/2 penny worth 15.8 1/2 of sweetys paid this) A Fine Day in the Water Pat got 1/2 Gal of H W 1/2 lb Tea Mrs Rose making the charm for Long Angus commencing to Freeze this evening

3rd Car Allens Birth Day Grinding the axes Pat and I Drew some Drags ice making very wide Made my shirt

4th Drew 2 Loads with the sleigh very Frosty to night

5th ice taken acrofs here taken the hay of the oats Foxes crofsed the ice to night

6th Andrew Rose here crofsed to Francis Island with him and Mrs Rose bushed the Road some Bushed the Road up to Hamiltons Pat and I went to Mr Harpers Gave him 5/- to my account Bought 1/2 lb saleratus paid this -/3 for a Treat paid Gave Mrs Rose 3/9 of in order on Mr Harper Gave Andrew Rose -/7 1/2 to treat himself Freezing hard

7th Sunday Lashey here Treatede stope to Dunes

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Mr James Cameron Island January 8th

Pat Went to Williamstown I went to Hopkins heard George Morris was Married to Betsy Bone
 Pete Rosseau Married to Clarissa Bone turned Back Went to Henery Went to see William
 Lavellet very Poorly Mrs Rose and Charlie Rose came I met them on the ice a very very
 Frosty night Potatoes Froze the Girl Hughann Born at about 10 oclock tonight
 9th Mrs Rose here Pat came From Williamstown
 10th I went to Henerys for Mag she could not come Mrs Rose and I crofsed Gave her an
 Order on Mr Harper for 1/3 Gave here -/6 cash and a Peice of Meat or 2 Some Matches Mifs
 Margaret Rose came acrofs with me seen a sleigh crofsing the Ice to Day from Hopkins
 11th Pat Went of to Maitland Killed a Muskrat on the ice Before the House Killed another in
 the Back Marsh
 12th Drawing Wood Went to Henery to see if William was alive or not
 13th Drawing Drags snowing storming
 14th Sunday all alone Margaret here very very Frosty to night and Morning
 15th the morning A Fortunate Day Went to Salmon River got a Ride part of the Way from
 McRae Gave Mr Streeter 16 Rats at 28 cents 4..48 cent to my account Bought a Pair for
 Mary 2/6 Mended Livinia in to Mrs Morris's took Dinner there at Bob at Lukes Bob Promised
 to come Down with Girl got a Runner from Luke for the stove a very cold night and stormy
 16th Margaret Rose went home gave her 1/9 cash 2 envelopes a Very Good Girl she is seen a
 Fox on the ice
 17th taking Frozen Potatoes out of the cellar Mrs Morris George and Laurie here stormy Day
 stormy night Made a Waterhole
 18th Drawing 2 Loads of Wood Breaking Roads Soft to Day snowing Thawing Rain and hailing
 water Raising near shore

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{illegible} new some {illegible} chopping the hay in the mow

20th high Wind took home 2 Loads of Wood Raining

21st {illegible} St Agnefs Day

22nd chopping Stove Wood Powell {illegible} about this time

23rd I crofsed stopt at Roses heard Pat was Bar tender in Williamstown Bought of Mr Harper

1/2 lb Tea 2/- 1/2 lb Starch -/4 1 lb soap -/6 Treat paid this 1 can of Magnum Bonun Soap not

Paid - /7 1/2

24th Charles Tuppers Birth Day Charlie came up Gave him some m{illegible} some pease

Beans some Tallow for Lights old Mits a Bottle of {illegible} some Bread Left his Rats 3 on

them

25th Robert Burns Birth Day and very Stormy Day it is East Wind and Drifting Mending the

Harness some

26th Drew home 2 Loads of Wood chopping Stove wood and around the Barn shovelling

away snow Banks

27th Drew some wood

28th Sunday alone all of us Reading Lovers of Pleasure more than Lovers of God

29th Went Down to Charlies his Ashes and Old stove took them up here Got a Basket of

nuts from him

30th Breaking the Roads in the bush to a{?} piles of Wood

31st Cutting Stove Wood Went Down after for Charlie as he cant Walk up himself put in the

sheep

1st of February Charlie and I to Dundee took his ashes and iron to sell for him sold them to D Baker got 21 lb Flour 3 yds of cotton spool of thread Bottle of Whiskey all for him A Very Stormy Day seen Walter Baker Treated us {today?} took Dinner at Mrs Morris's Got some yarn Stormy coming home Charlie very sick at night

2nd I crofsted I sent him Down with the horse got the Loan of a Garden Book some nuts came home went to the Bush to Break Roads

3rd Drawing Wood Drifting

4th Sunday put Milly in the Barn at night all alone ourselves

5th Fixing the oats in the Barn and putting out snow

6th cold cutting Stove Wood

7th Went to the Bush very cold and stormy

8th Went to Mr A{illegible} with 13 lbs of Wool 30 cents 4..90 cents to Paying My coat

{illegible} Birth Day Bought of Mr Harper 5/- worth of Flour {illegible} for Lines 1 yd Lining of 1

Kind 3 yds of another paper {illegible} 8 yds of {illegible} towards it 2 spools of Thread

White thread {rest of entry illegible}

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2 loads of wood Went to the Harpers Bought of 1/2 lb Tea 1 lb soap Brought home his Bottle

Brought him some small Bottles for Hair Oil Brought over some Beef to Hugh McGillis's

Family John James Poorly getting Horse

10th cutting a new Waterhole Went Down for Charlie to take him to Mr Harpers with 3 Rats

Got Pease Pork Flour seen Angus at Mr Harpers sent a Lot of sweetys to Gordon

11th Went home with Charlie got some nuts & 1/2 Dozen of Onions from him Pat and Mr

Robinson here from Williamstown had a Bottle Took Dinner took his things and his Jar all we

had here Stormy Day Raining snowing east Wind Livinia went for the first time to milk Bosey since the 8th January

12th The Dance in celebration of St Valentines at Mr David Summer's as it come the first of Lent they have it on the 12th Drawing Fire Wood stormy evening Snow and Wind

13th Drew a Load of Wood Went to see if there was a letter in the P Office none commenced another peice of the Hay on the mow cut a Waterhole

14th St Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday Went with the Hide to Mr Streeter Left it at Mrs Morris's for him to get Bought of Mr Streeter 1 pair of Boots 4 Dollars Left my others to get Mended Jim Hopkins working at Mr Phillips wharf stormy some chopping Stove Wood Blowing hard

15th Mending my Leather mits very stormy with wind

16th Drew 2 Loads of Wood and chopped them cut Down the Hicory Tree on the Bank before the Door

17th chopping Stove Wood fine Day But very windy weather since the new Moon came in windy to night

18th Sunday James Hugh's Birth Day Fine Day

19th Drew 2 Loads of Wood Went Down cut and Drew 2 Loads for Charlie on the Butternut Island took Charlie up went to Mr Harpers got his measure for a Pair of Pants and coat a treat at A Summers bought of A Summers 3 cents of Tobacco paid this Sent Charlie Home got some Butternuts some coarse salt very unwell snowing cleaned out the Barn

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A Fortunate Day Began to Thrash the Oats {folded over} Bushels Went with it to Mr Harpers 2 Bushels lb 25 cents a Bushel Lashey Came Fishing EEls got 2 Bought of Mr Harper 1 lb

Soap 10 cents 1/2 lb Tea {torn away} Ball of Canelle Weak 8 Cents 1 lb Sugar /7 1/2 1 Broom

1/2 Gal Kerosene Oil 1/10 1/2 Mr Harper in Montreal St Matthias Day Lashey Left his axe and spear coming tomorrow

22nd Washingtons Birth Day Lashey came to chop I went to Mr Harpers him in Montreal

Bought of A Summers cut Tobacco a Hank of Thread paid this Water on ice a Fine Day

23rd very Fine Day trying for eels got none chopping stove wood seen 4 Ducks for the first going west seen them again in the evening going east Drew some wood my nose started Bleeding seen crows for the first Carys Drawing their House from the Island

24th Raining and Blowing Lashey Grinding the axes

25th Sunday William Lavelettes Wife and Boy and George Bosells wife here slippery on the ice

26th Lashey chopping a very cold Day William Lavalette here for a Load of old Wood

Christie here sold his spear to me Thrashing the Last of the oats and Fanning 3 Bushels

27th helped Lashey to split his Tree got ready to go to the store did not go not very Good ice slippery Teams Beginning to go on the ice to Lancaster from Salmon River one cutter went Down and a Team Loaded came up

28th Last Day of the Month Went to Mr Harpers Bought 2 Dollars worth of Flour To 1 lb of French Tobacco for Lashey Andrew John Summers and he is starting for Cariboo Got a Bad fall on the ice opposite Kenneths hurted my arm

1st of March St Davids Day The Festival of the Welsh Lashey chopping I splitting 3 Logs

Looking at Trees Lashey for his sleigh and Traps Raining Blowing

2nd {?}it 7 eels got 3 and a catfish Raining

3rd Lashey Fishing in the Bay got none Wet in the forenoon. Fine Day HughAnn and John

Angus Came me in the Bush Drew some for Troughfs cut them yesterday

Sunday 4th Hugh Ann and John Angus went home Good going on ice A Great Deal of

Travelling on the ice all over and acrofs it is so very Good Lashey crofsed on scates 2

Indians Fishing eels before the Door Henery and Seomos Boy Fishing Down at the Little

Island Molly had her calf to Day sent some Beefsteak to Mary a Bottle of eel oil and some

Grapes to Allen

5th Lashey crofsed to chop for Andrew J Baker made 10 Troughfs to Day very sick it is awful

the Travelling up and Down on the ice cold Windy day

6th Bob and John Hamilton here

7th John Hamilton here cold some

8th Drawing wood to the House Made some 4 or 5 Troughfs

9th 3 Loads Crofsed from Lancaster before the Door of Boards I went to Mr Harpers Bought

1 lb Tea or 2 1/2 lbs 4/1 1/2 1 1/2 yds of Lindsay Wolsey 2/3 1 Bar of Soap -/6 Treat -/6 a Barrell

for sap David Summers Drawing ice Sacrament in Williamstown 2 of Barretts Boys from

Williamston came scating up the Lake to Salmon River one of the Dixons sons

10th made a few Troughs Lashey done chopping at A Bakers took over the Barrel from Mr

Harpers 1 Dozen of Herring 1/3 3 lbs of Pork for himself and some onions about 1 Gallon of

Mollasses in the Barrel 1 Quart Mr Harper put in

Sunday 11th Lashey went for his Barrel to Henerys snowing

12th on this Day of the month McMaster first came to the Island I went to Mrs Morris's her at

Bills

13th Went for the Pot Mrs Morris got it went Down for Charlie Brout him to Harpers sent him home a Great deal of Travelling on the ice Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb Soda Mrs Baker a Bee drawing Wood

14th Drawing Wood Making spoils Filling the Banch with water at the River the calve Dead Raining

15th Skinning the calf Bill here going to the Depot Tom Davis came

16th Tom Went of Turned Back with the Water on the ice crofsed to Frashers Drawing Wood cut Down a tree for Troughs Drew home 4 Logs of them

17th St Patricks seen Wild Geese for the first time helping Lashey to cut his wood snowing Blowing Freezing

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Sunday Fine cold day

19th Alexander Cameron Captain Lost of the Horses Broke in at the Lower end of Hamiltons Island {illegible} crofsed to Mr Harpers Bought 37 lbs of Oatmeal Heard from Mr Lions that Dan came home on Friday

20th John Hamilton Drew 4 Loads Helping Lashey to split First Day of Spring seen Blackbirds and a cold Day it is east Wind

21st snowing Blowing Hailing Raining Wind changed to the West made 5 Troughs The Equinoxial Gales on on about these Days Sun Crofsing the Line

22nd Livinia Birth Day I crofsed to Mr Harpers for to get the Loan of his Pot John Hamilton to Cornwall for Flour very unwell

23rd Helping Lashey to split stove wood very sick

24th A Fortunate Day Bought of Mr Harper 1 Bag Flour 3 1/2 6 lb of Rice 2/- Pail 1/3 4 yds of Lindsay 6/ {cut off} 2 yds of Cotton at 10 1/2 1/9 Thread -/3 1 Peck of Onions 1/3 1/2 lb Tea Canvass £ 1.12..6 Lashey got 1 Quart -/7 1/2 Pipes 1 -/2 5 lbs of Pork 3/ 1 1/2 lb Tobacco Treat -/6 thats 5/3 shillings he got to Day Olde Mr McLeod very Poorly

25th Sunday Stormy snowing Blowing Drifting

26th Semo here in the Morning his Boy came in the evening an order on Mr Harper for 4 lbs of Pork

27th Semo here to tell me Mr Harper would not Give him any on the Order Lashey crofsed for Mr Harpers Big {cut off} Drawing wood to the sugar camp

28th commenced feeding hay of the Stable loft to the cattle Tapt 2 trees to Day 3 yesterday not running well took home about 1/2 Gallon of Sap for a Drink set a Trap for the crows. Made Troughs to Day cut the Beef Head 2 Teams came up from Lancaster went up before the Door followed my {cut off}

29th Lashey crofsed Gave an order for 1 lb Tobacco Taking home

30th Good Friday Lashey Done chopping helping him to split Bought of Mr Harper 1 Bags of Flour 3 1/2 Dollars 1/2 lb Tea 2/3 Soap -/6 2 yds Calico 2/6 1 plug of Tobacco -/3 4 1/2 lb Pork 2/ £1.5..16 Tapt 43 Trees Gathered 3 1/2 pails I have 5 Tapt thats 48 Tapt now Raining Lashey Fishing EEl's got 6

1st of April all Fools Day Lashey {cut off} sap not Running Easter Sunday Sun Doesn't Dance the sign of a hard year

Lashey Tapping some Gathered 5 pails that 9 pails I got in the Barrels now Made a Fire in the Bush

3rd Began to Boil Boiled 9 Pails about 7 lbs of sugar made for the first Gathered 20 Pails to Day Tapt 16 Trees more made 3 Troughs Lashey sick Horses crofsted Summers Road to Day a Feast for Gordon of Sugar

4th Gave Lashey an order on Mr Harper x for 7/6 in Goods Lashey went off Boiling about 25 Pails to Day Gordon in the Bush with me Black Ducks came Gathered 4 pails of sap not running to Day very well Cranes came All the Feathered inhabitants of the air came swallows Robins, Pheabe or Pewit as some calls them shooting commenced

5th Gordon and I Gathering and Boiling in the Bush Tried for EEIs got 1

6th a Fortunate Day Boiling 10 Pails took it home to Sugar of with what I Boiled yesterday water raising near shore Ice opened at Francis Island sap not Running to Day Gathered 1 1/2 pails wild Gees Plenty

7th got 2 pails of sap

Sunday 8th Low Sunday Running Gathered a 2 Barrels

9th 4 years Married to Day, Boiling on the Bush about 40 Pails took it home to sugar off 36 lbs Gathering and Boiling Loons came Seen a Boat crofsing to Hopkins Livinia Gordon Mary and the Baby all came to the Bush Boiled about 40 Pails to Day Keeping the cows and sheep in they make a Destruction in the Bush water very low along the shore

11th Gathering and Boiling some took home to Sugar off

12th not running much seen 2 canoes fishing eels at the Hay Island Lots of Ice going Down shot at a Rat Did not get him the Frog Music commenced

13th Gordon and I to the head of the Island the cows Playing the Devil in the Bush knocked out all the spoils went to every tree me very very sick Seen a canoe with 3 going to Charlies stopt all night Found a tennet that the wind must have Blown from shore

14th Gathered 8 pails of Sap cleaning the cellar and up stairs put the sofa up stairs some of the Hens commencing to Lay

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Lashey came from John Camerons making sugar there very sick after a spree yesterday sap running Gathering 12 pails of sap

16th Boiling in the Bush Gordon and I sugared off at night 2 cakes about or over 20 lbs sugar Lashey went off Lent him a Bag

17th Gathered some Boiling some

18th our Duncans Birth Day Made about 3 Gallons of Mollasses Let out the Little Ram

Johnstons Light Lit on Cherry Island Gathered 12 pails and Lost 6 pails as it Leaked out of one of the Barrels

19th Boiling about 6 pails it is getting sour made molasses of it it will do for vinegar shot at 2 Rats did not get them Let out the Big Ram and the cows all went to the Bush a havoc on the spoils and the Troughs Gathered 3 Pails for vinegar an left it in the Pot not many canoes or crafts on the water

Spring 20th a Lamb for the first one of the season sheep it out in the Raining time Thunder to night for the first east wind Lashey came at night staving

21st Lashey crofsed I Put out our canoe for the first time this spring 2 more Lambs the sheep with the Black spot on, our nannie a Lamb its gone too no Luck with Lambs as yet

22nd Sunday and I to Fish eels got 32 to Day

23rd St Georges The Festival of the English seen Charlie crofsing to Ross Island Made the Ley or Li for the soap set the Pot a very a very stormy windy wet day east Wind water

Raised some One of the Big soft maples of the 2 Blew down with the wind on the Flat Back
of the Barn Frost and ice Last night ice going Down yet

24th Lashey went to Hunt Raining

25th St Ma{cut off} Day very unwell went to Head of the Island

26th Making the soap cold Day Sap Running took some for vinegar tapt some trees

27th took home 2 Gallons of sap for vinegar Lashey came set my traps no Rats shot a Duck
very very sick all Mr White coming to the Lighthouse

Charlie came up him and Lashey him and Lashey to the store Gordon and I fishing, got 5,
found a hat on the water, Bought of Mr Harper for me. 1 bottle of R.R.Relief, 1/3 Mr Harper
killing his pigs, the Bouquet in to Summertown and Dundee to day chartered for a day.

Sunday 29th, Charlie here, the Steamer Kingston went down lots of ice going down

30th Last day of April me very unwell Charlie here went home, 1 of the life boats went down
and 2 Propellers, Dug a peice of ground behind the shed Lashey went fishing got 1 cat fish
set 5 Traps tonight. The taking out at the Scow Light house today and Lit up Mr Hills light lit
for the first time.

1st of May and fine day, Livinia and the baby Lashey went to Salmon River , Mrs. Morris came
Down with Gordon and Mary and I all alone planted the tobacco seed and cabbage seed
behind the shed, got a Duck and a Rat setting fire on the Grove and the Back Marsh Feast
for Gordon and Mary today at sugar

2nd Lashey and me Splitting Rails sap Running ice going Down three More Lambs all Dead

3rd very unwell, got a Duck in the Trap

4th America went and one of her Barges Broke away from her near the Lighthouse, piling
some of the troughs in the Bush, Lashey went to Mr. Harpers, sent an order with him for 1/2

1lb Tea, 2/6 {cut off} powder, paper pins , 1 bottle of Radways 1/3 6 Bunches matches - /3 1/2

Tobacco 1/ about 6/3 worth) Emmanuel here

5th Lashey making a sturgeon pen set his line, Grey Lost the whippetree and trace chain

and part of the big chain 2 Lambs yesterday 1 to day the Black sheep

6th George Morriss here the old Lady went home with him, I took home the Pot a bottle of

Molasses Bottle of vinegar a Vat of ashes 4 lbs sugar for the use of her Pots the Emrefs into

Lancaster from Below.

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Drew some rails setting out fires Emrefs into Lancaster going Down planting seed onions

potatoes onions

8th put out Manure let out the 3 sheep with the Lambs, Thomas Munro stayed all night on

the Island got Lost in the Fog

9th Thomas came to the house very early Lashey crofsed with Fish to sell, Working in the

Garden but out carraway plants cabbage stocks for seeds, beets for seeds very unwell

10th Ascension Day George Morris came to Plough first Ploughing this Afternoon before the

Door Planted about 100 hills of corn before the Old House Door Putting hen Manure on the

Garden,

11th George Ploughing Jimmy Bone and I went to the Mr Harpers with the Pot and about 11 lb

or 10 1/2 say of sugar for Pay for the Pot and strainer cloth Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 11 tea 2/3

1/2 soda 2 yds for Gordon. 8 yds of cotton at 1/- 8/- 1/- cash for seeds 2 papers onions 1 of

carrots at A Summers 1 Dozen of Herrings 1/3 (Broom Forgots this that 17/4 seen S Ladnach

came Down with us

12th Grey Ploughing some shadrack crofsted with Gordon to Salmon River took my Canoe
Launched the Long Canoe Lashey to St Annicet Ticks Plenty sheep Losing their {illegible} on
the Bushes very much Got a cedar stick on the Water Bouquet Down with a Raft in Tow

13th Sunday Raining and Windy Lashey came from St Annicett

14th Took George and Mary Ann Bone came had Grain 2 Bushels 1 Bushel of Pease of Oats
Drew some of the sticks to the Front of the old House Dug some in the Garden Livinia
Marking out some of the Beds

15th George Began to Plough Down on the ground cutting some of the Brush Went with
Lashey Line wind high Livinia sowed onions Lashey Getting Sturgeon a Going and Towing of
them commenced to Rain to night Took the most of the Wool of our Little sheep as it is to
her not very well to Day James Hopkins here for the scow First Trip up for the SalaBerry
Lashey Preparing his Fish for Montreal Jim Hopkins taking cattle to A{illegible} Island
Lashey went to Montreal Harrowing and Planting Potatoes, Before the Door about 4 {22?}
Bushels of seeds caught 2 sturgeon

18th cut about 4 Bushels of seeds of Potatoes Butchered a Sturgeon went to the Head of
the Island, Planted a bed of beets some Tomatoes some Flowers The Steamer Burstled her
Boiler at Montreal

19th Lashey from Montreal cutting Brush at the Plumtrees got 7 sturgeon since Lashey went
off Highlander Towing here now Making my sail Found a Raft Oar Drew it up a peice on shore
George went off and Mary Ann Bone gave them my canoe and 2 Paddles

20th Whitsunday East Wind

21st began to shear 4 of the sheep and part of another

22nd Sheared 2 of the sheep very cold Keeping in the sheep with the cold the Colt and the Mare very Bad with Ticks took her out of the Mudhole

23rd Found the Colt very full of Ticks Lashey and Me taking them of Harrowing above the house for corn some grains of snow fell seen a steamer coming out of Salmon River very Unwell today,

24th planted 5 Quarts of Corn it was soaked well when I planted it George wind Bound on Alexis Island came at night Queens Birthday Fired 8 or 10 volleys took 4 Bushes of potatoes for {torn off ed}, 1 Bushel of Wheat the Harrow and Harnefs

25th sowed Bushels of Wheat Fixing the colt set Lasheys Line Charlie came took up some seeds different Kinds Charlie and I to Williamstown took out 5lb of sugar 1 Bottle of Syrup, 1 cake to Grany 1 to each of Ellens Girls 1 to Ellens 3 EEls Georges colt dead went to see Pat John Angus got hurted the Queens Birth day seen Johns Likeness

26th came home slept at Lancaster sent Charlie for onions got a Quart of Potatoe onions /6 a Quart seen John Dunlop took Breakfast on Susys Island sowed a pail full of wheat I had in the house alongside of Georges Wheat sowed George's Pease 1 Bushel sowed 2 Bushels of my Pease George measured them Mr. Laduke here took breakfast Gave Livina Lashey went {?}away with Laduke Betsy Bone came sheared the Big Ram.

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Sunday George went home Lent him canoe Sail oars high East Wind Raining this evening Livinia sick Let out the sheep that is sheared 8 of them 2 in yet to be sheared

28th Sheared the 2 sheep with the Lambs George came Lashey crofsed this evening

29th George Trying to plough with the Mare Found an oar

30th planted the cucumbers and Melons

31st Corpus Christie planted 2 Bushels of our seed ends of the Potatoes Lashey and me set a hen to hatch Luke Brown and Betsy came to Let George know about the scow George Crofsed Luke got a Large Sturgeon from Lashey Fixing sticks around from Butternut tree to the Gate planted some Pumpkins among the Potatoes

1st of June the Glorious 1st of June Hard Victory Frost Last night Charlie and I to Williamstown with the Wool 33 lb of Wool 5 cakes of sugar to the Boys and Hughann pickled cucumbers Grapes and currants 2 eels Went to see Ellen got a pair of young Rabbits from Ellen got some stuff in a Bottle from Ellen got some --- seen Pat Bought of James Summers 5 cents of Thread a Treat Thomas MacDonells seen A Campbell and Old Sandy Smith John Angus came with us very unwell coming home Charlie went home to night

2nd of June Harrowing and sowing 1 1/2 Bushels of Pease thats 3 1/2 of my Pease thats sowed and 1 Bushel of Georges which makes 4 1/2 in all sowed of Pease John Angus and I went to Fish at night Got 1 Maskinonge 1 Sturgeon 3 Eels 2 suckers 2 perch 1 cat Fish

3rd Sunday a Fine Day no Boats going to Day got some Wild Onions in the Bush

4th George the 3rd Birth Day John Angus crofsed with Lashey Raining put in some Potatoes around the corn Door cleaning the corn

5th Lashey crofsed got a paper from Harper for me making a Box to Hold his minnows Put in 16 hills of squashes at the East End of the Barn

6th Thunder and Lightning very hard Raining the Fields all of Garden Rain letting the water Run off Lashey Kille 19 {torn off} to fetch to Montreal

Lashey came From Lancaster Boats stopt going to Montreal Came Back with his Fish Raining

8th Lashey to Salmon River Putting out Manure Ticks Bad

9th Our Marys Birth Day crofsed Lashey and I never heard of Old Mrs Hamiltons Death till I Landed on shore Buried to Day went up with Thomas Munroe took Dinner there Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb candles paid -/6 the Fenians is all the Talk now

10th Sunday Walter Baker and his wife came Then I crofsed over with Walter for the 3 children and Mifs Duffield from Below Brunstons Place Walter crofsed to Thomas Munroes

11th Walter crofsed home Lashey crofsed to Mr Harper Gave him an Order for 1/2 Gal oil and 1/2 lb Tea Bought cloth for his coat George came I planted 1 Bushel of Potatoes above the corn my own seed

12th Charlie came up went to Salmon River To Mr Streeter 5 Rats at 35 cents 1..75 1 Calf Skin 90 cents Bought of Mr Streeter 1 Pair Lace Boots 75ct My own Boots 1/2 soled and Fixed 2..50 cents Thomas Munroe came for Walters Family

13th George Sowed the Black Oats Bushels and 1 peck of Mine I went to the Harpers Charlie and John Brought over a Box for A Summers and some for Mr Harper Got some sweetys from Mr Harper for the children 2 pipes Charlie got his Bottles

14th Planting Potatoes in the Peice Below the House finished them about 9 1/2 or 10 Bushels of my Potatoes and 4 Bushels of Georges in all 15 sowed his Black oats next to the Pond about 10 Bushels and the Rest in White Oats Put in the Potatoes above the House in all about 13 1/2 Bushels in all of Potatoes Planted Beans about 4 Quarts and 2 Quarts corn I Kept his Potatoes and Gave him my seed as his is Larger for eating Lashey to Salmon River with Sturgeon and eels heard of Christopher Prue being sent to Penitentiary for stealing a cow from his Lashey George Went Home

17th Sunday Lashey went for a Rig to Bosells

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18 The Memorable Battle of Waterloo De{illegible} Raining

19th William Lavelette Fishing with Lashey

20th George came sowing the Oats in the upper Feild 8 Bushels of Oats he had altogether
and 3 & 1 peck of mine of Black oats George Fixing the slab Fence on the Pitt Point

21 First hoeing of the Potatoes

22 Our Dans Birth Day George Finished hoeing the potatoes Went home Lashey went to Mr
Harper Brought me 1/2 lbs of Tobacco 1/c

23rd Angus Cameron and William Lavellette here Trowling Bought a Sturgeon 43 Lent him
my Gaff Garden all weeded for the first time cleaning and putting a Fence at east and North
side of the house

24th Sunday Jim Hopkins here and 2 children and par{illegible} Bone Gave the children a
Little cake of sugar a peice of

25th Drew some wood set Fire for the ashes fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point

26th Sowed 1 Bushel of Buckwheat George came Gave him a harrow today for the 1 he Lost
on Jims harrow took home the harrows Lashey Fishing Pickerel 2 men here to night slept in
Barn a very rainy night Thunder and Lightning their names are Nevin 2 Brothers 1 of them
Wounded in the mouth, the Back Garden Harrowed yesterday nothing in it yet

27th Great Firing of Guns some where up the Front or on the River Put out the stock on the

26th Yesterday

28th Lashey to Salmon River with Fish

29th Lashey came from Henerys with his salt I set a Trap at 2nd Bay North side of the Head
of the Island

30th Put in the Single Stove Drew Home the Ashes Mr Frasher here Brought the canoe The L
Renaud steamer commenced to Run here now

1st of July Sunday to Bosells The Hen has 10 chickens

2nd Tom Davis here for his Gearing Gordon and I for Pine around the shore

2rd Lashey Salmon Livermore here for Fish Last night

4th Independence of the Americans Planted a Row of Potatoes in the old Garden Bear Paws
& Seedlings and Blue Merseys Raining high wind Fixing the Ashes in the Bags

Our John's Birth Day Salaberry Down Before the Renaud this morning Picking strawberries
Gordon Mary and I Plaining the seats of my canoe

6th Washing the Wool Raining Thundering

7th Fixing the Canoe Found a nest 10 eggs in it the Cat Killing the chickens and curly

8th Sunday Raining & Blowing went Round the Island with canoe

9th went Down to Charles Gordon and I Lot of Indians came down to Day to Fish Lashey to
Dundee for Flour 25 1/2 lbs

10th hoeing the Corn Potatoes Tomatoes Beans Pumpkins Before the Door Lashey set his
line at the head of the Island The Gun Boat Royal Began shooting at our Island I answered
them came down to the Foot of the Island then turned up again Fishing got 6 got an eel on
my line Drew 2 Barrels of Water and a Load of Wood from the River Mosquitoes Bad Deer
Flies Bad 11th George Betsy and Maryann Bone came to hoe for the first hoeing of the corn
and potatoes above the house

12th Orangemans Day The Passport & Grecian went up with either Soldiers or emigrants
Loaded

13th Planted some Tobacco plants

14th Gordon and I Fishing over at Christees a pleasure trip on the Salaberry for Raising Money for the St Regis Church Lashey and me to Fish at night

15th St Swithens Day its a Raining this Morning when it Rains to Day it Rains for 40 Days

16th Got Pike and an eel on the line Mowed a Road to the 2 Gardens Made a coil of Hay

17th George and Betsy came with the scow hoeing I went Charlies Gordon with me Charlie came up took up home Tansy old Mare and Pennys a Flower Christee here and

Moccasinmouth Got Potatoes put out some Tobacco Plants George Brought me a Tin Basin full Mrs Norman McDonald sent me some newspapers

18 Very wet put out some Tobacco cabbage Tansy old Man Grinding syths me and Lashey working at his Line

19th Took 10 and 1 peck -/10 Bush Got Receipt clear with Bakerup to the Date. 10 ¼ of Ashes 5 lbs of Iron 4 Bottles 11/9 to 46 cents take out {illegible} the {illegible} account

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Went to Dundee paid 46 cents clear the old account to this Date 6/2 to New account of

What I Bought to Day To sack of Flour 2..30 cents 1/2 lb Tea 37 1/2 Tea 1/2 lb 34 cents 1/2 lb

Tob 19 2 Rakes 7 1/2 each 25/Scyth 1..25 7 yds at 28 1.96 Matches 10 Whiskey 12 3 small

Bowls at 4 12 cents 3 cups & saucers 12 1/2 took up to Day 7..13 1/2 cents take 6/2 out

Leaves 5..89 1/2 Due Jim Hopkins and Family here helping George with the Potatoes

20th Charlie went home Gave him a Bottle with vinegar 3 packs of Matches and some Mowing some

21st Helping George to put the plough through the Potatoes Mowing some Grant Gillis
Campbell McGiffin here for Berries got some Fish Gave me 15 cents George took the Horses
home got my cleavis put a coil of Hay in the Barn

22nd Sunday Bill and Emmanuel here after Blood Root very unwell this afternoon

23rd Mowing John Cambells is Dead

24th Mowing in the Grove

25th St James Day steamer L Renaud a Pleasure Trip Running the Cornwall s{illegible} Betsy
and Mrs Morris here put in the first Hay 16 cocks Ground the new scythe

26th Dog Days commences {illegible} Doctor Shaver Thomas Munroe here Gave Pat 2/6
worth of Eels out of Lasheys Barrel sent 2 to Mary John Hamilton Getting Married to Day

27th Mowing Back of the Garden and in the Grove spreading hay salting eels

28th Mowing on the Bank of the River Raining Thunder and Lightning cut a Road through the
Rushes

29th Sunday Pat Irons Thomas Munroe Jimmy Pat here eat cucumbers To 1 1/2 lb Tea Gave 3
Pick{cut off} to Pat Livinia Gordon Mary and the Baby out in the hill {illegible}

30th Put in 16 cocks of Hay spreading Moved around the Butter stump Livinia Raked a Little
Got 2 catfish

31st Made 18 lbs of currant Preserves

1st of August John Gray here at night Got the fat pine to Fish Kept the cows in

2nd Marys Birth Day shooting commenced yesterday a Race yesterday the L Renaud and
Salaberry Renaud a head of the Salaberry Finished Mowing the Grove Francis here Looking
for his {illegible}

Mowing Behind the Barn Lashey Finished making his Line Gathering hay 2 Men here wanting
 Timber Bought David Summer's sticks the Champion aground on the Bar at the Squaw
 Island Yesterday the America took her off and Left a Barge alongside of her
 4th Raining very hard all Day
 Sunday 5th Raining
 6th Lashey crofsted the Gun Boat Royal Laying at Lancaster and at the Lighthouse till
 Wednesday the eighth
 7th Mowing Turning and spreading hay put in 7 cocks of hay Raining put in the Rams 5 of
 them
 8th Lashey came took the Hooks of my Line Put in 15 cocks Livinia Raking some in the Grove
 the Grove all Finished and its time the Salaberry passed by Lancaster going down did not
 go in
 9th Raining
 10th I over gets old Noonan Mrs Bowen here Brought me a Hat took the Dog & a pig and Let
 him go Pic nic Party at the head of the Island Grant Stephens HolenBack & c gave them 3
 Perch Looking for the cows all Day
 11th Put in 18 Cocks Gathering and Raking 12 Lashey to Salmon River Found a small Bottle of
 Rum on the water Found a chunk of maple sugar on the Island choke cherries Ripe {illegible}
 Berries Ripe Hazelnuts Getting Good a Fine Day the America aground Going Down at Lower
 end of Charlies Island & Gun Boat went up Saturday the 11th
 13th {illegible}towing. The Ottawa at the Tug Boat America
 14th Gordon Mary and I went to Charlies 2 Steamers taking the America off heavy Rain all
 Day

15th Mowing the L Renaud a Pleasure trip

16th Charlie here Lashey went with his EEs to Dundee only sold the 1/2 of them Gave

Charlie a Bottle of vinegar Ground his scythe Put in 20 cocks of Hay Livinia Raking

17th Lashey commenced Fishing Pickerel old Alexan Grant Buried to Day Mowing put in 4
cocks of Hay

18th Mowing Little spread {semo?} very unwell

19th Sunday Lashey to Mr Harpers Raining and E Wind

20th Mowing some

21st Mowing a Little Hunters From Montreal sailed up had to put in to the Bay with the Rain
then They came to the House want to know where Summerstown and Calqhicans {illegible}
then started and had to turn to Alexis Island

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Windy Livinia not very well Lashey making EEI spear from {illegible} for Fishing in the Mud
put in 10 cocks of Hay

24th Mowing some Drying some Tobacco Leaves

25 A Fortunate Day shot a Duck Turning the Hay and spreading and Raking put in 7 cocks of
Hay

26th Sunday Rain Gordon and I in the Bush got Long Berries

27th put in 6 Good coils of hay cutting some Keeping in the Mare Rain

28th Charlie came up Brought me a Whetstone Went to Mr Harpers Bought 1 Bar of Soap 1/3
1 yd of Linsey 1/8 1/2 lb Powder 1/- X matches -/3 1/2 lb Tea 2/3 2 spools Thread -/6 Meal (In
96 cents not sure) Raining George here and Pare Bone

29th Mowing Back of the Barn Charlie Brought up the Dog yesterday

30th Gathering on the Lower Point Livinia Raking Raining this evening

31st Last Day of the Month a very fine Day and much wanted turning the hay put in 8 cocks
had mare in the cart the Turtles got out a Letter for Charlie on the P.O Lancaster Very Bad
with the Abominable Tooth Ache

1st of September Fired a shot at some Divers did not Get them I can hear Luke Bowen
singing and Laughing over at Alexis Island 2 sailboats Tacking over and across put up some
hay

2nd Lashey to Lancaster

3rd Dans Birth Day mowing in some

4th Gathering some and mowing a Drudge went to in Tow of the America Bossy calved
George Morris came to cut the Pease Began the 2 Rows of Potatoes one for them and one
for us Put in 8 coils of hay from Below 4 from the upper field

5th John Angus Birth Day put in 6 coils {132?} Finished cutting the Pease Began the Wheat
Took Mary home from the Pitt Point

6th Finished the Wheat cutting it put in a Load of Wheat George and I

7th George and I putting in Wheat 4 or 5 Loads Rain commenced Took up a Load of Wood
from the River put the Wheat on the east side or end of the Barn cut over 20 sheaves to
take home for hats

8th George Went home Making a Trench in the yard to let the water run off Raining

9th Sunday Lashey crossed George Bosell misfed the L Renaud at Renshaw Wharf

Sunday Cold David Morris's Birth Day cutting hay Emmanuel here to Lancaster with Nicholas
Furlinger Took in all Top Onions seed or Black seed Took in all Potatoe Onions About 1 Bushel
Pulling the Black Seed onions cut the Tops of the carrots and Beets cabbage seed Pepper

Grass seed all Ripe some carrot seeds and Beets Ripe spread out some heads of Tobacco
that the wind Broke Down Let the Mare go the calf sucks alone or Drinks alone cut some
corn stalks Lashey started to Fish at Cornwall

11th George and Bets Bone came Done Putting in the Wheat 4 or 5 Loads of Peas in
commenced to Rain they went off

12th Cutting and Taking in the Tobacco spreading hay Turned the Pease cut some corn
stalks put in some onions

13th put in the cellar 1 Bushel of Potatoes for the First our own Planting Pickling the
Cucumbers a 1/2 Barrel very windy time now

14th Thunder and Lightning George and Jimmy Bone came Put in the Last of the Pease Took
over 20 sheaves for straw for Hats. Black Cherries Ripe Turning hay and coiling some Began
to Rain Lashey Came Cut the Pease off the West side on the East side of the Barn
something wrong with 2 of the Rams cutting the Hay next the Front Marsh

15th Cutting Hay Took the most of the Tobacco cut it all in the Back Garden Frost to night
near the Morning Lashey Made a spear pole Took in 1 Bushel of the Black seed onions
Emmanuel here to night all night

Sunday 16th Charlie came up

17th Raining East Wind

18th Charlie and I to Williamstown Brought out Tobacco EEls cucumbers Carraways cherries
Charlie Brought a Dog and sage Heard Dan was Teaching at Ormstown stopt all night James
Summers Merchant Williamstown Married to Day to Mifs Robinson stopt at Charlies coming
Back Brought up some of his things to sell for him Gave me shovel and a pot for old Iron in
exchange 2 pullets to the Baby Found a short peice of Pine

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put in 6 cocks of Hay took all the Tobacco Lashey and Henery to Cornwall to Fish put the calf in the old house Heavy Rain and Wind CranBerries getting Ripe

21st Raining Charlie and me Grinding the axe Thunder Blowing West Wind now

22nd Charlie went home Mowing some on the Lower Point Laduke here Gave 5 cents to May had a snack to eat

23rd Sunday caught 3 Peices of Pine and a small canoe Went to Alexis Island East Wind

24th Put in 9 cocks of Hay put some on the stable Loft 3 sheaves of Cornstalks 2 in the barn cut the cornstalks all the onions up stairs Picking some cranBerries

25th set the Line caught some Perch Broke the Point of my scythe shot a Duck

26th cutting in the Back Marsh

27th took home a canoe Load of Wood from the shore side

28th Putting in Hay a cock or 2 got some hay amongst the Wild Pease Lashey came

29th St Mat and all Angels Fishing Mary Gordon and myself plus a small canoe 3 Men here hunters Americans Mr. {illegible} Artificial Leg maker from Potsdam Gave me his card

Bought 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes a Melon he Gave me 70 cents American Money

30th Went Down to see Charlie Livinia Gordon Mary the Ba{by?} and myself took Dinner with Charlie I suppose for the Last time with him on the Butternut Island as he is Preparing to Leave soon for his native Land England a Fine Day Charlie came up with his ashes and irons Rags

1st of October Charlie and I Had a Treat at Normans paid this 2 Bunches of Matches for Emmanuel down with us took supper then heard that Betsy Bone had a Daughter some Last Week took a Box of Ashes up for Luke Court Day in Dundee Christee here

2nd Blowing to Day hard, Gathering a Few cocks of hay

3 put 3 coils of Good Hay went Down with Charlie took up Potatoes took up some Boards

Fixed his Pumpkins

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{missing} the Back Marsh some all our corn in First Ice in the canoe this Morning Wild

Geese came on the 4th Hunters on the Little Island came Last night Lashey here about the squirrel hunt took away his Gun

5th The squirrel hunt on the Front Charlie and I went Down he went to Lancaster to sell his Potatoes corn Pumkins Squashes Beans Gun I took some Peices of Boards got his

Whetstone a Trace chain some Boxes old Pails Barrels Garden Rake & hoe & creepers corn

Rounder and sleigh Tennet came home seen an Indian Trying for EELs in the mud seen him

take in 2 eels Mowed all the Back Marsh took in the Pumkins and squashes over 40 Pumkins

9 or 10 Squashes

6th Mowing

7th Sunday

8th Charlie came up with his hens to Mr Harpers sold his Gun and Traps and spear high

Wind raised

9th Windy George came cutting the Oats and Buckwheat him and Prue Made 20 cocks of Marsh Hay

10 HughAnns Birthday Began the Track at the east end of the Barn put 25 good cocks in it to Day George and Prue went home

11th Charlie and I went Down for a Load of stuff

12th Charlie and I to Lancaster for his post office order to Draw £3 on the Martintown P.O.

Charlie and I to Williamstown Left the canoe at David Rofs's

13th Charlie went him and Pat to Martintown came home that night

14th Sunday Charlie and I went Down to his place took up a Load of stuff

15th Went to Mr Harpers a Treat and 1 pipe to me Charlie Bought me a Bottle of R Randy

Relief came home made a cock of Hay on the Bar in the mash Before the Door

16th Charles Tupper started from here for Lancaster on his way to old England I put him to

Lancaster I came home around the shore

17th I thought Charlie was on the L Renaud going up Raised a Flag for him and Fired 3 shots

Mowing in the Marsh 4 coils of Good hay 5 of marsh Hay Set my Traps for the first time got 1

to night

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put 5 coils on the stack of Marsh hay put 5 of Good hay on the stable loft Gordon and I

Down on the water Got 2 Rats

20th Lashey and I trying for eels got none

Sunday 21st a Fine Day

22nd Mowing in the Front Marsh very high got a Rat a Fortunate Day

23 Mowing some

24th our Hughs Birth Day Making cocks Took up a Basket of Potatoes and the nigger Toes

and Kidneys or 6 Weeks Potatoes George came to Dig the Potatoes

25th My Birth Day Began the stack at the Hog Pen Put 20 coils in it to Day

26th Drew 2 Loads of Wood very unwell Got a Rat Lots of Hunters a shooting around Lashey
took away his spear put in 3 Baskets of Potatoes a Great many rotten ones in them

27th Raining some

28th Sunday Raining

29th put in some Potatoes

30th John Gray here all night

31st Got a Rat Holy Eve cracking nuts Gordon Mary and us as {illegible}king the house

1st of November All Saints Day George came to Dig the Potatoes 3 Indians here Peter Skin
and his son sold them 1/2 Bushel of {torn off} stole my Pipe

2nd all Souls Day Bob here Gave me 4 Pumkins

3rd On this Day of the Month Granda Departed George working at the peice of Potatoes

Below the house Banking and taking away the stones from the east end of the house put
the Fence around the oats stack Lashey here for his stick for handle of spear Trying for eels
got 1 put the calve in the stable Playing the Devil with the Hicorytrees at the head of the
Island the Indians

Sunday 4th George went home 4 Baskets of Potatoes Jacop Peter Buckshot and Peter {torn
off} here for Tobacco got 2 EEls From them

Monday the 5th Guy Fawks Day A Fortunate Day Took in the carrots 4 Baskets Beets 3

Bushels Good Measure Freezing hard Thomas here with 2 Boats found his own Purcell with
him a Hooker put the eggs in the cellar

James Cameron Island {illegible}

Took up all my Traps as i am getting no Rats took up 5 cocks of Marsh hay cut 2 Hicorys at the upper Point 2 Loads of Wood put the little Black Ram in the stable with the calf cleaning cranberries 7 1/2 lbs Christie crofsed over

7th Our Ellen's Birth Day Mr Laduke here and 2 Men stopt allnight

8th Laduke went off George and Pare Bone came to Dig Potatoes Drawing wood Killed 2 snakes in the Bush a Great many EEI Fishers around

9th Banking the Front of the House St Battuce here and 2 more Indians Got salt and tobacco Gave 2 cents for salt George done of Taking up the Potatoes some of his Potatoes Froze Began to thrash the Beans the Baby Hugh Ann commencing to stand up Wetyas here for the spear his Father left Gave him 2 sticks for axe handles

10th Fanning the Beans 3 1/2 got my 1/2 of them 1 1/2 and about 2 Quarts Thrashing some Buckwheat 3 1/2 Bushels Thrashed he got 2 Bushels I got 1 1/2

Sunday 11th Mayhue here to night

12th Fixing the East shed

13th Mayhu went off Gave Bully to him Andrew Summers here Gave him 3 Peices of Pine 8 Dollars towards the note {illegible} Dollars & 60 cents in the note this 8 Dollars is to be taken out of the 29 which Leaves 21 Dollars & 60 cents I owe him on the note Wetyas brought the axe handles Gave him some Potatoes

14th The Salaberry not up to Day seized for running in the L Renaud Went Down to Charlies for the cabbage Found his house Burnt Down got 11 eels Last night down at my Place

15th The Salaberry came up to Day George and Jim Hopkins here for Potatoes and heifer Got my part of the potatoes Raining Fixing the West End of the House

16th Raining all day

17th Let out the Rams The Black sheep along with them put one of them again Working at the shed water

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James Cameron Island {rest illegible}

Sunday Raining some Water high set 3 Traps

19 Went to Mr Harpers Bought (50 lbs oatmeal 2 Bars of soap 1 lb shot on credit)(Tea 1/3 oil 1/3 chimney Lamp the Matches 1 1/2 pins -/1 sweetys -/1 pip 1/2 Returned the Jar treat 5 cents paid this) Pat stopping at Mr Harpers Lewy Pike and Bruce here all night got some shot from them they stole my mits

20th Lashey here Grinding his axe all the Rams out now

21st On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Departed 1846 Killed the Bull no one Helping me but Gordon

22nd cut the meat and salted over 300 Weight about 18 lbs of clean Tallow

23rd Melted the Tallow put some Boards on the Back of the house

24th Lashey here took away his Bed Moccasins Tops Gave him 2 peices of meat Found 2 head of Barrels in the cord Wood Bay

25th St Catherine Day a fine Day the Salaberry came out of Salmon River hard Work to Break the ice

26th Fixed a Door on the hen house shot a sawBeak went to Fish eels got 1 Wild Geese plenty put peice above the Door

27th Henery here for Wood taking in about 9 coils of marsh hay from the Front Marsh about 5 from the Back Marsh put some on the top the sheds Kind of soft to Day

28th very Wet Drawing Wood Raining, Salaberry into Salmon River

29th Raining

30th Plastering St Andrews Day

1st of December Cold Finished the Plastering

2nd Sunday Fine Day

3rd Putting Board up on the Front of the house scow Light house moved Renshaws steamer came up with his Barge and another propeller took a Barge into Lancaster

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2 propellers came up I went to Mr Harpers Brought 3 1/2 of Tallow at -/17 1/2 per lb 8/5 1/2 A

Treat or 2 paid this and for sweetys went to Williamstown

5th in Williamstown

6th came From Williamstown Bargained with Mr Munroe about 6 sheep on the Halves took Dinner at Thomas Munroes Bought of Mr H 1 Bottle of Whiskey and a Treat paid this) 1 Bag of Flour 4 1/2 1/2 lb Tea 2/6 1/2 lb Mustard -/10 1/2 1/2 lb Ginger -/7 1/2 Glass for Lamp -/7 1/2 3 Quarts of Oil 1/10 1/2 1 Quart of Whiskey and Treat 1/3 an axe handle in my canoe Left By some one and took my tin Basin away no Light in Mr Hills Light house Last night Johnsons and McGee's Lights up yet 2 Boats passed one up with a Tow and a Propeller one went Down Baker Towed up with her the Advance up to Cornwall the Propeller that Went Down got aground the Bruno near the Scow Light House

7th Thomas Munroe came Down with the 6 sheep the 2 Boys with him Packing the Stove in a Box to Fetch to Williamstown Tobacco Pepper 2 pairs of spectacles Hugh Ann's hair {cut off} california Hats stone axe Indian Flints Wild Turnip Alsike cabbage Hooks

8th caught the sheep and the Box took over to Thomas Munroes Left them there took Dinner there Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb saleratus or soda and a Treat -/6 paid this) Raining

Hard East Wind changed to South Wind A Steamer went Down today {cut off}ght in
McGees yet and Johnsons Wild Geese and Ducks plenty

9th Sunday a steamer came up a Barge in Tow a Boat Passed with 4 or 5 men going to
Lancaster took the sheep from the head of the Island

10th Whitewashing inside and outside

11th Fixing slats on the Door upstairs very cold went for cedar the Big Ram with Thomas's
Sheep since Monday

12th cutting stove Wood a canoe crofsed the gheler's man in them

13 This is the Day {illegible} men is to Be hung in toronto taking the canoe out of the ice
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James Cameron Island {rest of line illegible}

Took the 2 young Rams from the Pitt Point cold Frosty weather

15th Drawing Drags cold east Wind and snow through the night

16th Sunday cold to Day

17th cold stormy went to the Head of the Island for the sheep the Big Ram along with them
Thomas's sheep feeding the cattle extra turned a little milder Ducks plenty

18th chopping stove Wood

19th stormy Drawing Drags Drew some of the sticks from around the garden to the grove

20th cutting stove Wood Frosty Day and Last night Froze out to the edge of the Rushes
Feeding the cattle extra Horses out to Day seen Wild Geese going West cut my Thumb with
the Drawing knife Grinding the axe

21st Feeding the 2 young Rams with Good Hay and calf went around the Island ice taken to
the Little Island North side its turned warm some or the ice would take This is the First day

of Winter and a Fine Day it is. Besides other years east Wind Made 15 candles out of our Tallow as yet Fixing the Dried currants Dried Grapes Dried apples Dried elder Berries and Black Berries Rasberries

22nd Feeding the Horses with carrots cutting stove Wood Fine Day the Ice took from the end of our Rushes to Rofs Island Broke on a new cake of sugar 14 lbs to Day Gordon played in the snow all Day with his sleigh

23rd Cooking Pies

24th Cooking Cakes preparing for Christmas Eve Made a shaft for the sleigh ice Box up

25th Christmas Day A Fine Day it Began snowing towards evening I went out in the small canoe up to the Bay Wind West seen no one on the Water to Day But myself

26th Working the shaft putting it together

27th put the shafts on the sleigh Went to the Bush Gordon and I took home a load of Wood took home a Load of Cedar for Brooms Fixing Canoes water Raising East Wind stormy

James Cameron Island Dec 28th

Wind changed to Nor West Cold Stormy Freezing hard to night Livinia Making a vest for me

29th Ice going Down Freezing and Blowing hard ice made well in the Bays Last night Our Angus Birth Day about sundown the ice very near Jamming Between this and Christees Good Fires and all well

30th Ice a making anchor ice going Down

31st Last Day of the year ice taking Last night acrofs here

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