

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)

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{This diary is worn from weather and time. The tops, bottoms, and edges of the pages are crumbly and moldy, making some words and sentences illegible. In most cases, a note that reads "{Illegible}" refers to this situation.}

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{Illegible} the Butternut Log at {Illegible} high Wind I have {Illegible}

16th Went up around the Island piling {Illegible} some Firewood and chopping

17th Went to Summerstown with 53 lb of Barley {Illegible} Tallow 2 MusKats Bought of A J Baker 6 lb of Barley /4 a pound 2/- ½ lb Tea 1/6 ½ lb Tobacco pipe -/½ 3 cents of spice Cotton Batting 2 {Illegible} 1/- spool of Thread -/4 2 yds of Cotton 1/3 ¼ lb Powder -/5 1 Bunch of Matches -/1 1 Doz of Lozenges Worm -/8 / 2 cents on a paper from John Harpers Weekly William McLeod Thomas Munroe William Spink George Renshaw all went to Lancaster Depot or to Mr Harpers Drawing the Telegraph Poles away of the Front Lashey here for a Dish to Bail his Canoe Fishing EEs him and Henery

18th Tried to Go to Lancaster went as Far as Suses Island the ice taken from there to shore Turned Back from there East Wind Shipped about a Pail of Water change in the Moon to night, Turned stormy with snow wind changed to the West Through the night

19th Sunday Drifting windy

20th Raining ice Breaking along shore

21st crossed with 4 Bushels of Wheat Left it with John Hamilton to take to Mill took the Hide to A J Baker 55 lbs took a Few onions to Walter Baker a Fine Day wind Raised from the East came home Burying old John McPherson to Day Heard Walter William Died and heard (Jo Fisher) Died {Above it reads: not so} Sent a Letter and paper to Charlie 56 Market Street Birkenhead Cheshire

22nd wind changed to the West to night a terrible Gales {Illegible} Down the Big Elm tree up in the swamp made {Illegible} of Wood

23rd piling the Big Elm Gordon {Illegible}

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{Illegible} Summerstown Get the {Illegible} George Renshaw a peice of Meat for his Dinner Bought of A J Baker 6 yds of {Illegible} for under skirts at 30 cents a yds /u 80 2 yds Cotton {Illegible} 1 spoll of Thread ½ lb Tea ½ lb soda paid the Postage of the Letter and paper did not get the File Examination on the Front Semo Living in Walter Pakers Shanty got a Letter from Charlie hurted my Boat in the ice seen old Mr Kennedy from the Branch

25 Christmas Day Jim Hopkins and his Boy here for his Whippetrees and chains Lent him my 2 cluvises {clevises} Brought me some Tracts from Mrs Norman McDonald and compliments

Sunday the 26th Gordon and I to the head of the Island a fine Day

27th Chopping stove Wood

28th chopping

29th Our Anguss Birth Day Raining crossed to Hamiltons with the Bag Bought of A J Baker 1 Bottle of RRR on credit got the File sharpened the saw

30th sawing stove Wood

31st sawing Wood Windy a Ball at Mrs David Summers to night a fine Evening

1st of January 1870 East Wind Firing in the new year Saturday)

Sunday 2nd Windy from the East

3rd Allans Birth Day very windy Found Perch that was Blew up on the shore with the wind

4 Went to the head of the Island sawing stove Wood seen a Boat crossing to Hopkins a fine Day snowing hailing and fine Raising the oak Log up from the Ground took the Little canoe up on Land

5th Banking the West end of the house with Hay sawing stove Wood

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} cold East Wind Ice {Illegible}

{Illegible} took a Good Deal of {Illegible} it turned calm Pretty frosty night the House warm and plenty Wood {Illegible} Wood Seen Dr showed Gordon the Sun Moon and Star I often seen it myself

8th Hugh Ann Birth Day and a Cold Stormy Day it is East Wind Ice took across this Morning to Christees I dont know wheather it is taken on the North side of not yet 9 oclock now Water Raising took the oars and Paddles up from the River went around the Lower Point

9th Sunday a Frosty Day water Raising Foxes crossed Last night

10th I crossed to Summerstown ice Rough about ½ inch thick But Good Heard that John McPherson in Williamstown was Married to John the Saddlers Sister Jim Hopkins crossed and Thomas Munroe at summer's George Renshaw Got his Elbow out of Joint Bought 1 Bunch of Matches

11th Bushing the upper Point Road Part of the Way Gordon and I Fishing EEIs got 12 Drew the Boat up from the River a peice Water Raising near shore seen People crossing to summer's a Foot

12th Raining Drew the Boat to the West end of the house cutting hay in the Barn East Wind stormy

13th Stormy Drifting East Wind some cold Fixing my mits run a hemlog sliver in my Finger the Baby Weaned from the Breast One of the Rusters {roosters} Dead (a Fine Bind he was) a Mock sun on the Left hand side of the sun in the Evening

14th very Frosty East Wind cold sawing some stove Wood Feeding the Cattle Extra as it so cold

15th {Illegible} Raining hailing soft got 3 EEs on the {Illegible} sawing Wood

{Illegible} soft {Illegible} very Good

17th Eclipse invisible Full Moon {Illegible} at night the West Wind Blew very hard Freeze Ice all Glib and Slippery Fixing the stable Door cleaning 12 EEs Water on the ice

18th Drew the Boat to the Barn sawing Wood Windy from the West

19th Put the Boat up on the sticks above the Floor Went to the Bush Gordon and I Breaking a Road to the Piles of Fire Wood in case someone may come to Draw for me took up all the Wood and the Butternut sticks I had split there

20th Went to Summerstown ice slippery crossing with horses Road not Bushed {Illegible} ½ of Tallow to A J Baker Paid for RRR Paid Peter for ½ lb Tea I got From him all But 1 penny Bought ½ lb Tea 2 plugs of Tobacco 6 Bunches of Matches 3 hanks of Thread Mr Streeter Buying A J Bakers Fur a crack at hopkins in the ice

21st St Agness Day. very unwell in Bed all Day

22nd Fishing EEs I got 20 Gave Jim Hopkins 6 Jim Drew 2 Loads of Wood Paro stopt to Dinner

23rd Sunday EEI Fishers Fishing on Both sides Raining. very unwell

24th Charles Tupper's Birth Day Semos 2 Boys here Fishing EEs I got 4 For them stopt for Dinner NEast Wind cold Drawing hay across on Summers Road cut up a hind Qr of Beef crows Plenty

25th cold East Wind Snowing Raining hailing Grinding the axe Seen 2 Foxes crossing from Christees Island

26th Went to the Bush Gordon and I met Jim Hopkins coming for his hay turned Back Jim took 2 Loads and Bill Morris took 1 a Bad crack at hopkins on the ice

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{Illegible} on the Front to {Illegible} their all Bothering George Renshaw about Being Married wanting {Illegible} for the Big Hicory as I was offered {Illegible} Dollars for it Got 4 papers from Dan

18th {February} Snowing Raining Water on the ice

19th cold Drifting West wind freezing James Hughs Birth Day on the 18th {Below it reads: – yesterday}

Sunday 20th East Wind Drifting circle around the sun cold

21st Drifting cold Making an axehandle Grinding the axes

22nd Washington's Birth Day Drifting Blowing snowing Frosty Frosty Last night sawing stove Wood
A change in the Moon Last Quarter comes in stormy snowing

23rd in the Bush Stormy

24th cutting Wood Gordon and I John Hamilton came Down with My Flour and Mill {Below it reads:
Mary Ann Henery a Daughter}

25th in the Bush Stormy cutting hay in the Barn

26th Went to Summerstown stopt at George Renshaws all night John Hamilton Went on a visit to
Viponds in Lower Canada

Sunday 27th Wrote a Letter for George Renshaw came home Races Last Week in Salmon River
Kenneth McDonald sold his horses Saturday

28th a Fine Day chopping some Nicholsons Lottery to night

1st of March came in Like a Lion {story?} St Davids Day the Festival of the Welsh I went up to cut
some Wood for George Renshaw sent a paper to Charles Tupper

2nd Ash Wednesday {First Day of} Lent Stormy Gordon and I {Illegible} stove Wood {Illegible}

{Illegible} Cameron Island {Illegible}

in the Bush chopping Wood for the House Great many EEl Fishers at the Foot of Alexis Island

5th I went up to cut Wood for George Renshaw his what is to Be his wife there took Dinner crossed
to the PO George and I got 4 or 5 papers from Peter Baker Bought 2 Bunches of Matches Seen Jim
Hopkins with a sleigh Load of Indians going with them to St Regis came home Met John Hamilton
in the Field had a Talk about George

Sunday 6th a Fine Day thawing some East Wind

Monday the 7th Went up to George Renshaws to keep House for him as this is the Day he is to Be
Married to Sovira Duffield Peter Baker Best Man and addy Summers Best Maid Married By Mr
McPherson of Lancaster stopt at Mr Harpers all night as there was something wrong with the cars
Went over to A J Bakers for a Gallon of Whiskey that George ordered for me while he was gone I
took the tongs to Tom Kennedy to be fixed

8th at Georges

9th at Georges

10th Hoisted the Flag Lewis Blondeau and I as I expect him home to Day they came He sent me to
ask John Cameron Dan Cameron Alexander Cameron John Hamilton Andrew Baker all came But
Andrew Baker had a very Pleasant evening with George I Bought at A J Bakers for him 2 Bottles of

Brandy 1 Bottle of Gin 1 Gallon of Whiskey 1 lb of sugar 4 Plugs of Tob ¼ lb cut Tob 6 segars
{cigars} 4 pipes John Hamilton and I came home together

11th chopping stove Wood

12th on this Day of the Month D McMaster first came to the {Islan}d cold East Wind a Great many
{Illegible} crossed this Week

{James} Cameron Island {Illegible}

{Illegible} Sunday Stormy East Wind Drifting {Illegible} crossed to Summerstown Bought of A J
Baker {Illegible} ½ lb Saleratus paid semo promised to come tomorrow {Illegible} to Peter Grants
see if I could get his Pot for sugar making told him to Let George Bosell have it if he would call for it
went Down to Roses seen Alexanders Photographs of himself and his Wife got a sticking plaster for
Drawing from Mrs Rose came straight from Roses to the Head of our Island a very fine Day Went to
the Bush cut 16 Troughs of Ash Gordon and I Antwine Fishing over at Christees

15th Semo Did not come Gordon and I cut 18 Troughs cut and split them I went up to chop stove
wood for George Renshaw Got a plug of Tobacco from George him and I over to the P Office A J
Baker went to Montreal to Day Walter Baker sold 2 Cows to the Yankee Drovers Isacc Blondeau
taking over a Load of Hay a Fine Day turning Cold East Wind John Hamilton to cornwall to Day got
an Almanack

16th Stormy East Wind and snow not very well EEI Fishers Down at the Kit Kit Island {Île Kit-Kat}
stormy this Evening

17th St Patricks Day the Festival of the Irish Stormy East Wind Drifting

18th a very Fine Day went for a Broom snow day taking the snow of the Wood pile cut a Waterhole
Great drifting of snow in the sheds yesterday

19th Heard Ducks going West this morning a very fine morning every thing Looms Big and comes
quite close a Fine Day Went to George Renshaws cut him some Wood Got 2 papers from Charlie 1
of them a Large Australia papers {Illegible} 2 pages 16 Leaves Last Day of Winter

Sunday the 20th {First} Day of spring Johnny and Jo Semo came to chop {Illegible} a Fine Day

21st the 2 semos Boys {One line is illegible} after I Left the Bush cleared {Illegible} chopped and
split their tree Raining

22nd Livinia Birth Day George Bosell here {Illegible} the gouge snowing Blowing I am to get some
cedar for George to make spoils made 30 spoils to Day not very well

23rd made 5 Troughfs to Day not well Fine Drifting Blowing snowing

24th not Well in Bed all Day till Evening Filled the 2 Barrels with Water at the Waterhole

25th The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Went to Summerstown with 10 lb 2 oz of Tallow Bought of
A J Baker ½ lb Tea 1/6 ½ lb Tea 1/9 1 coarse comb -/5 1 Fine comb -/5 2 plugs of Tobacco -/6 3

Bunches of Matches /1½ a Hurra at Levis Blondeau Last night Little George snider and Murdy Grant Old Mr Renshaw up Last night went with Mr Phillips to Cornw{all} Andrew Baker went to cornwall with his new Horse John Hamilton to cornwall came home very unwell

26th John Hamilton and George Bosell here Pete claning about the camp got a Bag of Flour and cornmeal from John Hamilton showed George where to cut Logs for the camp Found an umbrella that some one Lost in the Wind Dug with the axe 13 Troughfs very very unwell East Wind some cold seen a Flock of Wild Geese near Alexis Island Good crust

Sunday 27th cold East Wind Began to storm

28th Stormy East Wind seen 3 Wild Geese very unwell stable and sheds Blocked up with snow another hen Dead Great Dreams about Building Stone houses

29th Went to the Bush Finished all the Troughfs 34 George Bosell in the sugar Bush Fixing the camp with wood the Thief cant caught

30th Dan Cameron Little Girl Buried to Day George Bosell coming {Illegible} Fine Day very unwell

31st George Tapt {Illegible}

{Illegible} Cameron Island {Illegible}

{All} Fools Day Went to Summerstown to {Illegible} Saleratus 2 plugs Tob Worm Candy ½ Gallon oil /4 cash Took Dinner at {hermillons?} John came Down Drew me 3 Loads of Wood about 2 cords Lent him the round adze to make Troughfs heard of Jim Hopkins Losing his horses George took 1½ Gallons of Syrup to the House

2nd made about 28 lb

3rd made about 25 lb

4th George took home 2 cakes

5th cold Peggy gathering

6th Peggy and I in the Bush George came across with the Canoe on the Ice sugared off in the Bush not hard enough made it over in the house next Day

7th Peggy sugared it over in the house about 30 or 36 lb Ice opened at Francis Island {Below it reads: 14 Days of East Wind} heard Robins George made molasses sap and Rain 2½ Gallons very unwell Peggy Bad with her foot caught 2 eels

8th in the the Bush Taking up the Troughfs with George took the Logs of the ice on the Bank

9th George and Peggy crossed in canoe took over some of the sugar very fine Weather

10th {Above it reads: Palm Sunday} Gordon and I Gathered 9 pails a fine Day sap running

11th Georges Wife making sugar to Day

12th put out any Little Canoe tried for EEs got 1 ice going Down Gordon and I went to the Bush sugaring off sugar soft George and Pete crossed

13th I went Down to Fish EEs got 7 George took home his Share of the Sugar

14th Made Mollasses to Day Shot a Rat

15th a Fortunate Day {Above it reads: Good Friday} High East Wind Did not come to the Bush to Day very unwell to Day in Bed

16th a Fortunate Day took the Boat Down out of the Barn to the Shore tried it it Leaks Bad Set 5 Traps Made Mollasses to Day Kind of Sour took home their Barrel and {Illegible} the cow Trying hard to go to the Bush gordon {Illegible} head of the Island

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} this Morning {Illegible}

18th Our Duncans Birth Day {Illegible}

{Illegible} Larger Digging the sod some {Illegible} 20 Pails of Sap could not Boil it

20th {Illegible} Troughs well as it is Rained some

21st at the {Illegible} Getting an odd Rat shot 2 ~~22nd~~ Went to S{ummerstown} Bought of A J Baker ½ lb Tea 1/9 ½ for Matches {Illegible}

22nd Went home with George Renshaw Rain Brought him some EEI oil stopt at the {Illegible} Wood Went Down with John Hamilton to Dinner An J Baker came Down {Above it reads: Boiled the sap for vinegar} {shot?} got the Wood Bought of A J Baker 8½ yds of Couburg ororlians {Coburg Orleans; a fabric} 35 cents a yds Thread Lining and Triming Bought a Pair of Boots 3¼ But When I came home I seen 2 holes in them and returned them again and got another Pair

23rd St Georges Day The Festival of the English {Above it reads: George Bosell got 2 of hay} Went to Summerstown Bought of A J Baker 6 yds of Linsey at /10 a yd spool of T{hread} 1 Bunge of Binding Sold 11 lb of Sugar at 2½ per lb 13 Rats at 12½ cents But if he can get 20 cents for them he will allow it to me But Paid me {Illegible} 12½ Cents 2 Rats 20 cents a peice 2 Sheep Skins 40 cents a peice paid up the Tea I got From him Received in cash 40 cents a Drink Got a paper from charlie got on Thursday 6 or 7 papers from Dan Sent 2 papers to Charlie Seen James Hopkins at the Store a very fine Day

24th Got 3 Rats a Fine Day {Above it reads: –on this Day Granny Departed} Raining at night

25th St Marks Day a Fine Day North Wind got a pike and a Cat Fish Set 3 Traps thats 13 Traps in the Front Marsh Went at night to the Back Marsh Shot at a Rat Did not Get him

26th Set the Barrel for soap Making Went to the Bush for {Illegible} Pot and pine Barrel set some Fire {One line is illegible}

{Illegible}

27th Made Barrel of soap {Illegible} {Peg}gy here took 2 hats Gave her some soap

28th {Illegible} Hills Light Let up a Barge or {hodges?} {Illegible} to Frashers Point high Wind
Finished the soap corinthian came up after Dark

29th {Illegible} Tow Boat Went Down

30th a change with the Moon I crossed to Summerstown {Above it reads: sent 2 papers to Charlie}
Brought 5 Rats Bought 1 Peck of Salt -10 cents 1 yds of Linsey -/10 ½ lb Tea 1/6 Matches -/1 a
Treat at summers -/5 Planted some hills of Potatoes some Before the Door the rest at the Back
Marsh a Lamb for the First

1st of May a Fine Day Gordon and I in the Bush Found an Indian Rubber shoe that some one Lost
in the Berries Got a Duck in the Trap

2nd Working in the garden {Above it reads: covering the Boat house} planted the Tobacco seed
and Tomatoes a handful of Potatoes onions

3rd planted 4 Beds of Potato onions red pepper {Above it reads: sent 2 papers to Charlie} I crossed
2 Summerstown 4 Rats paid peter for the Tea and soda I got from him Bought 1 peck of
Buckwheat 10 cents needles matches Brought 7 lb of sugar to Peter Grant for the use of his Pot
Got the Loan of a Razor from Ronald Angus another Lamb to Day

4th after the calve very unwell Fixing the cedar Logs around the old house set Fire to chips a Great
Lot of Towing now

5th very unwell put a Plaster on my Breast Put the nails again on the calve Digging in the Back
Garden about 5 hens Laying now the new Lighthouse Gives a very poor Light got 3 Turtles

6th Went to Summerstown Bought of A J Baker Salt Parsnips Cucumbers Got the Irish man from
Charlie Bought of John Hamilton {Illegible} Bag or 100 Weight of Flour at the Price {Illegible} now a
Wash Board 1/3 got for 1½ {Illegible} at andrews {Illegible} took {Illegible} the Back {Illegible}

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{Illegible} of the Peice of our {Illegible} Put a Great Deal of Manure on the {Illegible} the Ground after
I Planted them set the {Illegible} Point a Fire dont Burn Well Left too Long {Illegible} setting fire to it
Lots of Steamers a Going Found a stick Belonging to a Wharf

Sunday 8th East Wind William Lavelette and Wife and Boy here wanting a Canoe osprey went up in
the Forenoon {Illegible} Went Down in the afternoon City of Ottawa went up got a Rat

9th Splitting ash for oars cut a Tree for oars setting fire on the Pitt Point it wont Burn a Raft Tacking
across 3 or 4 Times up above Hopkins planted Top onions and Parsnips some of them a hen
wanting to hatch cold high East Wind cold enough for to snow seen a curious kind of Bird in the
Bush could not get near enough to shoot him

10th British America Went Down I {Illegible} With a Load of Potatoes from {Missina?} as I heard she was going cutting some Brush On the Lower Point putting it where the Bank is wore with the high-Water Trimming the apple trees commenced to Rain Bad with my Breast

11th British America came up a Quick Trip the J A McDonald Towing Rafts

12th Fixing the Brush Fence some got some Fat pine

13 Went to summerstown 6 Dozen of Eggs 2 Rats Bought of A J Baker ½ Dozen of cups 1/3 saucers ½ pound spirits of Turpentine -/7½ 4 yds Cotton 2/6 2½ yds Calico {Illegible} Batting 2 Bunches 1/3 Tobacco -/6 hair pins -/1 Lost my Knife Got a Ruster from Walter Baker Brought 2 sticks for oars to Thomas Munroe seen Ding on the Front Brought G Renshaw a Bottle of EEI oil got a handkerchief of Sarsaparilla at Hamiltons from {Illegible} seen Jim hopkins getting Pota{toes}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} 4 Steamers to Day went into Salmon {River} {Illegible} chance if the steamers want to come {Illegible} fled a squirrel plum Trees Begginning to bloom The heifer Lost the nails that was tied around her mouth somewhere in the Bush Ticks plenty

15th Sunday a Fine Day West Wind Went to the head of the Island Livinia and I Went to the surgeon Island Found 2 Ducks nest water high eat a mess of Wild onions to Day

16th Digging the Ground for Potatoes {Above it reads: Got the Bun}

17 Planted Potatoes

18th Went to Summerstown Got my Knife Bought of Peter ½ lb of Tea ¼ of one Kind -/9 ¼ of another 1/~ thats 1/9 4 lb Whitening 4 lb 16 cents) 2 steel pens -/1 for matches

19th Whitewashing cleaning the house

20th Accession of Queen Victoria Randolph Gordon and I Fishing Perch got a Good many Digging at the old house

21st East Wind and Rain Planted a Few hills at the old house

22nd Sunday A Fine Day Gordon and I Fishing Perch Lost my hook and sinker a Large Pike took it away Gordon Rows with the 2 oars

23rd Gordon Hughann and I to the Kit Kit or Hen Island set fire to it on the Gull Island and Lizard Island Ross's Island and Charlies Island caught a chub at the Lower End of Ross Island took a snack at Ross's Island took Dinner on charlies Island met Lashey and George Basell coming to set their Lines set 1 out Before the Door

24th Queens Birth Day But its going to Be Kept on the twenty eight First Thunder heard this spring Trimmed the Fern or Hard hask tree {Hackberry tree} at the Bank put the manure on the Potatoes East Wind changed to {Illegible} sudden a Great Deal of Towing and {Illegible}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} A J Bakers {Illegible} and I Grants Potash {Illegible} about the Fenians 500 in Malone {New York} last night {Illegible} more passed up Through Fort Covington {New York} {Illegible} Going now Got a Letter From Dan written on the 17th 16 University Street he is well and Recovering well no Boats allowed to go in to Dundee champion went Down Rafts going Down

26th Sent a Letter to Dan got 2 papers and 1 from Charlie The Fenian{s?} commenced {swirring? swerving?} to the Frontiers

27th high Wind Got a Sturgeon From Lashey Wind high

28th crossed to Summerstown a Battle Fought yesterday heard the British at Minister was Demanding his Pasport

29th Royal Oak Day a very very Warm Day Went to the Kit Kit Island Livinia Livinia Gordon Randolph Hughann and myself Salaberry came up I went to {Na houta's?} Island or {cachi-?} – to to's whatever you call it Heard a Wild Goose Last night it must be a strayed one or one thats hatching

30th potatoes up Fishing Perch very warm

31st Weeding the Garden Went to Summerstown with 4 Dozen Eggs Tobacco-/6 ½ lb Tea /1 Fishing line -/6 Matches pipes got a paper from A J Baker

1st of June Glorious 1st of June Fishing Planted 1 Row of Potatoes and Beans at the old house very warm

2nd shearing the sheep all But one she is with Lamb Trowling {trolling} commenced sheared the other sheep weighed the Wool and Divided it Randolf and Gordon and I to Alexis Island Trowling very warm weather watered the Garden tonight

4th of June George the 3rd Birth Day crossed to Summerstown no mail for me helped Lewis Blondeau to Barrel up Potash {Illegible} Gun Boat went up

{Jam}es Cameron Island {Illegible}

{Illegible} Randolf and I to christees Island Rain Thunder and Lightning to Day much wanted as its awful Dry time

6th {Illegible} cutting Weeds Lashey here

7th I went to Williams a fine Day very warm {Below it reads: washed the Wool} A J Baker W McLeod here

8th in Williamstown very unwell The Priest of Williamstown arrived from Rome a concert at the Convent

9th Marys Birth Day came home from Williamstown high East Wind Bought of Nicholson the Baker
4 Loaves of Bread 1/~ (Brought a cake of sugar to Williamstown) very unwell

10th Planted a few hills of Potatoes seen the other Nannie with her Lamb

11th Raining the Grass cutting every thing in the Garden and the Potatoes Beans and corn their
awful Bad this year strawberries Ripe chickens coming out caught 11 perch 1 Rock Bass and 2
Pickerel put the old cat on the sturgeon Island

12th Sunday a Fine Day

13th The cat came Back Fixing the Wool for to go to Cornwall

14th Gordon and I went to Cornwall The First time ever Gordon was in Cornwall sold the Wool
Black Wool 24 cents White Wool 28 cents Bought 4 Loaves of Bread 1/3 2 cents of soda Bisquit
the Current very strong going up against it stopt at the Burnt house {Skenectys?} Point and at
Flanagans Point at the Graveyard the first ever Gordon was in seen John Nicholson and George up
to mill

15th Went to pay John Hamilton for the Flour I got from him Left 4 Dollars with Johns Wife {Illegible}
Dollar Bills as John was at Viponds stopt {Illegible} coming Back Got another 100 Weight from John
{Illegible} from Tom Davis took Dinner at Home

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Bought 2 spools of Thread ½ lb soda {Illegible} pipe Tobacco Eat the First sardines {Illegible} eat
with Pete Baker and Kenn{eth Mc}Donald Lewis Blondeau Talking about the {Illegible} Promised it
to him

17th Went home with Peters Pot Went to the store the Steamer or Roussous Steamer up to John
Camerons Caribou for to go Looking for Foreigners Fishing in our Waters a Great many on
Hamiltons Island In the evening the steamer came around the Lower end of our Island and Fired 2
or 3 shots at a Boat crossing to Lancaster with 2 in it then the steamer came up in Front of our
Door and spoke to me I was Fishing me and Gordon and Randolph then they went over to Lemays
to see if they could see any one trowling caught 3 pickerel 1 pike 1 Eel 3 perch Howing Potatoes
very warm time More chickens

18th Salaberry a pleasure Trip

19th Sunday Dan Summers here stopt all night with the Wind

20th Gordon Randolph and I to Mavills Island Trowling

21st Went to Summerstown Seen Mr Boydon treated me twice got 2/6 from Lewis Blondeau on
account of the Bun Frank Semos Wife a young {heir?} Bought of A J Baker 3 yds of Cotton 1/9
matches Found a canoe Down opposite the Lower end of Hamiltons Island took it in for John Left
my Paddle with him it was an ash canoe {Illegible} putting his cattle on Francis I{sland}

{Ja}mes Cameron Island {Illegible}

{22nd Our} Dans Birth Day Set the Sturgeon {line}

{23rd} Fishing

24th St Johns Day Fishing up on the Bay

25th Went to Summerstown called at Hamiltons till the Rain was over heavy Rain Tunder and Lightning got my Paddle Bought of A J Baker plug of Tobacco matches Worm Candy got a Paper from charlie Sent him one Great Fires at Montreal this Week

Sunday 26th Semo and Lewis Blondeau here for the Bun Tom Davis came

27th Tom Went off Gave him some papers and Fish got a Knife from Tom Took up the sturgeon line and set it at the Lower Point

27th Fishing taking home wood

28th The L Renaud came up on her first Trip with her colours up east Wind very very warm to Day Raspberries Ripe keeping in the heifer the Dog chained for eating the eggs and Killing the hen and 11 chickens

29th Went to Summerstown with 3 Dozen of Eggs 3 yds of Bleached Cotton ½ lb Tea I owe /4 on the Tea Matches Got 5/- of an Order from Lewis Blondeau Peter Buchannan & A Smallman here stopt all night St Peters Day)

30th Last Day of the Month Fishing

1st of July Dominion Day Went to the Kit Kit Island Gordon Randolph and I Great many EEI Flies on the Bushes there

2nd Salaberry a Pleasure Trip From Dundee

3rd HughAnn Randolph and Gordon Fishing

4th American Independence Fishing

5th Our John's Birth Day Picking Rasberries all of us in the {Illegible} Rain

6th English cherries Ripe Picking {Illegible} a few pound of them the Birds {Illegible} fast as they Ripen there {Illegible} or {Illegible}

{Illegible} Dan 1 from Charlie very heavy {Illegible} stopt at Thomas Munroes all night {Illegible} old Mrs Munroe Thomas's mother {Illegible} quite a chat with her

8th came home {Illegible} Board this Morning the steamer Adolphus at Summers Warf high Wind to Day Henery Genie passed the head of our Island over to the South Side in his flat Bottomed Barge

9th Windy Gordon and I and hughann picking Berries got an EEI did not bait to Day

10th Henery Genies Boy here Forgot his axe left it at the shore Thunder to Day Preaching on the Front

11th Allen and George Grant here came from Hopkins got Towed by the Steamer Adolphus out to Williamstown Sent out 3 EEs with Allen

12th of July Orangemans Day, Fired 2 Shots thats all the Powder I had Raining wind changing very often to Day

13th Mowing a Road around the Barn put in about 2 Cocks {small piles} of hay Rain this evening heavy Lightning and Thunder May-Berries Ripe windy time hens Laying some now

14th Mowed a Road to the River Baited the line took home a Load of Wood from the Back Marsh eat cucumbers hurted my eye

15th Went to the PO Got a Letter from charlie on St Swithens Day no Rain 2 Likeness's in the Letter Bought of A J Baker ½ lb Tea 1/6 plug Tobacco paper 2 Bunches of Matches treat got the rest of the Due Bill in cash

16 Took up the night Line got 2 EEs from Lashey Fishing cocked some hay {Illegible} the Door put some in the Barn {Illegible} Salaberry a Trip to Lancaster with {Illegible} playing Lacross

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} George Bosell and wife here Jim Hopkins picking Berries got his fork handle {Illegible} my fork George Bosell Tapt the Vinegar Barrel took out a Gallon and ½ Gallon for us Gave him a Ring for his scythe a fine Day Rafts Going Down Raspberries Plenty

18th Went for George Bosells canoe George Taking his horse to Francis Island Got over 30 Tobacco plants from them Violets and sweet William at archy McDonalds sandy semos henery selling his Gun at hamiltons crossed to Summerstown with the Letter to be Put in the PO tommoro Bought of A J Baker 50 lb Flour ½ Bushel of salt Postage on the Letter to England in the Back shop Kenneth McLeod and I

19th Went to Dundee East Wind sailed all the Way Gordon and I 9 Bushels of ashes at /10^D 5 Doz of Eggs 20 lb of Rag at -/1½ 62 of Old Iron Bought of Mr David Baker 3 yds of Flannel at 1/10½ 4 yds Cotton at -/7½ 4 yd SCalico at 17 cents ¼ lb Tea ¼ lb Powder ½ lb Cut Tobacco -/7½ /1 for sweetys Gordon got some sweetys from Mr Baker Took Dinner at Mr Donald Suples had a chat with Angus took Down Mrs Mavills Flour and ice,

20th Went home with George Bosells canoe Bosells all in the Berries very warm

21st mowed some in the Grove

22 Mowed a Road in the Bush south and West crossed to Summerstown in the small canoe Bought of A J Baker Pair of {Illegible} 1/3 Treat -/6 {Illegible} Bid Good /3 {Illegible} as he is Going to night to {Illegible}

{One line is illegible}

{Illegible} thunder and Lightning wind {Illegible} down 1 of the appletrees at the Lower {Illegible}

24th sunday

25th Walter {Illegible} Horses Semo and Jessima along with {Illegible} a Bottle

26th Mowing a Little not very {Illegible}

27th Went to Summerstown -/1 for Mat{ches}

28th Gordon and I to Williamstown the Highlander aground or the Barges she was Towing

29th in Williamstown

30th came home from Williamstown Allen Mary Gordon and myself the Circus in Lancaster

31st Allen and I and Gordon at the Head of the Island ressurection of my Big toe at the Big stone took up the tin Box and put it Back again

1st of August or Lammas Day Windy Fishing

2nd Marys Birth Day 1864 Went to Hopkins Jim cutting his pease

3rd Allan and I to Dundee to see Mr Stebbins about the Hay Returned R Bakers Bottle

4th Mr Stelbins and 2 Mr Niles {Illegible} John creed and Havia came to Mow Allan Went to Dundee with Mr Stebbins and Niles Paul Gray and White here Fishing George Bosell Peggy and Pete here Divided the vinegar 4½ pails for our share put 2 Gallons in a Jar for Williamstown Allan Went to the Lines with {Mowers?} Niles & Stebbins

5th came to Mow John Creed sick

6th Randolph Birth Day 3 years old to Day George Bosell {Illegible} some Green corn got 2 {Illegible} shot a crane {Illegible}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} at Hamiltons {Illegible} Mr Stebbins and {Illegible} about the price of Hay {Illegible} their Farm to Careys the Tape came off {Illegible} Nicholsons Waggon Bought 5 cents of Tobacco

9th commenced to Draw the Hay some in the Barn and some in the stack Took home the ashes Commenced to Rain Men went home Allen and I to summerstown to 2 cents for Matches

10th Went to Lancaster to 35 lb of Flour 6/3 From Nicholson Fishing allen and I coming home allen got a Large pike Mowed some

11 Mr Stebbins came to Finish their stack Gave me a Bottle and I gave him a Bottle of vinegar put in some of what we cut

12th Raining Mowing some

13th putting in Went to Summerstown Gave a Tow to Tom Davis from the Foot of Hamiltons Island
Got 2 papers from Dan to 2 cents of Tobacco

14th plums and Cherries Ripe Livinia very unwell to night up all night

15th Went to Williamstown with allen Brought out 2 Gallons of vinegar {Above it reads: parisha and
allan here}

16th Mowing Pigeons plenty Lashey here at night

17th Mowing Windy Randolph sick Made 12 lb plum preserves

18th Made 18 Cocks Henerys Boys wanting scyths and snaiths {snaths} to cut hay wanting my
Marsh on the halves got Wood Terrible smoke ashes falling almost impossible to see with the
smoke {possibly from a forest fire near the towns of Pakenham and Almonte, Ontario, southwest of
Ottawa, on 17 August 1870}

19th a Fortunate Day {Illegible} change in the Moon Putting in hay Drew some {Illegible} Went for
Granny Bosell Windy Mr {Spen}cer slept in the Barn {Illegible} men

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} from Mr Spencer I crossed {Illegible} Bakers to {Illegible} eggs ½ lb Tea {Illegible} Matches
1 Quart of Whiskey {Illegible} got a Box from Andrew Brought {Illegible} John Hamiltons Basket
from {Illegible} store

21st sunday Mrs Bosell here Gordon and I Fishing very s{moky} with fires

22nd cutting hay smoky

23rd crossed with Granny Bosell Got some salts Tobacco Gave her some soft soap

24th Mowing and cocking Men here from hamiltons Island their from ogdensburgh {New York}
Looking for Pigeons Gordon and I to the Raft the Raft crew cut 2 Hicory trees

25th Rain and Rolls of Tunder with stopping Windy cut the corn stalks Livinia got up out of Bed

26th Mowing

27th Went to summerstown Tea 1/9 Tobacco paid

28th Nicholsons here for hay Mr Stebbins here Took away his harness

29 Mowing

30 putting in hay

31st Mowing

1st of September 2 men here Fishing Buchy and Gokey {Illegible} Gray and an Indian stopt all night with the storm

2nd crossed to summerstown Ferried a Man by the name of Oliver Sail got 5/- Bought of A Smallman 5 lb crackers 2/6

3rd Dans Birth Day Gordon and I to Lancaster Bought 7 Loaves of the Baker Genies {Illegible} here for the axe he Left

4th {Illegible}

5th John Angus's Birth Day {Illegible} upper Field

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Marsh Hay

8th Killed 1 of {Illegible} Made 28 cocks

9th Found a canoe in {Illegible} steamboat channel Ash Found a {Illegible} Down Before the Door

10th pulling in hay

11th Gordon Randolph and I Down to the Kit Kit

12th Mowing

13th at Hay

14th Crossed to summerstown Got Johnny semo Brought a Jar of vinegar to Roses Bought of A J Baker Tea Paid

15th Mowing in the Back marsh the Steamer north seaman went Down Found a small ash came split in the Bow Going Down

16th Began to Mow in the Front Marsh

17th Mowing

18th Johnny Gordon and I to Charles and Ross's Island Found a stave

19th Making a stack Did not Finish it

20th Went to Dundee Johnny and I 2 Bushels of Ashes 1 Bushel of Onions sheep pelt Bought of Tyo Flour Bought of A Smallman crack{ers} Looking at Mr stebbins Horse offered 11 Dollars to scow him Down and a set of Harness to pay him in hay speaking to Mr Smart about the Manure

21st Finished the stack 74 cocks

22nd put in 20 cocks in the Barn

23rd crossed with Johnny semo {Above it reads: 1st Day of Fall Sacrament in Williamstown} Gave him a vest some Balls crossed over with George Grant John Hamilton and Kenneth Kenneth got in the Boat with Mr Craig and the Rest stopt all night at summerstown

24th Mowing a Little

25th Fishing

26th Began another stack of Marsh Hay put in it to Day 32 cocks caught {Illegible} in the Milkhouse

27th Finished the Stack 40 cocks {Illegible} one put 15 cocks on the Barn Floor to Day {Illegible} what hay I have cut Drew 2 Loads of Wood

28 {Illegible} hay in the Front Marsh Went to A J Bakers 3 Doz {Illegible} 1 Quart of oil plug Tob Matches 2/- {Illegible} Went to Williamstown with {Illegible} at at Hopkins

{One line is illegible}

picking up their potatoes at {Illegible}

1st of October in Williamstown {Illegible} son Buried Mr Cliner and Ellen {Illegible} 2 children Bill and his mother here

{2nd} Sunday I came from Williamstown

3rd Gathering Grapes took up the Last of the {Illegible} Went to Summerstown Bought of A J Baker 2 Dollars of Flour on Walters account {Illegible} (spool of Thread paid this a Treat

5th Drawing W{ood}

6th Drawing Wood {Above it reads: 10 cocks on Barn Floor}

7th a Fortunate Day {Illegible} well chopping stove Wood Picked a {Bunch or Bushel?} of Grapes shot a Duck Wounded one did not Get him

8th Went to head of the Island Found a stool in the Bushes Went to P. Office no mail for me to Day Left 2 papers at John Hamiltons for Tom Davis {Illegible} went Down a new cylinder in her the {Illegible} out at A Camerons Going on now the Fair out in Alexandria this Week and the exhibition at Toronto Wil{liam} McLeod There this Week

Sunday 9th {Illegible}

10th HughAnn McMasters Birth Day Drew Drags Gordon and I

11th shot 2 Ducks {Illegible} to Dundee Got my Boot Fixed 10 cents came Down with paro Bowen Jim Hopkins {Illegible} old Rankin the Blacksmith 2 cents {Illegible} 2 cents for matches plug of Tob Great Trying of Boats practicing {Illegible} McRae gave me 2 newspapers a {Illegible} from Mr Tuthill Went to see {Illegible} about the Manure Raining I {Illegible} made Tearing Down the {Illegible} Salmon River

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} Race in Dundee Rain and {Illegible} Rat skinned the Weasel a Large Raft Down Towed By the Highlander The Ottawa all Day in Lancaster Got Ready to the Race But Did not Go with Wind and Rain Making the pile of Wood {Illegible} the Door heard James Hopkins and Bowen came in First Peter Buchannan second summers third

14th Drawing Wood

15th crossed to {Sum}merstown Got 2½ Bushels of Potatoes from J Hamilton Knife Got 2 Dollars worth of Flour from Walter {Bak}er

16th Sunday Walter Baker and Mr Gray looking {for} the Horses

17th Drawing Wood

18th very {Hig}h Wind Trees Falling the top of the stack {Illegible} oats going to day

19th Fixing the top on {the} stack Fixing the ash canoe went around the {Illegible} Gordon and I set some Traps in the Back {Mar}sh First ice in the canoes

20th Raining Fixing Traps {Above it reads: did not hear the Earthquake hear} got a Rat

21st Drawing Wood

22nd Drawing {Illegible} out of the Back Marsh High West Wind

{23rd} Little Livinia's Birth Day 2 years old to Day {Illegible} Bosell and Lashey Fishing Pickerel Before the {Illegible} Gordon and I Found a cannon Ball about 1 {Illegible} Weight with a hole drilled into it Found a {Illegible} Indian stone Knife on the north side {Illegible} Island

24th our Hugh's Birth Day {Illegible} morning I crossed to Hamiltons Found {Illegible} Knife where I Lost it Went to P Office no {Illegible} seen Angus Suple Jo Semo staving his Horse {Illegible} to 3 Rats to A J Baker ½ lb Tea ½ lb soda {Illegible} oil Bunches of Matches in with {Illegible} and Kenneth McDonald {Illegible} from Tom Davis {Illegible}

{Two lines are illegible}

{Illegible} EEIs got none Went to {Illegible}

{Illegible} Raining Thunder and Lightning {Illegible} Mr James Hopkins and son{-in-}Law here all night

28th The {Illegible} 2 Dollars

29th Went with Thomas Munroe the Last of his old {Illegible} Remains up to Hogans {Illegible} did at Parishas Bought of A J {Baker} 2 Dollars worth of Flour 1 plug of Tob {Illegible} pipes and Matches paid Tom {Illegible} what I owed him William McLeod has Barley on the Wharf Walter Ba{ker} cutting oak for spokes Head of {Illegible} unwell First snow Fell all up Freezing hard to night

30th Sunday

31st Holy {Illegible}

1st of November The Harvest Month of Death {Above it reads: Looking for Bees} A{ll Saint's} Day
Looking for Bees

2nd Wednesday Drawing Cut Hicory for axe handles

3rd Banking the {Illegible} of the House put a Fence around the {Illegible} this Day of the Month
Granda {Illegible}

4th Drew some Drags and the ash Runner

5th {Guy Fawkes} Day or the Gunpowder Plot {5 November 1605} Went to George {Illegible} Made
out Mayvilles account {Illegible} and I Went to Dundee came home at ni{ght} seen Mr Smart The
Philips Treated {Illegible} Board the Sallaberry

Sunday 6th Jim {Illegible} and 3 More passed down to Ross's Island to {Illegible}

7th our Ellens Birth Day cutting Wood and splitting {Illegible} Bad with a cold all of us

8th very unwell {Illegible} in the House Great shooting at Ducks Brantford

9th sawing Wood very Windy Time {Illegible}

{Three lines are illegible}

{Illegible} took Dinner there Bill William {Illegible}

12th the Captain McKay here {Illegible} my Indian curiositys such {Illegible} stone gouge stone
Dagger or Knife {Illegible} and peices of Broken crockery of the Indians Make in old times {Illegible}
him that told me the Ball I had {Illegible} a Bombshell Gave me 1..75 in {Illegible} Bills Went to the
PO got 2 papers {from} Charlie Bought of A J Baker 1 lb {Illegible} 22 cents ½ lb candles 9 cents
Globe for {Lamp?} 12½ Plates 42 cents ¼ Tea 15 cents ¼ lb Tea 17½ cents {Illegible} 25 cents oil
12½ cents Got My Hollow adze {Illegible} Hamiltons Roses a Bee Ploughing

13th {Illegible} and cold

14th chopping stove Wood turned {Illegible} Wind

15th chopping and piling Wood

16th {Illegible} the Parsnips cutting fire Wood Windy

17th {Illegible} a Race the Huron and the {Illegible} the Indian taking her in

18th {Illegible} Drawing Wood commenced to Rain then commenced in the Evening to snow

19th {Illegible} Frost hard Last night saw {Illegible}

20th Windy and cold

21st Windy

22nd {Illegible} away his horses got a Bottle and Tin {Illegible} from {Illegible}

{23rd} Windy

24th high Wind

25 chopping Wood

26 Went to summerstown seen Mr Brown singing {Illegible} got a Ticket for the St Andrews Dinner
went {Illegible} for his horses and calves Jacobs {Illegible} Dinner at Thomas Munroes

Sunday 27th/28th {Illegible} cutting and salting the meat

29th {One line is illegible}

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