

I have been rolling in the field next Mr. Bridle to day while Fred has been ploughing in same field. Am glad to find that it works down very well considering the dry and hard state of the ground.

Had a short call from my old friend Dr. St. Leonan this evening.

There has been some prospects of rain to day but so far it has failed to come.

It rained this forenoon, a nice shower lasting three or four hours, though very moderate.

We got to work again this afternoon both Fred and I. We have been ploughing as usual and I have been harrowing in the same field.

My ~~to~~ somewhat periodical season of darkness and stormy scenes upon me again. Have only one cloudy day, a night clear and waiting upon God for deliverance.

Fred has kept on ploughing to day as usual. We are getting this part of the work nearly done in that field.

I raked up the balance of our cloverseed, crops this forenoon. This afternoon I have been rolling and harrowing in the field by Mr. Bridges.

Received a letter from Mary about two this evening. Maggie promised to be home next week some time.

I have been harrowing in the field by Mr. Bridges getting it ready to row.

Fred has been ploughing in same field on the West side. It seems to take a long time to get through with the ploughing, some - row, but the dry hard state of the ground is the principal cause.

Have enjoyed & blessed, beyond of faith in our God for days past a simple act of faith & how it saves

found camp. I  
cleaned up  
load of ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
furniture.

Worst to mention  
that a delight-  
ful rain came  
this morning just  
what was needed  
for our seeding.

Feed was kept  
on ploughing as  
usual.

I went up  
to Lincoln this  
afternoon and  
came back by  
Hove.

The rain has  
done away with  
the dust on  
hired. It roads very  
fine.

Went out to  
church this morn-  
ing as usual  
taking Bertie &  
Aime with me.

The young man  
opposite, it be-  
ing his horse  
cannot, but I think  
that he is a good  
young man and  
willing to do good.  
But, cannot say  
that I like to  
see him yet.  
Hope to get used  
to him however.

Our class was  
very poor, a bung-  
le to day's text,  
the word was  
with us. Which  
was the best of all.

Had a heavy rain last night and this morning which makes the plough go nicely.

Found it too wet to harrow to day so, I have been repairing roofs ~~at~~ and doing some other such work. Gold has kept on ploughing most of the time, ~~or~~ excepting when it was raining.

Have had a somewhat variable experience to day. It is not always bright and joyous.

Gold has kept on ploughing to day as usual.

We have been harrowing all day in some fields as usual. The late rains have done wonders towards helping fit up the ground for seeding.

The cereals are indications of grass starting to grow as well.

Have made up my mind at last to call specially on the God at this difficult juncture.



The land  
 been able to  
 work at ever  
 reading to day  
 as usual. I  
 I have sown  
 more than half  
 of the field  
 by the side  
 to day. Fred  
 has been har-  
 rowing in the  
 mean time.  
 The seed has  
 gone in fairly  
 well. Have  
 sown the east  
 side of the field.  
 The dog  
 has been with  
 me to day make-  
 ing my heart  
 glad with his  
 presence.

I have been  
 harrowing this  
 afternoon in  
 same field as  
 before. It  
 rained this  
 forenoon so  
 that Tom had  
 and I had to  
 lay off work  
 for a while.  
 He got some  
 seed which  
 cleaned up  
 in the mean-  
 time.

Was much  
 disappointed in  
 not hearing  
 from Maggie  
 this evening.  
 Think now  
 that she will  
 not get home  
 till Monday.

Fred has been ploughing again to day.

It seems to take a long time to get No. 1 field ploughed for some reason.

I have been harrowing in some fields; this afternoon have been drilling some more - or four acres that was ready.

I have been greatly strengthened by a newly appointed counsellor for secret prayer. God has been meeting with me.

Have been busy as ever to day harrowing in the field by Mr. Brides.

Fred has finished the ploughing at last, after a very long time.

We were favoured with a short visit from Harry Barretto and Sister Louise and Alice. The latter is married and lives in British Columbia.

A moderate shower of rain stopped our work this evening for a while.

Went out to  
down to church  
this morning as  
usual parking  
my mother  
with me.

Had a very  
interesting dis-  
course from our  
brother Cookman  
about the un-  
just steward.  
Our class seems  
to be almost  
a failure of  
late, there be-  
ing scarcely  
any remaining.

Have found  
it good to wait  
upon God of  
late, He is my  
help and my  
shield.

Have been  
harrowed away  
with all seed  
might to day  
in the field by  
Mr. Brides, be-  
ing anxious to  
get it sown  
succeeded in  
getting it nearly  
ready to sow,  
that is not  
already done.  
I went down  
to Harris this  
evening after  
Maggie and  
the two children  
found them all  
right, they  
having come up  
on the train this  
evening.

Tred and I have been working away in the field by Mr. Brides' Mr. day as usual.

We have at last been able to get the last of the field done today. The ditches are also nearly all run out with the plough. The ground has become quite dry again since the rains, and this field has taken a great deal of work.

Tred and I have finished the Big Field next to Mr. Brides' at last. Got it all ditched just in time for the rain. That began a little before we finished.

There is prospect of a two or three days rain. This is true for the equinox. The rain is coming from the east.

Our front field will be greatly benefited by the good rain, as the ground has been too hard & barren as yet.

We were fortunate enough to finish rearing the last harrows in the big field by Mr. Brides this morning. About the middle of the afternoon we had them all cleaned out. It so happened that a fine shower began just before we finished, so the wheat will come right up. The rain will enable us to be quite working our front field by the church.

Fred has been ploughing in the front field by the church today. He has finished all the ~~front~~ night but one head-band. I have been all day rolling in same field. Succeeded in getting over it ~~the~~ by night. The very beautiful molting to find this field harrows up so well. The long drought made it impossible for us to do anything with it until winter.

Feed has been  
harrowing away  
in the front field  
to day. He has  
started ploughing  
the east head  
land this morn-  
ing. I worked  
with the disc-  
harrow this  
forenoon, but in  
this afternoon  
went out to  
blow with a  
small load of  
apples for the  
evaporator. Sold  
them there for  
fifteen cents per  
bushel.

There was a great  
farmers pic-nic in  
blow this afternoon  
but could not make

On account of  
inclement weather  
we failed to get  
to church this  
morning. Went  
out this even-  
ing however,  
and heard Bro.  
Cookman, tak-  
ing Haggie with  
me. Was rather  
surprised to see  
the evening con-  
gregation so  
small. It was  
scarcely as large  
as what we  
have in the  
morning, as a  
rule.

Have been gra-  
tiously blessed  
in my humble  
worship to day.

We have  
been working  
in the field by  
the church for  
day, tired and  
I. Have not  
been narrowing.  
Tired the ground  
quite hard in  
places, much  
work will be  
required to fit  
this field for  
the drill as  
a consequence.

The disc har-  
row was very  
successful in re-  
ducing the hard  
crust. There  
are many hard  
lumps as well.

Have still at  
work in the vine-  
yard field in front  
of the church.  
Did not quite  
get over it to-  
day, sufficient  
to start the drill.  
But, to morrow  
if all is well  
we hope to get  
the drills star-  
ted.

Had a visit  
from our old  
friend and neigh-  
bour Peter Nyer-  
se, Sr. and  
he is quite feeble  
in body, but  
bright in his  
mind, and soul.  
He is quite  
cool.

Have been  
narrowing, so  
stay in the  
foot field by  
the church.  
Fred has been  
also narrowing  
in the same  
field.

I got started  
towards night  
with the drill,  
and put in  
some two or three  
acres. Hope to  
be able to  
finish the  
whole field  
to morrow, if  
all is well.

The weather  
is still rather  
cool, frost last  
night.

I have been  
busy so I can't  
get the re-  
maining portion  
of the field by  
the church drilled  
in. Kept fine  
house from school  
this afternoon to  
help. It drilled  
in very well  
notwithstanding  
the lumps. Got

all done  
by night for  
which I am  
thankful. Have  
sown some bush  
and sown seeds.  
This year nearly  
all is gotten.



We have been running furrows in the front field up the church, and getting them cleaned out today.

I succeeded in getting through with this job before night. So the fall wheat seeding is all done at last. Have power sown seven or seven acres this fall, or seven more than last. It has taken a great deal of work in account of the dry summer.

Fred has been at work digging potatoes so day in the front garden.

I went up to Simcoe with a load of oak for St. J. & J. He gives him the Club per Bee for them.

Came home by the mill & brought some flour for Fred. The weather has been very warm so day. It seems as though summer has come again.

On account of  
rain to day we  
did not get to  
church as cus-  
tomary.

Have been im-  
proving the pre-  
vious day as  
far as possible  
in reading & c.

Maggie and I  
went up to uncle  
John's this eve-  
ning for a short  
time.

Have enjoyed  
in a good de-  
gree, communion  
union with the  
divine and in-  
finite for day.  
This is always  
a blessed experience  
to my poor soul.

I have been  
very busy to-  
day getting some  
repairing of fence  
done. Made  
a fence across  
the creek ass.

Fred has been  
digging potatoes  
and getting ready  
to plant the  
potato patch for  
Brinson clover.  
This will be our  
first trial of this  
green clover here.  
Have seen it so  
highly recommended  
in agricultural  
papers that it  
nearly seemed nec-  
essary to at least  
make a start.

Fred finished  
 digging the  
 potato crop of  
 potatoes to day  
 and got star-  
 ted towards  
 night, at plough-  
 ing the  
 ground. I  
 thought of seed-  
 ing it with  
 Crimson Cross  
 by way of ex-  
 periment.  
 Hope however  
 that in raising  
 of this new  
 annual, will  
 become prof-  
 itable in  
 more ways  
 than one. This  
 seems to be the  
 experience of farmers  
 in the U.S.

Fred has been  
 ploughing the  
 potato patch  
 and harrowing  
 the same for  
 sowing "Crimson  
 Cross" seed.  
 He got the ground  
 ready about the  
 middle of the  
 afternoon and  
 I have got the  
 seed sown at  
 last. Did not  
 harrow nor roll,  
 but the ground  
 was rather moist  
 and I think  
 the seed will  
 soon come up.

On account of  
an occasional  
showers for days  
we have not  
done a great  
deal. Have been  
picking apples  
and pears  
most of the  
time however.  
We got up a  
quint of chop  
or rather of grain  
for chop this  
evening.

The rain is  
just the kind  
to make things  
grow, the weather  
being quite warm  
and the rains  
quite moderate  
and somewhat  
showery.

Fred has been  
away helping Hil-  
son Porter through  
for days, while  
I have been  
out with a load  
of coarse grain  
for chop. At  
the Mt. Haver  
mill.

Had dinner  
at Bro. Cook-  
man's and main-  
interest. Went  
with him after  
dinner to see  
the harbour  
works now un-  
der way.

The pier is to  
be enlarged to  
more than triple  
the present size  
for the new coal has

Paed went to Simcoe on business of his own for day taking his wife with him.

Maggie and I started for Welchi this forenoon, and got to Florence in Simcoe in time for dinner.

We arrived at W. St. Ferguson at about four o'clock in the afternoon, finding them all well. Intended going over to my father-in-law's for night but failed.

Having stayed over last night at W. St. Ferguson in Welchi, we brought boat to go over to Hycombe this morning, our time being very limited.

Found my wife, father and mother both quite comfortable and well. They seemed very glad to see us.

Failed to get to church, as we hoped to be able to do.

We visited  
 at my wife's  
 father's until  
 after noon to  
 day, after which  
 we started for  
 home. Arrived  
 safely in Sim-  
 Co. in good time.  
 Had tea at my  
 Cousin & Corcoran's  
 and a good  
 rest. Came  
 home by E. J. De-  
 Cou's. Arrived  
 here at about  
 eight P.M.

Found the  
 family all  
 well, and ev-  
 erything all  
 right as far  
 as was pos-  
 sible.

Fred and I  
 have been get-  
 ting up threshing  
 wood most of  
 the time so far  
 as we expect the  
 threshers some-  
 time to-morrow  
 it stands us  
 in hand so  
 be ready for  
 them.

The weather  
 is quite cool but  
 reasonable.

Gathered our  
 winter ears  
 in day

I went around after sundown after threshers to day or rather this forenoon, while Fred was working at gathering apples. This afternoon at about three o'clock we got to work threshing.

Have the following helping us, Nelson Porter & man, Geo. Mc Bride, Billy Mc Bride, Ed. Peckie. John Hargue is with the machine. It has gone off very well this afternoon.

We finished our threshing of grain today. It took us until about four, this afternoon. How our crop all told was 314 Bu. Wheat from about 20 acres, and 765 Bu. Oats from 27 acres, or a little more than a half crop. Mr. Tom helped us so did also Mr. James Mc Bride, Geo. Mc Bride, Ed. Peckie, Billy Mc Bride, Thomas Jackson, and Nelson Porter & man. Besides Mr. Hargue about two hours.

Fred went over to Mr Starlings this morning to help Steve Marsh. He did not take Steve very long however - about three hours.

I have been fixing up some fence & mending a culvert this forenoon. This afternoon had a visit from Mr Smith. He came to see the stock that we proposed to sell. He favored our project of making a sale. The word is my wife's.

Fred has been working at gathering up sheep most of the time today. I went up to Lincoln this morning to see about water we should have seen proposed sale.

Concluded to have it done this 2:30 PM inst. Left my list with the Auctioneer, P. Mabee. Got home in good time this afternoon.

Have felt much cast down in my heart of late on account of the strange position in which we are placed.



The weather being very disagreeable this morning we did not go out to church but went after dinner instead.

Bro Cookman gave the sermon this afternoon in our church. His text was, "Bear ye one another's burdens &c." His discourse was excellent, and I felt well repaid for going out through the cold wind and muddy roads. This is generally my experience now.

I went up to Lincoln this morning to get sale bills, and on the way home have been putting them up.

Look dinner at my cousin Sam - Elton Old's, & enjoyed a short visit with the nice men.

Have been eating the produce of my heavenly Father, this afternoon in particular.

Today has been a happy day. I have dined on some potatoes about two thirds of the day.

Have been  
all day over  
the road, pack-  
ing up bills,  
took my dinner  
at my, at my  
friends. W. J. Car-  
penters.

There was been  
a good many  
circumstances  
of late to my  
my guilt. That  
I go with me,  
and cooking for  
and expecting the  
fulfillment of  
the promises re-  
specting my debts.  
Even if I should  
be left penniless,  
and cooking for  
deliverance, the  
kindness of giving me

My mother and  
I about out to  
River to day  
Had dinner at  
Mrs. Cookman's.  
Was always de-  
lighted with the  
company of  
this dear Mrs.  
and her kind  
family.

Saw the bridge  
working for the  
getting the water  
put in ready-  
ness for the  
coal grate,  
so soon to be  
spiced up here  
with the other  
side of the  
lake.  
Weather here  
today and were

My aunt  
 I got in our  
 last crop of  
 clover and  
 this afternoon  
 he has been  
 getting out  
 measure to  
 the ten acre  
 field most of  
 the time.  
 I have been  
 doing as usual  
 at sundry jobs,  
 got dressed  
 wood cut. This  
 forenoon with  
 Jim's help.  
 I have had a  
 most precious  
 season with  
 my God. His  
 presence. He is  
 so accessible.

Leaf continued  
 to draw mea-  
 sure to day from  
 below the horse  
 barn to the  
 ten-acre field.  
 He finished sur-  
 ing the field  
 of more to day.  
 This afternoon  
 he went out  
 to work on the  
 fence of the  
 I have been  
 working at the  
 apple nearly  
 all day.  
 I have been  
 experiencing  
 some of the  
 precious joys  
 of salvation  
 to day also.

October

SATURDAY 20

1894

Ted has been working away at getting out manure from below the drive barn to the big North East corner field.

We will be ready to start the plough directly after we get the manure is out.

I have been getting apples gathered and put away for our own use. most of the since in day.

Had Mr. Masson the clover thrasher here to day.

October

SUNDAY 21

1894

I went out to church this morning, taking my wife and Jim with me. The young minister, paraded to us in his usual way.

Had a visit from C. G. Ross & his wife this evening. Do not generally feel benefited by visitors on the Sabbath but cannot drive people away. Since she came I feel thankful for Gods favour until now.

Fred has been getting out manure again today as usual.

I have been working at gathering apples nearly all day.

Have been thinking seriously of getting a man to work the back portion of the farm on shares or at the leaves, as they call it; and keep forty acres or so myself. This would give me great relief here, and I could get a good man

Went out to Moore this forenoon taking my wife with me. Fred has been helping of course, as usual.

Got started this afternoon again at gathering the remaining apples still ungathered in the orchard.

Have felt much cast down of late, thinking of the necessity of the rate soon to come off.

Feel assured however that it must be from the Lord. Blessed be His Holy name

The clover  
hulder owned  
by Mr Masacres  
of Townsend came  
last night and  
to day we  
have been  
threshing clo-  
verseed. Fair  
fell last night  
and the weather  
being warm &  
damp to day  
the clover threshed  
rather rough.

Was pleased  
with the machine.  
Its work was excel-  
lent.

Had Mr. Grolnick,  
helping all day, with  
James Brown & Howard  
Gunn. This after-  
noon.

Was very busy  
this forenoon get-  
ting ready for  
the long expected  
sale which took  
place this after-  
noon. There was  
quite a crowd  
of people present  
and the sale  
went off fairly  
well.

Some things  
went very cheap  
particularly the  
horse-power for  
only 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  or not quite  
at its value.

Had a visit  
from W. J. Carpenter  
this afternoon  
and evening.  
The Lord has  
been with me to day

I have been exceedingly busy to day, finishing up the work of yesterday's sale.

Old Mr. Houlby who has been for some time been living with his daughter Mrs. Witches died last night.

Fred has been off to day making arrangements for the funeral which takes place to-morrow.

Measured up the hay of day this afternoon and afterwards went out to horse with a load of apples.

Fred has been engaged at a solemn duty to day. His wife's mother was buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, with funeral services in the church.

I have been busy as usual. Mr. Stull of Louisville was here after his pigs. Mr. Parkinson was also after his pair Chase the van cow and the cultivator.

Have had two applicants by me to work part of the farm on shares already.

Took my mother  
and Jan to  
Church with me  
this morning.

Mrs. Cookman  
officiated and  
tickets for the  
quarters were  
received after  
preaching service.

Have had in  
some degree  
the presence of  
the good spirit  
to day and  
of cake. My  
Worshippers are en-  
larged, however  
some times I  
think I am pro-  
ved indeed.

Can say boldly  
that God is my  
help

Maggie and I  
started for Helms  
this morning, de-  
parting accompanied by  
Mrs. Stingers.

Got in Helms  
in time for din-  
ner which we  
took at Uncle  
Daniel Aldo's.

Went from  
Helms to Helms  
this evening  
where we tar-  
nied in time  
for supper.

Partook of the  
Cakes at Helms.  
Broke over for  
my father's in-  
law after his  
arriving there  
at about half  
past ten P.M.



Maggie and I  
 started from her  
 father's, where  
 we stayed over  
 night, for Sim-  
 col at about 7 a.m.  
 Had dinner at  
 Florence's. Conclu-  
 ded to go down  
 to Toronto this  
 afternoon, to con-  
 sult with the  
 Canada Permanent.  
 Started at about  
 four o'clock P.M.  
 and went by the  
 way of Norwich, Brant-  
 ford, Parisburg &  
 Hamilton, arri-  
 ving in Toronto  
 in the evening  
 at about eight  
 o'clock, at Har-  
 ralis.

Took breakfast  
 at Sarah's this  
 morning, in Tor-  
 to. Directly after-  
 ward I went down  
 to the Canada Per-  
 manent building  
 to see about some  
 matters relating to  
 our Mortgage.  
 Spent four or  
 five hours there,  
 and to some pur-  
 pose apparently,  
 for it seems likely  
 that I will get  
 clear of pay some  
 eight or eleven in-  
 terest, which was  
 over-charged on  
 the Wade's mortgage.  
 Came home in  
 the night train  
 arriving at about ten

I have had  
 had ploughing  
 to day as usual.

It cut up to  
 since this fore-  
 noon calling  
 around by Mr.  
 Stingers. She  
 agreed to fur-  
 nish means to  
 take up our  
 mortgage for  
 and the Com-  
 pany who hold  
 it are willing  
 to relinquish the  
 same.

Had dinner at  
 E. St. Jacques, and  
 after getting through  
 with business  
 came home ar-  
 riving at about  
 four P.M.

Fred has con-  
 firmed to sell  
 to day as usual.

I have been  
 very busy in  
 shed doing sundry  
 jobs getting things  
 in readiness for  
 winter work.

The weather  
 still keeps mild  
 and very pleas-  
 ant. To night  
 however we  
 have had every  
 appearance of  
 rain.

Scared the dog  
 street when this forenoon  
 seeing two old  
 linnets for that  
 purpose.

Rain, till  
 last night a  
 shower, and most  
 of the forenoon  
 had got to work  
 ploughing about  
 five or six hours  
 even.

Have been ex-  
 ceedingly busy  
 to day, as usual.

Cleaning up the  
 barn floor this  
 forenoon after the  
 clove miller. Then  
 afternoon were  
 done some  
 plastering and  
 in this way  
 have helped the  
 house - cleaner.

God was blessed  
 me in day.

In account of  
 rain, bad roads  
 and cool weather  
 we did not go  
 to our quarterly  
 meeting at Wolf-  
 house as we  
 intended.

It has been  
 quite a disagree-  
 able day, but  
 of doors, so  
 we have been  
 enjoying the  
 in-door fire.

"I can boldly  
 say, the word is  
 my helper",  
 hence will I  
 not fear what  
 man can do  
 unto me.

I went up  
to my friend  
Daniel Woodley's  
this forenoon.  
Looked dinner with  
his residence  
near Port Haven.

He went to  
the quarterly  
business meeting  
together at the  
Woodhouse  
Chapel.

Had a pleas-  
ant and rather  
encouraging ses-  
sion waiting upon  
God.

Met with Mrs.  
Robert Taylor and  
joked with him  
some about  
his taking part  
of the farm to work.

Spent the fore-  
noon in clean-  
ing up a load  
of clothes five  
bags of wheat  
for Mr. Edmund  
son of Port Haven.

Went out this  
afternoon to  
take it to the  
Port Haven Mill  
and back on  
good time.

The weather  
is exceedingly  
cold and  
winter like.  
Fred has kept  
on ploughing  
in the field  
west of the  
woods as usual.

Have been  
working at  
sundry jobs  
this forenoon.  
This afternoon  
I went up to  
Simcoe with  
Mrs. Stinger.  
She promised  
certainly to take  
up the land  
worth mortgage  
for me. So our  
trip to Simcoe  
this afternoon  
was for this  
purpose.

Did not ac-  
complish any-  
thing however  
owing to the  
lawyer's notes.  
They like to get  
a file from everybody.

Have had Fred  
ploughing in  
the field West  
of the woods  
to day, as usual.  
I worked in  
the woodhouse  
at making a  
rack to dry  
apples on, this  
forenoon. This  
afternoon I  
have been  
clearing up  
straw clover  
seed for mar-  
ket. Do not  
find the qual-  
ity first class  
owing to the  
straw being  
ground up  
by the miller.

Owing to  
 snow and cold  
 that has been  
 falling almost  
 incessantly both  
 last night and  
 to day, I have  
 been working on  
 apples and  
 putting them  
 away for winter.  
 They have been  
 receiving a  
 good part of  
 the time. He  
 was out about  
 finished plough-  
 ing the stubble  
 field west of  
 the woods.  
 The sword is  
 my ruler and  
 my guide for  
 edge. C. Tucker.

We have been  
 cutting and  
 getting up wood  
 to day, with  
 Fred's help &  
 Jim's as well.  
 The snow  
 that fell yester-  
 day has made  
 rather disagree-  
 able getting  
 around and  
 we have got  
 up wood on  
 the sleigh for  
 the first for  
 this winter.  
 Some six in-  
 ches of snow  
 has fallen  
 already. That  
 is no frost in  
 one ground now.  
 ev.

On account  
of the terrible  
state of the  
roads to day  
we did not  
get to church  
as usual.

The snow  
that fell yester-  
day and  
the day before  
has scarcely  
been broken  
yet.

I have been  
trying to re-  
member the  
sabbath day  
to keep it holy.  
Had James with  
me to see  
us a short time  
this evening.

The late cold  
spell has had  
the effect of  
making us hurry  
up in making  
our preparations  
for winter.

I have been  
very busy to-  
day putting  
away potatoes  
and apples for  
winter's use.

Fred has had  
to lay off on  
account of  
a lack of work  
to day. The  
snow being  
rather deep  
for ploughing  
as yet.

The weather  
is moderating to-  
night however.

Snow has  
been falling  
at times for  
days and the  
weather has  
kept cold and  
rather disagree-  
able.

I have been  
sorting over  
apples; but  
have seemed  
to get along  
very slow.

Fred has been  
doing some  
work for him-  
self to day.

The snow on  
the ground has  
prevented plough-  
ing. Winter  
seems to have come  
in earnest.

My old job of  
apple sorting has  
kept me going  
most of the time  
to day. But all  
done this evening  
however including  
cider-apples.

Fred was not  
able to plough  
to day owing  
to the snow.  
But still con-  
tinues on the  
ground. So he  
has not worked  
to day.

Mrs John Chas  
and was  
carried to day.  
She was an old  
and respected  
resident, and  
passed away sad-



Fred got started with the plough again today, the cap snow having thawed sufficiently.

I have been away to the cider mill at Lynn Valley. Carved some my father's blow.

Had a tedious ride owing to the terrible state of the roads.

Saw Harry Staffman about a note of mine that we got from Sam. Mc Bride last summer.

I went up to Lincoln this afternoon taking some eight bags of oat for J. Harris and five for H. Hoff.

Spent the forenoon getting ready to go.

Took a sample of alike along and had an offer of five for the five for it.

Fred has been ploughing in one of the back fields today. Found the road very bad; but getting some better.

Thud has been  
ploughing in  
the N. E. Corner field  
to day as usual.

I went out  
to lower this  
forenoon tak-  
ing my mother  
with me.

Sent a note  
up to Emma to  
send Huffer  
as a catcher for  
the game. Mr. Ford  
ball.

Roads are still  
very bad, but  
getting better.

Noticed at night  
that the birds  
of wheat have  
begun to garden  
after a long dry  
spell.

The roads be-  
ing very rough  
and bad this  
morning, did not  
think best to  
drive out to  
church. But  
walked, set in-  
stead. Taking  
time with me.  
Had a very  
interesting ser-  
mon from the  
Rev. Mr. Hobbs of  
Lewistown. His  
was the occasion  
of the anniversary  
or history of the  
old fashioned re-  
surrection. Talking  
in a most right  
and to the  
point manner.

Have been working in the barn most of the time to day getting the alkali clover seed cleaned up also the red do.

Fred has been doing work of his own to day. The ground being too hard for him to plough.

We have failed to get our turnip crop gathered as yet. Fred is to day but has to give up however.

Fred did not plough to day but went up to Spruce on his own account instead.

I have been busy all day cleaning up clover seed and wheat for mill.

Found the seed rather less than I expected. It is in keeping with our other crops for the season however, both as to yield and quality.

The new mill improved, it seems like a new weather again.

My rice has been  
ploughing in  
the N. E. Corner  
field, to day  
again.

I went up  
to Simcoe to  
day, to take  
my years crop  
of sticks. Took  
some oats to  
W. H. E. and a  
small quantity of  
wheat to mill  
as usual, well.

There is some  
improvement in  
the road as the  
result of last  
week's and frosty  
nights.

It seems like  
I have become  
used.

This being  
Thanksgiving  
day we have  
had a thank-  
giving dinner  
and some of  
our friends with  
us.

I have been  
getting turkeys  
but however  
with Jim's help  
but did not  
quite get done.

Fred has been  
ploughing a-  
gain in the  
N. E. Corner field  
as usual.

Have enjoyed  
much liberty in  
prayer this eve-  
ning respecting  
my present difficul-  
ties.

Fred has been ploughing again to day, in the North East Corner field.

I went up to Lincoln this afternoon to see about settling up the Cloverseed. Failed to do so however, on account of their not being ready.

I took a small load of oak up to Harry Craft, Stillb. Coult. ~~and~~ the contract made with him some time ago, for two loads.

Sent away a letter to the C. G. to day.

Have been cutting wood in the woods this forenoon with James Leips, also this afternoon.

Fred has been ploughing again to day in same field as yesterday. He is getting it done all but about four acres.

Just now there is every appearance of a winter. It seems as though it would freeze up for good to night.

I stayed home  
to day to take  
care of the  
children while  
Maggie and  
Bertha went  
out to church  
instead.

The weather  
has been very  
cold and windy  
to day, and  
our church go-  
ers have felt  
it somewhat  
I fear.

Have enjoyed  
reading one of  
my fathers old  
books by Rev James  
Caughey, to day  
entitled "Cleric-  
Travels in earnest"

Jim has been  
helping me cut  
and get up  
wood to day.  
He has got so  
that he is quite  
a hand on the  
cross-cut saw.

Fred has been  
away to day.  
The ground be-  
ing so hard to  
plough, our  
business of  
his own.

We have to  
clean or rather  
cove and pass  
our cull app-  
les these evenings  
and are getting  
pretty well  
through.

Fred has got to ploughing again in the W. E. Cornes field, to day.

Jim and I got a grist of chop and small loads of oats ready; and afterwards I took it up to the Lynar Valley Mills. I went on to

Simcoe afterwards to take some dried apples & to settle up for the alkali.

In accident of chopped wheat we had to take 50 cts. less than regular price sold six bu for \$5-25 per bu.

Winter has evidently come to stay, snow having fallen last night and a cold North wind succeeded it to day. Fred could not plough, so has been away to Lyrell on business of his own.

I have been away with my wife and mother to Wellington Carpenters for a visit, met several other friends there & enjoyed our visit very much with them.

Jim and I finished cleaning up a load of oats this morning and I took it up to the oat-meal mill to day. Sold the last load at twenty eight cents per bushell.

I paid a portion of my tax on the way home something over thirty dollars.

The years tax is nearly fifty dollars however.

Had a letter from the C. P. Co. - rather serious to night.

I went out to blow this forenoon, to the mill with a small load of wheat. Sold it there for fifty three cents per bushell. This is six cents more per bushell than it was a week or two ago.

There is some hopes of a better value for wheat in the near future, the market being a rising all just now.

Our old friend G. H. Lemon is with us for some



Spent the forenoon in going around the neighborhood looking for some money to pay out.

This afternoon Maggie and I got ready and went up to Lincoln for Delhi. Arrived at the latter place at about six. We are staying over night at John Percepis.

Had a rather pleasant ride owing to the wind being on our backs.

Have been in church this evening, but not this morning. We went with Will and his family to their church, the Presbyterian.

We have had a profitable visit together Will & I. Our conversation having been mostly on bible subjects.

The weather is rather cold and windy. We are staying over night with Mr. A's and his family.

After talking  
 some with  
 Will and John  
 about our  
 business this  
 morning, Mag-  
 gie and I  
 started for  
 home. We called  
 at Florence in  
 Lincoln, now  
 even, and had  
 dinner.

We got home  
 about the  
 middle of the  
 afternoon, and  
 found every-  
 thing all right  
 so far as we  
 could see.

Fred has been  
 ploughing for  
 day.

Maggie and  
 I cleaned up  
 a load of  
 wheat this fore-  
 noon and this  
 afternoon I  
 took it out to  
 town and sold  
 at Shaw's mill  
 at fifty four  
 cents.

The weather  
 is moderating  
 since morning.

I went down  
 to Hasticoke  
 last night to  
 see Mrs Hollis  
 Smith who I  
 heard had some  
 money to let.  
 Failed to get  
 what we wanted.

Fred has been working with the plough this afternoon in the H. E. Corner field.

I went out to the blow mill with another load of wheat this afternoon having cleaned it up this forenoon.

Had a visit from Mrs Cookman and Miss Giles for a day. The latter brought an order for a couple of loads of clay.

The weather has been very fine for day. Roads getting good.

Jim and I cleaned up another load of wheat this morning and last night. I took it out to the blow mill this afternoon, and sold at fifty four cents per bu.

Fred worked this forenoon at ploughing in the big H. E. Corner this forenoon. This afternoon he went out to town on his own business.

The weather continues very fine, the roads are getting good as well.

Jim helped me get on a load of hay this forenoon; and this afternoon I took it out to home for Johnson the livery-man.

Fred was been ploughing in the H. E. Corner field to day as usual.

The weather continues very fine and warm for this time of year.

Had time to help me get on another load of hay at the Hill's barn this forenoon, and this afternoon took it out to town. Sold this load to dear minister Bro. Cookman at seven dollars per ton. Had a few all but sixty pounds.

Fred was been ploughing in the big field to day as usual.

Pain has come again & had to drive home in the rain to night.

Look my mother  
and wife out  
to church with  
me this morning.

Had a very in-  
teresting service,  
Bro. Cookman, be-  
ing our minister.

He are adopting  
a new system  
or way of conduct-  
ing class meet-  
ing, and the  
minister gave  
us a trial of it  
to day.

Our leader con-  
ducts the whole  
class, instead of  
three, calling in  
such members as  
he sees fit, the  
class to occupy only  
fifteen minutes.

Fred has been  
ploughing to-  
day as usual.  
I got the binder  
ready to take in-  
side this morn-  
ing & this af-  
ternoon went  
out to town.

Had the great  
privilege of pay-  
ing off a num-  
ber of small ac-  
counts of one kind  
and another this  
evening. Did  
not have enough  
to go around how-  
ever.

A complimentary  
supper was given  
this evening to W. N. Wells  
who goes to his new  
home in Ellipton  
to morrow.

Fred has been ploughing in the N.E. corner field to day. Late rains have been making the ground wet.

I went back to Brown's this morning to make enquiries about Ellis Nelson as a farmer &c. Got a good report from Mr Brown.

Went on to E. Nelson's house & found him at home. He was just about to have workings drawn for renting a small place, but was willing to give us the preference.

Fred has been sick to day and unable to leave his house.

It has been raining nearly all day and all of last night. So that quite a frost has been produced.

I have been busy as usual, working in the barn during the forenoon and this afternoon I have been cutting off water from the fall ploughing. &c. Weather very warm as well as wet.

Fred has been laid up again to day, so I had to go to the mill for my feed.

Worked around the barn during the forenoon now, at stopping Sparrows out night.

Found the roads very bad, owing to recent heavy rains.

Maggie and Middled went up to Uncle John's for the afternoon, so when I came home from Lynx-valley I took tea with them there.

Have been busy this forenoon at cutting wood in the woods. Maggie is well. Fred has been unable to stir out owing to some kind of illness.

I went out to Lowe this afternoon to see about some small matters relating to hay &c.

Heard recently of the very sudden death of the Premier of Canada Sir John Thompson. He died at Windsor Castle where he was visiting the Queen &c.

Fred has been able to run the plough again today, He is not well however apparently.

I have been cutting wood in the woods with jims belt.

Had a letter from Douglass from near Windham Centre to see me about working a part of the year on shares.

Could not make time any promise owing to my recent agreement with E. Nelson to give him the first choice.

A smart shower of rain came at the time we usually start for church; so we did not get out as we desired.

My wife and I went down to hear Rev Mr Pustley in the M. Church instead. Felt benefited by the service, as we generally do, no matter where we go - for worship. The benefits of the Christian Sabbath are neither few nor small. How important to improve them as we have opportunity.



Fred has been ploughing again for day in the M. E. Corne field. He is not well however, nor has he been for some time.

I worked this forenoon at cleaning ditches in the Big field.

This afternoon I went out to Klone, taking my mother with me. We are finding much benefit from our dried apples this year. There seems to be no other source of supply at present.

Fred went up to Simcoe to lay to see the doctor for himself, he being somewhat unwell lately.

I went down near Jarvis this forenoon to see Mrs. Nelson about working for us. I found that he had taken another place but even could not come as he had promised. Felt rather disappointed. You reminded that all things shall work for good to

Fred was been ploughing again today in the big field. He was about finished it.

I went up to Lincoln taking my mother with me. Had dinner at Thomases.

The roads are very bad excepting where it is sandy. There is no frost in the ground and many were at the plough on the way to Lincoln.

Settled up with A. H. S. & did not see him very much.

We have been killing hogs today Fred and I with Jim's Chas and's help.

Butchered our big barrow before noon and this afternoon Fred and I two hogs. We are keeping two for another time. The weather being so warm.

I went down to garnis this evening after Charley Cryble who is coming to spend his hollidays here and at Altho. Roads are very bad towards garnis.

And has not worked to day but has been off on business of his own.

Spent the forenoon in cutting up and salting pork, also in fixing the pump. This afternoon have been out to the woods cutting down trees &c.

Weather still very warm; - a white frost last night; but rain has not come yet.

The "Helper" is with me still, & am comforted by his aid.

fine and I have been working in the woods part of the time to day. Want to cut enough wood to last us through the winter during November if possible so as not to keep Jim home from school.

Went out to Dover this evening taking Maggie with me to get some Christmas supplies.

We also met my nephew G. H. Culleningham at the station & brought him home with us.

Went out to church today as usual.

Enjoyed the service very much. Bro. Cookham officiating.

It fell to me for the first time to take charge of the newly organized class, in the new plan. Had a rather favourable opinion of it.

Believe so far that it will be an improvement on the old way. Some of the very objectionable features being removed.

Have been working at sundry jobs today when not visiting with my uncle Caleb West. He who lately arrived from Michigan. Spent about half the day with him.

He is looking very much better than when he left us some eight years ago.

The weather continues to be mild and very pleasant. There are some indications of a change before long unless

Charles Cary -  
 she and I drove  
 down to Jarvis  
 this morning I  
 drove the dem-  
 ocrat and he  
 the buggy after  
 our weekly rela-  
 tives, who were  
 to spend Christmas  
 week with us  
 to day. We  
 only had Mr. &  
 Ferguson, wife  
 and three chil-  
 dren to come  
 home with us

Mr & Mrs J. W.  
 Ferguson came  
 in time for this  
 our wedding.  
 Had a very pleas-  
 ant time to  
 gather.

Mr & Mrs J. W.  
 Ferguson did not  
 leave us until  
 this afternoon for  
 their home.

I went to the  
 school - meeting  
 this forenoon and  
 had rather an  
 interesting time.  
 There was a  
 large turn out.  
 Robt Ross was re-  
 elected. Matter for  
 ensuing term.

Have been  
 cutting wood in  
 the woods this  
 afternoon with  
 jugs help.  
 The weather  
 has become very  
 cold and stormy  
 at last

A very cold and disagreeable storm, mostly of wind has prevailed to day.

We have spent the day visiting at Uncle Mathews, my mother George Schaffer & I. Uncle Calit Mathews and nearly the whole Mathews family were there besides. Spent a rather pleasant day. Had a disagreeable conversation with C. G. Rose about school matters &c.

The very early still continues, but we have been cutting wood in the woods to day. My nephew with Charley and Jim have been helping. Had got up some three loads this afternoon and one load for himself.

Low degree below zero was the temperature for the first time this morning. The coldest for the season so far.

Snow has been falling moderately to day; but, the wind has been blowing quite a gale withal so that we did not go out of the house except to do chores all day.

We are impressed that winter weather has come to stay, at least, for a while at least. I have been making a picture frame for my wife this afternoon.

Our two nephews George & Charley are still with us.

Went out to our church in Pt Dover this morning as usual taking my wife and Charley. They sit with me.

The young minister preached to us in his usual way. He is a good young man apparently and trying to do good, but not affed gifted for the ministry in my opinion. He may overcome these natural defects however if he persists resolutely and patiently to get the better of them.

Our two visitors  
Charles Crysler and  
George Cunningham  
left us this fore-  
noon for a visit  
to Lynedoch and  
Helki, taking  
Bertha with them.

Was busy this  
forenoon at fixing  
drive barn door.  
Looked the old black  
cow away to  
Mr Starlings also.  
This afternoon  
Jim and I have  
been cutting wood  
in the woods &  
~~getting~~ some white-  
oak logs cut  
for the mill.  
The weather is  
quite cold and  
windy.