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## COLEMAN, William R. *Diaries 1865-1915*

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## Diaries of Wm. R. Coleman

Wm. R. Coleman kept diaries from 1865 to 1915. He made entries, not only of personal events, but that of agricultural changes, politics, people of the area, Cookstown merchants and many other activities spanning the 50 years.

William Richard is the son of Richard Coleman who came from Tyrone, Ireland in 1834 and settled on Lot 2 Concession 2 of Innisfil Township. His mother (who is a Lynn) died on August 4, 1851 at the age of 56. His brothers & sisters are Eliza, Robert, Ann Jane David, Richard and Henry.

On May 10, 1869 he married Bessie Burns from which they had 6 children, Elizabeth, David Ernest, Mary Edith, Henry Wilton, Herbert Burns and William Richard (Willie).

Wm. R was a busy man, looking after his farm & being on Township Council for many years. He was also involved with the Fenian Raids (becoming a Sergt), a road inspector (Pathmaster), census taker and a member of the Orange Lodge.

His sons, except Herbert, had moved West to Manitoba. There, Willie joined the army & went overseas during W.W.I. On October 12, 1916 word was received that he was killed in action. He was not married. Two months after, William R. Coleman died, on December 28, 1916, at the age of 83.

Year 1865

June 14 Went to Toronto to the Synod

17 Came home from the Synod in the morning  
drilled in the evening

21 went to Barrie to the review

24 Alexander & Eliza came from Cartwright

26 came to the Shanty with Eliza & Alex  
Father Anjane & B Burns

July 14 plowed Richard came to help me

16 went to John Wallaces with Dr. Billy

17 Bobby Allingham commenced work at noon

20 commenced to mow at the Shanty  
set Wm Oliver a job to put in pump & stone well

21 moved in the AM at the Shanty hauled in at home in the PM

23 went to SS & Church  
stopped at Mrs Coleman until night  
read A Methodist in (secret)

29 bound wheat at J Coleman in the AM bound at W Wms in the PM

30 Went to SS & Church AM came to the Shanty PM & wrote  
to Cartwright & Willy Palmer

Oct. 9 Sold the cow at \$30 went to Cookstown to Wrights sale AM  
went to McKays to buy a cow PM

10 Went to Moir to the threshing machine

11 hauled strawpen logs went home at night bought the heifer  
from A Jane at 20\$

12 Went to Cookstown and got the H.P of the machine (fixd)

13 went to Cartigt for Father

17 came home from Cartwght

18 Thanksgiving Day went to Church got the harness from Procto

20 threshed at Uncle Williams

24 threshed at home Edward Bathie got shot in the arm

## Year 1865 con't

- Nov. 3 had a bee raisin Potatoes had Father Yankee Dick bob Kitty & I Isabella & got them all raised
- 8 J Pharis put the pump in AM went to drill PM went to Bathie's at 11 pm
- 9 Chopped at Bathie's cant plough for snow
- 10 chopped wood AM ploughed in the flats PM Sat up with Edward all night
- 20 plowed in the new land went to Church to James Reiny's at night
- 21 went to Sunnidale with Wm Allingham to see land went to Collingwood at night PM left
- 22 came home from Collingwood did not like the land
- Dec. 11 Wm Oliver & J Robins Stoning upper half of well I hauled stones
- 19 split rails with John McLennan went to Cookstown to practice music PM

\*Note Memoranda in back of Diary: July 9, 1865 Bessie & I were engaged in marriage

Year 1866

- March 9 came home am went to Cookstown & from thence to Toronto with the Volunteers
- 10 Drilled am Drilled again pm Sent a letter to A.M.J. Hec had oysters at night
- 11 Wrote home to Cartwright Went to the drill Shd and was marched to Church am went to Church in the cathedral pm
- 12 Drilled from 10:30 to 1 o came home & had dinner Drilled from 3 to 5 pm had oysters at night
- 13 Drilled am came home & had dinner wrote to R Johnston Drilled pm Visited No 404 S.O.S. at night
- 16 Drilled am Drilled pm visited the billets with Lt Cook Stopped at Lennoxes at the Spree
- 17 Fell in at ten am had lunch at 1 Drilled until 5pm fire at night

Year 1866 con't

- March 18 Was marched to Church am went to Church to the Cathedral PM  
left the girls home
- 19 Drilled as usual wrote to Mr Fidler at night
- 20 Drilled as usual
- 21 Drilled as usual Richard & J M Parks got leave to go home
- 22 Went to the Dr Shed with R & J W Parks on their way home  
Drilled as usual got a letter from rev. Wm Fidler
- 23 Drilled as usual was appointed corporal
- 24 Drilled from 10-30 to 12 30 marched through the city PM  
Got a letter from Dr. Lund
- 25 Was marched to the Cathedral at 8.30 am went to the Methodist  
Meeting at night wrote to Dr Lund
- 26 Drilled as usual had a letter from E.B.
- 27 Drilled as usual had a letter from A.M.J.
- 28 Met in the Dr Shed at 9.15 and marched out had a letter  
from AnnJane
- 29 Drilled as usual had a letter from R.J. Coleman also from  
B.B. got word to go home
- 30 Good Friday was marched to Church am visited the Asylum
- 31 The Company came home from Toronto
- April 12 Went to Drill sat for my picture came home in the evening  
Went back to Cookstown and stopped all night hired Hugh Reiny
- 13 Drilled in the morning had my picture taken in the Pv Clothes  
came home & to the Shanty Cleaned Peas & barley pm
- 15 went home am went to Church pm had Allen to the Shanty  
wrote to Cartwright
- 16 hauled brands off the fallow Hugh Reiny commenced work  
went to Cookstown & home at night & posted a letter to  
Cartwright \$1 to A.J.
- 20 Jobbed around the house am Sowed wheat in the north end of  
the big field drilled at 7pm got some photographs from  
T. Bailey stopped at Mrs Colemans at night
- 28 Drilled am went home and had dinner came to the Shanty &  
took the Cartwright saw to Jas Dinwoody's came to the  
Shanty Stopped all night W.A. came with me

Year 1866 con't

- May     5   Drilled am got paid for Drilling in Toronto cam home &  
              had tea went to Cookstown to the Lodge & stopped at  
              Mrs Colemans all night
- 12   Went to drill am fiddled about pm went with Dr Billy to  
              Lucys Willy A fixed the door hinge and stopped all night
- 16   Sowed oats this side the (cres) Humphry ploughed  
              Went to Uncle Wm s for oats pm
- 28   cut oats am Dr Billy & Nottawa Dick was here pm got  
              nothing done Jess foaled in the evening
- 31   went home & had dinner went to Cookstown & got the horses  
              shod the Company got word to be ready for the front wrote  
              to Wm P and AMJ
- June     2   left Cookstown at 5am & went to Toronto with the Co. thence  
              to Port Dalhouse by the Boat then to within miles of F Erie  
              by the cars travelled all night
- 3   proceeded to Fort Erie at noon pitched our tents on the hill  
              at the fort
- 4   met in the morning for parade
- 5   wet part of the day 30 men 2 corporals 1 sergt & 1 officer  
              were out on picket
- 6   rained nearly all day was appointed Sergt
- 7   met in the (Nowjet) Went out on piquet at 2PM was out all  
              night on the riverbank
- 11   had Battl drill and skirmishing at 11 had (- -)at 3PM
- 13   went out on piquet at 7-30am Was out all night at the  
              steam bridge
- 15   were taken to Port Colboun 20 miles from F Erie was  
              billeted at Mr Prings
- 16   parade at 3-30 was regnt orderly Boy
- 17   was brought before the Major for not turning out at  
              3 oclock got (clar) as I did not know my duty Wrote father
- 18   rained nearly all day got word at night that we were to  
              go home was glad to hear it
- 19   started for home at 10.30 went by Dunville to Stratford  
              then by Berlin & to Toronto at 11 oclock pm stopped at  
              Wm (Juvier)

Year 1866 con't

- June 20 came to the Drill Shed to come home but was too late  
came home PM
- 30 Went to Cartwright had (Anpane) (Mrs Palmer-Yankee &  
George & Minnie Palmer
- July 12 went home early went to Cookstown went to Cloverhill  
with the lodge
- Aug. 21 commenced cutting S wheat on the hill had Father Rich  
Harry & Yankee W Patterson H Reiny Teddy & myself had  
a visit from the girls at night
- Sept. 29 left home for Camp (tho) went to Toronto by the N.P. thence  
to P Dahousie by the boat thence to the camp by the baggage  
waggon
- Oct. 1 had company Drill in the morning Battalion Drill pm
- 2 had skirmishing
- 3 was Sergt of the guard
- 4 was relieved fro guard at 6am and went with the Co  
to Niagara Falls started at 7 came home that Evg
- 5 had a Battle with an imaginary Enemy Skirmishing through  
the fields and bush the whole force in (corg) was out
- 6 came home from Camp (thorold) Marched to Port Dalhousie  
had the boat to Toronto & the car to Gilford
- 10 threshed at John Colemans
- 23 plowed am went to E Bathies to the machine pm
- Nov. 10 went to Lennox' Mill with wheat & barley Father Geo Taylor  
& R J Coleman raise the potatoes
- 13 Sick lay in bed all day Geo plowed W Patterson has a  
dungbee
- 15 Malcolm finished threshing rained nearly all day bought  
Cross's 2 calves He & I brought them down here I went  
back to Fathers & stayed all night wrote a letter for Ireland

Year 1866 con't

- Nov. 20 put the 2 Sows to fat Geo & went to Father to butcher  
too wet went to Thos Colemans pm stopped all night
- 24 went to Thompsons mill & hauled a load of slabs road  
quite hard froze
- 26 warned some of the men for inspection bought 16 lambs from  
M Cooper at \$4 each
- 27 the Co was inspected by Major Schoule Mrs Cook & Thos Perry  
were buried got a letter from Aunt Margaret for Sams wages
- Dec. 13 John McLennan came here with a list of volunteers names to  
warn for drill
- 14 put half the roof on the calf pen H Jones was here for money  
Moved the bed into the kitchen Messers M McLennan M Moir &  
L Richer was here
- 20 went to Cookstown to be drilled by McKenzies McKenzie  
did not come
- 22 the big mare got loose this morning again with the other  
three went to for red wash according to Sams recipe but  
it was no good
- 24 went to Cookstown for some red wash got some from Harper  
got a recipe from him wrote to Cartwright at night

\*Note Memoranda in back of Diary: Nov. 27, 1866-Wm Cook, Thos Parks  
& I got 40 rounds of ammunition each

Year 1867

- Jan. 7 helped to Saw at S McKenleys Paid my school tax Sam
- Feb. 8 cleaned some wheat am threshed oats at crop pm Alex &  
Eliza John Mitchell & Lydia came from Cartwright
- April 8 Went to Barrie as Juror to the assizes Snowed & rained am  
was on McDermits case Geo helped to saw at Fathers
- 9 At the Assizes was on Beaties Dowry case
- 10 at the Assizes was on Clarks Reywy case (foreman)
- 11 At the court am was on Dunlops case for theft Verdict  
guilty sentence 3 years Penty walked home pm Stopped  
at Uncle Wms all night



Year 1867 con't

- May 31 had the Sowing machine had a spree at night had 11 girls
- June 17 Made some of the lane fence east of the shanty Geo hauled planks from Jebbs mill I went to Cookstown after tea to a Committee meeting
- 18 Logged at fathers had J nix with the oxen left Geo plowing came home at night & Geo was gone had plowed but a few rounds found out on Wednesday that he had cleared out & took 16 or \$18 of mine
- 24 plowed went to Cookstown after tea with the Tailor & got cloth for a suit of clothes
- July 1 Confederation day celebrated it with the Company Company had dinner in Grahams came home at night P Parks was with me for Picken fiddle
- 11 went to Ferguson & got \$120- came home & finished hoeing the potatoes at noon went to see J Patterson after about the waggon
- 13 Hired Sidney Tibbs for two months at \$20 P month Tibbs commenced mowing
- 17 J Patterson & I went to Gilford & brought home our new waggon had another piece of my tooth pulled by Dr Sutherland
- Aug. 1 went to Barrie with bacon & flour for Sid flour & oats for sale got (--) for oats & \$7 for flour Was at the show at night
- 17 went to Barrie with flour got \$7.00 P brl had 5 brl was at Dr Knowles wake at night Sid pulled peas
- 18 was at Dr Knowles funeral & Evening service in the Church
- Sept. 7 went to the elction Hugh Coulter came home with me & had supper
- 22 went to S.S. & Church & to Mrs Arnolds (Bessy) wake PM was at the wake all night
- 23 was at Mrs Arnolds funeral
- 30 cultivated Father came & took Jess & the harness away to Barrie tomorrow with crab apples wrote an application for my discharge agan the company

Year 1867 con't

- Oct. 13 did not go to church People being afraid of taking the disease that Rebecca had
- 14 dug round stones on the hill field Abraham Cantrill hauled up with the horses Abraham comes work to day at \$12 for one month or \$11 while the plowing lasts
- Nov. 14 paid my taxes to Peacock \$10-12
- Dec. 12 came home this morning was cold Abr & I cut the Pine in the bush & oak in the field got my two ears frozen Thes at M Move the bed in the kitchen at night
- 20 Abr is threshing at Sandys went to Cookst to an inspection of the Co. Nippes T Ellavdt Jno Moir Rich Thos Harry & I list the(Cop) consulted Dr Nicol about the pain in my lungs calls it irritation of the lungs

\*Note Memoranda in back of Diary: Jan 9, borrowed from A McLennan 1 large clevis bolt ; May 14, returned the same  
Also lists letters sent & received

Year 1868

- Jan. 6 went to the Election am Henry & I drove my pigs to Fathers & cleaned some peas PM
- 20 went to Toronto with Henry drove Nelly in the cutter went in 12 hours stopped at Allinghome
- 21 saw Dr Bowell Said I was doing well examined the B A & Days Commercial Colleges to make arrangements for Henry Seen Dr Lund lifted my notes visited the Parliament House Seen Betty Burns at night Harry & I drove Nelly out
- 22 arranged for Henry for 3 month in Days C. College for \$20-\$3 + 57 for books Seen Bessy Burns (der) Hee out went to the Asylum left Bessy home had miss Gipson along
- 23 went to Cartwright from Toronto left Henry in Toronto
- Feb. 14 Robt Allingham & I went to Ross Mill with an (Bck loger) Paid Cowper (but or) land 47.50 McLennans & McKindly girls came down at night very stormy
- 19 Salted the pork about 350 lbs put about 30 lbs salt on Bob & I went to Cookstown with the teamPM called at fathers comeing home fine soft day

Year 1868 con't

- March 7 advertise the calf in Grahams Hotel took a load of hay to fathers last of the stack am went to Cookt & got Thos Tate Boys to draw the lease between Picken & I stopped for the lodge stopped at fathers
- 8 Dr Sarah Ann Jane & I went to T Wallaces had very heavy rain Stopped all night on acct of the road being very soft Still thawing great flood
- April 6 ground too hard to Plow hauled 4 w box fields of wood & chips & I doof of oak bark Al chopped the turnip patch
- July 1 Dr Rebecca, Ann Jane & I went to an excursion on Lakes Simcoe & Couching Stopped at the reunion at Lefroy at night
- Sept. 4 Dr Bob Alex & I Plow AM Dr Bob & I finished at tea time Abm harrow at home PM went to the circus at night went to fathers & stayed all night
- 22 hired Abraham at breakfast this Mg for another year from his time is out at \$120 & washing and A week out of this year to go to see his sister. He & I plowed on the hill
- Oct. 23 helped W. Oliver to saw AM made a rack for the creek in the East side of the North lane PM went with Henry at lp to Cookstown to keep Mrs. C from going with Hall to get married Sat in the Bar all night
- Dec. 4 Johny & I was at the machine at Sandys Abm thresh & cut oats went to the lodge at night was reelected master Stopped at the spree til mg
- 8 Abm & I piled the oak lumber at Brans mill N 238ft AM very stormy brought the H. Power from Uncles Went to Cookst Evg. left my measure bar & great coat that I bought from Sanders at \$17 was at Henry Armstrongs Birthday party came home at 2
- 22 hauled home 3 loads cedar rails cut from Reinys swamp went to Hindles school house & Paid my S tax \$3.00 Abm cut & hauled rail cust with Olivers oxen

Year 1869

- Jan. 26 Mary McLennan is getting married today Chopped logs for sawing Yank (Yankee) has the horses hauling hay Abm went to Fishers to settle with him
- Feb. 5 Mrs. Coleman was found dead in bed at 4 this morning by little Dick as I was leaving to go home Stopped in the village all day
- 7 Mrs Coleman was buried to day
- March 11 took a bag to Jebbs mill I heard that Ann Jane was bad with inflammation of the bowels went to see her She is very ill
- 13 went to Cookstown morning to hear from Fraser about the hotel He sends word that wont have it Arranged with Father about the place came home at 1pm went back to Cookstown & met Patterson & T.W. Parks on (\_\_\_\_) business
- 16 Saw D Bullinger last night about the Hotel Stopped at fathers AM went to Cookstown PM Saw G Gibbs about the Hotel did not make a bargain Stopped at fathers Ann Jane seems a little better
- 28 was at James Murrays funeral
- April 2 went to fathers & had dinner thence to Cookstown to get the deed from father but Boys was not at home. Stopt for the lodge
- 3 Abraham went to Owen Sound Taylor left him at Barrie with Jess
- 8 Rebecca & Bessie Burns cooked went to Moirs at night
- 20 Rented the Hotel to D. Brillenger at \$350 quarterly in advance having got word from Gibbs that he would not take it
- 23 Plow in the potatoes & turnips grow bought the sow from Spilletts & killed her accidentally J. Moir was here at night threatning rain bedtime
- 26 T. Campbell & Robert Gregg was here at tea time to rent the Hotel R. Gregg stayed all night
- 27 went to Cookstown & W. Jones & I let the Hotel to Gregg at \$360- Brillinger failing to come Father & I disputed about the place He wanting \$1000 & 1/4 acres of wood for the other place

Year 1869 con't

- May 10 last day of single life went home with the waggon Went to Uncles & had dinner came back to fathers thence to J. Jones, Dr & I thence to the church & (got) married to Bessy burns at 2PM came straight home Mag colt is very bad
- 22 felt a tickling sore in my right hand
- 27 Richd finished sowing the oats Suffering fearfully with my hand
- 31 Showed my hand to Dr Nicol calls it a whitlow Made me poltice with bread & water
- June 2 Showed my hand to Nicol again Would not lance it yet
- 4 Nicol lanced & (prolled) my hand to day very painful did not run John Coleman Sowed grasseed on the flat field
- 14 Taylor commenced plowing the S fallow very showery weather first writing I done since the 21st (vilt) Was at A Scarlet meeting
- 15 went to Toronto to the Synod
- 16 Was at the Synod AM & at the G Lodge PM Saw McCheel Allingham
- 19 went to Spark Hales about the farm mg went to the Synod till 2.30pm Subscribed for the Weekly telegraph
- July 24 commenced hauling hay hauled 1 load it rained T.R.Ferguson was here went to the side road with him Offered me an office (Ensign) in the Co. commenced ploy on the Hill PM 3 time
- 31 finished hauling the hay 11 loads in all this year went to Cookst Evg Saw Capt Bridgeurto Letty Jones came home with me
- Sept. 5 Went to Church mg Mr&Mrs Parks was here S.J. Coleman & Elly Jones too Alick has the meaesles Went for liquor for him at night
- 16 B.M.C. last night finished the wheat at Lucys John cut around the wheat on the hill after tea Bessy ill brought Aunt Jane to see her rained to night
- 17 Dr.Tom. John & Alick plowed on the hill AM & commenced cutting wheat PM Kit & Kate Coleman came here Ann Jane was here

Year 1869 con't

- Oct. 7 reaped & mowed oats Alick is at Cooks threshing  
Robert Allingham came here. hired Him for a year at \$132
- 10 Bessy & I went to Fathers Alex came up yesterday with  
Fathers horse Volunteers warned to be ready
- 23 Rained all A.M. & Most of PM Bob threshed & Alick cut  
some oats put two logs in the bridge on the side road PM  
heard the trial at Cookst between J. Ferguson & Bradeau
- Nov. 5 went to Bankins & got watch (dog)AM went to Cookst to  
the Lodge PM came home at 7 Dr & 2 Bobs plow till noon  
Harry & Beck was married
- 13 did some chores AM Bessy & I went to Cookst PM to meet  
W. Jones & get the rent from Gregg & get boots for Bessy  
Bob dug & took home the Beets. Carrots & parsnips from  
Lucy's
- 27 made A post for the ben in the barn AM Was at J.Colemans  
Baby funeral PM went to Cookt Bob is helping  
J McLennan to thresh with the horses
- Dec. 1 wrought on the Hill on the s.road same help as yesterday  
freezed last night cold to day collector was here (Donnelly)
- 18 Father & I went to Cookst PM Father signed the deed  
of the place
- 24 did some chores AM went to the School examination PM  
Mr Fidler was here for dinner Bob hauled 2 loads wood
- 25 xmas Bessy & I went to Church AM went to Fathers & had  
dinner came home at bedtime

Year 1871

- Jan. 15 Bessy & I left Baby at Fathers & went to church PM  
had tea at Fathers & came home at 8
- 22 Mrs. Hamilton was called to Her long home this mg at 2  
went to Church mg had dinner at Harrys went to  
Hamiltons & stayed till ngt Bessy. Yank & Billy Burns  
went after Mrs Burns very cold day
- 23 hauled 2 loads wood AM old Dick & I put some hay on the  
stalk left PM went to the wake & stopt till 10  
coldest day was this year 27 blow zero

Year 1871 con't

- Jan. 24 went to the Funeral with Charley Hawitt not so cold to day
- 26 Bessy & I went to Cartwright from \$4.15 to 5.40 with Mag & Harrys mare
- 29 Stopt at Alexs all day Baby took ill last night
- 30 Bessy Eliza & I went to the village mg
- Feb. 1 Alex Eliza Margaret Higgins Bessy & I went to Port Perry Borelia & Prince Albert
- 3 Bessy & I came home from Cartwright in 13hrs Stormy mg & evg
- 26 Bessy & I went to Church mg left Libby at Fathers had dinner there J Maltas came here Snowing Evg
- March 14 Went to the nominations T.R.Ferguson was reelected for the Ontario Parliament not able to be present himself from the beating he got in Bradford very muddy roads
- 16 cut oats here had Richd Dickey J.Moir Bob & I rained some AM This day 12 years Bro Robert was buried
- 23 Sowed about 4 inches last night Bob is helping Richd to haul lgs for sawing. W.H. came here & we tried to settle but he got in a passion & left Ann Jane stopt all night
- 24 left Ann Jane home. Bessy, Father & I went to Cookst I borrowed \$88 from Jas Ross \$40 from Perkins & 20 from Father & paid W.H. at his Fathers what money I had borrowed from Him with interest \$169 in all brought the chapt stuff from Sams
- 25 told Jake Coleman Yesterday to offer W.H. for me Pickens and the T Machine into his own hands and allow me \$2 P day for man & team till the plowing was done & \$1.50 P day after for going with the machine. went to Johns to night John said He offered it & He, W.H., refused it. Bo yoked the steer & hauled in the clover stack
- April 1 hauled logs to the rollway for Sawing have 90 in S. McLennan was here & got His auger J.Moir got a chain John went to W.H. yesterday and He refused to take the machine & Hill & give me \$80 for the fall ploughing & threshing
- 4 Revd Mr Fidler & Harrison Doan came here AM to see about buying land

Year 1871 con't

- April 11 wrought at the new fence AM went to Sutherland raising PM  
Fawcett was here taking the census  
Bob ploughed Dickey left Bessy and Father here  
Bought two gang ploughs from Bradeau coming home
- July 3 Was at the district meeting at Alliston Dr Norris went  
with me was at Fathers coming home. Yank helped Dr to  
clean a load of wheat on the hill & harrow some Bob is  
idle sick
- 12 Celebrated the 181th Anniversary of the battle and victory  
of the Boyne with my Lodge. District met in Cookstown had  
speaking in the drill shed made Yank social at night
- 30 Stopt at home all day Jno Mitchell went to Balaniscreen  
J Shoughnessy was here Evg
- Aug. 14 finished ploughing the west centre field PM Part gauged  
& part plowed J Shoughnessy gathered peas till tea  
He & I hauled one load after fire raging at Lucys  
machine broke at McManas
- 18 cut oats on the hill till about 2 pm When I had to come  
home to the fire at Lucys and pull down some of the fence  
and hauled it away after night Rich, O Dick J. Mitchele,  
J Shoughnessy Jas Stuart & Harry helped haul rails  
till 10PM threshing at J. Jones
- 19 took Blacks & Hindles threshing mg cut oats till near 2  
& went to the fire north of Lucys. Richd, J Shoughnessy  
A Dick & I hauled wood into the field till 9pm threshed at  
Parks
- 20 wind SE this mg fire drawing near my bush rain came  
thank God about 10 good many people came here J Mitchel  
& I went to Fathers with Harry Evg
- Sept. 8 finish sowing west field. Bob ploughed in S.E. field  
H Stephens harrowed Yank & O Dick hauled manure AM  
All hands attended the fire in McLennans swamp PM
- 10 helped J. McLennan to take down some of his fence and  
took down some of my own got some of mine burnt
- 14 was up till 4 this mg Sawing Cooks & J McLennan  
fences sowed last of F wheat(S.E. field) O Dick  
& Bob harrowed Bob hauled some of Cooks rails from  
the fire Uncle Jack & Wm Coleman was here



Year 1871 con't

- Sept. 17 Bessy & I went to Church PM very cold wind  
Rev Mr Fidler announced that he was going to leave  
the parish
- Nov. 9 David Ernest born at 10.25 PM  
Saw Mrs Burns early some better Harry & I and the  
horses wrought on road Bob ploughed at Lucys some  
frost last night fine day Dickey brought Mrs Moir  
& I brought A.J. here. Our 2nd Baby 1st Boy was born  
at 10.25 PM weighed 8 lbs Bob ploughed at Lucys
- Dec. 15 went to Squire Ross for money \$40 for work done on  
roads had rorey J Heads horse had dinner at Greggs  
tea at Harries Met John Moir there good sleighing  
threshed at W Dinwoodys

Year 1872

- Jan. 10 finsihed threshing at home about 80 bush S wheat &  
120 fall & 100 oats = had S. McLennan, Bob McKindless  
R Picken, Bill & Jess Moir, J Spillettt & Jock, James  
Reiny, Ricd, Hary, Yank, Dickey, R.J. Coleman, Richd Parks  
& myself. 16 besides the threshers Bob Allingham, Harry  
Stephens & Billy Burns 19 in all. had Parks & Moirs  
teams Soft day
- 17 threshers burst Big wheel mg Billy came for me. Armstrong  
put a strap on it. threshed at Thos PM I drove it  
wrought well went to O meeting in the A Hall to arrange  
for gauge to Bradford on friday Dr Bill took very ill  
in Cookt & was taken to Harys
- 18 fixed up & cleaned out the cut oats room AM took Bessy to  
Fathers. went to Fergusons and gave Andy \$100 on Estate  
Rent PM Threshers broke & cogs in Big wheel at T. Colemans  
& got Hodgins H Power to finish
- 19 went to Bradford to the Election of Officers of the  
Agricultural Associan of S Simcoe So as to get the next  
fair to Cookstown Elected our men  
Billy Burns and H. Stephen had the team out Snow Storm PM  
Bob & A Jane went to Sunnidale
- March 22 got a shoe on Mag & tried to sell Mitchells mare. could  
not Bessy got Lizzy vaccination & Her Picture taken  
weighed 166-3/4# on Jas Ross scale with one coat on

Year 1872 con't

- April 2 weighed 164# on Sandys beam Mrs Moir got  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton hay this mg Harry & Yank helped me to haul 3 loads oats about 110 doz. from the hill roads block up hardly passible Mrs Forsters little girl Jeany came here to live at \$1 P month
- 8 helped to Saw at Sandys & Yank took the Horses & helped Harry to move into the old house on Coleman Estate warm day - roads very bad
- 10 finished hauling the sawed wood AM done the chores PM Ann Jane & Bessy laid the new carpet in the Parlor cold wind Some snow blowing PM Floods greatly abated
- 11 J Mitchell went to U.S.M ground hard this mg turned out fine day left A. Jane home mg & went to Cookstown to see Gregg about leaving Hotel. Said he would hold it a month or two after May if I could not rent by that time Father went to Cookt with me have no man now roads bad
- 13 went to Barrie & took out garnishee to prevent Jas Armstrong paying Riddeles money
- May 28 O Dick & I helped to plant potatoes at Fathers Insured my place in Victoria Insurd Co. \$1000 Dickey commenced rolling on the Hill very cold wind
- Aug. 1 Nomination day in Cookst. Little elected by acclamation
- 10 Price & I went to Cookstown night Hamilton Railway Surveyers there
- Sept. 1 Bessy & I went to Church mg. J Moir was here PM went to Cookst Evg for medicine for Lizzy for Summer complaint Billy Burns is here Sick
- 2 Some rain this mg went to Barrie to have a suit with Teague about the wood Jas Armstrong bought Teague was not Summounded Judge G. allowed Armstrong to pay me the \$22 by me indemnifying him Price O.D. & Dickey hauled wheat on Hill.
- 16 Alx & I went to Spilletts to get Bricks for house could not get them for 2 weeks yet. Price finished harrowing wheat & run water furrows O Dick broke 4 B harrow in new fallow & went to Cookt after - Sick-

Year 1872 con't

- Oct. 7 Price & I emptied the well A.M. Price went to Hunter to live & I ploughed in new fallow P.M. O D is not home yet
- 9 cut oats at Fathers had E. Bathie in O Dick place Bessy & Mary Jones went there to quilt
- 13 did not go to Church A D got home Evg for the first Since the show fair Price was here
- 16 Bessy & I was at Mrs Watsons funeral A.M. hauled home a load of the lumber Henry had on his (tent) ey
- Nov. 22 commenced threshing threshed for Picken have Dick & Hary Stephens got my leg hurt mg but thank God not much O.D. left this mg Bessy was at John Colemans Babys funeral
- 30 threshed at Wm Reiny's finished and left the machine at Fergusons 3rd line barn very cold and stormy Snowed some but not enough for Sleighing
- Dec. 6 threshed at Fergusons barn on the 50 acres. went to the Lodge at night & was Elected Master Sixth time Stopt in Harrys all night
- 9 finished Fergusons barn on the 50 acrs at 4 P.M. & moved to R.T. Bantings very cold stormy day Stopt at Col<sup>S</sup>.
- 16 went with Alxr to Mr. Polls Tecumseth to look at his farm Alxr offered \$430.0 & he wanted \$430.00 had dinner at W Jones Sleighing poor outside.
- 17 went to Barrie as witness on Bathie & Pickin Case Sleighing good
- 18 Price & I cleaned 10 bags barley & 6 bags wheat on the Hill A.M. brought my elm lumber from Jebbs Mill P.M. Snowed some to day Saw W. Coleman & Hugh Morrow from Mulmur
- 25 Christmas Mrs Burns, Price & I went to Church Father & I Stopt for communion Father, A.J. Alexr Eliza, Dicky & Kate came home with us called to see John Coleman He is Pretty ill . A.J. came back with Price & stopt all night W. Hill was here mg about threshing very cold East wind

Year 1873

- Jan. 1 Bessy & I spent most of day with John Coleman who is very low and went to the Presbyterian Social at night
- 8 threshed at Goodwins, Bob is still in Richds place  
John Coleman died at 7 mg did not know it till Bob came back from Cookstown at 7:30 & told me
- 10 was at John Colemans Funeral. Settled some of my Acts in Cookt P.M. bought a watch from Dr. Nicol for 15cw hay  
Bob Allingham came home with me to take my place at machine tomorrow Very cold day.
- 11 was at G Davis Funeral Richd Hary Stephens & Bob A threshed at S Pattersons very cold day
- 18 went to Pickens & bargain with Him for His farm at \$2500  
He backs out when we went to Cooks Cold AM snowed most PM
- 21 Stopt in doors AM went to Cookt PM was at a railway meeting Mailed J. Abell \$5.70 Snowed most of day
- 22 was at the Reinys Collecting threshing money & to get them to vote for the \$20000 bonus to the Hamilton & N.W.R.R. on friday
- 24 Voted for the \$20-000 bonus to the Hamilton & N.W.R.R.  
built a load of oats on the Hill & Bessy & I went to Parks at night & stopt till tea time
- Feb. 10 went to Cookt mg to get Pete Shod. S Spillett came to tell me I could have Bricks  
brought home 700 Price hauled 3 loads rails from Ferriers cold day Mrs. Moir was here
- 11 took 67 Bush of S wheat to Bradford got \$1.17 \$78.39  
brouhgt home 650 bricks from Spillets had Pete & Charley  
Price hauled wood for Adam J.
- 12 hauled 700 bricks with Kitty & doll Price was at Moirs  
bee drawing Stable timber with Pete & Charley  
Revd Mr Hindes Miss Rohan & Beck McKindless was here.
- 13 hauled 700 bricks with Kitty & doll Price took 750 with  
Pete & Charley Bessy & Jane Mitchell went to Cookstown with me
- 14 hauled 800 bricks from Spillets with Kitty & doll Price took 800 with Pete & Charley cold Elly Janes & Kitty Coleman was here for Misy Mary Bob Allingham was took them  
He took Kitty away to go to Sutton to See his cousin
- 15 hauled 800 bricks with Pete & doll S. McLennan 300 for Himself & 300 for me Price went to Alliston P.M.  
Sharp mg but fine day & good sleighing

Year 1873 con't

- Feb. 19 Alexr & Eliza went to Goderich left Bessy at Fathers AM  
went to R. Hills and bought bricks at \$7- PM hauled  
home 2 loads P.M. Price finished hauling 1000 rails from  
A Ferriers & hauled some wood
- 20 hauled 3 loads Bricks from Hills 820-800-780 paid  
his sum \$26-25c for them & what I had got yesty 3750  
Price is at Adams sawing fine weather thawing in  
middle of day
- March 14 got 15½ bush Treadwell wheat ground at Nicols got  
130 ft flooring at Nicols took it to Alliston & got it  
planed for 29c got a door for balcony for \$2.50  
warm day Snow going very fast roads bare in places  
Price is at E Bathies bee
- 15 raining this mg. rained most all day went to Montgomerys  
funeral P.M. Price wend for Sand got none for rain  
Miss Simpson is here from Toronto Came yesterday flood  
getting up fast
- April 2 Bessy, W.Evans & I was at Bob Allinghams Wedding at  
Jas. Jones Bessy & I was home about 5.30 Price was  
at Moirs with the Horses Sawing till machine broke at 3P.M.  
John Platt was here alone Mud & Snow banks alternately
- 3 Wm Evans commenced bricking the house at noon I attended  
him Price in at Moirs Sawing with the Horses fine day
- 7 Wm Evans put up some Bricks. I attended Him Father was  
here Jno Platt came here & commenced the gable in the  
front of the House
- 8 done some at the Brick work H.Ferrier & Platt shingled  
the front gable rained most all day
- 13 Price & I eat 12 eggs each at breakfast W. Evans eat 11  
Price-Evans-Bessy & K went to Church water very high  
pn side road had dinner & tea at Fathers
- 19 finished lathing A.M. & put on one coat plaster P.M.  
went to Cookstown (W.Evans & I) after tea Letty Jones  
came here and stopped all night
- 25 left Wm Evans at Gilford mg on His way home He charged  
me \$31 for Bricking & plastering house & I gave him \$41  
E. Bathie got 12cw hay P.M. Ann Jane & Dicky was here  
for lime & Mortor

Year 1873 con't

- May 10 rained some this mg Sowed the Peas 13½ bush on hill field next Saws & harrowed some Price ploughed first in S.W. pasture field till tea time harrow peas after Father & Jas. Scroggy was here Insured the Hotel at 3 pr cwt \$1600 3 years in the Citizen C. of Montreal cool & windy
- 30 Price & I puled down & rebuild fence between house field & north pasture \$200 000 bonus granted to H. & N. west R.R. Great demonstration in Cookt to night
- June 6 Price & I pulled down & rebuilt part of fence between Beaver Meadow & East pasture till tea time Rev. Mr. Hindes was here from tea time till night Price & I went to the Lodge at night Bessy went to Cookt & got some tomatoe plants from D Nicol
- 7 Price has Pete to excursion to Orillia Dickey has Kitty & the Buggy done very little to day fence some around E oats field & Bessy & I planted some tomatoes & Cauliflower plants dry & windy, rain wanted
- 16 went to Barrie with E. Bathie to get some money \$12 from Jack bought Edwards note of \$80 for \$68 & a clear receipt
- July 12 Spent the day very pleasantly in & around Cookstown Clover Hill, Elm Grove Alliston, & Newtown Robinson Lodges was at Cookt Bessy & the Children was down - Lizzy & Erny
- 15 commenced Fathers meadow mg. Wm Jones, Britan - Father Jas. Jones, Yank & I went to Cookst & looked over the estate papers which (Share) that I have collected on Estate Acct \$1502-11-& Paid out \$1558-78-that is \$56-68 more than (J Rud, W.Jone Paid
- Sept. 11 Price & I cut and bound some of the oats in the S.W. field - very warm day Bessy got home and had Elly Conner with her. She hired a girl in Adjala Harry is at Parks helping with Peas.
- 12 Threshed the Peas with McKindless machine had a spree at night
- 17 threshed for Hayley 180 wheat - 175 oats took J Stewarts job Evg at \$22 threshers let H Power fall & bent line shaft left machine at Poole barn Dickey went to Adjala for a girl Price left in a fret this mg

Year 1873 con't

- Sept. 18 went to Alliston and got line shaft straightg Parks & I put H Power together Mr & Mrs Canner was here & took Elly away. Harry went to Cole & Col circus to night
- 19 went to Adjala P.M. looking for a girl Richd Parks & Harry threshed John Stewarts wheat on Pool farm \$10- job I stopt at J Conners all night threshed for J McLennan
- 20 went to Ballacroy looking a girl-got none came home evg. Elly Canner came with me Parks & Harry threshed for McLennan P.M. Richd A.J. & S. Jane went to Nottawa Price went to work this mg again
- 23 cleaned first load of wheat A.M. Price hauled a load from Gilford for Bradeu & Harry P.M. Harry logged with McKindless & I went to Littlejohns near Barrie looking a girl P.M.
- 24 took first load of wheat to Bradford (bush) 53-35 got \$115 \$61-63 took home a load for Bradeu & Harry Price took 947 bricks to Dr Norris - Harry & J.W. Parks took the machine to D. Ross-s fine day
- 26 got the line shaft straight at Alliston A.M. threshed at Ross s P.M. Dickey took my place and W. Jones & I rented the Hotel to Wm Adams 3 years at \$325- six months in advance P.M. W & Jas Jones - Father & I signed the bonds for Guarding P.M.
- 30 went to Thos. Wrights with J Moir to rent His Farm They agreed at \$300 P annum Price & Hary Ploughed
- Oct. 2 went to Mrs Ferriers in 4th con and hired Mary Taylor A.M. went to the County Show P.M. & witnessed a lease for J. Moir Price Ploughed A.M. and went to the show P.M. Hary is at it all day fine day
- 6 left Elly Canner at Wm Jones & Mrs Jones took her to Adjala A.M. had dinner at Fathers & went to D. Thompsons for Apples got none. Harry Parks & I cut oats at Fathers they & Richd went to Bob Grahams Evg to thrash tomorrow cold wind
- 7 fetched home some potatoes A.M. went to Cookstown to change tenants in the Hotel P.M. Adams did not come in my time - left at 4 p.m. Price came home this mg & ploughed first Since noon 2 Richd Parks & Harry threshed at Bob Grahams fine day
- 8 Mr McLennan & I hand picked 12 bush apples-Paid 40c for them went to Cookt evg to give lease to W Adams and settle with Gregg they were busy moving and I did not get it done Price ploughed some in N.E. field & hauled some stones in S.E. Rich Parks & Harry left B. Grahams at noon

Year 1873 con't

- Oct. 11 Hary & I finished hauling manure at noon went to Cookstown P.M. to give the Lease to W. Adams but he backed out last night Price ploughed in west field rained some P.M.
- 13 walked to Mrs Ferriers after Mary Taylor She is away to the 9# A.M. Harry & I went to Sams threshing P.M. Price ploughed at house Rd Surple came here to night to blast stones
- 29 ground white this mg. & freezing went to Becketts for a girl A.M. got the promise of one. A.M. Harry & I wrought on road P.M. Price & Harry hauled away the fence from around line pasture a.m. some snow on ground yet.
- Nov. 9 Stopt at home all day. Wm Jones & wife was here pretty cold freezing tonight Mary Edith was born at 10.10pm our 2nd girl brought Dr Nicol and Ann Jane here at 9pm Wrote Marys name 19-11-05 Wk
- 17 threshed at Bob Ross s a.m. Saw Professor Rockwell perform with his train Horse.p.m. Dickey started with A Hipwell left Machine at Pickens Parks came home with me had the waggon to day.
- Dec. 4 home to night fearful wild night-of wind & rain- wind kept up all day fences & trees blown down in all directions J Hewitt came here. Parks, Harry & I took machine from J. Ross s & set it at McLeods. Price & J. Hewitt covered potato pits deeper, hardly a particle of snow to be seen this mg commenced freezing mg & continued all day
- 11 left Bessy & the Children at Fathers & went to the political meeting at Cookstown. Boulton & Saunders Harry was at the meeting too ground white mg rained some am
- 23 Skidded logs a.m. & went to the nomination of Bolton & Saunders p.m. Bessy went to Barrie with 7 geese 6 ducks & 36 doz eggs. got 50 & 65 for geese, 25 each for ducks and 17c for eggs warm day
- 30 went to the Election to Hindles School house - Boulton & Saunders was Scrutineer for Boulton Boulton elected by Great demonstration in Cookstown came home at 11- hired Price Hamilton again 1 year for \$162-50 to come until done with arnold



Year 1874

- Jan. 5 went to Election a.m. Voted for Trueman & Hunter for  
Dp Reeves & Scott & Lennox for Councillors They were  
elected ground bare except at fences fine day
- 22 repaired Stalls in stable a.m. went to the nomination  
at Cookstown p.m. W.C. Little Elected again for Dominion  
house by Acclamation rained most of day & night
- 29 took 63-30 F wheat to Bradford Stored at Stoddarts  
was offered \$1.15 - \$1.16 was paid Jas. Burns took  
Bessy to Bondhead & got the Burns Estate money from  
H. Lount \$125 each wont allow Bessy to keep any of it  
very stormy evg
- March 6 J. Moir and S J Coleman was married p.m. Moirs dog &  
mine killed 5 of my sheep last night & worried 11 more  
E. Bathie & A Ferrier valued the damage & laid \$27 on it  
Moir to pay half of it to me. Them to get 2 pelts & me 3  
went to Cookt p.m. & got stuff for the live ones Met  
with W. Jones & Flanigan that has taken the Hotel at Greggs
- 28 went to Cookstown to Watsons Sale Isaac Lennox came  
here & offer to trade a horse for Pete & Charly & give  
\$200 boot I want \$220 Valued P & C at \$320 or  
Charly at \$170
- 30 went to Lennox Mill mg to see him about the trade. & to  
look for Peas at J gnation Lennox. Peas sold J. Lennox  
to be here tomorrow went to P Rolsons p.m. to buy oats  
wanted 58, for oats & 65 for peas Richd & Yank was here  
making a rollway for logs. ground quite bare town  
line drying
- 31 helped Richd & Yank to Skid logs with my 2 teams in my  
bush on the Hill first He cut here Isaac Lennox  
was here & had his brother James & John Dick to see  
Charly I wanted \$170- he thought he was too flat footed
- April 30 went to Cooks mg about buying Peas Sold Glasford some  
hay at \$16 p ton Dickey took him 22cwt.2as pm I  
went & Seen Mary Taylor at Mrs. Macs about buying the  
place & then to Cook & got advice from M Leary about it
- May 5 Dickey harrow Mag first time finished ploughing &  
Sowed turnips & potatoe patch about 3 acrs put 4½ bush  
wheat on it & went to see the Surveyers cross Sams place  
for R.R. a.m. plough for early potato & commenced sowing  
peas p.m. Bessy got a round shoe on Charly & brought Jim  
Burns home with her p.m.

Year 1874 con't

- May 18 finished Sowing Sowed last of oats in Hill field  
Joseph Coulter came here & I hired Him for 5 months  
at \$14 & washing if we Suit each other to be paid  
in winter very windy p.m. cold night
- 22 was Pall Bearer at Old Mr. Martins funeral
- June 2 left home mg for Chicago left Toronto by G Trunk  
at 11.40 reached Chicago at 8.20 next mg 510 miles  
from Toronto Jim Burns commenced work Plowed at Port
- 3 reached Chicago at 8.20 this morning went on G Trunk  
R.R. to Detroit Junction & Michigan Central from that  
to Chicago found Taylors without any trouble took  
my lodging with Mrs Leeson
- 4 got a release of Dower signed by Lucy & deed signed by  
Lucy, Wm Alexr & Joanna Morea mg went to the railway  
station p.m. to know when trains left for Toronto  
W.A.Taylor took me to the theatre
- 5 Joseph Mitchell drove me around town till we got the  
papers Sworn to before Zenis Lee, A Notory Public  
left for home at 9.20 p.m. & reached Toronto at  
7.20 p.m. Satdy
- 15 Joe & I pulled & burnt stumps & logged on port Jim  
ploughed went to Cookst after tea & got Hotel  
insured with Cook for \$2000 Bessy was with me
- 21 Bessy & I went to See Mrs p W Jones went to St. Johns  
Church & hear Mr Ball preach p.m.
- 30 took 49.35 S wheat to Gilford got \$1.17 brought the  
printing Press from Gilford for P.H. Stewarts gave  
Willy Morling 25c to drive the team to Cookstown with it  
& came across the Swamp from Hewitts to meet Rev. McHindes  
here He & His mother was here Evg Joe harrowed  
on Port & Jim Burns cut thistles cool day
- July 21 gave Richd the mower & I plough Kitty & Mag till tea  
time & went to Cookst Evg Seen P Hamilton & wanted Him  
to come back & put in His time - He refused- Jim plowed  
all day & Joe thrashed oats
- 31 Jim & I went to Barrie to See Barnums Show Dicky rode  
Mag up Joe harrowed (Carpwitters) wrought at porch  
Father came home from Walkerton was away since 29 May

Year 1874 con't

- Sept. 6 Bessy & I went to Church mg Davy Jones was here last night & to day
- 14 Jim, Joe & I plow a.m. fire broke off from Port at noon & burnt Swamp between Reiny & Port A great many of Reiny's fences Some of Abel Hindles & A great many of Ignatius Lennox & some sawed wood on Him Great fire South of J McLennans barn
- Oct. 8 was at the S. Simcoe Show fair at Cookstown Bessys 20# butter took Bradeu & Colemans Prize - Set of China \$10 worth Mrs Wm Jones came home with us
- 23 Hotel partly destroyed by fire this mg damage estimated at \$240 by Jas Ingham & Mathew Bradeu ploughed mg till Henry came & told me of the fire went to Cookt then Dick spread manure at Fathers weighed 161#
- 24 ploughed a.m. went to Cookst p.m. & W. Jones & I signed an agreement to take \$240 for what damage is done to Hotel Dicky ploughed Joe raised potatoes
- Nov. 3 ploughed a few rounds in the Sod but it is very dry & I left off tried to get Hewitt to thrash peas but cant went to Cookst - after night & got a cheque from the Insurance Co for \$240 for the fire in the house Bessy was at Fathers & Mrs Stewart & Her was at Jno Pattersons
- 4 was helping to thrash at Pickes till Evg Joe hauled potatoes Indian Summer weather
- 10 hauled Soft water & (op) a.m. burned some chunks p.m. Ann Jane & Sophia Coleman was here dyeing yarn red, black & Scarlet Jo is raising turnips find dry weather like Indian Summer
- 13 went to Barrie to get Surveyers Flannigan & Robt Sproule was here about letting former in & latter into the Hotel
- 14 took the team to Cookstown to Yank to haul stuff to bank the house Harry is in Met with Surveyers Gavelier sent young McVitty home with me
- 16 McVitty run the lines west & north of this No. 7 - north of port to Slash 60 rods South of Port & E of Port to Slash 50 rods from centre of road E. Bathie & T. McLennan carried the chain fine warm day dry roads McVitty & I was at Cookst at night
- 28 went to the Conservative meeting at Alliston Bolton was nominated to run again had the buggy snow storm PM & night

Year 1874 con't

Dec. 3 chored around the house & helped Morling to clean 16 bush  
Peas that they thrashed to day thrashers at Goodwins  
Snow going and looks like rain turned to freeze Evg  
Joe is thrashing at Moirs

Year 1876

Jan. 3 was elected Councilman first time by Scott 261 Self 236  
Cross 179 Wright 79 Wilmot 108 Reynolds 4 Little Reeve  
McKay first & Mordeu 2 Dys freezing today very stormy evy

14 went & stopt Ritchey working at bridge a.m. & went to  
J. Ross & Paid \$12 00 S tax

15 went with C Richey to bridge a.m. we could not agree  
got first 2 Shoes on Mag p.m.

17 was at my first Council meeting held at Victoria A little  
snow last night thrashers at Cooks

20 Set Ritchey the job of the Hill on the Side Road at \$100  
Johy & I skidded some logs

24 was at my second Council meeting at Allandale got \$8 for  
Johnston had the buggy Fred is at Ferriers Sowing  
Johny chopped

27 Robt & W McKindless Sowed on North Side of Hill for me  
fine day Stayner John Coleman was buried to day

Feb. 7 was at my 3rd Council meeting - at Lefroy had the cutter  
Sleighing gone threshers broke B Pinion at Dr Ross p.m.  
finished for Goodwin a.m. Fred hauled some wood

9 Burns, J.W. Parks & I thrashed at D.R. Ross s came home  
at night Metcalf the Assessor was here Fred hauled wood  
rained & Freezing bedtime

16 Very stormy to day Johny went to Cooks p.m. Fred fed  
the cattle kept in doors all day Billy Gardner died  
Suddenly to night

22 drove to Barrie in the cutter & Sold my Barley at 62.  
Engaged Creswick to Survey 2nd line & hired Lizzy Coleman  
at \$5 pr month till fall & brought her home with me  
Stormy to day & night Johny had load of wheat to Lefroy  
in the waggon

Year 1876 con't

- March 30 took Erny to the Doctor a.m. left Lizzy Coleman home p.m.  
was at a Supper at the Queens at night at opening of Orange  
G Britons Lodge Fred & Jim are thrashing at Sams p.m.
- April 4 Ms Curry came here to see if I would by Pat Morans farm  
Went to Fennels & he went over it with me Moran wanted  
\$1500 & I offered Him \$1000- E Bathie got a ton of hay  
Miss Anderson came here Eliza came here & stopt all  
night roads very muddy
- 18 laid worm of lane fence in to centre field  
Jim & Fred cut oak at Bava & c Kitty mare run over Mary  
& Hurt her eye
- 27 made a place for the young Pigs am was at A Ferriers  
raising p.m. went to a meeting in Advocate office about  
forming A Printing Co. at night done nothing ground  
drying fast Fred got me 6½ bush (cluh) wheat at R Fennels  
to Sow on fall do
- May 22 let water off Port a.m. went to Cookst p.m. & bought  
the Picken farm from Bradeu at \$3000 to be paid in 7 years  
Fred finished harrowing wheat Father was very ill to day
- 26 was at first meeting Court Recision at Thornton - 8th meeting  
Fred ganged & plowed Bob Hewitt ploughed for oats in  
S.E. field
- June 13 was at Late Rr Byers funeral at Alliston Fred is on road  
Jim & not ploughed very warm
- 27 at home a.m. Saw Sir John McDonald p.m. for the first  
time had big day in Cookst Jim finished light double  
harness a.m. & went to Cookst p.m. Fred harrowed
- July 1 left harrow at Cookst & got some work done gave Harry  
in advance on mortgage \$100- I lent him \$200 Jim came  
home with me Fred is at Hewitts
- Sept. 6 Sowed grass seed for Rich mg went to James Dinwoody &  
bought Seed wheat p.m. Nat Harrowed & Dick Parks & Dick  
Jones ploughed Uncle William was here with his road list
- 9 was at Robert Goodwins funeral The men finsihed harrowing  
on Hill a.m. & commenced hauling oats at home p.m.

Year 1876 con't

- Sept. 19 went to Barrie to get the deed of Pickens place & c  
Bradeu was not at home Barrie & Cookstown Lacrosse  
Clubs played
- 22 Harry brought another mortgage & we signed it the  
first one being wrong drawn Went to Cookstown at night  
& saw Bradeu about his deed
- Oct. 3 cut oats a.m. & threshed some p.m. Creswick was here  
surveying the line
- 13 Spread manure a.m. was with Creswick fore Port p.m. He  
finished running the line in the swamp helped to thrash  
oats at McKindless Evy Jim & Willy ploughed fine day
- 16 Bradeu gave me three deeds - one from Pickens to Him -  
and one from him to me of Port and Quit Claim deed of  
Port from Ms Campbell. Jim & Willy Plowed roads muddy
- 17 took 59b-36# barley to Gilford got 75c Sent the  
team home with young Picken & walked across the swamp  
(with Thos Bateman) on the 2nd line for the first time  
Jim plowed in NW field & Willy on Port
- 25 was at Special meeting of Council at Allandale to meet  
officials of H. & N. R.R. Granted them another year  
to have the grading done was in Barrie home at 10.20  
o clock
- Nov. 13 fixed cellar for potatoes a.m. had Creswick Surveying p.m.  
He divided the concession between 7 & 8 Jim & Willy took  
in 3 loads large & one of small potatoes Andy Morrow  
brought his tools from Beattys p.m. fine warm day
- 14 Creswick run port of the line between J Reiny & No 8 mg  
& run for Campbells, McLennan & Ferguson p.m. S McKindless  
& I (ained) Jim & Willy took in last load of potatoes am  
A Morrow commenced framing shed p.m.
- Dec. 8 Andy Morrow left this mg too much snow on the roof to  
shingle Jim & Willy cleaned out new shed Bessy & I  
went to see Mrs Johnston Ey H. Trueman came here at  
night (collecting taxes)
- 15 done some chores & c a.m. went to Churchill p.m. &  
ordered a pair of Bobs at \$40 very stormy Ey Settled  
with Jim this mg & he left charged me \$16.66 pr month till  
now
- 18 Was at a land Sale in Barrie Bought 10 acres in Tiny or  
Tay at 10.76 very cold & stormy

Year 1877

- Jan. 9 bushed & broke beadershaft box a.m. done some chores p.m.  
was at Cookt mg about Charlys furniture being Seized  
Charley brotherinlaw gave Slaughter \$15 to redeem the  
furniture returned it at night
- Feb. 2 Brought Mrs Sutherland here mg & She dyed carpet yarn for  
Bessy went to Agnews & Pattersons children funeral p.m.  
Lodge at night
- April 20 finished Sowing the Hill Johy finished cultivating  
it & He & Willy harrowed it Bessy came home from W Jones  
with her Girl Annie Hoover
- June 18 Great fire in Cookstown last night Armstrongs Hotel &  
out buildings & Buchanans, the Orange Hall the Queens  
Stabling & other buildings were burnt
- 19 Bessy & I was at Cookst Met the inspector for the  
Western insurance Company He allowed \$300 for stables  
\$45 for damage to house \$90 for damage to furniture  
\$435 in all
- 26 Went to Cookstown & met W Jones to consult about Glasford  
renting the Hotel Johny plowed & harowed in S fallow
- 28 William & Ann Coleman was here from Mulmur went to  
Cookt Evg & took Kate home from the Hotel Glasford &  
Wife now into it to day Johny plow - Jim finished sowing  
turnips
- July 22 Bessy & I went to Church mg W Jones & Wife was here  
T. Coleman - Dicky- & Miller Railway Contractors  
was here
- 27 Joseph Fennell & I examined work done by Bolton on South  
Town line - did not pass it The men cut some wheat on  
the hill heavy rain at 10-mg & 6 p.m.
- 29 No service Church getting painted & papered
- Aug. 1 Dicky - Kelly - Heasly - Jim Burns W Heasly & I hauled  
first ( ) 2 loads fall wheat on the hill 44 years old  
to day
- Sept. 2 took the 4 children to Fathers Eg cold wind Andy went  
away this mg

Year 1877 con't

- Sept. 27 got 39b-17# barley from Rich & got it ground at Nicols  
Got 2 teeth filled at Alliston Jim & Willy commenced  
piling & burning brush on Port Cars came to Cookt  
first time
- 29 Jim & I cleaned 60b-30# wheat a.m. on the hill took it  
to Lefory p.m. got \$1.14 very dry weather Jim &  
Willy burned brush on Port
- Oct. 20 Jim Willy & I plowed on the Hill I went to the  
Village & got (boundries) on Plan Eg fine cool day
- Dec. 2 went to Cookt mg & got Kitty & Charly shod Stopt at  
the Lodge & was reelected Treasurer, Jas Donnell Master
- 18 finished threshing in frame barn mg & went to Cookt  
to Glosfinds trial He & wife were committed for treat  
Jim was in Cookt p.m. cold to day roads very rough  
rained some to night

Year 1878

- Jan. 17 Herbert Burns, our 5th child - 3rd Boy was Born at 2.45  
this morning Thanks be to God all is well Thrashed  
on the hill Broke the H. Power p.m. & got McKindless
- 31 Jim took 55b-24# Hill S wheat to Lefory got 95c  
Heasly helped me to clean last of Spring wheat on the  
Hill went to See Father at noon went to Cookt at  
night & arranged to Send 150b wheat with other Grangers  
to Portland to go in S.S. Harding Chapman Agent
- Feb. 2 was at 2 meeting of Council at Allandale (Hamlious)  
Fawcett was appointed assessor Sleighing in North  
end but rough in South end Jim & Willy Heasley  
cleaned wheat
- 4 Jim & I took 150 bushel Spring wheat from home to Cookstown  
to send to Portland - Chapman Agent fine wheeling  
wheat sent to Sailing vessel Kate Harding  
Mrs John Duff died this mg
- 9 was at Mr John Wilkinson Funeral Jim took a load  
of wood to Adam Johnston I went to Cookstown roads  
rough & very hard cold wind all day



Year 1878 con't

- Feb. 18 J. McLennan & his 2 men Stewart & Spensor & Jim Burns  
& I made a road through the Slash opposite Lots No 8 & 9  
I went to Cookstown about money missent to W.J. Ramsay & Co
- 19 J.J. Jackson came here for his money on mortgage & stopt  
all night
- 20 Went to Cookstown mg & cancelled Sale of goods in Hotel  
to Colle & sold them to him for \$400 - Paid Jackson what  
is due on mortgage & sent \$117.55 to W. Ramsay & Co.  
Toronto some snow last night

- March 1 went to Cloverhill p.m. to see Rev McKee about interest  
on mortgage He consented to wait till fall for it  
at 8 pr cent. Jim hauled a load of wood to A Ayerst
- 11 hunted up the sheep & done the chores Jim trimmed  
back seat of Buggy a.m. & went to cookstown p.m. &  
Grange Social at night No snow or ice to be seen  
except some ice in swamp I went to Cannings p.m. &  
got Assessment of this Part of S.S. no 2
- 20 Jim & cut & took home a cedar tree for post Made  
gate posts for gate South of frame barn west side of  
yard frost last night Soft to day was at McLennans  
to night about new S. Section

- April 2 in Barrie all day at Summersett
- 8 went to Barrie on Glasfords trial He was acquitted  
was home at 8 p.m. hired Jim Parks at \$15 pr month  
for 7 months Him & J William, Rich Jim & the  
2 Heasleys cut oats - & some barley filled the room  
with oats Willy Heasley commenced at \$9 while  
plowing
- 20 was at Council meeting at Lefroy heavy rain last  
night & some this mg The 2 Jims ploughed for  
Peas Willy harrowed some Presented petitions  
from S.S. no.1 & 2 for a new S. Section

- May 8 went to Squire Fennels a.m. with C. Campbell to See  
about water on Townline went to Cookt Evg to sell  
dry meat but could not The men made a gate  
finishe- harrowing oats & took in a load of hay  
very very heavy rain Eg Tom Coleman started for  
Manitoba this mg
- 14 Rev Mr Baker & Wife was here p.m. took doll to Fathers  
was at Mrs. Bathies with Mr. Baker Father came home  
with me this mg (the last time he came here)

Year 1878 con't

- May 16 Kneeshaw finished the 2 fields at 9 mg went to Cookt p.m. & helped A. Ferguson & J. Banting to examine Grange Secretary A.J. Cambell Acct Father went home with me for the last time He ever left here The men hauled Stones white frost this mg fine day
- June 21 Seen father this mg He is very low was at County & District meetings at Alliston My Dear Father breathed his last at 11.10 to night He quietly fell asleep with A Jane - Richard - Henry & Me around him
- 22 came home mg went (back) & went to Cookstown & telegraphed Eliza & c Alexr & Eliza & Mary came at 7 p.m.
- 23 Bessy Alexr & I came home this mg went back Eg Bessy & I came home again rained all night last night Uncle Jack & William came from Mulmur
- 24 Followed the remains of my poor Dear Father to their last resting place at 11 a.m. age 79
- 25 J.W. Parks - Henry & I met at Richards & read the Will & divided the beds & bedding & (cj) Bessy was with me Alexr & Eliza went home this morning
- July 6 Thos. Duff & I went to Barrie and made arrangements for dinner with Summersett for arrive for our 2 Lodges & the young Britons at 40 cents each very warm
- 11 left Bessy & Uncle Jack at Colemantown & got some machine oil at Cookstown McKay & I examined swamp on 3rd line near Lake p.m. The men commenced fencing some Pasture on Port
- 12 King William Day The 2 Jims - Willy & I were in Barrie rained most of a.m. fine p.m.
- 15 hauled in first 6 loads of hay from S.W. of house put 2 in stable & 4 in Barn Jim cut the balance of the piece Bateman the Tailor put his Horse to pasture
- Aug. 1 45 years old to day cut on Hill a.m. Heasley helped to bind very heavy rain p.m.
- 12 hauled in & cut on the hill Yank went to Barrie to the boat races
- 19 Met McKay at 4th line Survey & we decided to gravel the Port ditched by Appleten and decided to put guard on out above Churchill I went then to Mordeus & He & I went to road at Nixens and laid out what work is to be done

Year 1878 con't

- Aug. 24 Seen C Hindle at Lennoxes p.m. and engaged Him to Superintend the graveling on 4th line Swamp & showed E Bathie some work to be done on side road
- Sept. 1 Bessy & I went to see Mrs Bathie Eg too wet to go to church rained most all last night and some to day Barrie Jebb was buried to day
- 7 Willy & I hauled raking off north flats Bessy Kate & I went to Cookstown Eg the men mowed & cocked barley Kate starts for Manitoba on Tuesday next
- 11 went to Barrie on Campbell & Rogers trial
- 13 was in Barrie all day on Campbell & Rogers trial rained heavy most of the day trains stopt on both Railways roads cut away so bad
- 14 got home on Eg train trial ended to day Campbell gets \$28-50c damages
- 30 the 2 Jims & I commenced making shed for horses on Hill a.m. was the 2 Jims commenced plowing on the Hill & I went to Conservative Convention at Cookstown p.m. chose Parkhill for Candidate for Ontario House of Assembly
- Nov. 13 very stormy a.m. Some great flurries of snow fine p.m. Jim & I done some at log shed I left Ann Jane home at night & went to see Frank Coleman He is very ill
- 15 Jim Kicky & W Heasley took in the potatoes I fed the stock & a.m. left yarn at the weavers & went to H. Hindles & gave Him \$9.25 road money Dickey & I went to Cookst at night fine day frost at night roads very bad
- 21 Bessy & I went to see Frank Coleman p.m. I stopt & sat u p with him all night He is very low with inflammation of the lungs
- 22 went to Cookstown from Mrs Coleman this morning Mrs Coleman & I sat up with Frank last night He is very weak
- 23 went to Barrie to Prove Claims against Bradeu & Coleman but could not as I had not the notes with me left Mary Ross note with Lennox Bros.
- 29 went to Barrie & was examined by Lount on my case with W.J. Ramsay

Year 1878 con't

- Dec. 4 National Thanksgiving Day
- 10 went to Barrie on the Suit I have with W.J. Ramsay to Harry, Yank & Willy Heasley
- 11 attended Court Stopt at the Queens some snow this mg
- 12 my suit with W.J. Ramsay was decided to day got Judgement against Ramsay for \$122.13 some sleighing
- 13 came from Barrie to Craigvale mg on Northern R.R. Mordeu & I examined work on 2nd sideroad at 14th line came to Cookst on H. & N.W.R.R. Bessy & the children met me at the station
- 28 helped to thrash at Jas McKindless Jim hauled manure to Port Richard Coleman (Fleuy) Our Rich & Ann Jane was here at night snow deep
- 29 Bessy & I was at Church mg & at Methodist Meeting in New Building at night good sleighing

\*Note in back of diary: Candidate decided to stand for Innisfil for the year 1879 for Reeve W.C. Little, present one, James Allan; 1st Dy Reeve G.P. McKay, present one, C. Cross; 2 Dy A.M. Mordeu, present one, Wm. Lennox, F. Barclay, & Isaial Wilmot; Councillors, W.R. Coleman, present one, Magnus Baikie, Stanley Brooks, H. Grose Senr J. S. Lucas William Metcalf

Year 1879

- Jan. 9 went to Barrie about expenses in Suit with Ramsay roads badly filled Jim hauled wood for Heasley & Willy helped to thrash at McLeods
- 16 went to Barrie & got cheque for \$127.62 from McCarthy, Boys & Pepler on Ramsay case. Jim & Willy helped to saw at Port very cold mg & night
- 26 Bessy & I were at Mrs Gardners funeral had dinner at Parks sharp morning
- Feb. 15 went to Barrie & stopped writt ordered by Black against me for Bradeu & Coleman debt - had to give a mortgage on this place for \$1000 - Parks finished thrashing very cold

Year 1879 con't

- Feb. 21 helped to saw at James Reiny's - Split what the machine cut mg & Ey Sat up with E Bathie all night = he has inflammation of the lungs
- March 4 went to J.D. Booths to make payment on hill went to Cookst Eg & mailed it to freehold Loan Co. Toronto Bessy went to Parks with me to see Mrs. Jones Yank took 2 small loads from Hill to Cookst
- 10 Sloan was here assessing me
- 25 turned to freeze last night Bessy & I was at old Mr Rolstens funeral p.m. snow banks & mud alternately Jim Hauled dung to Port
- 30 S. McKindless & I went to Wake House (Old Mr Blakes 4th line p.m.) freezing most of day
- May 16 got 214 tiles at Spilletts for Cellar drain a.m. brought Rich here p.m. to lay them but drain was not ready the 3 men wrought at the drain Sabrina Barr commenced work this morning Mayhew left her here \$6 pr month
- 31 Bessy & I were at Mrs Jones funeral had dinner at W Cross & tea at Joseph Hipulls good shower p.m.
- June 21 took C. Palling & J.W. Parks to County Meeting at Alliston arrange to have a County demonstration at Buters the 2 Jims drilled for & sowed turnips & cut some thistles
- 30 Jim Parks & I wrought on road Jim Parks & Willy finished harowing on Port fallow went to Cookstown at night & seen Clement about piece land in Cookstown would take no less than \$200
- July 7 Andrew Ferguson died this morning
- 9 Bessy & I were at Andy Fergusons funeral a.m. got in two-first loads of hay & cocked some got the hayfork pulleys up & some mowed p.m. Shower about 3.30p.m.
- 27 Queens Hotel & old House burned to night at 12 midnight
- Aug. 5 Ann McLennan died this mg
- 17 Bessy & I went to see Mrs John McLennan did not go to church Service in Evg Mrs. Hamilton (Kate Connor) died this morning at Athlone

Year 1879 con't

- Aug. 18 went for Mrs Mac morning to stop two days . She could not come till tomorrow Bessy & I went to Athlone to attend Mrs Hamilton funeral p.m. the men ganged & cultivated & took in some peas
- 19 was at the funeral of Mrs Hamilton got home about 7 p.m. Mrs Mac washed & kept house. the men ganged & finished cutting peas Willy helped to thrash at James Reinys
- Sept. 16 Thos. R. Ferguson died last night went to Cookst mg & wrote to Little, McKay, Mordeu, Lucas Hunter & Palling came home p.m. & bound some oats
- Oct. 3 Bessy, Lizzy, Erny Wilton & I were at the show (Miss Moffat was with us) the 2 Jims were at it too Willy went shooting Ann Jane & Mary came from Walkerton Mary was away since August 1878 fine day
- 6 laid out place for drain on E Side of clearing on Port Picked some apples at McLennans & met Jno MacAfee on South townline about draining it the men wrought at the drain
- 10 was at 15th Meeting of Council at Armstage, Allandale was in Barrie roads bad very warm the men finished drain from Reinys fence to River & on cross drain
- Nov. 21 Willy Ferrera was here p.m. with his taxes

Year 1880

- Jan. 5 was at Elections. Palling came home with me for dinner Jim hauled last of oak lumber to Station for J. Montgomery & Yank hauled (Voters) was elected Councillor 5th time
- 10 went to Squire Littles to get potatoes from his Tenant - Quinn - got none ground most bare Jim fed the Stock
- 12 cleaned last of Treadwell a.m. Yank took it to Cookstown & I went to Geo Simpsons (Essa) to buy Potatoes p.m. got none good wheeling Jim threshed peas p.m.
- 13 done some chores a.m. was at District Meeting at Cookst p.m. Bessy, Erny, Mary & I were at Church xmas tree at night Yank hung the 2 outside doors Jim threshed peas rough wheeling

Year 1880 con't

- Jan. 21 examined Bridge at John Reiny's a.m. cut some oats p.m.  
till wheel bursted on wheel shaft went to Cookst Ey &  
ordered a wheel with MacIntosh Alliston folk tried  
to take the fair away - but failed
- 31 was at Mill Meeting at night decided on trying to raise  
\$500 - for J. E. Oliver to take the Lennox Mill here  
no snow (hardly) roads rough
- Feb. 2 E. Fawcett & I went to Allandale to 2 meeting of Council  
J. Lennox was appointed assessor had the buggy pretty  
cold next meeting March
- 10 Ogle Ferguson & I got Subscriptions for a bonus for  
Spindlue to build a mill in Cookstown
- 11 went to Barrie with James McKindless to help him to raise  
money failed
- 13 Bessy & I went to Shelburn on our way to Walkerton have  
Wilton with us left Richds at 11 a.m. was at Shelburn  
before 6 fine day wheeling good have Tom & Mag and  
Jno Moirs buggy
- 14 left Shelburn about and was at Walkerton a little after  
7. found Alex & Eliza well
- 15 Stayed at Alexanders fine sunny day Billy Burns is here
- 16 Alex & I went to the station a.m. William Devers 2 girls  
Martha & Lizzy came here at noon. Martha - Alex--Bessy  
& I drove into town this Eg Alex & I went to station  
at 9 & met Picken & James Duff & other delegates there  
fine sunny day
- 20 Alex - Eliza - Bessy Wilton & I went to Wm Devers  
Teeswater. 14 miles good wheeling
- 21 Alex & I went to Jno Buckleys Jr Greensik about 17 miles  
p.m. & stayed all night some snow last night poor  
sleighbing
- 22 went from Buckleys to Pattersons (via Paisley) about 13 miles  
came home P.M about 15 miles
- 23 Started for home came to Shelburn 55 miles Stayed at  
Belfrys Saw teams hauling heavy loads sawlogs to Durham  
& square timber at Flesherton Station & the road was dry  
& dust flying from Rosemud here
- 24 came from Shelburn home 31½ miles left Shelburn at  
10.30 & was home before 5 p.m. fine day & road good

Year 1880 con't

- March 23 was at cheese factory meeting p.m. & hired Willy Marling  
7 months from 1 April at \$12.00 p month
- 26 walked to church had dinner at Parks went to Richds  
& came home & helped Ferrier & James Parks to set sawing  
machine
- April 14 was at Special Meeting for Election of Officers of  
Agricultural Society Beat Alliston & Bradford 208  
votes to day
- 15 gathered sap fed the stock and other chores The 2  
Willys ( ) & J. McLennan Hewed some timber Campbell  
commenced plowing Some plow before to day Yank &  
G Coleman was here at night Yank starts for Man. with  
Tom in the morning
- 16 was at 4 meeting of Council at Armstage, Allandale  
Roads very bad rained some this p.m. W. Marling  
split wood at the door Jim Burns got back to night  
He was away from noon 14th Yank left for Manitoba  
this mg with T. Coleman
- 17 made some whiffletrees & a.m. Jno Palling came here at  
noon soft snow mg cleaned up p.m. The men finished  
cleaning wheat
- 19 I got some whiffletrees ironed in Cookstown got \$1 worth  
work done Piled rubbish on trak of fence on Port where  
we took away the N & S fence Jim hauled the stones off  
it & W Marling hauled manure Willy boiled sap
- May 17 gave first milk to C factory
- 20 was at confirmation service - dined with the Bishop  
(Sivertimes) at the Parsonage
- 25 took Liz & Erny to School their first time mg man found  
dead in McKindless shed at noon
- 31 was at 8th meeting of Council-3rd Court Revision at  
Churchill The men started drain from creek northward  
towards Swail
- June 20 Did not go to Church Service is in the Eving Bessy  
and I went to James Reinsys p.m. Bob Steels wife is  
dead there
- 21 Saw bridge on 3rd line mg Bessy & I was at Bob Steels  
wifes funeral a.m. Mowed Port of E lane fence p.m.  
the 2 Willys dug drain Jno Knightly-fruit tree agent is  
here to night



Year 1880 con't

- July 1 Bessy & I went to Demonstration got up by Orange Men  
& oroge young Britins
- 7 brought Uncle Andys Boxes to the Station a.m. Raked  
hay p.m. got in first 4 loads of hay p.m.
- 18 Letty had a young Son yesterday Bessy & I was there  
to day
- Aug. 26 Rebecca Stewart came home with me to live
- Oct. 16 done some chores a.m. took Lizzy Erny Mary & Wilton to  
see Uncle Williams - last time I saw him alive
- 24 Did not go to Church Ann Jane here since yesterday  
morning snow about 3 inches Sacked W. Heasley this  
morning for Blackguard language used yesterday
- 25 Richd came here morning and told us Uncle William died  
at 12.15 last night Bessy went to Canourns & Cookstown  
I went up with Richd & seen Uncle s Corpse Roads very  
muddy raining to night
- 26 rained most all day & last night done some chores  
was at Uncle Wm wake till 11 p.m. Jim & Willy threshed peas
- 27 Bessy & I were at Uncle Wm funeral p.m.
- Nov. 3 Thanksgiving Day Put the 10 pigs to fat-a.m. Erny  
Wilton I were at Richds p.m.
- 9 Erny is 9 and Mary 7 yrs old tonight prepared cellar  
for potatoes & Barn for butchering a.m. Rich & I killed  
Heasley 2 yr old steer p.m.
- 22 went across 3rd line Swamp to examine it to advertise  
for tenders for clearing it. David Irving went with me  
to James Miscampbells
- 24 took my first grist to Spendlaes new mill at Cookstown
- 25 fed the cattle a.m. was at Widow Lees Sale on Grahams  
place p.m. Jim & Heasley put straw on(Pts) on the 50 acres
- Dec. 21 got Election cards at Cookstown a.m. & was at examination  
at schoolhouse p.m. Jim is threshing at Jas McKindless
- 23 went from Connellys to Victoria Canvassing a.m. was  
at Council meeting at Churchill p.m. We set clearing  
of 3 line Swamp to Robt Sproule opposite Lots 9,10,11,12  
13 & part of 14 at \$11.90 p acre

Year 1881

- Jan. 3 Election day was defeated by Barclay for first Dep  
Reeve Jim helped to skid logs for Rich Dickey drove  
the mares with voters
- 13 went to Pallings a.m. He & I met McKay & Haughton Lennox  
in Barrie p.m. arranged not to unseat Barclay or Gordon  
if they let Lennox alone raining when I left Barrie  
Snowing when I came home
- 26 was at G. Moir funeral Stormy Eveing Jim hauled a load  
of wood for Heasley Bessie is keeping better
- March 4 left Maggie Brown home & went 1½ miles above Mad River  
looking a girl engaged Louisa Varey till fall if she  
suits at \$5 month Stopped at Loves all night Soft  
snow falling with N.E. wind all day
- 5 Stopped at Angus a.m. brought girl home p.m. was home  
in 4 hours from I left Angus had Mag & fly to the cutter  
snow deep fine day
- 22 was at Cookstown getting instruction about taking the  
census Bessie was with me C. Pallings came home with  
us Jim took home some frozen potatoes
- 23 was at Cookstown getting instruction on taking the Census  
Jim cut sawing logs frost last night fine days roads  
bad Pallings & I weighed 167# each
- 29 Bessie & I were at Archie Cosgroves funeral p.m. roads  
getting dry in places, fine day Heasley cut & Jim hauled  
sawing logs B Burns left for Wallace
- 31 got 16 bags oats & chopped at Cookstown & got my Census  
Schedules from Bantie
- April 4 commenced taking census took 10 families in Cookstown
- 5 took census from S. McKindless to Richds & some in Cookstown  
cold and blustry great flurries of snow p.m.
- 6 took Census from R Stewarts by Sutherlands Mannings, Parks  
Jesse Moirs & home
- 7 taking census from D. Reins by I Lees back 4th line to  
sideroad down to W. Reins & home
- 12 Bessie & I were at Mrs. Montgomerys funeral
- 14 taking census 3rd line from R. Hills west to W. Ferriers  
walked Jim repaired harness

Year 1881 con't

- April 15 Good Friday taking census from Blacks west to Townline to J Moirs drove first time was at Church at night
- 16 taking Census from R Cunninghams to townline & Camauns drove
- 18 was taking Census from G Sharps to townline on 6th & to J Brysons & Cookt Mrs Jebb & Campbells
- 19 taking Census done 5th line East from 5 to 11 - lot drove home at night
- 20 was taking Census from Moses McKennies to 6th line & East to 2nd Side road - drove came home at night J Maw came & took Wag horse away without leave - the men cut wood at the door
- 21 went on foot to day commenced at I Sharpes & went East on 7th line to lot 11 & stopped at Mrs Connellys (acomill) on 8-line all night
- 22 taking Census drove from Lot 11 to Stewart Wrights on 8th line
- 23 drove from Stewart Wrights west to Townline & all Thornton 18 families
- May 5 planted some apple trees & Dr. Nicol was here mg seeing Mary She has Scarlet fever
- 6 H. Heasley & I finished planting trees - 40 apples, 4 plums 2 cherries & 1 crab 47 in all Put stones under 2nd west row & south 2 of 3rd row
- 13 Erny & Herby are both ill with fever
- 31 was taking Census Bessie left me at J Reynolds on 9th line Stopped at Jas McMullens all night
- June 1 taking Census stopped at John Hopkins all night on 10th line
- 2 taking census Stopped at J Reiny's on 9th all night Slight frost last night
- 3 taking Census Stopped at Mathew McKenzies all night
- 4 taking Census a.m. was home at 3-p.m.
- 5 Bessie Lizzie Mary & I went to Church mg first time since April on account of Scarlet fever Richard & family was here Bob Jones went away Eg

Year 1881 con't

- June 7 Doll foaled last night foal weak Seen to it & moulded  
early potatoes a.m. Planted some potatoes on Hill p.m.
- 8 taking Census on 11 & 12 lines from Sideroad East  
Stopped at Lougheds all night - had fly Jim plowed
- 9 finished taking Census on 11 & 12 lines came home at  
night Jim is plowing on Hill these days
- 10 left Census papers with Banting had 250 families  
traveled 2100 miles wrought 19 days Bessie was to  
Cookstown with me
- July 10 Mrs Jonston died at yesterday Eg Bessie & I were at  
the funeral Eg heard an orange Sermon in M Meeting  
house Eg Mr Mahan
- Aug. 15 Seen Jim Hewitt at Thos. Blacks about note a.m. He refused  
to give me anything I went to Bradford p.m. & sued Him  
took Erny with me Jim & Willy ganged barley on the Hill
- 16 Served T Black with a garnishee Summons at(Home) & Jim  
Hewitt with a summons at James Donnell's a.m.
- 21 Lizzy Erny & I went to Goodwins from Church Goodwin & I  
went to see John Patterson p.m. He is very weak fine  
dry weather
- 24 John Patterson died this mg
- Sept. 8 Bessie & the 5 children & I went to Harvest home festival  
at 11 mg came home at dark
- 24 went to Bradford was about 10 minutes too late or I would  
have got judgement against Jim Hewitt for note \$95  
came home by Cookstown
- Oct. 9 Bessy, Lizzy, Erny, Herby & I went to Church Mary & Wilton  
were in shed loft & Wilton set fire to the hay & burned  
frame & log Barns, Horse stable & Every building on the  
place (except the house) and nearly all this years & part  
of last years crops.
- 10 commenced building a temporary place for the horses Andy  
Morrow & Henry Heasley helped at it
- 14 Andy made backhouse

Year 1881 con't

- Oct. 16 Bessie & I were at James Kidds funeral p.m.
- 23 last night J.H. Cambell took me from the Lodge to E.S. Guns where J.W. Parks, D. Sutherland, Robert J. Coleman & others were there & gave \$415.00 to help me build & get feed for my stock
- Nov. 16 brought 700 ft lumber from Nicols Mill roads bad Jim & Willy took I McLennans tool chest home & got His wagon & took in 82 bush Potatoes Bessie was in Cookst
- 28 W. Irving came to help us to Shingle but it was too cold Andy He & I made and put up airpipe over cow stable in North end of barn Jim brought Potatoes from Hill & Peas from Richd
- Dec. 8 Richd & I went to Alliston Got Judgement on Jim Hewitt note \$95 & interest got \$10-00 of it garnisheed from Thos Black roads very rough cold day
- 10 Tom & Kate arrived from Manitoba last night
- 17 Yank got there from Manitoba a.m. He came home with me

Year 1882

- Jan. 1 Thos Meredith died at 4 this morning
- 14 head quite well but have a cold got Mag Shod a.m. Brought a load of Pea straw from Richds & filled it into wall of barn P.M. & went to see Mrs Bathie at night She is Pretty low Jim helped Henry to haul stones a.m. & helped me p.m.
- 19 was at Meeting at Cookst choosing Candidate for Election at 2.50 on friday mg result of last Ballot was announced when Tyrwhitt had 168 - Dunn 133 came home at daylight friday mg Mrs Bathie died this p.m.
- 24 put manger in calf stable Jim brought a load of Pea straw from J Moirs a.m. & 2 loads wood to T Ellits p.m. Henry got his toe frozen mg hauling stones he hauled wood after 38 below zero at 5 am
- Feb. 25 brought 800ft hemlock Planks from Fletchers Mill west of Ivy on the wagon with Mag & fly good wheeling the men hauled turnips & cleaned some oats Yank went to Richds fine day townline muddy

Year 1882 con't

- March 5 Rich & Letty went to Church from here & got Robert Milton Baptized road hard under soft top
- 12 did not go to church was up all last night with Jeff - He got foundered yesterday standing in the stable had Mayhew with him treatment for founder kept his feet in hot Bran Mash 48 hours gave physic
- 21 Stormy mg hinged trapdoor & mdae stationary ladder & Yank glazed windows & put one in Shop in Barn Harry went home from J McLennans where he went to thrash some oat straw for beds Jim went to Cookst Snow occasionall all day
- 27 helped Parks & Richd to skid logs raining bedtime water very high at night
- 28 J. Lennox drove into the River & left his Buggy in it
- April 7 Good Friday was at Lodge at night for the last time I have left the Lodge after belonging 29 years
- 16 was at D Kyles funeral was pallbearer Mr. Gun & family & Miss Williams & P.H. Stewart came home with us
- 25 Johny McGaw left some time last night and I don't know where for went to his Fathers he had not come home went on to Barrie fine day frost at night
- May 25 Jim is drunk at Cookstown
- 26 had H. Heasley assorting the potatoes attended to Him planted first potatoes E of Barnyard p.m. & brought young cow from Reynolds Eg Yank & Erny helped Picken with 2 teams - harrowing Jim is at Cookst
- 27 Jim is still drunk at Cookstown planted some potatoes on Hill mg J.A. Campbell & I washed his 4 & my 18 sheep p.m. Yank & C Campbell threw them into us Yank & I went to Cookst Ey Yank got roller at Ferriers a.m. & commenced rolling flasts east of front lane Erny finished rolling
- 29 repaired fence over creek at pig pen a.m. Plowed P Patch E of Bnyard & planted some potatoe p.m. Jim came last night - He harrow S Fallow N E Field on Port Yank went away some there mg
- July 5 went to Barrie to try to make Ballot right in Election case on Which I wrote my name - it was counted Tywhitts Majority is still 6 Jim finished plowing fallow first time

Year 1882 con't

- July 19 was repairing fence on port & hurt my back
- 22 back quite painful & weak but able to go about I bathe  
30 minutes night & morning
- 31 cut & bound wheat on Hill between house & D Sutherlands  
lane Bessie drove some for us Bessie & I went to  
Cookst at night cant get half the men stooped on the Hill  
to night
- Aug. 2 cut wheat on hill Bessie drove some for us Jim Price  
& I bound Back stiff mg but better when I get warmed up
- 3 cut wheat on hill Bessie drove Jim Price & I bound
- 14 cut round barley on S Port field Started Bessie to cut in  
N Port field & helped Pascoe to put pump in wall on Hill  
The men hauled wheat on Hill a.m. & barley at home p.m.  
I raked barley at home p.m.
- 15 finished raking barley in North field a.m. was at  
J. McKindless threshing p.m. very heavy rain p.m & night  
Bessie finished cutting barley at noon (on port) the men  
Price-Bob Naugh & Pat Ryan hauled barley till the rain came
- 17 put part of partition in house on Hill & opened shaft  
there They are growing very badly Price & Bessie white-  
washed shanty Jim came back this mg away since 6th  
He & Pat took out cedar posts Bob grubbed 2 pine stumps  
very dry
- 18 The men & I opened shocks on Hill a.m. (have over 40  
acres f wheat out yet) & hauled barley at home p.m.  
I raked till tea time- Iwent to Jas Reiny thresh & Bessie  
raked after tea
- Sept. 6 Bessie & I were at Tommy Heaslips funeral took corpse  
in spring wagon Jane Eveleigh came home with us
- 13 went to Toronto mg was at Conervative meeting at  
Shaftsbay Hall p.m. & another Conservative meeting at  
Walkerhouse at night had dinner & tea at Kellys &  
stooped at Mrs. Colemans all night
- 14 went to Exhibition grounds mg came back at night Stopped  
at Mrs Coleman very windy
- 15 went & seen Mrs Johnston mg then to show grounds till 2 oclock  
J. W. Parks & I was in Queens Park & up 275ft in Cathedral  
tower p.m. & at (Leoo) zoo at night one Bear weigh 1200-  
whale measure 52 ft

Year 1882 con't

- Sept. 16 left Mrs Coleman at 6.30 mg & got to Beeton at 2p.m. & to Cookstown after ten - found all well at home
- 21 took 18cwt.36# casting to Butterfield & got judgement against Riddle transcribe from Barrie for Alliston cool & dry Pryce repaired Shanty
- Oct. 5 Jim is drunk at Cookstown warm weather & good roads
- 10 Lizzie has dyptheria
- 12 was at Cookstown for nails a.m. & to see the Dr about Lizzie - She is some better of the Dyptheria this p.m.
- Nov. 9 Bessie & I went to Jebbs Child funeral p.m. but was too late
- 20 Bessie & I were at Chas. Jebbs Funeral p.m. Letty took Annie away to night
- Dec. 6 Jas. A. Campbell & I were at Annual Conservative meeting at Victoria
- 7 put door on chaff room & fed the stock Jim brought the H Power from Barrie Very stormy all day cold & windy

Year 1883

- Feb. 7 Bessie & I were at Jno Fergusons funeral
- 27 was at Election McKay beat Hook 168
- March 25 don't go to Church now
- April 11 Jim is idle at Cookstown
- 18 Geo had the team to Lennox Mill for his furniture
- 20 George Gillan commenced year work
- 30 Jim started for Manitoba this morning



Year 1883 con't

- May 10 married 14 years to day
- June 8 broke up H Power & planted some potatoes at gate at road  
Uncle Andy died at 9 this mg went there after tea Geo  
finished Plow E of lane
- 9 was at Uncle A s wake last night Richd & I chose grave  
plot rain a.m. & p.m. Geo went to Midland
- July 10 Bessie tried to plow faloow on port but could not for  
clover pulling out a.m. Bessie & I were at Mrs. W. Sproules  
funeral at Newtown R p.m.
- Aug. 5 Chris - Tom & I went to the tamarocks to get gooseberries  
water to our boottops & got no berries
- Sept. 16 Bessie & I were at S.McKindless funeral Threatened rain
- Oct. 8 Geo went to look for his wife some rain p.m.

\*Note: See Memboranda in back of Diary: March 12th- Set Henry  
Sleight the job of building shed 22 x 54 & lintle 20-44  
& hew the timber and put cowstable & feederroom under barn  
for \$75 - hewing to be paid for when it is done & balance  
of one half to be paid in winter of 83 & 84 & last half  
in winter of 84 & 85

Year 1884

- Jan. 30 went up townline and got pathmaster to level pitch holes  
in road thawing fast to day
- Feb. 3 Bessie & I went from Church to meet Mr. Pooles funeral  
had dinner at Richds.
- 8 Heard of S.G. Greens death this mg Bessie & I went to  
Cookstown

Year 1884 con't

- March      7    took 3 logs from Haughtons to Merrich    finished hauling  
                 Eyes weak from snowblindness
- 29    was at Jas & W. McKindless about sawing am    was on 3rd  
                 line getting contributions to Tyrwhitt testamunial p.m.  
                 Richd & A.R. Ferguson were here about sawing    very  
                 frosty wind
- April      5    done some chores a.m.    was at meeting of Committee to  
                 collect funds for & decided on present to Lt. Col. Tyrwhitt  
                 Tom sawed at Jas McKindless    Bob cut wood
- 22    Bessie & I went to Barrie & signed Mortgage for 2000 at  
                 6 pr cent    had Lucy & Nellie their first time
- May        8    Bessie & I were at Thos. Wrays funeral at Churchill    went  
                 to Lefroy to see Mrs Edgar
- 13    Sowed oats in old pasture at Barn a.m.    Bessie & I were  
                 at Mrs. A. Edgars funeral p.m.
- 22    went to Barrie in 2 h-10m    came home in 2h 05m with  
                 Lucy & Nellie    had Wilton & Herby with me    washed the  
                 Sheep eg Tom Archie & I
- 26    was at Richds & D. Sutherlands    brought cow & calf from  
                 J Resns Ey    Jas Donnell was here with washing machine
- 29    I was at Scott Act meeting at night
- Aug.      23    Bessie & I were at Mrs Frasers funeral a.m.    cut some oak  
                 in S.W. field
- Sept.     10    took Herb to the Dr a.m.    He says he has Excema    got  
                 window sash at Fergusons & looked for the sheep    very heavy  
                 rain
- 30    Tyrwhitt came home with Bessie & I
- Oct.       1    took Col. Tyrwhitt to Cookstown mg & stayed all day    at  
                 fair p.m.    Tom was there all day
- 9    voted against Scott act a.m.    M McLennan & his man helped  
                 us to take Post from under S end of barn p.m.    Rev. Mr.  
                 Fletcher & wife was here

Year 1884 con't

Oct. 20 finished 2 window frames a.m. got Beach bark for  
dying & killed a lamb

Year 1885

Jan. 15 Uncle Jack died last night at Williams in Mulmur aged  
95 years

Feb. 19 done the chores a.m. brought the chop from Cookstown  
p.m. Lizzie was with me She is taking medicine from  
Nicol for aenemia which means bloodless Tom helped  
to saw at home with team

20 Tom & I cleaned 2 bins barley R Gilpin was here to  
sell an organ Tom & Ernest went to A. Fergusons at night  
for grain crusher Sleighing good not quite so cold

21 went to Barrie about buying an organ took Lizzie with me  
She is taking medicine for A Enemia or bloodlessness  
Sherwood wanted \$126 cash for style 11 organ

23 Mrs Sherwood offered me a style 11 organ & Royal A  
sewing machine for \$125

25 went to Alliston & bought an organ & a sewing machine  
for \$125

March 30 went to Barrie to the Assizes to attend as Grand Juror  
Bob Marlin hauled rails from Reynolds to the hill Stormy

31 In Barrie on the Grand Jury Bob Marlin helped to thresh  
at Bob McKindless

April 1 In Barrie rain & sleet most all day Volunteers are  
coming in to Barrie to go to N.W.

2 In Barrie on G Jury 4 Companies Volunteers left Barrie  
for N.W. this a.m. visited Jail Ey

3 Came from Barrie on 6.42 train mg was at Church at Cookst  
J. Coulter drove me home p.m. A. Jane & Jenny Coulter was  
here Stormy & snowing a.m. Left my P book in Barrie

27 went to Toronto Missed the train at Cardwell Junction  
got into Toronto at night Stopt at Mrs Coleman saw  
first bag seed in a field near Toronto

Year 1885 con't

April 28 In Toronto all day & done my business

May 1 done some chores a.m. sowed wheat on potato ground on hill  
p.m. & went to Cookst Ey was at the law suit at night

7 raining this mg the men & I cleaned the oats on the Hill  
& stumped in new field cold wet backward weather

June 19 drilled & sowed turnips a.m. Bessie & I were at Bondhead  
p.m. having law with D & S Wyit

22 finished line fence in bush at tea time & spread manure  
after Bessie & Ernest are at Excursion to bracebridge  
cold high wind all day

July 15 finished mowing S side of drain in N.W. field bought  
or hired a selfbiner from Lewis & Pascoe - Maxwells agents

24 Commenced cutting wheat (in centre East field) a.m. went  
to Cookstown to get machine from Pascoe but could not get it  
gave Jas Banting an order for one at night

25 Ernest & I brought Scuffler & Selfbiner from J. Ross a.m.  
Jas Banting started it in W. centre field p.m. the men  
went to Cookst at night

31 Ernest & I cut in North port field till tilting lever broke  
at teatime - went to Cookstown & got J Banting to wire for  
one The men ganged & shocked very warm

Aug. 1 I am 52 years of age to day - weigh 153# in shirt & pants  
and have good health thank God

Dec. 10 left the children at School & took 3 loads of wheat from  
Hill to Cookst & gave Albert Wessen a lease of the Hill  
50 for 5 years freezing to day

Year 1886

- Feb. 2 helped A Campbell to haul sawlogs to Newtown for Dr. Nicol cold day
- 12 fed the stock & brought the buggy from the Hill a.m. Bessie & I were at Mrs Wrights - Mary Ann Fergusons funeral p.m. & at A Campbells for tea Some rain this mg good wheeling on townline John came back at noon
- 15 Discharged John this mg for not rising in time & not coming to feed the horses on Sunday I done the chores a.m. Took a grist to the mill on the wagon & J Moirs load of wood on Sleigh p.m. Snow to day
- 18 Went to Alliston to see if Elariage had sued me had Irene Coleman with me fine day Sleighing quite thin
- 19 Soft snow falling most of day done the chores a.m. took some wheat & some chop to Cookt p.m. & was at annual meeting of warehouse co. shareholders Had J.A. Campbell & wife & Mrs McLennan Bob & Dicky Kate Morn & Irene Coleman at night
- 22 fed the Stock a.m. took the saws to D. Sutherlands left Kate Morrow & Irene at Amfares & went to Cookst p.m. & took a load of stuff for A Campbell to the car at night Albert came home with me
- March 3 done the chores a.m. was at Arbitation at Cookstown taking part of Tecumseth into the union school p.m. Frank & Irene Coleman Kate Morrow Ann Jane & Letty were here p.m.
- April 19 helped to get addition to Church lot seeded before Surveying it tomorrow had Dilsy to buggy double first time
- 26 Bob commenced ganging wheat on hill Hy Slight & W Heasley came here & commenced dressing posts for front of house I helped them to fetch them to house & was at Vestry meeting at night was elected C. Warden Mr Fieldson & I were appointed to See the Bishop about Mr. Fletcher
- June 16 Harrowed some & Bob plowed some on Hill was at Parks & Richds Eg Alexander camehome with me Harry Wilton came here from Muskoka to work Shower of rain at noon Very warm day

Year 1886 con't

- July 21 finished cutting hay Piece at E lane & last of S Meadow on Port The men harrowed & poisoned bugs a.m. & cocked hay p.m. Richards hoed turnips Rain Evening - Bessie was at Coost Ey
- Aug. 1 Bessy & I were at Church twice Rev. Mr. W.H.A. French took charge of Cookst Parish to day J.W. Parks & I were at P. Ralsons funeral
- 14 Done some chores a.m. Harry & I & team helped to shovel barley for Bob McKindless p.m. Ernest cut barley on hill p.m. The men lowered the well about 7 inches a.m.
- 17 made poke for colt helped Pascoe to make cover for well & put in pump at barn was at Cookstown Evg Bob harrowed Harry hauled wood for Engine & gauged
- 18 Ernest commenced cutting oats on hill Pascoe commenced to make cistern at house Harry gauged in E fallow a.m. helped Pascoe to get cedar for cover for cistern & &
- 28 threshed on Hill a.m. & at home P.M. shower rain p.m. had lots of hands Harry moved Engine to R Greensides
- Sept. 6 went to Richards mg to haul in oats He could not haul He & I set the machine commenced cutting oats after tea Bolt came off Jack at night - the Jack land wheel broke & broke J.W. Parks arm & thumb & cut Hy Wilton in the Cheek & most killed him Dr. Nicol attended to them
- 15 Bob & I finished pulling peas at tea time went to Cookstown at night & engaged A. Rogers for Sexton at \$40 pr annum
- Oct. 11 Took milk to cheese factory a.m. Ernest started to go to school again
- 30 Ernest & Oscar McNichol took 4 bags apples for us & 5 for C. Campbell to Carters got about 38 gallons in all fine day
- Nov. 10 Bessie & I went to see Mrs Coulter & the twins at night
- 20 Was at Conservative caucus at Queens Hotel in Barrie to appoint Candidates for Muncip Offices Bessie & Lizzie were with me

Year 1886 con't

- Dec. 6 J.W. Parks & I were at Conservative Convention at Beeton to select a candidate For Cardwell (first time Innisfil were in it) had Lucy to the cutter Sleighing rough home at 9.50 p.m.
- 23 done some chores a.m. got frank shod - a tooth pulled p.m. & was at Dr Wylies meeting at night not half sleighing

\*Note: Memoranda in back of Diary: May 20: Witnessed Mrs McK sign  
2 notes of \$100 each for E McL

Year 1887

- Jan. 14 Done the chores William Richard was born Evg Bob helped to finish cutting at Parks
- Feb. 4 got some barley chopped Thos. Coleman, Essa, died at 2 p.m. to day
- 22 Dominion Election was Dy returning officer at Hindles Tyrwhitt & Wright was at Cookst at night
- 23 returned ballot box mg Bessie & Kate went to Lefroy p.m.
- March 3 Bessie & I were at funeral of Capt Cooks child P.M. Kate is here
- 11 was at meeting of farmers institute at night in Cookst own
- 23 Bessie went to Spindles with me Saw Manitoba products in car Douglas fir in the car from B.C. measure 8 ft across
- April 1 was at old Mrs Watsons funeral Bessie & I were at Cookst till 10 p.m.
- 11 was at Vestry Meeting at 5 p.m. Mr Fieldsen & I were again appointed Church Wardens
- 30 J.W. Parks & I were at A.Edgars funeral at Cookst all night

Year 1887 con't

May 15 Mag had filly to King of Ontario last night was at Church  
18 was at Robt Blacks funeral a.m.

June 9 Had a great bear hunt but it happened to be a dog  
19 Bessie & I were at Mr Parks p.m. & Jubilee Service at Church  
at night

July 18 Rain last night Repaired canvas this a.m. the men  
poisoned pr bugs  
30 Bessie & I were at Spindles Jeanny died in Toronto  
thursday night  
31 Discharged Bob Robinson this mg Bessie & I went to see  
Letty from Church Ey Jenny Spindles funeral Serman was  
preached this Ey

Aug. 3 threshed most all the fall wheat at home very warm Had  
J. McLennan, B. Jones for C. Campbell - A man from Jess Moir  
W. McKindless all day & J. Sutherland p.m Had D. Reiny  
J. W. Parks, Wm. Stewart, Richard & man, H. Wittle the  
Boys & myself Felt very tired at night

Sept. 29 very dry time

Oct. 2 Bessie & I were at church mg & Eg The Bishop confirmed  
29 persons mg & preached Ey  
25 Tried to crush oats p.m. with engine. Broke shaft in  
crusher Sent it to Toronto Ey Harry plowed

Nov. 10 Was at William Reiny's funeral p.m. Rained & snowed most  
of the day  
17 Met Col. Banting & G. Fisher at the late Wm Reiny's place  
& we valued chattels a.m. Thanksgiving day

Dec. 20 Left Ernest in Barrie to Stand the entrance examination  
good wheeling ground just white



Year 1889

- Jan. 1 Collected clothes for Brown family Bessie & the 5 children & I & Jim were at S.S. entertainment in T. Hall at night rough wheeling
- 2 Brought clothes to Brown A.M. & helped Rev. Little & Jno Ross to disinfect School house p.m. had dinner at Jno Ross
- 7 Was Dy Returning Office at G. Ayerts house, Cookstown first poll we had in Cookstown Black & McChonky elected Patterson beaten some snow this mg
- 8 E. Fawcett & I took ballot box to Pallings & went to Barrie Had Jeff & Ben to the Buggy fair sleighing at Barrie
- 9 went to Schoolhouse p.m. School is started rained from noon
- 10 the 4 children commenced going to school to Miss Sharp I left them there mg Jim & I cleaned barley
- 26 Bessie stayed with Mrs Hamilton She is very low some mud good wheeling
- 27 Mrs Hamilton died at 1.30 this mg Stormy all day Bessie was at Hamiltons all night I was at Church & brought her home
- Feb. 8 done the chores a.m. Was at Annual Meeting of Warehousing Company p.m. was reelected director Bessie was with me to Parks
- 16 (SEE Memoranda) C.Campbell & Mrs Jackson were married on the 13th
- 22 Was at 2 meeting of farmers Institute a.m & night
- 25 Rev. Mr. French & family were here p.m. He & I went to Swamp on 3rd line p.m. fine day
- 26 Thos. Duff was here p.m. & stayed all night - Teacher came home with the children & stayed all night - S. Fawcett & the 2 Miss Ayerst were here Ey
- March 7 too windy to crush to day Went to Cookstown p.m. & got more medicine for the cough I have The pain back of my left sholder is pretty- bad to night quite stormy p.m. no school to day
- 8 In the house all a.m. Too stormy for the children to go to school In house most all day Strong wind & some snow falling most all day Ferrier got oak plank for door sill of new house

Year 1889 con't

- March 13 Eliza Montgomer & H. Hamilton were here fine a.m. turned to freeze p.m. ground bare in places
- 16 McLeod 6th line teacher was with me warm day  
(SEE Memoranda) some teams broke through in the swamp  
on tuesday (Mar.12)
- 22 went to the model mg & arranged with Bob to crush tomorrow  
Was at Agriculture Meeting p.m. arranged to have a spring  
show
- 23 (SEE Memoranda) Sold the 8 october pigs to Wilcox for  
\$54- & I to butcher them
- 26 Took Lucy to Woolman on the 10th line to get her cured  
of ringbone Stopped at T Connelys all night
- 29 Col. Banting & G Fisher were winding up W. Reiny will affair
- April 5 Went to Toronto was at W Jones over night
- 6 Saw W.H. Howland & M Kighley about mortgage They agreed  
to let it remain at the same rate of interest was at  
Parkdale P.M. Saw M. Allingham at night
- 7 Was in St. James Cemetary p.m.
- 8 W. Jones & I were to see A. Ferguson at Spadina Ave.  
Saw Ann Elliott She is very ill
- 9 I am stopping at Connors Went down Town mg Was at  
Parkdale p.m. Had tea with Mrs Ferguson
- 10 Was in Toronto all day Jim Coullers time is up to night
- 11 was down Town mg had dinner at Kellys Camehome p.m.  
Bessie & Jim Coulter met me
- June 1 E. Fawcett & I examined gravelpit at D. Reineys place &  
seen him about it
- 3 Went to Lefroy to get T. Gilpin to sell Mrs McLennan stuff  
had to go to Bradford & engage R Stewart
- 22 Came by Elmgrove & saw Flins & Aunt Marian
- 28 Bessie & I were at Garden Party at James Laws p.m. very warm

Year 1889 con't

- July 5 Bessie & I & all the children but Willie were at S.S. Picnic at Degrossi Point weather fine had a good time
- 18 (SEE Memoranda) On Thursday 18 Bessie & Mary fell out of back of spg wagon coming from Marariatys when Wilt & Herb & them were picking berries Bessie got very badly hurt
- 29 Was at Bella Fergusons funeral a.m. examined reaper & took mag to Cookstown
- Aug. 4 Was not at Church Saw old Mrs Moir a.m. Mr.&Mrs Fieldsend Fred Coleman & Mr Hopper, Balinda & Allie Goodwin & Rick & Letty were here
- 19 my back got sore while cleaning the horses this mg I am laid up
- 30 Old Mrs Moir died at 9 this mg May back is sore & weak
- Sept. 3 Bought Ferriers pearake here mg
- 7 Back a little better Dr. Nicol calls it Seiatica He would not guarantee a cure. Was at the village Evening (SEE Memoranda) Have been laid up since 19 with sore back & it is hardly any better yet done nothing for it yet but keep a plaster to it & rest
- 25 Old man Patterson died at 11 a.m. to day age 90 years
- Oct. 23 threshed at Jess Moirs (Jones place) till 3.45 Went to trustee meeting at schoolhouse to hire teacher She wanted \$350. we offered her 325-00
- Nov. 24 Brought the Doctor from Cook mg Bessie had Stillborn baby girl this mg. J.W. Parks, Rich & I buried it between Father & Mother Evg muddy roads
- 30 Bessie took Milkleg - very bad to day Dr Nicol was away & I brought Dr Norris
- Dec. 3 Letty & I were at wakehouse - Isaac Fergusons p.m.
- 4 Letty & I were at Isaac Fergusons funeral a.m. was in the house with Bessie p.m. She is very weak not so well as yesterday

Year 1889 con't

- Dec. 5 Mrs McLennan Letty & I were up with Bessie Took the poltice off her leg & put on dry warm cloths
- 6 I went to Cookstown mg for the Dr & He & Dr Norris was here p.m. He told them to use hot cloths & linnament instead of poltice first time The Dr says she is holding her own well
- 24 Went to Barrie with Jas Rainey to explain to A Lawyer about Col. Banting & G. Fisher having Rainys money He employed Pepllar to get it back Roads bad in South end of Township
- 30 Was at nomination at Stroud J. Ross & E Little by acclamation Rod McConkey & W. Black for 2 Dy Jamaison Webb & Harry Grose for council Road rough

\*Note: Memoranda in back of Diary: St. Johns Church, Cookstown was built in 1853 (Dr. Norris)

Year 1890

- Jan. 11 Jno Ross & I went to Barrie I arranged for Ernest to board at Jas Reynolds Attending the high school
- 15 Was at annual agricultural meeting at Cookstown p.m. Was appointed Director
- 18 was at Mrs R.T. Bantings funeral Was pall bearer (SEE Memoranda) 13 very strong wind done a great deal of damage in Ontario blew at the rate of 75 miles p hour
- 28 Quite sick to day confined to the bed Think it is lagrippe
- 31 Still in bed & coughing very much
- Feb. 4 Still sick Bessie is able to walk round some on her sore leg
- 6 Sent for Dr. Norris to day He says it is not lagrippe but bronchitis
- 13 Sent for the Dr to day again He says I a little better but he dont expect me to get well till the warm weather sets in Eliza came to cookstown to night

Year 1890 con't

- March 8 Went to Barrie to get the Judge to Examine McLennan Estate accts But I must have them audited by Clerk Surrogate Court
- April 3 Brought Ernest from Coostown Ey He has just left the high school in Barrie was there on Quarter
- 16 Lizzie & I went to Barrie I got the McLennan estate accts from Stewart to day The Judges order for my pay \$100 for the Will case & \$50- for the Administration Case The acct was audited by J.M.L. Stevensen Clerk Surragate Court
- 29 Children had their pictures take at school But it did not do Ernests eye is very bad
- 30 Took Ernest to Dr. Norris but he could not see to take the piece out of his eye Dr Nicol took it out
- May 31 Bessie & I were at Robt. Walkers funeral p.m.
- June 4 at Ed Mannings funeral p.m.
- 17 Fell on the wheel by a line breaking while backing the team in the yard & broke some of my ribs
- 24 Was at Agricultural Meeting P.M. aranged Prize List
- July 3 Took Mary to Alliston for examinations
- 4 Bessie & I were at Mrs Armstrongs (Old Susie) funeral p.m. (SEE Memoranda) Aug. 1: I am 57 to day & had a present of a nice pocket kerchief from Mary & Lizzie under my plate at breakfast
- Sept. 18 Finished harvesting took stacked peas a.m. was at Thos. Blacks funeral (of 3rd line) p.m.
- Oct. 9 Ed Spar is painting Church seats
- 16 Peter Donnell was buried P.M. aged 88 or 89
- 25 Repaired floor in House on hill a.m. & cut oats at Richards p.m.

Year 1890 con't

- Nov. 23 Mr & Miss Fieldsen & Andrew Ferguson were here from Church
- Dec. 8 J. Cook threshed Peas till 3 p.m. Fred Heinrick cut his throat
- 18 Was at Parks to See Mrs Burns & to Cookst a.m. Lizzie & I were at examination at Schoolhouse p.m. Teeny Rogerson went with us School closed to day fine day

Year 1892

- Jan. 21 Was at Cookstown Ey The Children Mary Wilt & Herb were at Magic lantern entertainment at S House at night
- Feb. 16 Bessie, Mary & I were at Presbyterian Concert at night Miss Alexander recited pieces
- 18 The scholars orgainized a Literary Society  
SEE Memoranda: 13th night - Northern Lights = hly red
- 29 Dolls foal Frank kicked me in the mouth this p.m. & Split my lip to my nose - broke out one tooth - left another hanging by the gums & loosened 2 more Dr. Buchanan put 3 stitches in the lip
- March 1 Severe headache all day from kick I got yesterday Bessie is ill too with headache & chills & pains in her bones Seems to be lagrippe
- 7 Bessie & I were at Cookst P.M. The Dr took the 3 stitches out of my lip
- 22 Bessie & I went to Alick Stinson (or Stepenses) funeral a.m.  
SEE Memoranda: 21-got word that Alex Stephen (Bessies Uncle) was dead
- April 2 W. McKindless D. Jones & I brought Engine from Donnels to W. McKindless gate
- May 15 Bessie & I were at Katie Rosses funeral mg
- 26 Assencion Day

Year 1892 con't

- June 21 The Boys brought wood from bush for house & Engine  
SEE Memoranda: 21 - Lizzie came home from Walkerton  
25 - The volunteers came from camp
- 30 Got my boots repaired a.m. made my first piece of Russel  
fence at S W corner of 3 acres of bush
- July 1 Dominion Day - The 5 Elder Children went to De Grussie Point
- 26 Bessie & I were to see Mr. Fawcetts Eg He is sufffering  
from rheumatic Inflanmanation
- Aug. 3 Bought 700 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tiles from Alliston Patience dug drains
- 5 I went to see Mr. Fawcett at night Saw him die at 8:35 p.m.
- 6 Ann Jane who is ill came here p.m.
- 7 Bessie, Lizzie, Ernest & Mary & I were at Mr Fawcetts funeral  
p.m. was Pall bearer
- Sept. 3 Bessie was at W. Jones funeral Elly Stevenson came home  
with her  
SEE Memoranda: 1st- A.R. Ferguson came with word that W.Jones  
died this mg in Toronto
- 22 Saw Aunt Jane & Ann Jane both are going down Fanny Patterson  
came home with us
- 24 Harry Fountain came here from Walkerton
- 28 Finished harvesting Aunt Jane died at 5:35 this p.m.  
Bessie & I were to the village & to see Ann Jane Ey
- Oct. 5 Ogle came here mg to say Ann Jane is worse Bessie & I  
went up there She quietly fell asleep at 10:25 a.m. I  
was at Cookst Evening
- 7 Bessie & I went to W. Hs a.m. The children & us were at  
Sister Ann Janes funeral p.m.
- Nov. 9 Ernest is 21 & Mary 19 tonight
- 26 Took Lizzie to Bradford to have impressions for her teeth  
Good wheeling on S townline Splendid on Penetang

Year 1892 con't

- Dec. 2 Was at W & D Sutherlands about measuring D 50 & mine to find my E line fence They refused to measure & divide Was at W. Stewarts & Coost p.m. about getting Engine to cut oats
- 3 Herb & I measured N & S ends of 50 a.m.  
SEE Memoranda: north end of 50 R60 ft 6 inch 9  
south end of 50 R58 ft 15 inch 0
- 8 Bessie & I were at Old Mrs. James Kidd funeral p.m.  
SEE Memoranda: 5-Lizzie got her upper teeth
- 15 Hy & R.J.Coleman had machine cutting wood on road p.m.
- 23 Ernest & the 2 girls were at Candy festival at 4th line church

Year 1893

- Jan. 11 Very cold Registered from 15 to 30 below zero in Ontario to day
- 14 Willie is 6 years old to day
- 23 Was at meeting of Patrons of Cheese factory p.m.  
Professor Dean lectured on dairying
- 30 Saml Fawcett & I were out getting Subscription list renewed fro Minister Stephen
- Feb. 17 Was at Churchill p.m. & bought a buggy from R.W. Sloan  
SEE Memoranda: 15 - Annie Ferrier was married this p.m.
- March 22 Ernest took a load to 10th line for R.A. Sutherland He is moving there
- 25 Sawed wood in bush p.m. Rick Coleman (Fleury)came here p.m.
- 28 The youngsters went to their taffy pull at T. Malton
- 31 Good Friday - Bessie & I were at Old Mrs. Reineys funeral p.m.
- April 4 Got my eye hurt with a chip a.m. Went to Dr. Nicol & had it dressed



Year 1893 con't

April 11 eye pretty well - have no constant pain

19 Eye pretty sore this mg

24 Felt very despondent to day

June 13 Went to Toronto to the Synod Had dinner at Connors  
181 Richmond was at Mrs Wilcox 33 Walton St. all  
night Kate Morrow & I were at Mrs. Jones (Setove) at  
night

14 Consulted Dr. Ryerson 60 College Street mg about my eye  
He said it must come out. At Synod a.m. & p.m. Was  
at Government house with members of Synod at Garden party Ey

15 Arranged with Dr. R to have my eye taken out tomorrow  
mg was at Synod after

16 Drs Ryerson & Siskin took out my left eye between 9-30  
& 11-oclock a.m. Went to Mrs Moors 26 Grenville St  
about 2p.m.

17 Was At Mrs Moors

18 Was at Mrs. Moors in the house all day

19 At Mrs Moors Took a walk to the Park & University Ey

20 Saw Dr R mg He said I might come home Came home p.m.  
Irene Coleman came with me Met Bessie in Cookst

21 Feel well but a little tired  
SEE Memeoranda: 30th- Put glass eye in first time except  
when Dr. R tried it in in Toronto  
on 25th

July 5 SEE Memoranda: Deacons (Mrs. Armstrong) stable (tove)  
burned last night

9 Was at Church mg Second time since Easter Hattie Hamilton  
& \_\_\_ Bill - Cheesemaker- came home with us

10 Bessie, Lizzie Ernest & I were at Aunt Maryans funeral a.m.

24 Bessie & Mary were at B Dicks funeral  
SEE Memoranda: 24th- Ernest brought home new binder (Massey Harris)

Aug. 1 I am 60 years old today

Year 1893 con't

- Aug. 20 Ernest got powders for Charlie from D. Banting mg & brought Mrs. Scott (Ellen Elliott) here
- Sept. 8 Went to Barrie & consulted Stewart about making Armstrong take Charlie horse He fears I am too late
- Oct. 24 Herb commenced going to Cookstown school
- 31 Took Charlie horse to Mr Armstrongs p.m. He turned him out after me
- Nov. 4 Harry, Harvey & Bob Coleman & Jack & Alick Copeland helped us
- 9 Was to Barrie as delegate to meet Hon. Clark Wallace & Hon. Wood re tariff
- 14 Went to barrie & saw Boys about horse suit
- 15 Got judgement against Mr. Armstrong at Beeton for \$80 for Charlie horse
- 20 Mr Armstrong took Charlie horse away to day
- Dec. 8 Ernest & I brought R. McKindless Engine from W. McKindless a.m. & we cut oats p.m. Had N. Faulkner for C Campbell, T. Thompson for J. Sutherland, Harry Coleman, G. Wilson, Gustoures Thompson & ourselves W. Ferris run Engine 10 in all
- 20 Fed the stock a.m. Bessie & Ernest were to Lefory a.m. They & I were at exam at 4th line p.m. Was Chairman W.J. Ross is giving up school
- 27 Was at Schoolmeeting a.m. R. Cunningham was reelected Trustee J. McLennan made bookcase for me (3 corners) I helped him p.m. Lizzie was at J. Ross W.J. Ross & Jala Smith came home with her roads slippery

\*Note: Memoranda in back of Diary

- Applications for School for 1894 (he lists 9 students)
- Nov. 16: decided to accept Herbert Srigleys application at \$280

Year 1894

- Jan. 1 Was Deputy Returning Officer at Election at Cookstown  
Election for Reeve & 2 Dy & Prohibition Roads part  
icy & part getting bare
- 2 Took ballot box to Allandale & went to Barrie
- 17 Lizzie got 3 teeth filled by McLaren
- 22 SEE Memoranda: Herb, Ross & the 2 girls Howard Cooper  
& sister & Winnie Campbell, H. Srigley  
S.F. Frank Coleman & our 3 Boys & 2 girls  
are skating on Port to night
- Feb. 10 Examined J.A. Kidds stable p.m.  
SEE MEMORANDA: Tom Thompson (J. Sutherlands hired man) died  
there this mg of dyptheria
- 28 Was at meeting of Directors & one of Shareholders p.m.  
Bessie & Kate Morrow were with me to the village good wheeling
- April 4 Done the chores & took in a load of turnips Ernest  
helped Pickens to saw W & H are going to School at  
Cookstown
- 5 Started fire in bush for boiling Sap & helped Ernest to  
take in turnips He took in 4 loads
- 7 Went to Aurora & ment D. Urquhart had topsy & Kate to  
the buggy fine day some are plowing
- 16 commenced Spring work ganged on Hill a.m. Bessie & I  
were at old Mrs Ross s funeral p.m. Wilt cultivated  
on Hill for oats Ernest is sick Bessie brought  
F Patterson here
- 17 Bessie & I were at Mrs. Norris s funeral p.m. Some  
Smiths & Ross s here at night
- May 3 Ernest helped Albert Reiney to raise house & barn for  
stone foundations
- 17 Planted some potatoes & corn at house & Bessie & I went to  
see Mrs. Picken She went to Cookstown & I went to Richards  
about Monument in graveyard
- 20 Went to see Mrs Picken but she was dead since 9:30 last night

Year 1894 con't

- June 13 Lizzie & Louis Henry Fountain were married in the church by Rev. G. Scott at 1:30 p.m. They left on the Evening train Bessie & I went to see Fred at night He is pretty low
- 21 Fred Coleman passed away at 11-50 this a.m.
- 26 Was Deputy Returning Officer at Election for Ontario  
Jeffs got & Little  
J. McLennon was poll clerk
- 30 Took ballot box to Palling Allandale & ballots to Duffan  
Election clerk for Cardwell
- July 10 Went to village mg & took monument to graveyard & bought new mower Warren home Ernest commenced cutting grass
- 13 I helped a.m. & helped to make foundation for & raise monument in Lewis cemetery
- 20 Bessie & I were at garden party at J. Ross Ey
- Aug. 27 Cut grass & on track of drain in North gully Patience commenced digging drain there
- Sept. 3 Cookstown Civic holiday
- 5 Was at A.R. Ferguson
- 6 Brought dish harrow from B.R. Fergusons a.m.
- 27 Mary & Charlie were married by Mr Scott in the church at 1:30 p.m. & went away on the 5:50 train
- Oct. 16 Mary went home with Charlie this a.m.
- 17 Bessie was with me bought bedroom set from Jebb at 12:00 for Mary  
SEE MEMORANDA: 16th-Was at R. Blacks at night decided to have Annie Wallace for teacher next year at \$275
- 30 Mrs. Robt Watson died at 5 this a.m.
- 31 Halloween Mr Moor Teacher left for Dundas this mg  
SEE MEMORANDA: W.F. Moor left for Dundas this mg & Mr Phillip takes his place as Head teacher in Cookstown

Year 1894 con't

- Nov. 15 Took 15 lambs to village to Geo. Ferguson & done some chores
- 21 Mary & Charlie were here p.m. E & W were at Mary Pickins shooting match p.m.
- Dec. 11 Lizzie came here from Walkerton first time since her marriage
- 17 Was at village p.m. to get tooth filled Bozanke did not fill it
- 27 Was at Jeremiahs Fergusons funeral
- 31 Borrowed organ case from Sherman p.m to ship organ to Lizzie Bessie was with me

Year 1895

- Jan. 2 Was at Jno Ross Sons funeral p.m. E left organ at station for Lizzie & brought C box from Parks
- 8 Had J Dobson cutting oats with Rankins engine
- 11 Was at J Sutherlands Babys funeral
- 20 Bessie & I were at Church Evening Maud broke the harness on the hill & left us there
- 23 Was going to A.R. Fergusons funeral a.m. when J. McLennon came with word that Mrs Todd was dead Helped him to take yer downstairs
- 25 Was at Old Mrs Todds funeral to 6th line 89 years old
- Feb. 22 Roads somewhat drifted no mail as no cars got in
- March 7 Was to 6th line Mill with Rick & E p.m.
- 9 Repaired harness & was at Cookstown p.m. E hauled in some logs to rollway at mill a.m.
- 16 Mr. McLennan & I presented petition to Council to this time opened p.m at Lefroy

Year 1895 con't

March 25 Left Scantling at Ferriers & also washing machine & settled with R. McKindless mg

April 6 Making logboat

8 Finished making logboat

18 left oats at mill to chop & grasseed at Station for Steel Bros. Toronto The 2 Boys & Bob & Barclay Reiny split wood warm day Charlie & Mary were here

24 Was at village Evening having R & W McKindless hauled up for assault They apologised & admitted they were wrong & Paid me the \$10 I claimed

25 Went to village Evening Had R & W McKindless before Banting & Cook Bill acknowledge that he must have got the \$10 I claimed & the apologised & paid it

27 Bessie & I were to Barrie Saw E.A.Little about Supporting Lennox

June 2 Irish Dick Jones was here

11 Went to the Synod mg Was there p.m. Had tea at - billet- No 60 Grenville St. Mrs Garrett, Met Kate & Irene at St. James at night & went to Mrs. Colemans 72 McGill St there home to billet

12 Was at P.O Home Bernards Boys home - Fegham home & Boys home for a lay a.m. Synod p.m. Government house 4 p.m. Mrs. Jones then home to billet

13 At Synod part of a.m. & p.m. Stayed at Mrs. Jones all night

14 at Market & Synod a.m. came home p.m. Ed Lewis drive me home

SEE MEMORANDA: 11th- went to Synod

15th- came home

Mrs. Jones address 334 Seaton St; Colemans

72 McGill St; Mr Fidlers 30 Maple Grove, Parkdale

Mr Garrett 60 Grenville

26 Church Social At Parsonage Eg 36th Batallion band was there

July 2 Lucy scared at a stone blasting & upset the buggy & threw me out & broke a rib & bruised me some Evening

3 Dr. & Mrs Nicol was here this mg Side very sore

Year 1895 con't

- Aug. 1 I am 62 years old to day, weigh 160#
- 2 The 3 Boys & team helped J. McLennon in with his wheat. They were at football match at 4th line against Cookstown Evening
- Sept. 2 Labour Day - the 3 Boys were at concert at night (firemans)
- 8 Willie Armstrong was buried to day
- 14 SEE MEMORANDA: Herb is going to Cookstown School - Willie is 4 th line
- Nov. 18 Was At J. T. Sproules funeral p.m.
- Dec. 20 School at Cookstown closed

Year 1896

- Jan. 19 Wilt-Herb & I were at Church Ev Rev. Mr. Murphy preached  
Mrs. Burns fell & hurt her hip
- 20 Fed stock & other chores The Boys hauled elms for firew  
Mrs. Geo. Ryley died last night
- 22 Was at Mrs. Geo. Ryleys funeral to Carluke p.m. The Boys  
E & W took home last 3 loads of Straw from Hill pretty cold
- Feb. 17 fed stock & wrote a.m. brought 840# chops from mill p.m.  
Bessie is sick with cold the 3 boys went to Kickapoo Concert  
Herb came home mg school very cold registered  
35 below at village morning
- 18 Mrs. Burns got worse this a.m. Fed some stock & attended her  
Bessie is some better to day able to be round Rev. Scott  
was here Evening Letty came here & stayed all night
- 19 Mrs. Burns passed away about 1.20 this morning Bessie,  
Letty & I were with her. E went to St. Johns Church & brought  
Ella Stevenson home with him Mary came here p.m. Mild a.m.  
quite stormy Evening & was at village a.m.

Year 1896 con't

- Feb. 21 Roads Sa drifted this mg could not bury The neighbors turned out & opened the road to the village a.m. arranged to bury tomorrow
- 22 Buried Mrs Burns to day one con. south & 8 lots west of Bondhead Wilt took Pallbearers Ernest Ella Stevenson Mary & Charlie & Bessie & I went in our sleigh We came home by Stevenson
- March 19 Ernest & I took Topsy & Kate & Lucy Mares to Newmarket to Moroirs the Frenchman. Snowed all day Left N.M. at 5:30 & got stuck in a snowbank at W. Johnstons 2 miles north of bradford & lodged with him all night
- 26 Went to J.McLennans at night & paid my note for my share of biners note \$82.00 Interest \$11-89 total 93.89 He took only 85.00
- April 1 Lost my glass eye last night
- 2 Went to Toronto & got another eye from Dr. Ryerson Saw the Bishop & W W Righley had tea at Mrs. Colemans 72 McGill St & stopped with Mrs Jones 334 Seaton St.
- 3 Good Friday Saw M Allingham 4 Clara St morning went to Grace Church with Kate Morrow & had dinner at Mrs Colemans Left Toronto at 5.30p.m. at Cookst about 8.20
- June 30 Schools closed for holidays
- July 19 Barclay Reiney died at 9-30 this morning
- Sept. 4 was at meeting in S. house about having Highschool work Ey
- 7 Labor Day
- 19 J. Reiny with Cooks engine cut oats for us a.m. had W. Patience Jno Moir & ourselves Alf went home at noon Mrs Coleman - Sophia - came here p.m.
- Oct. 1 Rich Hill was here collecting taxes



Year 1896 con't

- Oct. 3 Charlie came here at 5 this morning Mary had her first baby last night Bessie & Mrs Campbell went home with him  
SEE MEMORANDA: Mary had her first baby (Girl) last night  
Mabel Vivian
- 29 Went to Jas Hamiltons no 11 in 11th Con Gwillimbury & D Thorps 1 in 12 con after J Hamilton - Mason-  
W & H plowed Very warm bright sunny day George Graham was here at night
- Nov. 2 Commenced raising turnips took in 20 loads Had Sylvester Moir Alick Copeland Herb Russell & Gowan Patience
- 29 Bessie & I were at Church morning Ernest & Mary Elden Anderson Evening
- Dec. 6 Bessie, M.E. Anderson & the 3 Boys were to Church at night & had my Saskatchewan robe Slates from the wagon in shed
- 7 Left Miss Anderson at Dixons & brought buggy wheel from village a.m. Was At Brysons & Smiths to buy barley p.m. E & E. Anderson were at Kindergarton at Cookst at night He & Will cut oats at Campbell
- 9 Box fell from my pocket last night & broke my glass eye but I have another one
- 22 Fed stock & helped J & C. McLennan to put bees in cellar
- 23 Got Min & Dilsey shod & broght a Massey-Harris rootpulper from J Banting home
- 26 SEE MEMORANDA: got word (a letter) that Billy Burns died on 12 Inst in Manitoba
- 29 Got word to night that Lizzie had a young Son Zesty mg

Year 1897

\*NOTE: Memoranda in front of diary

County Council Division first elections Jan. 4, 1897  
(he notes his childrens birth dates)

- Jan. 4 Was at village all day Was elected Councillor first time since 1880 Herb started school

Year 1897 con't

- Jan. 7 Went to Charlies for Mary to stay while Bessie goes to Walkerton could not come to day
- 22 Jim McKindless drove me to village mg & I borrowed money from T.H. & C. Arnold & I went to Barrie & paid it to J.A. McCarthy on interest due Ferguson estate by W.McKindless
- 26 Took a load of wood to J. Banting on pulper (Massey-Harris) W Phillips was here for information in Ferguson McKindless suit
- 28 Left Willie at School mg in the house rest of day E went to 6th line for lumber we left there but it was gone  
SEE MEMORANDA: Lizzies Baby died
- Feb. 18 Fed stock a.m. Was at W Moirs sale & at Cookstown & Ed lewises p.m. J McLennan came here at noon He & I went to sale together  
SEE MEMORANDA: W. Ferrier of Barrie Buried to day at Lewises
- 26 Fed stock at McLennan a.m. got grain ground at mill p.m. Rich J McLennan & Wife were here Evening W Lennan was here at night  
SEE MEMORANDA: Herb came home at noon from school - Sick with cold
- 27 Done some chores a.m. Was Campbells also to see Winnie a.m. She has Pendizitis Was at Conservative Meeting at Churchill p.m. quite cold
- March 19 Saw J.A. Ferguson about settling with Mrs. McKindless p.m.
- 23 Minnie mare threw me in the lane & hurt my shoulder some
- 26 Took Mary home (from here) to Lefroy
- April 2 Took Herb to Toronto to Dr Price Brown 37 Carlton He examined him but would not give an opinion till tomorrow Had dinner at Mrs Colemans 72 McGill Had tea bed & breakfast at Mrs Jones 334 Seaton
- 3 Met Herb & Frank - Harrys at Drs. at 9 He examined Him again & said there was microbes in his Sputons That his throat & lungs were affected. Had dinner at Russell House Saw Mrs. Fawcett 20 Rose Ave. Stayed with M Allington 4 Clare all night
- 4 Micheal A His Daughter Annie & I were at church at Little Trinity morning M & I were over Don P.M. & at Mrs. Colemans at night Some rain at night

Year 1897 con't

- April 5 Saw the Dr. twice Herb & I had a long walk in the city  
& I came home Evening & left Herb at Mrs Colemans Ernest  
helped Campbell to move to Station
- 10 Ernest went to the village & had Wilton home from Oakville  
& Toronto
- SEE MEMORANDA: 5th -left Herb in the city  
6th -Campbell moved to Oakville  
9th- Bob Strong came 7 months work  
10th -Wilt came home from Oakville & Toronto
- 12 Left J Brysons mill home & brought dogpower from Kinnear  
Lennox a.m.
- 16 Good Friday holiday
- 18 Bessie Wilt Willie & I were at Church mg the team Pete  
& doll run away they ran from the church to C. Campbells  
gate at No. 8
- 26 Ernest is laid up with meazels p.m.
- 29 Ernest cultivated & harrowed
- 30 Ernest finished cultivating for & Bob finished sowing barley  
& peas on 50 - Ernest & Bob went to village at night
- May 11 Bessie & I were to village evening & Herb was home with us  
just came from Toronto
- 12 Saw Sawyer Massey road Scrape tried at village
- 21 Went ot village morning & saw Candidate Clevenand bay horse  
took load chop to mill p.m. & saw German coach horse  
Traded a cow - reddy- & old buggy to Andy for cart  
SEE MEMORANDA: 19th - Dr. Nicol took the splints off  
Charlies leg that was broken on 15 of March
- 23 A Son & Daughter of Dr. Runey of Adjala & Letitia Parks  
were here p.m.
- 25 Charlie went home - first time in 10 weeks
- June 1 Was at Vandeburgs morning about gravel pit - Little Jameison  
& I met at Wrights at 7th & examined road - Thence to Martens  
at 11 on 8th con Cowans on 9th & Reynolds on 10th
- 3 Jameison & I bought gravel pit from Vandeburg exam road  
at cross on junction

Year 1897 con't

- June    7    Was making arrangement with Pathmaster about using the  
                 road machine
- 8    Was at R. Cunningham p.m. about using road machine    Ground  
                 too wet to work to day
- 10    Was at D Irvings examining road a.m. & at Dixens about  
                 road machine
- 11    Bessie & I were at our first excursion to Guelph    fine day
- 16    Was at village a.m. for screen wire    was there p.m. about  
                 chart for School    bought the chart from Holden (Memoranda \$37-50)  
                 Went to Wrays & Brysons with Him evening    J McLennon tried  
                 to take his bus mg but could not    He took them all night
- 18    made doubletree & whiffletree a.m.
- 20    Jubilee Service in church to day
- 22    Jubilee Day
- 25    Bob is still away drinking
- 29    Dressed some stuff for window screens    Rained most all day  
                 The masons went home p.m.    4th line School closed to day
- July    1    Dominion Day
- 3    Was at village & D Ross p.m. to see Cement Co. agent but  
                 did not
- 5    Bessie & I went to Charlies a.m. & was at garden party at  
                 D Little evening    Ney & McDonald painted stables wall  
                 Ernest got 4 bags cement from S Kidd
- Aug.    4    SEE MEMORANDA: Set job of making 167 rods of road on 2nd  
                 line in Swamp    to J Moir & J.R. Picken
- 5    Helped H Basnes to repair pump at house    tried pump on Hill  
                 but the valve was under water
- Sept.   2    Left Herb at Bradford to attend Model School
- 6    Labor Day
- 7    Bob is sick
- 8    Bob Strong is drinking

Year 1897 con't

- Sept. 10 Geo & I threshed at E Bathies met John Ross - Joseph Whiteside & Jas Duff at village re gravelling town line at night
- 11 Some rain mg Was at Jas Blacks about gravel pit - & at Mrs Christean Coleman wake at night Bob commenced work again
- 12 Bessie Willie & I were to Charlies - Irene was there from Toronto & Herb from Bradford Ernest was at Thomas Colemans funeral p.m.
- 28 Was at village a.m. Examined work commenced on this line & some on 3rd line swamp p.m.
- Oct. 11 Was at Court revision & Council meeting at Stroud finished Big Bay Point drain affair W left Herb at Bradford
- 22 Lizzie & I started for Walkerton Stayed at R Woods 9 miles from Shelburne all night
- 23 Got to Fountain (Alexs farm) about 9 o clock
- Nov. 6 Was at Old Mrs Wrays funeral to Churchill a.m.
- 17 SEE MEMORANDA: Bob Strong moved to Vine
- Dec. 29 Was at Hapnapy Hindes funeral at Wilsons Hill

Year 1898

- Feb. 5 Went to Bradford & settled with Evans & T.S. Graham about Drennan & Pearson case
- March 21 Was at Will Fishers funeral p.m.
- April 18 Was at Joe Blacks funeral p.m.

Year 1898 con't

- April 23 Bessie & I were at Sam Pattersons funeral a.m. to Lefroy  
& Charles p.m. Stayed at Charles all night  
SEE MEMORANDA: Surveyers passed to swamp this morning  
for the CPR Co. War threatening between  
Spain & W. States
- 24 Thos. McKindless was buried to day E Bathie is ill - seems  
to have lost his memory
- May 7 Mrs Heasley died very suddently this evening
- 9 Was at Mrs. Heasleys funeral to Wilson Hill
- 29 Willie & I were at Wm Blacks funeral p.m.
- June 17 Surveyers are surveying for C.P.R. railway
- July 9 Went to Toronto & got two eyes from Cohm Bros. home at  
night
- Sept. 26 Hy Quincy commenced cementing cellar floor H. Copeland  
& Alick helped him
- 28 Waterworth & Kiernan were here p.m. to sell home comfort  
range, Kirk sent grand garland stove here p.m. Lizzie  
& Henry came from Charlies at night  
SEE MEMORANDA: got grand garland stove from Kirkpatrick  
\$24 without furniture
- 29 SEE MEMORANDA: Prohibition Election day
- Oct. 14 Got 11 sacks cement at A MisCampbell a.m. got ventilator  
pipes from A Arnold p.m.
- 15 Will Patience came for Bessie Mary had her first Boy,  
Herbert Kenneth
- Nov. 18 Bessie, Ernest, Herb, Willie & I were at Rebeccas funeral p.m.
- 23 Broke last of the 2 eyes I got in Toronto 9th July
- 25 Went to Toronto & got another eye from Dr. Ryerson dined  
at Russell House Had tea at M Allinghams Stayed at Mrs. Colemans  
103 Gerard Street all night

Year 1898 con't

- Nov. 26 Called on Mrs Jones a.m. Had dinner at Mrs C & came home  
30 Herb is teaching in the village

Year 1899

\*Note: note in front of diary

Had house bricked in 1873

Bought first binder Toronto, 1885

Cookstown P.O. Revenue \$1173.67 Salary & Rent \$420-00

Jan.17(1898) W. Grace handed me deed of land-25acres  
of east 50 acres of N½ of 11 in First con  
Innisfil

Mar.15 Meeting of Cookstown Warehousing Co. held in  
Jebbs Hall 130 \$20 Shares held of which  
Dr. Nicol has 60 Geo Duff 18

- Jan. 28 Was at 3rd meeting of Council at Allandale - Mr. Palling  
resigned his position as treasurer  
SEE MEMORANDA: C. Palling resigned the office of treasurer  
The Auditors found him \$501.25 short

- Feb. 3 Was at Dr. Norris funeral p.m. 70 years of age

5 Herb is going to High School in Walkerton

- 22 I was at Robt Pickens funeral p.m.

- March 6 Bessie & I were to funeral of Mrs Alex Stevenson

21 Was at Mrs W. Coopers funeral to Thornton=was at Cookstown

- April 15 Went to Barrie & hired Jack Sibbald 7 months for \$16 pr month

- May 9 At James Rogersens funeral p.m.

15 Was at Sale of Picken Swamp farm p.m.

- 20 Was at Council Meeting at Craigvale Have not settled yet  
with township

Year 1899 con't

- May 26 Webb Hill & I consulted Lennox re Pallings accounts with township
- 29 Webb Grose & I exam roads 5th line - Penetang & S townline was at Charlies all night
- 31 Webb Grose & I examined Pallings farm to ascertain its value a.m. I went in to Barrie p.m. then to R Allingham Stayed all night
- June 1 Came from R Allingham to Council meeting at Thornton Council offered to take \$1500 & Palling offered \$1200 - for what he is short with the council
- 5 Met Mrs Wilson in Strathys office - Barrie - to inquire into her claim against her mother for \$154.00  
SEE MEMORANDA: Met Mrs Wilson in Barrie about legacy willed her by her Father  
6th-Wilt went with the Volunteers to camp at Niagara
- 7 Grose - Hill & I examined 10th line at Brighams Essa Road 1st & 2nd Sideroad
- 13 At adjournment meeting of Council at Craigvale Settled with Mr. Palling for \$1350 in lieu of the 2491.46 he was short in his cash James Black was appointed treasurer at \$150 pr annum Went to Robt Allinghams
- 14 R Allingham went with me See Pathmaster Brillinger & Crawford in N W corner of township
- 17 Went to Barrie & got 7 bags potatoes & saw Strathy re Mrs. Wilson claim against her mother did not settle it Wilt came home from Camp Charlie came here at 11 p.m. after his colts
- 23 wrote specifications of Sideroad bridge a.m.
- 30 Bessie & I went to Barrie, Paid Mrs Wilsons money to Strathy & Eston
- July 8 Bessie & I were at G Patience funeral p.m. had tea at Mr Fieldsmans F Patience & Maggie Allingham were here over night
- 18 Bessie, Willie & I were on Painswick SS excursion from Bellewart to B.B. Point - Allandale, Barrie & Jacksons Point came home from Charles



Year 1899 con't

- Aug. 26 Was to Barrie & met Grose & opened tenders for drain E of railway on 3rd line
- Sept. 4 Labor Day
- 15 SEE MEMORANDA: G.F. Fisher died in his 79 year
- 17 Bessie, Willie & I were at Squire Fishers funeral to Lewis cemetary p.m.
- 19 Was at Campbell & Carter Law suit p.m. Carter was committed for trial for removing goods to defraud Campbell
- Oct. 9 Bessie & I went to Barrie to David Stewarts funeral was Pallbearer
- 13 Bessie & I left for Walkerton got to Flesherton 50 miles from Cookstown at 5-p.m. & stayed all night
- 14 Left at 6 & reached Walkerton 31½ miles at 12
- 16 Bessie - Lizzie & I were down town
- 19 Thanksgiving Day Bessie Lizzie Henry & I were at Mr Fountains
- 20 Started for home - left Walkerton at 12-20 reached Flesherton at 6 - 31 miles
- 21 Started at 6 & reached Shelborn at 9-30 = 22 miles = reached home at 5.30 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Went to Barrie & Saw Lennox about Drennan Money
- 9 Had Birthday Party for Ernest & Mary at night
- 15 Grose -Hill & I examined & Passed last of ditching on this line Swamp a.m. I went to S. Townline p.m. to meet Jermys but he did not come went on to the village
- 29 Bessie & I went to Bradford & brought home Home Comfort Range that I bought from Thompson at \$35.00
- 30 Took Wilt to Village to Rifle practice & sent W.Downie & Wife to Beeton
- Dec. 1 Went to Cloverhill morning & arranged to start hauling gravel on Monday & notified some of the men

Year 1900

\*Note: memoranda in front of diary

Ernest & Wilton commenced working the farm this year 1900  
Dec. 17 Andrew Ferrier died was buried at Thornton

- Jan. 4 Went to Toronto & got an eye from Dr. Ryerson had dinner at Russell here called at Mrs Colemans 103 Gerrard St & M Allingham Lizzie was with me to Cardwell Missed train at Cardwell & went to Inglewood for the night with Dent Hotel keeper
- 5 Came home from Inglewood a.m. Ernest & Wilton threshed at W. Sutherlands fine day
- 17 Ernest took 7 hogs to Village a.m. C.W.Pherson came home with him & commenced dividing N $\frac{1}{2}$  11 in first concession p.m.
- 18 Left the men in the swamp morning Bessie Mabel & I took them their dinner & I brought them back at night E. W. & McPerson The Surveyor went to concert for South Africa volunteer fund
- 19 Fed stock morning Took the men to the swamp to Survey but it was too Soft & Mr McPherson went home I left him at station & brought S Clement - Sheriff of Brandon back with me & left him back Evening
- 20 Had Council meeting at Craigvale a.m. & examined Shannon bridge on Lot 15 13th line
- Feb. 6 had dinner with Mrs Stoddart & saw Col. Tyrwhitt He is confined to the house
- 7 SEE MEMORANDA: H. Black Assessor was here
- 17 got Bruce shoes removed & got my medal for Fenian raids p.m.
- 19 Charlie & the 2 Boyx went to the Pull -Hypnatize affair at village at night
- March 1 C Campbell killed 3 beef Heifers for us a.m. Ernest took some to R Reiney & village & got word that Gen. Cronje Surrendered to Lord Roberts
- 9 Fed stock Willie & I went to village at night to Pulls Hypnotic concert but they did not perform
- 17 of Ireland In house all day with the cold J & Mrs McLennan went home at noon Quite cold Was in Drillshed in Toronto all day This day 34 years

Year 1900 con't

- March 28 SEE MEMORANDA: General Youchert (Yowler) died at 11-30  
last night in Pretory
- May 6 Ernest & Wilton are working the farms - first year
- 24 Queens 81 anniversary of Birthday
- 28 SEE MEMORANDA: Eclipse on Sun a.m.
- June 4 Whole Council met at Shannis bridge - cancelled Drenmans  
Contract of \$148-00 & set the job to Hanning Warnica at  
\$149. Had dinner at Warnicas
- 9 W & H were to Mortons Park
- 12 Grose - Hill & I were at T. Todds on 6th S. Cannings on 5  
& Helumkays on 6th p.m.
- 20 Went to Panetang on train & from there to San Souci on  
boat City of Toronto - Charlie was with me Got back to  
Lefroy at 8:40 p.m. Stayed at Charlies all night
- 22 SEE MEMORANDA: Mrs McKindless died at 10-45 a.m. Set  
contract again to H. Slight of building  
House on Hill \$750- to be done
- 24 was at Mrs McKindless funeral p.m. She was 91 years old
- 25 H. Slight & I laid out track of house on 50 - 2nd line
- 26 Was to Barrie & bridge on 13th line Heard Mrs McKindless  
will read McLennon & I are appointed Executor
- 27 Mary & I were at Mrs Albert Campbells funeral She was  
brought from Chatswill by train Saw the races p.m.
- July 2 Dominion Day - At home alone most all day Bessie is at  
Walkerton Wilt is at Lefroy, Ernest & Willie at Degrassie  
point & Herb to Shelbourne playing lacrosse Was at  
S townline p.m. & Campbells at night
- Aug. 6 hauled water to Engine here & at McLennon
- 17 Was at Mrs Colemans-Big Bettys-funeral Cousin Margaria  
Sproule came home with me
- 29 got bread at village morning

Year 1900 con't

- Aug. 31 Herb played lacrosse at Bracebridge - Fell of Swingbeam  
& hurt my shoulder
- Sept. 5 Saw Lacrosse match p.m. Cookstown & Bracebridge p.m.  
Latter beat 3 to 1
- 6 Sam & H Slight hauled stones on Hill I took them their  
dinner & went to village Ernest is laid up with sore eye
- 18 Was to Barrie - Heard Sir Charles Tupper - Hon Hugh John  
McDonald & Hon G Foster speak
- Oct. 1 Was at Alf Ayerst funeral a.m.
- 7 D Banting was here sewing Wilt mare where Minnie kicked her
- 16 Met Ritchie F Moriarty in Swamp p.m. & we set him the job  
of clearing road allowances across lots 9 & 10 at 50¢ & 40¢  
per rod
- Nov. 12 At hill & village a.m. House all lathed - King measured  
roof for eave-troughs
- 23 At village morning for W Lennan He sold chattels of late  
Mrs McKindless p.m.
- Dec. 17 Andrew Ferrier died about 6 p.m.
- 27 At village p.m. Saw Dr Nicol re mortgage Herb came home
- 28 Went to Barrie - drew \$1200 from Bank & Paid it to Dr. Nicol  
at night \$200 still due Was at reception to W Moir  
from S. Africa

Year 1901

\*Note: in front of diary

1867 Dr Nicol came to village

1874 Bought Port farm

1885 bought first binder

- Jan. 4 at Richards a.m. & saw Dick He is ill with asthma Bessie Herb & I were at Church concert in temperance hall at night not snow enough for Sleighing yet
- 6 Bessie-Ernest & Herb were to Thanksgiving Service in Church for safe return of W.J. Moir
- 7 took Herb to Village morning on his was to Barrie Collegiate Institute
- 9 got mail & bread p.m.
- 14 Was at first Council meeting of the century at Craigvale  
SEE MEMORANDA: Charlie Kidd got home from South Africa
- 29 At village p.m. to take up carpet in Dr. Nicols house - did not get it
- 30 At village a.m. Bessie-Ernest-Willie & I were at first reunion of veterans of 1866 at night
- Feb. 6 Had Wiltons Mare - Emms- to village p.m. = when turning at Campbells gate she upset the cutter & ran through McKindless field & broke it most all to pieces
- 27 Came home from Beeton Evening Bruce scared at train & ran against the train near 11th line N of Beeton Threw us out
- March 4 Doolittle was here p.m. to buy Peter & Doll He offered \$160.00 I would like \$175.00
- 5 Was at Doolittles (Gilford) & Charlies
- 7 Was at John Duffs funeral p.m. 75 years old
- 9 SEE MEMORANDA: James Brown died aged 65 yrs Laid up in house with pain in right breast from fall on the ice
- 12 at home in the house
- 14 Was at 3rd meeting of Council at Alliston appointed Path-master
- 15 Bessy & I were at Mrs. D. Groses funeral p.m. & had tea at Mr Smiths John & Ellen Stevenson came here

Year 1901 con't

March 16 At home breast some better think may have had broken rib

April 9 Went to Walkerton via Orangeville with H. Fountain Saw  
man ploughing

\*Note: no further entries had been made until:

20 In Walkerton

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26 Lizzie & I were to town & Cemetery

27 Came home from Walkerton via George Town was delayed at  
Geotown 7½ hours

May 8 Was at Jim Moirs funeral, Cookstown to Wilsons Hill a.m.

16 Met J. King & W. Corbit on hill they cut holes for  
furnace pipes

23 Was at hill & village a.m. & p.m. got King to put in hot  
air pipes for furnace Mr Fountain was with me

June 29 was at P.H. Stewarts funeral to the Station at Barrie Harry  
& I were Pall Bearers Bessie & Mary went to Toronto with  
Miss S. Wilt & Aney went to Dorset very warm

July 5 Rain this a.m. & at night Was at Wakehouse - Mrs Rolston p.m.  
Russel Patience had Bruce to Charlies

6 Was at village morning for Plaster of Paris - Was Pallbearer  
at Mrs Rolstons funeral to Newtown p.m.

30 Thos Elliott, J. Grahma & I got our applications for farm in  
New Ontario filled at Major Cooks p.m.

Aug. 4 Bessie & I were at John Fishers funeral to Lewis burial  
grounds p.m.

6 Brought flooring - doors-& moulding from village to Hill a.m.  
we were at Lacross Match p.m. Bradford beat Cookstown 4-1

8 Bessie & I were at Mrs Pattersons funeral p.m. She was  
almost 89 years old

Year 1901 con't

- Aug. 10 Took cedar log from road & 76 feet of cedar plank from village to hill for veranda
- 13 Bessie & I were to village met Jno Robinson Police Sergt Toronto & Geo. Ross Volunteer of 1866 Mrs. D. Sutherland came home from Collingwood
- Sept. 5 Went to Toronto from Lefroy was at Gurneys office & fair At M. Allinghams for night
- 6 Settled with Gurney about furnace & saw some of the city had dinner & tea at F. Patience M.A. & I were to Hanlans point at night
- 12 Herb & I finished Measuring plastering of new house
- 16 Went to hill morning to help H. Ross & others to put furnace he did not come till p.m.
- 22 Harvest thanksgiving service in Church Rev. H.C. Dixon Preached Bessie & I were there morning Lizzie, \_Henry & the Boys Evening
- Oct. 2 Lizzie Henry & all hands at fair p.m. Bessie & I & our Six Children got our picture taken by Adams p.m.
- 3 Left Herb at Station to go to Medical College -or University Toronto morning Henry & I took sideboard to hill first piece of furniture in new house Irene & Mary came here Evening Showery
- 9 Bessie & I went to Toronto a.m. I went to M. Allingham at night Bessie stopped at Frank Colemans Saw Herb at Wycliffe College
- 10 Was lined up with the other 66 men on King west & saw the duke & Duchess of Cornwall & York pass through
- 11 Saw Duke & Duchess & about 11,000 troops on exhibition ground Infantry Cavalry Mounted rifles Artillary & The Ambulance Corps
- 18 went to Hill p.m. & to village & brought range furniture that came from Toronto
- 21 Went to hill & village morning W Robinson finished inside of house to day & Pascoe commenced emptying well
- 22 Was at R.J. Hills about adverty for tenders to finish work on Sideroad & picked apples a.m. Helped Pascoe & Brawly to clean out well on hill & was to village

Year 1901 con't

- Nov. 2 Was to Allandale to get 5 names on voters list - was too late
- 5 Bessie & I moved into New house on hill p.m. Willie came with us but went back with Ernest - I was 37 years & Bessie 32 years & almost 5 months in house on Oakdale Farm
- 7 Bessie & I went to Ernests (home) a.m. I came home here p.m.
- 23 Met Ritchie & Moriarty on S townline p.m. Jim has his job about done
- 25 Left Bessie at Ernest a.m. was a T. Pollocks p.m. met he and Geo Dales at village at night re their contract on Sideroad They refused the money \$19.15
- 27 Saw J. Moriarty on S. townline- re contract of 1900- & was to village Left buggy at Wills & took cutter first time
- 30 Was at Village P.M. Clifton of Alliston put last register on for furnace

Year 1902

- Jan. 10 At village a.m. W.B. Clifton put chain on ventilate of furnace p.m.
- 24 Left Willie at School morning Bessie Willie & I were to 2nd reunion of No. 3 Co. 66 Veteran I had a good time
- 29 Was at Meeting in T. Elliott Store winding up reunion of veterans of 66 affairs Arranged to raise funds to get present for Major Cook
- Feb. 25 At home was back at bush, Wilt & Willie Copeland brought me 17 cwt of coal from village warm day frost at night
- March 1 Walked to village p.m. Still soft this line hardly fit for horses to travel Very deep Snow banks yet & quite soft
- 2 Was to townline a.m. looking for money I lost yesterday had dinner at D. Sutherlands roads almost impassable -soft



Year 1902 con't

- March 3 At Jas. Reineys a.m. re \$47- I lost yesterday at Ernest & E Bathies p.m. Edward died at Revd Mr Hawe came with me from Bathies & had tea here Quite cold p.m. some snow fell
- 4 Wilt left 5 pigs here morning just weaned - to be fed & took our 2 to village - I went with him & was at wake house = E. Bathie= p.m. deep banks & bare ground
- 5 Bessie & I were at Edward Bathie funeral to Lewis Cemetary p.m.
- 6 Was at P. Greensides re lost money & at Jas Reineys re making his will
- 10 Henry & I were to Ernest a.m. He left Mary home p.m. I went to village Evening brought H. Lennox here to write James Reineys will
- 11 H. Lennox & I went to Jas. Reineys a.m. & he wrote Mr. Reineys will - Peter Greenside & I were appointed executors was to village p.m. Quite soft
- 19 Was at Meeting of Warehousing Co. p.m. got \$4- 10% dividends
- 24 Was at Alex Robers funeral p.m. roads quite dry in places Some snow on yet but wheeling good most all the way to village
- April 1 At village Some soft snow fell last night cold wind today roads muddy Col. R.T. Banting died at 7 this mg aged 76 years
- 3 Was at Col Banting funeral pretty hard frost last night cold wind to day roads muddy p.m. about a dozen of 66 men marched together at funeral
- 6 Mrs A Agnew died at 7 this morning
- 8 Got grain ground for Wilt a.m. Bessie & I were to Fanny Agnews funeral p.m. Rich Coleman - Dick, came here from Richds at night
- 10 Was at convention at Beeton - Little, Fraser & Boddy = Little got it - had dinner at County house went on train
- 13 Bessie, Willie & I here - Mary came here p.m. went home again Robt Cunningham, Innisfil - was buried this p.m cold wind
- 15 Was at Jess Moirs - Jas & D Reineys about posts for fence a.m T. Elliot, J.W. Parks & I presented Major Cook with gold chain & locket - at night-

Year 1902 con't

- April 23 MEMORANDA: James Reiney died this morning 82 years old
- 24 Helped Frank Coleman to prepare for going to Shelburn p.m.
- 25 Was Pall bearer at James Reineys funeral p.m. rain at night with thunder & lightning Frank Coleman has my team to Shelburn for Emm & Duffy
- May 13 Was at Duff Little Political meeting in temperance hall at night
- June 1 News reached London at 4.30p.m. that terms of peace was signed in South Africa
- 18 At village a.m. At Thornton p.m. for fence for hen yard Wilton & Emma Cuttinder were married at Mt. Albert
- 20 At village a.m. got vic shod - Wilton brought his wife home at night, Bessie, Mary Charlie Lizzie Henry, Willie & I were there Charlie & Mary came home with us
- 23 MEMORANDA: Saw Miss Goodwin at Thornton & was at village a.m. Henry put gate on hen yard He & Bessie went to Ernest at night
- 24 At village am telephoned Thorpe re to meet re graveling W townline at home alone p.m. Bessie & Lizzie are at Ernests Ernest & H. Fountain brought Emms stuff from Mt. Albert - Herb came home from Muskoka
- 26 Henry & I made some at B house a.m. Lacrosse match Cookstown & Tottenham p.m. & at Lawn Social at Mrs.O.R. Ferguson Evening very cold Lizzie & Henry were down to the match
- July 1 Willie brough Spgr wagon from Ernests morning & he & I brough 11 window screens from Robinsons Left it at Wilts Evening Willie stayed there co comming work
- 6 MEMORANDA: great rain & hail storm washout on RR near Allandale trains had to come around by Geo town Lizzie went home this morning
- 13 Willie & I were to church morning warm day Dick Jones came here & told us that R Allinghams youngest (daughter) was dead
- 14 At a Lewises & village morning Bessie & I were to R.Allinghams
- 17 Done the chrose & was at village & Wilton got 2 pigs from Wilton Some rain last night Lennox demonstration at Holland Landing

Year 1902 con't

- July 24 Put in Screen windows & p.m. was at N Gray townline & village p.m. Herb & Bert Brown were here last night & went to Bradford to play Lacrosse were beaten by 8-1  
Saw first wheat cut
- 27 Heard Rev. T.G. Wright preach on the protestantism of the Church of England a.m.
- Aug. 1 Went to Lefroy re Mrs Cooks camping at Willow Point had dinner at Charlies Mrs Coleman was with me I am 69 years old to day & feel healthy & strong
- 4 Was to Barrie - Mrs Coleman was to & from Jonathon Reineys with me boat races in Barrie - Saw but one race
- 21 Went to W. Leesens to get him to put wire fence front of house a.m. could not come now. Wilt - Herb & I finished shocking oats here p.m. rain last night
- 28 MEMORANDA: J.A. Kidd - D.R. Ross & I were appointed to go to fair at Toronto to buy Gasoline Engine for Elevator
- Sept. 6 Was to station with funeral of Mrs. McNicol morning done some chores around home
- 9 Went from Lefroy to Exhibition Toronto re buying a gasoline Engine for Elevator Stayed at M.Allinghams all night - rained most of the day
- 10 At Temple buidling & other places am at Exhibition p.m. M Allinghams night fine day
- 11 Had dinner at Fred Patience & came to Lefroy p.m. called at Mrs Colemans morning
- 12 at Charlies all day could not get home for rain
- 16 Met M Gavillier at Station re draining Nottawa creek He & I went to Jebbs Pond then up to Wiltons & had dinner then up river to near No 10 in 2nd Then here for night
- 17 Was at village - Gavillier has mare & buggy to Sandy cove
- 18 Gavellier & I were 3rd line - 4th & 5th and to swamp on 7th & home by 6th p.m.
- 19 Willie drove Mr G to James Miscampbell & Wilts a.m. I left him at village p.m. Was at meeting of directors p.m. We bought Gasoline Engine 5 H Power from Braddy of Geo Town

Year 1902 con't

- Sept. 24 Webb Grose - Sutherland & I met at R.R. crossing on 11th & thence to Tolandal Mill & to Barrie & had meeting in Ness Hotel Willie was with me
- Oct. 14 At home a.m. At meeting in village p.m. re appauity Parters to select land for Vetn's of 66 in New Ont. done nothing  
MEMORANDA: had meeting in Jebbs Hall re choosing our farms in new ontario did no agree in any plan
- 17 W at John McLennon funeral to 6th line - was pallbearer
- 27 A Council Meeting at Churchill re Nottawasaga drain Majority parties interested against it
- 29 Was to Barrie Saw Lennox re drain Bessie came home to night ground white this morning first time quite cold
- Nov. 1 Bessie & I went to Lefroy p.m. called at Jas Allens re drain - Stayed at Charlies all night Wilt & wife came there about 7 p.m.
- 3 At village a.m. Emma - Mrs Duffy had daughter last night
- 6 Was at Charlies & Jas Allens with drainage Petition
- 7 Met rest of Council & Gavellier at 10th line & examined big creek drain from about 75 rods north of 7th line to 12th lines
- 10 Went to Bradford via of Bondhead to Settle with Slight - could do nothing with him cool roads good
- 11 Willie & I put tar paper on stable
- 21 Brough D Banting to see heifer of Wilts a.m. that straw stack fell on could do no good at home p.m.
- 22 Was at Henry Sloans funeral p.m. He was 86 years old 62 years in Innisfil
- 29 MEMORANDA: Got certificate for land grant re veterans of 66 from Crown Land office to day
- Dec. 5 Cut furnace wood in bush at Oakdales Ernest - Willie-Wilt & I Bessie cooked for us
- 11 Bessie & I went to Barrie - Mary is up there Wilt & Emma were up too - good sleighing not very cold - Bessie got fur coat  
MEMORANDA: Bessie got fur coat in Tyrer & Ellis's \$40

Year 1902 con't

- Dec. 12 Went to Ernest to set cutting of furnace wood to Copeland Boys a.m. James Loughhead came home with me from there He & I were to village
- 13 Done chores James Loughhead went home p.m. arranged about cost of graveling W.Townline with Jas S. Duff at Leadlays p.m.
- 18 MEMORANDA: Mrs Foster Cookstown died last night
- 23 Made out & sent Statemen of house contract to Dunn Ferguson & Jane

Year 1903

- Jan. 2 Was canvassing on 3rd line a.m. Bessie & I were at funeral of Emmas Duffys Baby p.m.
- 9 Bessie & I were to Barrie went by Jas Loughhead He signs Petition re drain quite cold
- 12 Went to James Allens a.m. with Petition re draining Swamp very cold & stormy road N & S filling up
- Feb. 2 Was at Churchill p.m. Jas Allen & I had Petition for South Innisfil drain presented to Council
- 4 Was at Robert Watsons funeral p.m. Richard Harry & I arranged on a bases' - for settlement of Ann Janes effects
- 25 Rod McKonkey assessor was here over night fine day
- March 18 At home a.m. At annual meeting of Elevator Co. p.m. got 7½% fine warm day roads bad Wilt brought 11 head of cattle here to day Willie helped him
- 19 Ernest was here between 6 & 7 a.m. to day Emma is sick I left Bessie there & brough Mary over then came home Fine boy born about 5 p.m.  
MEMORANDA: Wilts first child = Boy was William David Louis
- 20 Went to Wiltons & saw his Boy this mg (first born) was at village p.m. Alone now 8 p.m. Bessie & Willie are at Wiltons warm to day raining now

Year 1903 con't

- March 24 At home a.m. Richard, Henry & I settled or about settled up = Ann Janes will affairs p.m. Copeland had sawing bee in bush here
- 27 At home a.m. Saw Rankins delivery of Massey Harris implements & Bain wagons at village about 40 teams p.m. Willie helped saw at Parker
- April 16 Went to Ernest morning & signed order for Wind Mill & grain crusher Mill also to run C Box & root pulper
- 20 At Churchill of revision of drainage assessment
- 25 Trimming some post 1 m & was to R. Hills re assessment of drain works p.m.
- June 2 Was at George Thompson funeral p.m. 73 years of age
- 4 Rich Coleman & I hauled my lumber 2 loads cedar & elm - from Robinson & Dobsons Mill
- 9 At Thos Timmins funeral a.m. was Pall Bearer - buried at Wilsons Herb & I planted potatoes
- 10 Went to W McKnights & met Rev. Mr Sparling re selecting farm in new Ontario Herb & I sawed some wood Evening
- 19 Split & piled some wood Wilt helped me some p.m. to saw Emmas was with him Lizzie Henry & Ernest were on Excursion to Balla falls
- 23 Heavy rain last night Bessie & I went to Ernests this morning M. Gavillier Henry Fountain & Charlis - C. Campbell & I laid out track of river on South part of Port = about rods p.m.
- 25 Henry & Lizzie were to Barrie, Excursion to Niagara
- July 7 Helped R. Hill- H. Grose & R Sutherland to locate drain on N $\frac{1}{2}$  8 very warm
- Aug. 13 Gailler Grose - Hill & I located drain between Sutherland & I - 30 rods East & thus South to new Channl will be made for river = N & South drain to start 20 rods E of Albert Rung corner J. Dren & Son helped us p.m.
- 25 At home a.m. Charlie & I took levels for drain in his centre field p.m. Charlie came here to stay all night

Year 1903 con't

- Sept. 9 Mary Pickin & R Cousins were married to day
- 29 Raised first pit of potatoes And was at village All our children & H. Fountain & Emma & L Parry came here at night & presented me with an arm chair
- Oct. 20 Bessie & I were to Stevensons, Tecumseth N $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 17 Con 8
- 21 Bessie & I were to Charlies to tell Henry Fountain about farm for sale in Tossorontio fine day
- 22 At Orlanda Lewis re mast for wind mill & at village a.m. H. Fountain left for Manitoba this a.m.
- 23 Bessie & I went to Wells a.m. I searched swamp p.m. for Mast for Wind Mill got none
- 31 Examined river where Drennan tapped river with new drain
- Nov. 9 Bessie & I went to Charlies & presented Mary with a gold watch as a Birthday present
- 10 Helped Ernest finish his turnips Lizzie is ill with cold Bessie was with me Got one & perhaps 2 of my ribs broken with calf at night
- 16 Lizzies Children are ill with Whooping cough
- Dec. 25 Christmas - Bessie & I & our 6 Children & 6 Grand children 2 sons in law on Daughtering - A.J. Palmer - Mrs McLenna Sen. & Mr Fountain Sen had dinner & tea at Ernest (Also Miss Ray from Toronto)

Year 1904

## \*Note-in front of diary

Bought Port farm in 1874  
Bought Hill farm in 1876  
Hamilton & N.W. railway built in 1877  
Wm Greer married 1877 (now Detective)  
Rev. Mr Fidler came here about 1860 left in 1871  
Parsonage built in 1867

Year 1904 con't

- Feb. 8 Very cold at village & Ernest p.m & got Medicine from Dr. McKay for Bessie She is some better to night Dr says it is muscular rheumatism
- 13 Hear Gamey = the man from Manitoulan= in temperance hall p.m. many could not get in
- 18 was to village thence to J. Robinsons with Henry re buying farm p.m.
- April 5 At home alone Bessie is at Wilts Wilts 2 baby= Boy= born yesterday died to day He & H Fountain Thos Crittendor & I buried it to night in Mothers grave
- 19 MEMORANDA: about \$12,000,000 lost by fire on front, Bay & other Streets in Toronto
- 21 MEMORANDA: Lizzies 5th child born at Ernests
- 24 Took a walk p.m. through Richards bush first time I remember being in it for 40 years I am alone - Bessie is at Ernests
- 25 alone here - repaired some at E line fence at bush Let cows Lulu - Jessie & Lulu calf on back pasture first time
- 26 At home alone - repaired some at fence
- 30 Alone =here on the hill- Was to village p.m. Bessie is at Ernests - cold -planted some corn
- 31 Was at village p.m. Bessie is at Ernests -Rich Coleman rolled here for Wilt p.m quite cool
- June 1 Was at Ernests p.m. Bessie came here with H. Fountain p.m. & stayed till he came back from town & went back to Ernests heavy rain last night & some the p.m. alone to night again
- 2 alone here a.m Was to village p.m. Henry hung screen door on hall evening heavy rain last night & some this a.m.
- 3 Planted last of corn & some potatoes at village Evening Bessie went to Lefroy from Ernests alone as usual
- 16 Helped cut seed at Ernests a.m. & Wilts p.m. Bessie & Ernest were to Rosseau with Union S S excursion home at 11 p.m.
- 23 Was to Major Cooks village Ernest & C Patience Bessie was with me to Ernests Will Ferrier had grader on road



Year 1904 con't

- June 24 Emma & Eva Patience & I were picking strawberries at Huff place p.m. Bessie stayed at Ernests to help Lizzie  
Lost my road glasses
- July 6 Rain this mg Saw road in Swamp & new cut of river p.m.  
Alone to night
- 25 Done some fitting up & was to village - Lizzie was to village & here p.m. Henry is still in N W looking for land - fine day
- 31 Bessie & I were to Church mg Herb & Georgina Morrison called at night
- Aug. 1 71st Anniversary of my Birthday and Thanks be to God  
have good health
- 4 Helped Wilt finish hauling wheat here a.m. Bessie & I were to Ernests & town p.m. Hy Fountain landed from north west p.m was away since 14 June
- Sept. 2 MEMORANDA: Stodart & I arranged names for voters list
- Oct. 4 Was at Mrs. Robt Grahams funeral p.m. & brought Bessie from Wilts at night  
MEMORANDA: bought 14 ft wheel windmill from Brantford  
they take back old 13ft wheel
- Nov. 3 Tom McNaught & I were Scrutineers at Election & Lennox & Henry - Lennox won by  
The Grits got 63 Majority in dominion very fine day
- 27 Bessie & I were to Ernests for dinner Lizzie had Henry (Coleman) Fountain, her second boy baptized night
- Dec. 2 Was at Wm Dinwoodys funeral He was 78 years old
- 7 at home a.m. Was to J.W. Parks p.m. & saw Thos Parks first time in 37 years

Year 1905

- Jan. 16 MEMORANDA: Henry & Lizzie got tonsils cut in Bartranas throat in Barrie by Dr. Broad
- Feb. 2 MEMORANDA: James Loughhead died
- 15 at annual meeting of warehouse Co. p.m. 12½% dividends
- March 14 Lizzie, Henry & their four children left for Oakriver, Manitoba
- 22 MEMORANDA: Provincial Parliament opened to day -Whitney Premier
- 31 Was to Barrie by train to Thos Elliotts funeral - Mrs. Wm Black to me to dinner
- April 3 was to Town - from there to Richs Thompson & C Hindles for machine belt
- 5 Bessie & I were to Ernests cut first oats with Windmill to day
- May 1 Run the Windmill some & sowed some grasseed for Ernest He & Wilt sold hogs at \$6.65 pr cwt cold wind
- 10 Planted first corn & potatoes & helped Bessie to lay Carpet Bessie & I were to Ernest Evening 36 Anniversary of our marriage
- June 3 Cut some potatoes for Ernest Bessie was with me - not so cold Mary came here at night from Womans Institute Meeting at Cookstown
- 12 hoed first potatoes planted = Bessie & I were at Garden party at Mr. Masons, Clover Hill Evening
- 22 Herb went to Thornton to take Dr Whealeys place for awhile
- July 7 Brought Mrs Ohern- Lucy Taylor - from station to Mary Taylor She came from Chicago Left there at 2-3p.m. got here on 11-5a.m. train was to town Wilt could not have hay for rain
- 13 Was to town & Wilts Bessie came home with me Emma is some better Maud Cook & Maggie Thompson dined here with Herb & I heavy rain p.m.

Year 1905 con't

- July 17 Bessie & I were to Mrs Chris Campbills funeral from Gilford to Ebenezer - came home via town Irene stayed at Wiltons very warm but dry Ernest brought Irene here to night
- Aug. 7 Met Council at Stroud re -examining Swamp road on this line = Wilt ganged some here Emma & Wm Lowe - Newmarket were with them
- 12 helped Ernest haul last of wheat & first of barley Thunder lightning & hail and heavy shower of rain about 3 p.m. at Ernest hardly any rain here
- 13 Bessie & I were to Church Evening Church undergoing repair
- 14 Was to town for mail a.m. Edgar Moir ganged in fallow here Herb came from taking Dr. Whealeys place to night
- 21 Was to town am W.J. Coleman Yank & Wife & child arrived from Manitoba
- 22 Was to Town evening Yank & Wife & child were here for dinner
- 31 Met Township Council - Hill - Black Reiney-Leslie & Todd & they examined road in Swamp p.m. Ernest finished threshing a.m. & cutting oats p.m.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day - got the mail - was at Wilts & Ernest Spindle & Wife were here p.m. He & I went fishing on Watsons place = no fish rain last night
- 5 Emma & her mother came here morning I helped Spinloe clean 13 lbs wheat at Ernest - took it to him & bought chop from mill to Ernest with his team Herb & Miss Whealey was here from Thornton
- 6 helped Ernest haul oats Bessie took Emma to town to dentist Emma & Mother were here all night = last night
- 13 Was to town p.m. Emma & Miss Rae was with me Emma got teeth filled Wilt stacked his peas here
- 25 Was to town morning & back evening W. Robinson laid out foundation for kitchen & woodshed p.m. Wilt Emma & Miss Rae took his & Charlies mares & foals to Loughheads for Barrie fair
- 26 Was to town a.m. Edgar & I hauled some earth from under where kitchen will be Bessie was to Spindloes
- 27 Edgar Moir & I excavated for kitchen Bessie-Emma & Ernest left Miss Rae to Lefroy

Year 1905 con't

- Sept. 29 at home W Baker & J McCulloch commenced foundation for kitchen & woodshed Wilt hauled stones to them  
MEMORANDA: Humphry Jones was here Donnell house on townline was burned
- Oct. 1 At home all day Wilt=Emma & Mrs Armstrong (Eliza Loughhead) came here evening the woman stayed all night
- 7 Was to town twice left Yank & W. Baker the last time Baker finished foundation for Kitchen & woodshed
- 9 Brought Major Cook to R.R. station & Mary Taylors re getting Lucys stuff from station is is in bond Wilton took it to her Evening He finished cutting his clover here a.m. very warm
- 10 town a.m. again p.m. at Fred Fishers funeral Mrs. D. Sutherland was with me Lena Sutherland were here at night
- 14 Went to town morning & saw Yank Wife & Child off for Winnipeg Wilt brought me a load of mangolds one Mangold weighed 7 lbs.
- 16 Was to town twice a.m. and brought home the nails for the kitchen & woodshed commenced raising potatoes p.m. cold strong wind
- 22 At home Mary Ellen Anderson is here - She went to Church with Ernest at night Centenary Service re Battle of Trafalgar 1-Oct-1805
- 23 Was to town a.m. picked some potatoes p.m. Humphry Jones of Duluth bade us good bye May Coleman was with him
- Nov. 2 took Herb to Village morning going to Buffalo to go in Hospital was to town evening again
- 14 helped Ernest to raise turnips Bessie was with me Charlie brought M.E. Anderson here & told us that Mabel has Scarlet fever
- 20 Was to Twon & Jno Sutherlands p.m. W Robinson & two men commenced Kitchen -except about 4 hours work p.m. ground hard - not very cold
- 21 hauled lumber to house for W Robinson Tom Marlin & C Robertson building Kitchen - was to town p.m. good wheeling ground too hard to plow Ernest got back from Sunnidale
- Dec. 1 At home all day Very cold ground not half white gave Thos Duff order for 6 current & 6 raspberrie bushes

Year 1905 con't

- Dec. 6 Bessie & I went to Wilts a.m. I entertained Louis p.m.  
While Bessie & Emma went to town - fine day Wheeling  
improved
- 22 Was at Bob McKindless funeral p.m. & brought Louis from  
Wiltons home with me He fell here & cut his face Willie  
took him home
- 27 Was to town p.m. Willie brought ton of coal here xmas  
present from Wilt
- 28 Made coal bin in shed got Ernest team shod & took them  
home to him Willie brought me 22 cwt & 50lbs coal from  
R.J. Coleman fine sunny day
- 30 did not feel very well this morning took Bessie & Mary  
Came home p.m. Bessie came at night

Year 1906

- Jan. 3 At home Strong wind with some sleet Beare - Windmill  
agent was here
- 14 Bessie & I alone here - light drizzling rain most all day  
Jas Spindloe died at 1 this morning
- 15 Bessie & I were to Mrs Spindloe & took news of Mr. Spindloes  
death to Mr. Fieldsens p.m. Quite soft roads slippery
- 16 Bessie & I were to James Spindloes funeral p.m. 68 years old
- Feb. 21 At home carried over 75 pails of water from cellar first  
time water raised in it Quite soft - some raining
- 27 Bessie & I went and took Mary & Charlies place while they  
attended Miss Ida Rothwels wedding Very cold & roads very  
rough in places
- March 5 At home Bessie & Lena Sutherland were town - re chair for  
Mrs Ferrier roads softened some wheeling some better
- 6 Was to town p.m. to get address to Mrs & W Ferrier wrote  
frost last night road slippery to day

Year 1906 con't

- March 8 Bessie & I were at presentation of chair to Mrs Ferrier & cane to W.H. Ferrier and an address at night I read the address had a good time
- 13 Was at W Ferriers Sale p.m. Mary, Charlie & Willie were here fine day A Coleman Ogle Ney & J Parks left for Manitoba
- 14 was at annual meeting of Elevator Co. p.m. got 11% roads dry & smooth hardly any snow fine wheeling
- 16 Was to town p.m. Mrs & W Ferrier are moving to town good wheeling Blustery
- 26 MEMORANDA: \$3.500 debentor Buy law Cookstown was defeated by 11 = 47 for & 58 against
- April 2 Was town p.m. saw late C.H. Willoughby who died Saturday Wilt & family called p.m. fine sunny day roads pretty good
- 3 was at C.H. Willoughbys funeral to Newtown Robinson to day Bessie was to the village roads pretty good
- 16 Was to town p.m. Wat at Vestry meeting at night tried to get our seat in Church back but did not
- 17 Bessie & I were at Joseph C Kidds funeral p.m. 74 years old
- 18 W at the Church p.m. & got our seat back helped some at cleaning up rows the Church fine spring day Mrs Spindloe was here p.m.
- 23 MEMORANDA: Mrs C. Jebb fainted at Service in Church tonight was carried home & died about 12 midnight
- 25 Bessie & I were at Mrs Chas Jebbs funeral p.m. Tom Parks commenced months work with Wilt - he is here tonight cool & dry
- 27 Took Emma to town a.m. Went to Ernests to run Windmill p.m. but he had me get May shod Wild sowed peas in N E field
- 30 Wheeled coal ashes to end of lane to road & gravel to well
- May 11 Planted a few potatoes was to town & saw some cricket practice
- 16 Rolled some for Wilt a.m. helped excavate at Church p.m. very warm day
- 17 Took Emma & Louis to Lefroy Quite warm Oscar McNicol called with Ernest & Willie after 10p.m.

Year 1906 con't

- May 24 Saw part of cricket game at town Cookstown & St. Chemeatt  
Toronto p.m. Herb played lacrosse at Elmvale
- 29 Took Emma to Dentist Watson in BRadford
- June 2 Herb & I put cutter up in woodshed - Planted some potatoes  
was to town Left home for Fort Erie 40 years ago to day  
was on train all night Battle of Ridgway was fought
- 3 At home Ernest left Herb at Alliston to take Dr McCullochs  
practice this week Arived with Cookstown Co. at Ft Erie  
40 years ago to day
- 5 Was to town p.m. & got buggy top repaired by T. Webb Quite  
warm
- 11 Burned oil in barrel a.m. straw stack took fire p.m &  
came nigh burning barn - I was at Ernests cutting potatoes  
cold wind
- 12 Went home with Ernest morning who stayed here all night to  
see if fire would start - cut some potatoes for him
- 13 hoed corn - hung new screen door Bessie was with Mrs Clarkson  
She is some better Wilt & Emmas were here at night Willie  
was to Guelph Excursion
- 14 Was to town morning & brough lumber for woodshed on buggy  
Mrs Crittender here & home again to Wilts Geo Cook &  
T Marlin finished woodshed & put stairs to cellar
- 16 Put some shelves in new Kitchen Shower Wilt brought Herbs  
trunk here evening from Toronto
- 26 Bessie & I were at John Reinys funeral p.m. aged 94 years
- 29 MEMORANDA: Charlie left Mabel & Kenneth at Wilts
- July 1 At home - Wilt left Mabel & Kenneth here p.m. Charlie  
left them at Wilts friday
- 2 Churned a.m. Took Mabel & Kenneth to the celebration at town p.m.
- 8 Bessie & I were to see Emma p.m. She is about well Willie  
took Mabel & Kenneth home from here very heavy rain storm
- 11 applied Paris green & a.m. Was to twon p.m. Wilt, Willie  
& Jim Moir hauled manure here dry
- 25 MEMORANDA: 36th Anniversary of Lizzys birthday

Year 1906 con't

July 28 Went to Lefroy for Sophia & Irene Coleman They did not come

Aug. 6 Helped haul some Alsike at Ernest Frank Coleman & Wife & Mary came to Ernest from Lefroy noon & here p.m.

10 At home did not do much feel lazy - Wilt & Emma were here  
Herb raked some Stubble Dr. Rounthwaite was here a.m.

14 Drove Emma =& Louis to Lefroy to see Mary Fountain on her way to Manitoba - train did not stop

20 Was to Ernests & Wilts noon & to town p.m. Charlie to Sophia from here Herb came home from camp at Stony beach

21 Herb went to B.M. Society Meeting Toronto evening

22 Bessie & I were to Maggie Couse funeral p.m. We are alone here now

23 Bessie & I were at Mrs Laws funeral to N.T. Robinson

24 Herb came home from British Medical Society Meeting

25 Herb drove me to Barrie to buy some clothes went up in 1 h & 50 minutes & came back in 1h=45 minutes via Thornton

28 Herb & I are here a.m. He is packing to go to Palmuster Mr M Gonigle - Herb & I went to Ernests He is threshing Mary is here tonight

MEMORANDA: Herb Started for Palmerson to practice there

Sept. 2 Took a dizziness in my head in bed this morning Some better through the day - Richards, Harry was here re delegates to convention at Beeton on 13th Some rain at night

3 Feel a little light headed & sick at stomach a.m. about all right p.m. was to town evening Bessie & I were down home after

4 Brought Emma & then Mrs. Wm Dinwoody = Widow= here a.m. & left them home evening cool & dry

13 J.W. Parks & I drove to Beeton to choose a candidate to take E A Little place in provincial Legislative Alex Ferguson got it I nominated him Quite cold



Year 1906 con't

- Oct. 19 At home-improve coalbin Rained last night & to day till late p.m. Mrs. G. Patience =Saskatoon -Man = was buried at new town Robinson
- 26 Was to town morning Bessie & I went to Alex Groses funeral - did not go to cemetary - on 6th line
- 29 At Home a.m. Was to town p.m. ground white this morning mostly gone p.m. more snow this evening plows were going  
MEMORANDA: Wilt & Emma were at Golden wedding of Mr. & Mrs Thibodeau, Bradford
- Dec. 10 Had cutter out first time this winter Left Bessie at Ernests morning got Lucy shod & brought Bessie home at night = Laura Graham is here from Ernests = was baking there
- 14 Was at Conservative Meeting at Churchill p.m. dark comin home lost my way & went to Ernests not knowing where I was Bessie is ill with cold raining & freezing most all p.m.
- 15 At home a.m. to Town p.m. Got tooth pulled by Dr. Rounthwaite Bessie is quite ill with a cold - mild - Wilt & Emma & Louis was here

Year 1907

- Jan 28 At home Orlance Lewis here morning to buy timber A. Copeland was here to rent home farm Frank Sinclair was here to rent this farm
- 31 Rented this hill farm to J.T. Agnew & went him & J.T. Sim to Major Cook & signed lease & left Bessie at Wiltons Emma is not so well
- Feb. 2 Went to Major Cooks morning & signed leace of home farm to Copelands Quite soft freezing to night
- 4 Went to Jno Agnews-Elm Grove- & he signed agreement - to have his son leave same Amt of fall plowing done & wheat sowed as this is now on this farm - at end of lease poor sleighing
- 20 Went with J.T. Agnew & Wilkinson to the Swamp to show them where to cut wood a.m. Took Wilt there p.m. & he showed me the boundry lines of the 25 acres Mary Ellen is here

Year 1907 con't

- Feb. 24 At home Stormy evening Wilt - Emma & Louis Ernest -Willie  
& Wilts hired girl maggie Carr was here for dinner Mary  
Ellen Anderson is here
- March 25 Bessie & I went to Barrie by train & styed all night at  
Wiltons rented rooms - 30 John Street Emma & I left  
Wilt on train for Battleford at 2 a.m. Tuesday
- April 4 Bessie & I were at Mrs D Hoppers funeral = Lewis cemetary p.m.  
Part of road muddy - Some drizzling rain
- 5 At home a.m. Bessie Mrs. D Sutherland were to Ernest Evening  
to a leavetaking Party & presentations Ernest & Willie -  
Big crowd - came home at 6 Saturday morning
- 6 Bessie & I came from Ernests at 6 a.m. & slept till Mabel  
& Kenneth woke us about 12:30 - Charlie was with them  
They went home p.m. Was to town Evening
- 16 Bessie & I were to Ernests & with Ernest & Willie had the  
last meal we expect to have with them in that house  
ground white morning heavy flurries of snow
- 20 Bessie & I went to Charlies a.m. She & Mary went to  
Churchill p.m. to get dress made
- 26 Was to town p.m. Ernest was here since about 8 Lena  
Sutherland & Bessie baked here for Ernest & Willie going  
west = Willie was to Lefroy frost last night
- 29 Was to town p.m. Car did not come for Ernest & Willie  
to load tomorrow rain last night
- May 1 Sawed some wood - Was to town evening Ernest & Willie  
both called car not come yet frost last night Sun  
bright wind cold
- 4 At home a.m. Was to town p.m. Ernest got car to day  
Near 2 inches of snow this morning gone tonight except  
where Slites
- 6 Spread some manure in garden a.m. Was to town p.m. Ernest  
& Willie are here to night Perhaps their last  
Bright sun not very warm
- 7 Brought Lettie Parks here morning also Mrs D Sutherland to  
prepare lunch for Ernest & Willie took lunch to Station  
& Saw them leave for Battleford

Year 1907 con't

- May 13 MEMORANDA: Alex Morrison died at 2 p.m. fine warm day
- 14 Bessie & I went to Barrie to see Emma She is in the Hospital H. Lennox wrote & I signed my will p.m.
- June 24 was to town p.m. re law for pultry tresspassing Quite warm
- 26 MEMORANDA: Planted a few hills of Potatoes near henpen  
signed surrender of my certificate for land grant
- July 9 Bessie & I were at Mathew Hodgens funeral to Coulsons Hill  
went from there to Charlies & stayed all night
- 10 Bessie & I came home by Cookstown p.m. & learned that  
A. Agnew died this morning about 3 o clock
- 23 Had Gyp to harness morning was to town again noon  
got \$50 cheque for land certificate
- Aug. 2 (Friday) Was to town a.m. got letters from Lizzie & Herb  
Mary & 6 weeks old Boy are here Cookstown Civic holiday
- 7 Mabel Kenneth & I were to No 7 a.m. & town p.m. dry &  
windy Served Agnew with notice to destroy noxias weeds
- 14 Harry Fisher was married
- Sept. 2 At home Bessie was to D Sutherlands Labor day Baseball  
tournament in town
- 3 MEMORANDA: 6 killed & many injured in train wreck on CPR  
2½ miles East of Caladen at 9:35 a.m.
- 6 was Sick all day with Pain in stomach Bessie gave me  
an injection at night which relieved me Bessie was to  
town evening
- 7 At home sick better than yesterday Dr. Rounthawaite
- 23 Was to town p.m at meeting of directors of Elevator Co.  
to purchase new power for same adjourned for further  
information
- 24 Went to Barrie on train & saw the fair
- Oct. 3 At home a.m. was at meeting of directors of W.H. Co. p.m.  
decided to get two Gasoline Engines for Elevator \$175- &  
or about \$188-

Year 1907 con't

- Oct. 23 Bessie & I visited Mr. & Mrs- Feldsend Mrs T.H. Arnold was buried Bessie called at house going out
- 24 Saw W Copeland about repairing Swamp road a.m. Sawed some wood & p.m. fine day Smith Dixen sold his farm to Hill
- Dec. 8 Bessie & I were at Lefroy Mary & Charles had their second boy Christened Charles Douglas Ray
- 11 Was to town p.m. & left impression for teeth with Dr McLaran
- 12 Ernest walked into our bedroom unexpected about 4:30 this morning he came from Battleford He & I were to town p.m.
- 15 At home Wilt & family came here from Holley snow deep in places
- 17 Was to town noon Then to Copelands Then to town again and met Mr Currie of windmill Co. did not agree Ernest & Wilt were to Speers
- 18 Was to Town p.m. & got set of upper teeth teeth in by McLaran Wilt & family went to p.m. fine day good sleighing

Year 1908

- Jan. 9 At home Ernest was to town Alice & Cyrus Smith and Lena & Norman Sutherland were here at night
- March 14 At home Bessie & Mary cooked for Ernst going to Sask Monday Charlie and children were here Wilt was here twice Emma is in Toronto
- 16 Too Ernest to station morning for Battleford Second time Nicol Coleman west to Battleford & W.J. Sutherland to Carnduff
- 17 St. Patricks day Was at Wm Allinghams funeral a.m. Mary was to town with me
- 21 Was to town & helped Wilt for 2nd trip to the west p.m. Snow deep on roads

Year 1908 con't

- March 23 Was to town morning Then Bessie & I went to Wiltons and helped them pack for N.W. They took 3 loads to station Mary & Charlie came this evening
- 24 Will left town at 4-40 p.m. on second trip to Battleford Charlie, Mary & Emma are here tonight
- 30 Emma Louis & I were to town a.m. & I in the evening again Looking for word from Wilton townline very pitchy
- April 2 Left Emma & Louis on train for Battleford morning roads very bad
- 5 At home Bessie & I & lonesome Emma left friday for Battleford Quite soft drizzling rain part of day
- 7 MEMORANDA: Bessie & Mrs Agnew changed stovepipes & house-cleaned some
- 8 At home & wrote letters west drizzling rain & freezing most all day what wheat is stripped looks sound but backwards
- 11 Very strong wind most all day So did not go to town took down storm windows & other jobs freezing tonight
- 25 Cleaned out some at cellar Bessie & I were to see Mrs. Geo Jebb She is improving fine spring day light showers
- May 4 Was to town p.m. not quite so cold Bessie painted this the dining room Mrs Agnew helped her some
- 25 Empire Day made & put step to veranda we were to town evening fine & warm
- June 5 Was to town p.m. Bessie painted veranda floor to 2nd coat
- 16 Was to town p.m. cold wind about a dozen boys played football in N E Field
- July 2 Bessie & I were at Mrs H. Rankins funeral p.m. Mary & the 3 children came here p.m.
- 8 Took Bessie to town a.m. & she had 3 teeth pulled She & Mabel & I were to Garden party at Knowles evening fineday
- 28 Bessie & I were to Mrs Geo Fishers funeral p.m = 84 years

Year 1908 con't

- Aug. 5 Bessie & I were at Mrs Hy Sloans funeral p.m. 84 years old
- 17 helped Agnew finish hauling oats & was to town Mark Birdsall went home to Elmvale light shower Evening
- 19 At home Bessie & Mrs Agnew were to town p.m. Northern Lights last night Some rain this morning cold to day
- 26 Was to Copelands noon to learn how Alex is he has typhoid fever Was to town after
- 27 Was to Copelands a.m. Alex is no better Was to town p.m. Bessie was at J Sutherland p.m. quilting
- 28 Was to Copelands then to J.W. Parks for dinner then to town fine day
- 29 Was to Copeland a.m. & to town p.m. fine day A Copeland is some better
- 30 Alex Copeland died this morning at 10 o clock Bessie & I were down there p.m.
- 31 Bessie & I were at Alex Copelands funeral a.m. was buried at our Church Mary & Charlie were here for tea
- Sept. 17 Was at Convention at Cookstown p.m. A Lennox was chosen without opposition Bessie helped quilt at Mr. J. Sutherland
- 18 Made bin in cellar for potatoes Was at Meeting of renting committe of warehouse at night Coleman & T Couse \$215 each
- Oct. 2 Was to town p.m. & got deed of village lot from D.H. Coleman & Wife Wm Copeland was here at night
- 9 MEMORANDA: got deed of village lot 12 John & Elizabeth Street, Cookstown
- 10 Bessie & I were at Richard Hill Senr funeral
- 15 Fired some bushheap in South Side of bush a.m. wind changed & I got over 30 rods of fences South & each of bush burned
- 16 Checking fire all day weather dry
- 17 Went to bush before breakfast had dinner at home & then in bush till after night Checking fire - done no harm since Thursday
- 18 Checking fire in bush not running

Year 1908 con't

- Oct. 19 Checking fire b y digging Bessie left crock for butter with Mrs J. S p.m. Hill finished threshing
- 20 Was to bush a.m. fire about out Was to town p.m. first since 14 Still very dry
- 21 Went to the bush at 9 came back at 3 went at 5 & stayed till 7 Checking fire kept busy but no danger days fine nights cold
- 22 Was to the bush morning & evening Was to town p.m. bright cool dry weather ground so hard many people can't plow
- 23 Trimmed some trees in the bush & wrote some fine day rain wanted very much
- 24 At home trimmed up some in bush Saw one spot of fire in ground Light rain p.m.
- 29 Was to town & saw Nicol who got home from the west yesterday morning very thick fog could not see the ground one rod in front of the mare at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 10 Was to Mary Taylors & took her to town & paid her taxes had cutter Sleighing thin
- 25 Christmas Bessie & I went to Charlies a.m. Herb & Henry Fountain & his two boys came there last night poor sleighing
- 28 Herb went back to Palmerston this mg Henry Fountain & I were to town p.m. had the buggy mild
- 30 Took H. Fountain to town morning for Fergas Some soft snow & some rain morning Bob Gilroy was buried to day
- 31 At home all day Geo Parks was here for their saw not very cold flurries of snow better sleighing than wheeling ground not quite covered Mark Beardsall & Wife of Elmvale came to Agnew & say that snow is very deep up there. H. Fountain went to Fergus yesterday morning to have an operation & left Harry here & Bertrand at Lefroy. Harry is asleep on the couch 10-50 p.m. & Bessie is fixing the fire for the night Good bye old 1908 Agnews are in the other part of the house Herb operated on H. Fountain at Fergus for rupture

Year 1909

- Jan. 1 At home all day Bessie Harry Coleman Fountain & I  
not very cold better wheeling than sleighing
- 9 Was to town noon Mary-Mabel & Baby Rae & Bertrand  
Fountain were here p.m. left about 7-
- Feb. 1 Was to town a.m. Charlie came here a.m. & He & I took  
H. Fountain & his two boys to Lefroy a.m. & to Station at  
6 p.m. for home in Manitoba
- 14 Valentines day
- 16 Was to town p.m. James Connor - Sask - & Ida Parks were  
here at noon Heavy snow fall p.m.
- 18 Took Herb to town a.m. & he operated on Henry for piles  
I walked home p.m. had the cutter Lena Sutherland was here
- 19 Left Herb at Station this morning for Palmerston
- 28 Bessie & I were to Church a.m. Rev. Bennet Anderson -  
Evangelist - preached
- March 17 Went to town to attend meeting of warehouse Co. p.m. There  
was none only Dr. Buchanon Frank Coleman & I pretty cold  
a.m. Judge Gowan died aged 74 years
- 28 MEMORANDA: 54 Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Feildsends marriage
- April 12 Harry Coleman & Maud Graham were married in Church this p.m.
- May 4 Was to town p.m. library day part of road dry some  
patches of fresh snow yet cool
- 13 Was to town noon fine day roads good Allen Grahams  
foot was taken off in Hospital
- 19 Was to Town a.m. Nicol left for west - second time fine  
day Mrs Wallace is here & at Agnews
- 24 finished planting potatoes Bessie & Mrs Agnew were to  
town Evening cool & dry Mrs Sutherland senr is 90 years  
to day



Year 1909 con't

- June 22 At home Brought two loads old rails from bush with Gyp on stoneboat a.m. Rain p.m. very warm saw first lightning bug
- 23 hauled some old rails from bush pasture fence & was to town warm Presbyterian Garden Party tonight
- July 1 42nd anniversary of Dominion
- 8 Cut some thistles on road = doing my road work = hear Mrs Clarkson is very low weather too dry
- 9 finished cutting thistles on road a.m. and was to town a.m. Edgar Moir repaired barn roof a.m.
- 10 At home - good heavy rain this p.m. which was much needed Bessie & Mrs Agnew were to town p.m.
- 13 Was to town evening Mrs Agnew was with me cool & dry R.J. Coleman went to Barrie to have operation for rupture
- 16 At home Bessie & Mrs Agnew picked the cherries on lot in town had rain thunder & lightning Herb Ross was here p.m.
- 21 At home Bessie & I had no horse to go to garden party at Knowles = Gyp having a foal - went to townline and saw the Siderodrome - take about 100 on 2 wagons with 3 seats lenthwise on each wagon  
MEMORANDA: Siderodrome 2 traction Engine drawing 2 wagons to Garden party at Knowles had about 100 passengers
- 28 Was to town p.m. walking fine day H. Rankin & Letitia Parks were married & started for Manitoba
- Aug. 1 At home - Bessie & I - 76th Anniversary of my birth
- 6 Was to town p.m. had Gyp first time since foaling 8th July Quite warm had letter from H. Fountain with news of birth I think on 29 July
- 8 MEMORANDA: 90<sup>o</sup> in Shade - 93 in Toronto
- Sept. 2 Was to town p.m. dry & cool frost last night weighed 152 lbs
- 21 Charlie left for the west this morning Bessie & I came home p.m. we picked some wild grapes a.m.

Year 1909 con't

- Oct. 10 At home Richard was here p.m. lent him my maps of N.W.
- 13 Was to town p.m. & consulted Dr. Rounthwaite re Kidney trouble very cold wind
- Nov. 3 Was to town p.m. & sawed some wood Charlie got home from Gittsburg he left for there 21st Sept.
- 15 MEMORANDA: J.R. Graham fell down outside back stairs of Leadlogs & was killed to night
- 18 At home J.R. Graham was buried at Alliston . Drs. say his neck was broken
- 29 Went to Bradford & had mortgage to Goodwin rearranged
- Dec. 19 At home on the hill Bessie & I Mrs Hill called p.m. & Bessie went home with her cold=20 below freezing at noon 24 below freezing at night

Year 1910

- Jan. 5 Was to town p.m. good sleighing Mild & soft at night a piece of glass 22 inch long 9 inches in centre blew out of window on our bed last night
- 12 MEMORANDA: Ed Arnold & Frankie McGowan were married
- 13 Was to town a.m. Sleighing good Robt McMaster was killed in Spindlas Swamp tree fell on him
- 14 At home too stormy to go to town Mrs John Patterson was buried at the Church milder at night
- 27 Was to town noon soft morning - colder p.m. Pascoe repaired pump perhaps last time
- 28 MEMORANDA: Mrs Agnew brought me in a pitcher of Thick cream a present

Year 1910 con't

- Feb. 11 Was at meeting in town hall p.m. when delegates from Agriculture College gave lecture on agriculture stock judging
- 27 At home wrote to Lizzie Quite soft Mrs J.T. Agnews  
2nd baby born, a Girl
- March 14 Was at burial of Mrs Allingham at the Church a.m. very strong wind
- 24 Was to town p.m. fine warm day good wheeling most all the way Mrs H. Graham buried aged 76
- April 5 Was to town a.m. trimmed up some in bush p.m. Mrs Hill helped Bessie repair plaster upstairs p.m. warm
- 6 Was to town a.m. & to David Rainey's funeral p.m. age 78
- 14 Sawed & split some mill slabs a.m. was to town p.m. Bessie finished painting our bedroom fine spring day
- 20 Sawed & split some slabs Was to town p.m. very heavy rain last night Frank Coleman was married  
MEMORANDA: Frank Coleman was married to Miss Tucker
- May 8 At home - Bessie & I, Gowin Coleman was here p.m. fine day Jno Hill & wife had our buggy at Neilr's funeral  
MEMORANDA: got up at 3-15 this morning to see the Comet could not see it
- 20 At home rained p.m. & night King Edward VII was buried Public holiday
- 24 At home (Victoria Day) fine warm day could not see the comet tonight
- 25 Bessie & I were at Olive Kidd's funeral p.m. cold wind
- 27 Was to town p.m. Saw Halley's comet just now 10-10 p.m. a little south of west
- June 16 Cookstown civic holiday Was to town evening for mail Saw first head of new wheat in J. Hills field
- 17 Moulded the potatoes Was to town evening very warm  
MEMORANDA: very warm - 98 in shade 104 in the Sun at noon

Year 1910 con't

- June 28 Was to town a.m. finished filling around bridge commenced making stone boat p.m. Herbs wedding day
- 29 Was to town a.m. finished making stoneboat p.m.  
MEMORANDA: R.J. Agnew was married
- July 1 Was at Old Boys Reunion & Dominion day celebration in town p.m. dry warm weather
- 17 At home on the hill Bessie & I fine day  
MEMORANDA: Mrs Chapman died at T. Fishers
- 20 Bessie & I were at garden Party in Agricultural Park first G party there
- Aug. 27 Was to Barrie re Agnew leaving farm & had Gyp went by Thornton returned by sideroad fine day & good roads
- 29 Was to John Agnews & left with wife re giving up the farm J. McGowan was here at night to rent it
- Sept. 8 Was to town p.m. fine day Agnew was to Lombards re renting farm Mrs Agnew is in Elmvale
- 9 Was to town p.m. quite cold wind Agnew is looking for farm to rent
- 12 Was to town noon cut some wood at house cool & dry 7-45 Bessie is at J. Hills  
MEMORANDA: had letter from Ernest Saskatoon R C Hospital
- 23 sawed some limbs Was to town p.m. Bessie is making Elderberry wine
- Oct. 11 Was to Barrie consulting Lennox & got 2 copies of statistics Came to Lefroy & stayed all night
- 12 Went to Bellewart a.m. & came home = was to town evening quite cold made oath of allegiance to King George V  
MEMORANDA: Mrs Sutherland died aged 91 years
- 14 At home a.m. Bessie & I were at Mrs J Sutherlands funeral p.m. aged 91 years & some months
- 15 James Givens was here to rent this farm a.m. Bessie & I were to Frank Lusons funeral at Church p.m. Mary & Charlie came here from Palmerston

Year 1910 con't

- Oct. 21 drove to Barrie & Harry went on train to get advice from Lennox re getting rent from Agnew cold roads good
- 25 Was to town a.m. & brought Weymouth here & seized on Agnews grain was to town p.m.
- 26 Was to town a.m. & again p.m. Agnew sold first of his barley to H. Couse the money to be paid to me
- 27 MEMORANDA: Willie Copeland paid half years to night \$225
- Nov. 17 Was to town a.m. Neither Sleighing or wheeling Mrs Hill was here tonight Couse refused to pay the Agnew order  
MEMORANDA: Saw a dead wolf & deer in town Nicol got home from the west 2nd time
- 21 Was to town a.m. about half sleighing S. Gilroy brought me a Summons p.m. re feeding straw
- 23 Was to town a.m. Weymouth sold Agnews binder & one cow for rent due 1st inst Charlie & Mary are here Charlie is to town now 6.40 p.m. Most all wheels going
- 24 Charlie & I were to town a.m. had lawsuit with Agnew in town p.m. Charlie was with me was beaten roads muddy
- 26 Walked to town a.m. roads hard & rough Mabel Kenneth & Roy came & took Mary home at night  
MEMORANDA: served notice of appeal on J.T. Agnew Charlie went to Barrie & consulted Lennox re Agnew lawsuit
- Dec. 6 Was to town George Cook was buried at Lewis bg ground
- 9 Was to town then to F Sinclair then to town again Agnew took his wagon & buggy away - very cold Sleighing good
- 10 Was to town a.m. got load of hay from J.R. Fisher Mary was here went home at night took mare home from Hills cold very cold  
MEMORANDA: was served with Writ of summons re Agnew case Agnew took Dexter (Charlies Horse) out of stable & tied it to fence
- 12 Was to town noon & paid my taxes cold
- 13 Went to Barrie & saw Lennox re Writ of Summons was served on me good sleighing
- 17 Was to town p.m. H. Barnes repaired not so cold Bessie is at Hills 8:35 p.m.  
MEMORANDA: Put cutter in woodshed & Agnew took it away left it back in night time outside I took it away to

Year 1910 con't

- Dec. 21 Was to town Agnew would not let me put cutter in shed or north barnfloor
- 24 Went to town at night for Bessie & Mrs Hill who were to Barrie - Willie reached town from Manitoba & went to Barrie & from there to Lefroy
- 25 Xmas Bessie & I were to Harry Colemans a.m. whose Baby is dead & to Lefroy after & met Willie there

Year 1911

- Jan. 4 At home & have a cold - Willie is at Skating carnival in town Agnew is moving out
- 5 At home Willie went to town p.m. Agnew took family away today very cold
- 6 Willie & I were to town p.m. saw Fraser re trial next Monday cold
- 9 Was at Lawsuit at Alliston with Agnew Very stormy day J. Hill & Willie were there
- 11 At home Willie was to town Agnew hauled last load of his cut oats Some rain & some snow
- 13 Was to town noon Bessie & Willie went to Lefroy p.m. for foal mild Agnew took away last of his implements
- 16 At home Willie went to Lefroy at night W Donnelly & Son came & rented this farm = five years from 1st March next
- 20 At home a.m. Willie & I were to town p.m. W. Donnelly & I Signed lease of this farm for 5 years
- 24 Bessie & I were to town p.m. Was at J Donnells wakehouse Wesley is dead Willie went to Palerston roads slippery
- 26 Was to town p.m. soft Wesley Donald was buried
- 31 Was to town noon Saw Harry & D Hopper about sending papers to H. Lennox Not so cold some snow got bag of oats from Couse

Year 1911 con't

- Feb. 1 Was to town p.m. cold east wind Bessie was quilting at Clarksons p.m. Not home yet 8.45 roads slippery
- 2 At home too cold to go to town Bessie is to Hills for milk 6.40 p.m.
- 4 Was to town p.m. Mr & Mrs Hill & Mr. & Mrs Clarkson were here for tea  
MEMORANDA: messers Clarkson & Hill were valuing loss by Agnew
- 9 Was to Copelands re having stable floors made of cement was to town after
- 10 Was to town p.m. Jno Hill was with me Settled with J. Fraser - Lawyer pretty cold good sleighing
- 17 Was to town p.m. Saw Fraser re costs at Alliston Weller was with me he is to town tonight mild great snow banks on townline
- 18 Was to Barrie on train & saw Lennox re Agnew case Willie drove me to Station & home again
- 23 At home Charlie & Mary called coming from Herb Ross boys funeral
- March 11 Went to Barrie & was examined by Bob Agnew re Agnew acct & I was examined by Mr. Lennox
- 13 Was to Bank a.m. re Bank dr ast to Ernest from Wilkie fine day fair wheeling
- 17 Was to town p.m. Milder - light snow Assessor was here Pump froze last night
- 24 Was to town p.m. & got 11 fowl from Wm Stoddart 60 cents each Some of road dry
- 30 At home fed the mares & the hens - have 10 hens & a male bird Cold p.m. & night Mrs Hill brought mail evening
- April 10 At home a.m. was to town p.m. Most of roads dry bright sunny day  
MEMORANDA: Jas Dinwoody Jr was buried this p.m.
- 21 At home a.m. Wm Donnelly & I were to town p.m. I gave him Lease for fives years of this farm (on the Hill)

Year 1911 con't

- May 11 Bessie went to Lefroy this morning I went with her to Lot No 8 was also No 7 at home p.m. Very strong wind p.m. Thunder Showers evening alone to night
- 17 Was to town a.m. Bessie is housecleaning yet = fine day  
Bessie set first hen  
MEMORANDA: Bessie fell off chair set on table when house cleaning & hurt her heel & ankle
- June 2 Was to Barrie by train CP McLennan not meet Lennox & Cowans office re coming suit with Agnew fine day
- 6 At home wrote A.J. Palmer Charlie took the Census here cold drizzling rain
- 9 Was to town a.m. walking cut & split some wood after Agnew had summons served on Bessie
- 12 Was to town a.m. W. Donnelly plowed garden

\*Note: That is the last entry for 1911. In the memoranda section in the back of the diary, he writes:  
June 1911 - Verdict given against me in Barrie for \$339.00

Year 1912

- Jan. 1 At home on the hill Bessie & I Ernest went to town at night Brother Henry is very low Not good sleighing this winter yet
- 4 At home Ernest sawed some Mill cuttings & drove Birdy on the lines - not good sleighing yet D Sutherland was operated on for kidney trouble had one removed
- 7 At home on the hill Bessie Ernest & I Mrs. Clarkson was here p.m. very cold I have an attack of bronchitis Very hard cough
- 8 At home - Ernest went to town evening D. Sutherland died this morning



Year 1912 con't

- Feb. 1 At home fine & mild Bessie & Ernest were to town p.m. Brother Henry passed away at 4.55 p.m. Bessie in town was there - I weighed 138 lbs.
- 2 Ernest took me to town p.m. Saw Brother Henrys corpse - He was Born April 1st. 1848 Mother died in 1851
- 3 Bessie-Ernest & I were at Brother Henrys funeral p.m. also Mary & Charlie they are here tonight Twins - two Boys- Born to Frank Coleman last night - Henry was buried by the Masons
- 6 At home - Ernest & I, Bessie is at Lefroy Ernest feeds J. Hills stock He went to Toronto to have an operation on his nose. T. Trotter brought me 37-#10 nut coal from R.J. Coleman at \$7 per ton
- 7 At home on the hill Ernest drove Birdy (coming 3) to town 2nd time John Hill had operation on nose by Dr Goldsmith Toronto Ernest is doing their chores
- 10 36-below at Lefroy At Lefroy Bessie & I too cold to come home & roads drifted J. Hill came home from Toronto
- March 4 At home - Wm Donelly & Wife were here Ernest brought Mary Ellen Anderson from the station p.m he had Birdy 2 yr old filly to town a.m.
- 5 Ernest & I were to town a.m. & done some business in Bank Ernest was to home place p.m. it is empty He and Mary Ellen are to Richards now 7.40 p.m. fine day
- 9 Charlie took Ernest to town morning for Saskatchawn his second visit home since he went there in 1908 Mary Ellen is here Charlie & Mary went home p.m. I weighed 144 lbs.
- 10 At home Bessie & I & Mary Ellen Anderson Ernest left for Sask yesterday morning via of Toronto
- 18 Was to Wm Sutherlands & Mortons a.m. re renting the farm snow sinking
- 23 Was at Warehouse Meeting p.m. Canadian Grain Company left out all old Directors
- 25 John Robert Fisher & I went to town p.m. & I rented him the home farm for 5 years at \$400 for first year & \$450 pr year for rest of the term deep pitch hole & some bare spots mild
- April 10 got telegram that Herb has appendect. Was to town p.m. had whels 2 time this Spring snow very deep on part of townline Went to town p.m. phone Mary to come over She & Charlie came that night

Year 1912 con't

- April 11 got telegram morning that Herb was operated on yesterday for appendicitis Went to town & phoned to our Mary to go to him Charlie left Mary at Station morning for Palmerston
- 12 Herb Ross was here morning with word that Herb was doing nicely Was to town p.m. Ernest commenced to sow wheat to day in Sask
- 13 Brother Richard was here a.m. & went to town with me p.m. had card from Mary that Herb is doing well Willie Copeland came here tonight & paid me the balance of rent
- 22 Was to town a.m. Signed my application for grant to Volunteers of 1866 - Mary brought Mabel here to stay till Bessie comes from Palmerston
- May 17 At home - on the hill George Graham & Nicol Coleman brought the horses home p.m. They were at Brooms
- 23 Was to J.R. Fishers - Tenant on Oakdale Farm a.m. thence to town Quite warm roads muddy
- 31 Bessie & I were to town p.m. fine day Convention in town to day for Federal house W at Boys was Choison
- June 5 Planted some potatoes north of Path Bessie was to Mrs D. Sutherlands p.m. Cool Frank Bateman & Ellen Parks were married
- 22 Kenneth & I sawed a few sticks of wood he went home evening I took him to centre of swamp fine day Mrs Clarkson was taken to Barrie Hospital evening
- July 16 Trimmed up some in bush a.m. was to town for the mail p.m. Horse races in town Longboat didn't come not very warm
- Aug. 1 At home - Mary & Ray came here a.m. & went home evening M Donnelly finished cutting wheat a.m. heavy rain p.m. This is the 79th anniversary of my birth I have fairly good health but not strong
- 5 Sawed some wood a.m. was to town p.m. cool Mrs Clarkson was brought from Barrie Hospital in Ambulance
- 6 At home - on the Hill was to see Mrs Clarkson at night doing well W. Donnelly & man (James Whittle) commenced hauling his wheat here Lord Strathcona is 92 years old today

Year 1912 con't

- Aug. 23 Was to town p.m. rain shower a.m. got chèque for \$100  
Fenian Raid Services Charlie was here evening
- 26 Was to town a.m. heavy rain & some hail p.m. Herb-Wife  
& Son Bert were here when I came from town Herb went to  
town at night
- Sept. 3 Bessie & I were to town p.m. Bessie went to Jess Moirs  
& paid him his witness fees p.m. fine day
- 5 Was to town p.m. Saw Dr Rounthwaite re hard lump at inner  
corner of eye very warm
- Oct. 7 Was to Wellington Webbs on 7th line a.m. re buying bush  
timer a.m.
- 8 Mr Webb came here p.m. & we went to the bush & he valued  
what timber in the bush (except the cedars) at \$300  
(Just for what would make lumber) A. Arnold repaired  
the stove p.m.
- 17 raised some potatoes a.m. tripped on board in cellar &  
fell on my nose on ground & cut it
- 18 laid up with sore nose Bessie raised & picked some potatoes  
Donnelly & men finished raising theirs
- Nov. 20 At home on the hill. Alex Cowan came here p.m. & altered  
my will
- 29 Was to town p.m. & saw Fraser re Donnelly's taking Sheaf oats  
he says they can't Sarah Moir died last night - heart  
failure - Mable McLennan & Miss Whan are here for night
- Dec. 18 At home - repaired bridge to stable from barnyard Bessie  
was to J. Sutherlands p.m. ordering a goose for xmas. Sam  
Donnelly took his two fillies away
- 19 Was to town p.m. Mrs. Jno Sutherland brought a goose here  
11½ lbs at 14 cents some snow last night wheels & runners  
going

Year 1913

- Jan. 1 At home Ernest got home from Saskatchewn 21\_\_\_\_
- 6 Mrs. Clarksen died last night Bessie & I went there this evening She & Ernest are there now at Service held at 8 p.m.
- 17 At home on the hill Bessie & Ernest were to see Harry Colemans Wife & Baby boy her 2nd
- 28 At home- Mary came here noon & is there tonight Ernest was to town p.m. he is out driving now 8.15 - more buggies going than cutters pretty cold
- March 3 At home Bessie & I Ernest is at Lefroy John Wallace, Flos died
- 8 At home Bessie, Ernest, Mary Ellen Anderson & I Ernest put up Post for mail box a.m. & was to town evening Mild to day
- 10 Mary took Ernest to Station for Druid Sask his 3rd trip there Mary went home Mary Ellen Anderson is here
- 13 Was to town noon Ida Parks too M E Anderson away p.m. This is the second time I was to town this year roads muddy some ice warm snow going fast
- 18 At home Bessie & I Mild not cold Assessor R. M Conkey was here assessing
- 28 Was to town & Donnely man had cutter Ice Bright morning light flurries of snow Herb Ross was here evening to say good bye He is going to Edmonton
- April 7 Was to town noon & brought home Rural mail delivery mail box roads pretty muddy not very cold
- 10 At home on the hill rained lightly most all day quite cold rain got first mail in our Rural mail delivery mail box No snow in sight from here
- 25 At home Bessie went to Lefroy for 100 lbs Sugar that Mary had bought for us
- May 24 Planted first of late potatoes Marys Children Mabel & Ray came here a.m. Ellen Taylor nee Elliott & Hatty Richmond nee Elliott The 2 latter here tonight

Year 1913 con't

- June 6 Frank Coleman & Wife & Mary & Ray came here from Lefroy a.m. Frank, Ray & I were to town p.m. Frank & Wife & Mary were to Richards & Harrys p.m. They went to Lefroy evening had very heavy shower of rain evening
- July 14 Was to town p.m. Then to Wm Gardnus for potatoes Lot 9 Conl4 Gwillimbury but gone
- 15 Alone here Bessie is gone to Lefroy Donnelly's are plowing here fine day
- 29 At home on the hill Mr Humphry of Toronto left Irene Coleman here a.m. with Automobile a.m. Richard was here p.m. warm day
- 30 Was to see John Reiny who was hurt yesterday by being Skared by an Auto Bessie & Irene was to John Sutherlands evening
- Aug. 1 Went to Richards and got them to come here for dinner Mary & Mrs Ray were here too This is the 80th anniversary of my birth Am 80 today fine day
- 12 Was to town a.m. Bessie & Irene were to Harry Colemans p.m. fine dry day (Harry Coleman on the farm)
- 18 got a letter from Wilton today saying that Henry was Hailed out almost completely on 3 inst Was to town noon
- 22 Bessie - Irene & I were at Richards 71st anniversary of his birth also Mary & Charlie & Harry & Wife Mary & Charlie were here all night Very heavy rain a.m & p.m.
- 30 At home Bessie got bushel of mixed henfeed from Harry Coleman a.m. 93cents
- Sept. 1 Herb left this morning for Toronto via of George Town I got J Sutherland to value two colts = He valued the hackney 2 years past at \$100 the Alcianean one year old at \$70
- 21 On the hill Bessie & I - have good health but not strong
- 27 Was to town p.m. Isaac Bollock was burned this p.m cool & fair  
Buried

Year 1913 con't

- Oct. 9 At home Quite warm heavy thunder evening While dozing in bed this morning thought I heard Father cal me William
- 28 At home H. Barns & Man repaired pump Rain Last night cold wind today
- Nov. 3 At home J.R. Fisher came here and paid me a half years rent \$225.00 no snow in sight
- 4 When I arose this morning I almost fell from lightness in my head not sick but dizzy weak Mrs & Miss Sutherland was here at night
- 6 At home Bessie was to town a.m. Took first 2 pills of Dr. Tyrotts Lynotts Kidney pills today
- 18 Was to town noon Met Albert Campbell in town Wind cold roads good
- Dec. 5 At home bright sunny day Herb sent me 30 Bectal Conaids for kidney trouble used one
- 19 I got a letter from Nicol this morning that Lizzie & her two girls were there (in town) I got A Banting to phone to Mary & she came here before 8 p.m. I brought Lizzie & girls here p.m. first time to use cutter Sleighing good I brought them here p.m.
- 20 Lizzie & Mary was to twon for Lizzies trunk p.m. & went to Lefroy after Ernest came here about 10 p.m from Sask Frank Coleman, Toronto sent me bottle of Port wines
- 22 Was to Richards to see Harvey who is sick a.m. -small pox- Mable McLennan brought Lizzie & Bessie - her Daughter here p..m. Ernest was to town p.m. Wheels & runners gained
- 23 At home Ernest, Lizzie & Esther are here Ernest & Lizzie went to town all night
- 26 At home - Dr. Rounthwaite came here & vaccination Ernest a.m. pretty cold
- 27 Herb, Wife & two children came here from Palmerston Ernest met them at the Station fair sleighing
- 30 Ernest left Herb & family at Station morning He & Lizzie are to J Sutherlands now 8.30 p.m. mild
- 31 At home - Ernest Lizzie Daughter Bessie are here Lizzie & Ernest went to town at night Sleighing not very good  
Good Bye 1913

Year 1914

- Jan. 28 At home Bessie-Ernest & I Soft snow melting Hy Coleman  
Had his Baby Jack here this morning
- Feb. 2 At home Ernest is Out driving since morning 8-40 p.m. mild
- 3 At home Ernest took Lizzie & her two girls to Station  
going to Palmerston fine mild day
- 4 At home Ernest was at R Thompsons Sale p.m. is to town  
now fine day
- 9 Ernest went to dont know where Very cold wind have our  
horses at Stach day time & stable at night
- 10 Was at home farm a.m. re Fisher getting timber & he was  
here p.m. Said he would Examin the farm
- 13 At home Lizzie & Ernest are to The Valentine Social in  
the town hall to night Quite cold sleighing
- 18 At home Bessie Lizzie 2 girls Ernest was at Chris  
Campbells Sale to day He is out now fine day & good  
sleighing
- 19 Went to Dr Rounthwaite morning tongue it was partly paralysed  
yesterday morning My tongue was partly paralysed yesterday  
morning, saw Dr. Rounthwaite this morning
- 22 Have bronchitis Dr forbids going out of door
- 25 At home, fine day Mr & Mistress Park were here p.m. Ernest  
& Charlie took Lizzie & her 2 girls Esther & Bessie to  
town at night to start for home via way of Alliston
- March 9 At home - not well Very uneasy fidgety March 9 1914 I  
weighed 138 by Wilton
- 17 At home Ernest went to Sunnidale Mr & Mrs Parks & Richard  
was here Sun bright wind cold
- 18 Mary & Charlie came here evening Ernest was married at  
Sunnidale He & Wife came here at night wheels & runners  
going fine day
- 20 Ernest too Mary Ellen his wife to town going to her fathers  
at Mansfield Albert Reiny Wm Sutherland were here wheels  
& runners going fine day
- 22 Ernest & Ellen was to Richard Mrs. H. Rankin & R Jones  
was here Mrs Jess Moir & Daughter town at night

Year 1914 con't

- March 23 Ernest & Wife left for home evening Mary & Mabel came here p.m. fine day Mary here tonight Mabel went home very ill Dr here
- 25 Not so well Dr here rainy Mary is here She & Mother commenced house cleaning
- 27 Not very well Mary is here with us She was to town p.m. Herb & Dr Rounthwaite came here in the evening to see me
- 28 Herb went home to Palmerston this morning fine warm day fields baring road very muddy Mabel McLennan came here evening Mary went home
- 31 Micheal Allingham & Bros Robert do were here Dr Rounthwaite was here fine day
- April 1 Feel much better have Bronchitis Dr Rounthwaite is coming daily yet road very bad
- 2 Not so well to day some soft snow freezing to night Rev. Slmen was here Mary is here yet
- 3 about the same Donnelly's brought their cows & other cattle here frost last night fine day snow at fences yet
- 5 Richard & Wife, Harry Coleman & Wife Mrs George Moir were here
- 7 Bessie Mary & I here Wm Latimer assessor was here fine day fairly mild snow at fences yet
- 10 Mary & Wray & Gilpen girl came here & Mable went home Mrs Rankin & R Jones were here Sun bright wind cold snow at some fences yet
- 11 Dr. Rounthwaite here this morning Says am about the same Mary & Wray are here some snow at fences yet Bessie was at Richards
- 12 Mary & Ray are here & Jim Burns sun bright wind cold
- 17 Bessie & Jim Burns are here I took very nervous & weak this a.m. got all right p.m. Saw first Robins fine spring day
- 21 not very well this a.m. Mabel McLennan was here evening Donnelly commenced sowing here oats Sold the town lot to C. Campbell fine day
- 22 feel better to day but mustnt go out in cold air Sun bright air wind cold Jim was to town p.m.
- 23 At home R.J. Coleman sent us a load of coal James Stewart of Toronto brought Mary here p.m. in his Auto They went back again bright sun cold wind Feel well to day



Year 1914 con't

\*Note: entries in large type are written by Mary or otherwise marked

- April 24 J McKnight & C Campbell were here Dr Rounthwaite was here very poorly all day (William)
- 26 Very unrestful & nervous
- 29 commenced lying in bed upstairs walk around sometime but not strong come down to meals  
Mary came at noon She & Jim went to town p.m.
- 30 In bed upstairs most of time Mary is here
- May 1 failing in strength I come down to meals
- 3 Not so well a.m. Uncle Dick Aunt Letty, Mary & Baby here for dinner, Charlie & Ray came p.m.
- 1 4 Not very well a.m. had a bath p.m very warm & showery  
Mrs Cousins here Uncle Jim went to town bot me a box of chocolates card from Wilton
- 15 I feel better didnt go to bed today walked some outside  
Bessie was to town p.m. fine day
- 29 pretty well went with Jim in the morning for milk to Harys (Harry Coleman) Bessie went to town
- 31 Not so well in bed most of day
- June 6 Jim took me to townline this morning I got tired but stayed up all day Mary came here a.m. She & Jim went to town p.m. Jim & Mary went to town & Jim bought a coal oil stove for Bessie
- 10 Jim took me to Lewises burying ground morning Frank Coleman & wife & nephew come & Mary & June Frank took Jim Burns & I to town p.m.
- 13 feel well to day Herb & wife & their 2 children came here Jim brought them from town
- 15 Left Herb & family at Station morning was to town p.m. felt well
- 16 Went to town morning for Dr Brown to see Jim who is ill  
Dr Brown says it is heart trouble ails Jim

Year 1914 con't

- June 25 Not strong this morning Jim drove me to Richards well  
rest of day Bessie went to Richards & took Lettie to  
Parks to W.I. Meeting Strong wind
- July 1 Bessie & I were at Mrs Blacks funeral Charlie & Mary came  
home with us & went home after Charlie brought Emma & Louis  
here from town
- 13 At home - not very well, feel weak Some rain at night  
no celebration in town
- Aug. 1 This is the 81st anniversary of my Birth day and weak but  
not sick - Had Richard & Letty & Mary & Jim Burns for  
dinner Mary went home fine day
- 22 2:15 p.m. up since morning Bessie is in bed now tired  
Jim is gone to town quite warm feeling better
- 28 didn't sleep well last night weak this morning went to  
bed a while a.m. Emma & I drive to Richards p.m. didn't  
get out I feel weak
- 30 Emma is here H. Nicol Coleman was married to Lula Armstrong  
yesterday by Rev Canon Murphy
- Sept. 19 At home Bessie Jim & I a.m.
- 21 Somewhat weak this morning Was in bed part of a.m. Jim  
went to town p.m. for a chew of tobacco Quite warm
- Oct. 10 At home a.m. Bessie Jim & I I was to Mary Tayors p.m.  
Jim went to town McCullough was here p.m. assessing
- 19 Weak this morning Herb & son Herbert Moore = came here at  
night Jim brought them here Got word that Sophia  
(Coleman) got a stroke & not likely to recover
- 20 Herb & Son Herbert Moore went home this morning He came to  
see me Bessie is to Richards Misty Morning
- Nov. 8 At home on the hill Tom Fisher died at 9 a.m. yesterday

Year 1914 con't

- Nov. 18 Same as yesterday Louis & I went to town p.m. Was at Richards coming home Very cold wind feel pretty well hurts legs & kneejoints to walk
- 20 Mabel McLennan & Miss Whan here p.m. Jim Burns came from Lefroy Louis & I went to town p.m. I was to Richards Evening feel well this p.m. Good wheeling
- Dec. 1 At home Bessie Emma Louis Jim Burns & I Maud Coleman & Ida Parks were here
- 21 At home not strong Bessie - Wilt & Wife & son here They are to Tipperary March in town to night Snow drifting Kenneth went home Will had the colt comeing 2 hitched to Sleigh 1st time He went well
- 24 Wilton & Family (wife & son here) dont feel so well this morning Wilt had yearling colt to town to cutter first time single he went well Wm R Chantler was here p.m. re Bible Society

Year 1915

- Feb. 6 In bed most all day Dr. Brown here afternoon Bessie, Jim, Wilton & family here beautiful day Wilton Louis & Jim were to town -  
Written by Emma
- 7 In bed most all day Frank C & family here 3 children Wilton & family here a beautiful day out sleighing good lots of snow  
Written by Wilton
- 13 had breakfast in bed = down stairs till 7.55 p.m. fine day walked a little outside
- 27 Had breakfast in bed dinner down stairs Dr. Brown was here now 4 p.m. Wilton & family Wife & son here Jim Burns here The Dr was to see Emma, Wilts wife
- 28 Breakfast in bed dinner & supper down stairs Harry Coleman & wife were here Wilton & Wife & son = Jim Burns is here Gave Hy Coleman some Provincial Statutas

Year 1915 con't

- March 2 had breakfast in bed down stairs rest of day Mary is here tonight Wilton & family are here Emma is ill bright sun Strong wind Mary here
- 3 Wilton & Mary took Emma to Simcoe Hall in Allandale on a stretcher she was very low quite cold father in bed when we left got up for dinner & tea  
Written by Wilton
- 8 Sylvia Coleman is at Simcoe Hall, Allandale Wilt took Emma there on 3rd too She is there now Bright sun cold wind Emma is at Simcoe Hall, Allandale also Sylvia Coleman
- 9 Breakfast in bed downstairs rest of day Wilton & Jim Burns here I weighed 138 to day
- 12 Louis & Wilton drove the colt to Holly after tea gone to Allandale to see Emma fine with cool N W wind Breakfast in bed down rest of day Bessie some better She was very sick with the Gripp - written by Wilton
- 15 Breakfast in bed down for a big dinner & a good big supper Wilton & Louis Home Emma improving nicely Wilton had the buggy to town p.m. very warm  
Written by Wilton
- 24 Weak breakfast in bed - p Bessie

\*Note: That is the last entry in this book. Another book marked 1915 starts on March 23  
March 23 & 24 entries possibly written by Wilton

- March 23 Wilton went to Allandale to see Emma She was out in sunroom at p.m.
- 24 Wilton & Louis went to Toronto this p.m. they leave for Druid at 10 p.m. via Chicago
- April 7 Bessie, Jim & I had Bessie to town p.m. Alex McFadden was buried
- 8 Breakfast in bed coming from the barn a.m. I walked forward took weak & fell near the house
- 10 Breakfast in bed quite weak downstairs p.m.
- 17 Breakfast in bed p.m. Bessie downstairs rest of day Bessie & Jim Burns here Jim was to town p.m. bright sun  
MEMORANDA: Mary brought Emma to Lefroy with her Saturday Eve from Simcoe Hall She looks fine

Year 1915 con't

- April 28 weak this morning but able to walk around some brought the paper from the road
- 29 About the same as yesterday cold wind walked outside some had letter from Ernest dated Drutt Sask Apr 23
- May 14 Was at Richards morning driving Breakfast down stairs feel pretty well was to Richards morning Mary - Mabel & Ray Emma & Sister Mrs McKay of Toronto & Frank Rogerson in Frank Auto - cold wind
- 28 Bessie & I were to Charlies Lefroy Met Frank Coleman & Wife from Toronto there - he had his auto there & took us all for a drive to the village along the lake I stood the drive well
- June 8 Willie came from Brandon to Lefroy 1:20 p.m. Mary brought him over Herb & Bert came off night train Fleury Dick passed away 10 o c p.m. per Mary it was at Richards that Fleury (Dick) died  
-Harry Coleman
- 9 Herb went awa this a.m. for Palmerston I was down stairs & feel some stronger Bessie was to see Bob Coleman (Fleurie ) corpe at Harries Willie left for Montreal
- 10 Bessie & I were to see Richard Colemans corpse a.m. at Harrys Willie was to be in Montreal to day
- 12 Bessie, Jim & I here can walk around fairly well Mrs Frank Coleman of Toronto came here morning & stayed till p.m. also Mrs Taylor (nee Ellen Elliott) were here too
- July 10 J.W. Parks was here fine day Johny Moir died & was buried at St. Johns Church on the 12th
- 11 C P McLennan & his cousin Lizzy Moir were here
- 12 at Richards not able to go to Barrie, The Lodge went (Orange Lodge) Johny Moir was buried at the church (English Church-St. Johns)
- 15 At home all day & downstairs (Bro -Bessie & I were to see Richard p.m.) Soreness in chest Richard has
- 25 At home rather weak Richards May & Gowan got home from West

Year 1915 con't

- Aug. 1 82 years old to day at home all day on the hill but weak but not sick Bessie was to Richards after tea he is some better but weak Jim Burns is here Gowan & Sister May got here from Manitoba
- 6 Ogle Coleman came from the West
- 13 Uncle Richard passed away about 10p.m. was unconscious since Wednesday All the family were with him but Bob  
-Mary
- 14 Charlie & I came over to Uncle Richards in Eve came up here about 10
- 15 Uncle Richard is Burying this p.m. Raining hard Mother, Uncle & Chas are gone to funeral - Father & I here alone he is very weak  
-Mary

\*Note: the last entry in this book is August 20

- 20 pretty weak to day very warm sunshine Bessie, Jim Burns  
& I Jim is gone to town p.m.

\*Note: the last entry Wm. R. Coleman wrote is in the first 1915 Diary

- Dec. 26 Gowan & Mr Donnelly here to day Ernest & Ellen Jim Bessie  
& Williams all at home

William R. Coleman passed away  
on Thursday, December 28, 1916      age 83 years.

# APPENDIX

## Notes of the front & back memoranda of the Diaries

1892

Wm. Evans bricked house at Oakdale in April 1873

### Births: (Wm. R. Bros & sisters)

|          |          |      |                |         |      |
|----------|----------|------|----------------|---------|------|
| Eliza    | Sept. 28 | 1826 | W.J. (Yank)    | July 27 | 1852 |
| Robert   | Aug. 24  | 1829 | Richard        | June 14 | 1855 |
| William  | Aug. 1   | 1833 | Kate           | May 31  | 1858 |
| Ann Jane | Mar. 11  | 1836 | James Burns    | Oct 27  | 1844 |
| David    | Dec. 8   | 1839 | John N Burns   | May 27  | 1841 |
| Richard  | Aug. 22  | 1842 | Mrs Wallace    | Aprl 3  | 1836 |
| Henry    | Apr. 1   | 1848 | W.R.Coleman Jr | Jan 14  | 1887 |
|          |          |      | Thos. Coleman  | Nov 30  | 1845 |

### Deaths:

|                 |               |             |           |                 |          |         |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Mother          | Aug. 4        | 1851        | Age 56    | William Coleman | 1893     | Age     |
| David           | July 14       | 1852        | 12        | John Lynn       | 1893     |         |
| Robert          | Mar. 14       | 1859        | 30        | David Lynn      | 1892     |         |
| Father          | June 21       | 1878        | 80        | Uncle William   | Oct. 24  | 1880    |
| Eliza           | Oct. 12       | 1891        | 65        | Fred Coleman    | June 21  | 1894    |
| <u>Ann Jane</u> | <u>Oct. 5</u> | <u>1892</u> | <u>56</u> | Rebecca Coleman | Nov. 16  | 1898    |
| Uncle Andy      | June 8        | 1883        |           | Mrs. Burns      | Feb. 19  | 1896    |
| Aunt Mary Ann   | July 8        | 1893        |           | W.J. Burns      | Dec. 13  | 1896    |
| Bessie Coleman  | Feb.          | 1869        |           | E.A. Fawcett    | g Aug. 5 | 1892 64 |
| Aunt Jane       | Sept 28       | 1892        |           | Wm. Allingham   | Mar. 15  | 1908 98 |
| John Coleman    | Jan 8         | 1873        |           | John McLennan   | Oct. 15  | 1902 68 |

# Appendix

Notes of the front & back memoranda of the Diaries

1892

Births: Grandchildren

March 16 Lizzie Walkerton

Fountain

|                  |          |      |
|------------------|----------|------|
| Mabel Irene      | March 27 | 1898 |
| Wm Louis Bertand | June 14  | 1900 |
| Gertrude Violet  | March 24 | 1902 |
| Harry Coleman    | May 21   | 1904 |
| Ester Marian     | June 21  | 1907 |
|                  | July 29  | 1909 |

McLennas

|                     |         |      |
|---------------------|---------|------|
| Mabel Vivian        | Oct 13  | 1896 |
| Herbert Kenneth     | Oct 15  | 1898 |
| Charles Douglas Ray | June 13 | 1907 |

Wiltons boy, William David Louis, March 19, 1903

Nov. 19, 1888 James Jones died

Dec. 9, 1909 Miss Nettie Clarke died



# Appendix

## Notes of the front & back memoranda of the Diaries

### 1901 Diary

- 1874 - Bought Port farm
- 1867 - Dr Nicol came to village
- 1885 - bought first binder

### Council 1901

|            |                |           |                 |          |
|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Reeve      | Geo W Webb     | Clerk     | C Palling       | \$250.00 |
| Councillor | H Grose        | Treasurer | Jas Black       | 150.00   |
|            | W R Coleman    | Assessor  | R.W. Sloan      | 110.00   |
|            | R S Sutherland | Auditors  | G.W. Black      |          |
|            | R J Hill       |           | Stanley Spillet |          |

### Council of 1902 by acclamation

G.W. Webb - Reeve      Council -Grose, Coleman, Hill, Sutherland

### Deaths:

|                 |          |      |                     |         |      |
|-----------------|----------|------|---------------------|---------|------|
| Mother          | Aug. 4   | 1851 | Mrs. Robert Coleman | Feb. 5  | 1869 |
| David (Bros)    | July 14  | 1852 | (Bessie             |         |      |
| (age 12)        |          |      | Mrs Burns           | Feb. 19 | 1896 |
| Robert (Bro)    | March 14 | 1859 | W. Jones            | Sept. 1 | 1892 |
| Father          | June 21  | 1878 | Aunt Mary Ann       | July 28 | 1893 |
| Uncle Wm        | Oct. 26  | 1880 | John Coleman        | Jan. 8  | 1873 |
| Eliza           | Oct. 12  | 1891 | Grand Father        | March   | 1845 |
| Aunt Jane       | Sept 28  | 1892 | Uncle William       | Oct. 26 | 1880 |
| (Married to Wm) |          |      | Alex Dexter         | Nov. 3  | 1908 |
| Ann Jane        | Oct. 5   | 1892 | Bro. Henry          | Feb. 1  | 1912 |
| Fred            | June 21  | 1894 |                     |         |      |
| Rebecca         | Nov. 16  | 1898 |                     |         |      |

Nov. 5, 1901      Bessie & I moved into new house on the Hill  
 March 7, 1901      was at John Duffs funeral  
 Nov. 20, 1902      Henry Sloan aged 86 years  
 Aug. 3,              Mrs Sloan 84 years

## Appendix

Notes of the front & back memoranda of the Diaries

### 1901 Diary

Births: (Wm. R. Coleman children)

|                             |         |      |
|-----------------------------|---------|------|
| Elizabeth (Lizzy)           | July 25 | 1870 |
| David Ernest                | Nov. 9  | 1871 |
| Mary Edith                  | Nov. 9  | 1873 |
| Henry Wilton                | Oct. 12 | 1875 |
| Herbert Burns               | Jan. 17 | 1878 |
| William Richard<br>(Willie) | July 14 | 1887 |

## Appendix

### Notes of the front & back memoranda of the Diaries

#### 1902 Diary

March 9, 1866      went with Cookstown Co. to Toronto R Banting,  
Dr. Wilson, Parks, Robert Lewis, Donald Bannerman,  
& I were billeted at W Irwins, Church Street (23)  
was appointed Corporal

March 31            Came home from Toronto with the Company (June 6  
was appointed Sergt)

Sat. June 2        left Cookstown with Co. & went to Toronto thence  
to Port Dalhousie by boat then took train & went  
to Fort Eries got there Sunday noon 15 were  
taken to Port Cobourne 20 miles from Fort Erie

June 19            Started for home came by Dunville - Stratford  
and Berlin to Toronto got there at 11 p.m.

June 20            went Drill Shed morning to come home was late  
for train & came home p.m.

#### Births:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| General Woolsley      | June 4 1833  |
| C. Cook               | Aug. 19 1832 |
| C. Palling            | July 17 1833 |
| Judge Boys            | 1833         |
| E. Fawcett            | 1833         |
| W.R. Coleman (self)   | Aug. 1 1833  |
| Rich Coleman (Fleury) | Feb. 29 1833 |

Feb. 25 got first 17cwt of coal \$5.50

Apr. 14 burned last of it

It lasted 1 month & 20 days & cost \$5.50

11½ cents a day

#### Nominated for Councillors for 1903

Reeve - H. Grose acclamation

Councilors - M. Konkey, Coleman, Hill, Sutherland, Esq Todd,  
T. Stewart, Anson Black C. Northgate  
The latter withdrew, I was defeated

## Appendix

## Notes of the front &amp; back memoranda of the Diaries

1909 Diary

Aug. 28, 1906                      Herb Started for Palmerston

1877 - Railway built through Cookstown

1877 - Harry built house

Aug. 4, 1882            D. Fisher cut wheat for me with binder  
first binder on line

1881 - Well on hill dug 56 ft & pump cost \$56.00

Sept. 21, 1909          Charlie left for the West

April 16, 1883            Jim Burns left at noon & went to W. Jones

-W. Evans bricked the house at Oakdale April 1873

-Dec. 1884 Maggie Lynne of Picton was married

-At Convention at Beeton Sept. 3, 1906 on 5th ballot Fraser had 108  
Ferguson 93, Hill 50; 6th Ballot Ferguson 134 Fraser 129

April 2, 1873 R Allingham married

Feb. 29, 1876 Richd & Letty were

-Railway made through Cookstown 1877

-(Red) Baker left here 1878

-Rev. Mr Fletcher came 1878

-Coleman Hotel burned 1879

-July 27th addition to Hill barn 1884

-April 22, Agnew & I measured South end of 50- 58½ rods

-April 3 commenced burning wood

-Dec. 9 commenced burning nut coal

-Feb. 17 enough snow for good sleighing first time this winter

-Feb. 24 Sleighing gone, good wheeling

|               |                             |           |    |      |    |    |   |        |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----|------|----|----|---|--------|
| -Dec. 3, 1892 | Herb & I measured this farm | North end | 60 | rods | 6  | ft | 9 | inches |
|               |                             | South end | 58 |      | 15 |    | 0 |        |

1909 - South end 58½ rods

Year 1878

The following is a clipping from the Cookstown Advocate of 1878 then published by the late P. H. Stewart. The subject of the obituary was father of Messrs W. R. and Richard Coleman.

On Friday evening June 21st at his late residence Lot 2, Con 2, Innisfil Mr. Richard Coleman aged 79 years.

The subject of this notice was born in the County of Donegal, Ireland, in 1799, and when thirty-five years old, emigrated to this country, where in 1834 he settled on the place mentioned above Lot 2, Con 2, Innisfil which was at that time a dense forest. His wife and young family had, with him to undergo the usual hardships incident to the settlers life; but by hard work and diligence the aspect of their farm kept pace with all around. His interest in the place continued to the last.

In 1837 (the Rebellion) his loyalty was put to the test, and he had the pleasure of turning out as one of the Home Guard, when nothing else was required. In all his labors he was ably seconded by his loving wife and together they saw a great improvement in their surroundings, with every prospect of enjoying life for many years; but in 1851 his partner was called away, and from that time his interest was in his family, and all his energies were directed for their welfare. He leaves behind him two daughters and three sons to mourn for a kind and loving father, three brothers and one sister also survive him. Mr. Coleman was one of those whole hearted true sons of old Ireland whose hospitality made all who entered his residence feel at home. He was faithful in every relation of life, and what he knew to be right he practised daily. He was ever ready to testify for the Master, whom he delighted to serve and in sickness or trials never lost faith in that Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. His old neighbors speak in highest terms of his virtues, while his social qualities were second to none. He was one whom we may say never made an enemy, and gained the good will of all. Thus he has gone to his rest, followed by the respect and love of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Rev. Mr. Baker, St. John's Church performed the funeral.

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From the Barrie Northern Advance, July 4, 1878

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## EXODUS!

Dr. McConkey has gone to "do" Newport, a fashionable watering place near Boston.

Mr. CHAS. ROSS, Reeve, is trying to forget the dignity and responsibility of the reeve'ship while on a visit to Mansfield, Massachusetts.

CHIEF ROGERS, accompanied by his wife and daughter, are spending the season at Niagara.

Mr. D. FARQUHARSON, of Messrs. Farquharson & Dutton, goes on a visit to Auld Scotia.

Mr. M. H. HARRISON, Deputy-Reeve, starts to day for England.

Mr. JOHN LEE, with his daughter, have gone on a Trans-Atlantic trip.

MR. DUNCAN COULTS (Vespra) left yesterday for a visit to the Old Country.

MR. JOHN JOHNSON, (Simpson's Brewery) has gone to England.

MR. LACHLIN JOHNSON went England-wards yesterday.

Mrs. T. D. McConkey accompanies her son, Dr. McConkey, to Newport, for which place they started on Monday afternoon.

Mr. T. W. GEORGE has gone to view the Paris Exhibition.

Mr. ROBERT KING, Sr., of THE ADVANCE, with Miss Emma, his daughter, and Miss F. Drury, left on Monday for a visit to the Old Country. At a meeting of the officers of St. George's Society the following resolution in reference to Mr. King, was passed:—

Moved by J. P. Fullames, seconded by Joseph Rogers: "That in consequence of the immediate departure of Robt. King, Esq., First Vice-President of the Society, on a visit to Old England, our Fatherland, with his daughter, the members of our Society avail themselves of the present opportunity of offering to our brother, a very hearty Godspeed on his journey, and hope that he may have a safe and prosperous voyage and that he may return in good health to the wish of us all."

(Signed)  
H. R. A. BOVA, Secretary.  
H. R. A. BOVA, President.

## Correspondence.

THE ADVANCE, in its issue of the 10th inst., contains an account of the death of a young man, who was killed by a horse. The account is given in a very interesting manner, and is well worth reading. The young man was named John Smith, and was a resident of the town of St. John's. He was killed by a horse while he was riding on a street car. The horse was named "Old Bill," and was a very vicious animal. It was reported that the horse had killed several other people before it was finally put down.

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OF HOW THINGS ARE IN THIS DISTRICT.—EVERYTHING FRESH, FREE AND FULL.

BRIDGE is to have a lock-up. STAYNER now boasts two Base Ball Clubs.

BRACEBRIDGE is to have a photograph gallery.

THE crops all over the county look splendid.

COLLINGWOOD is trying to organize a band.

ALLISTON has a new grain elevator, three storeys high.

Mr. H. Robinson, Collingwood, has gone on a continental trip.

OWEN Sound cricketers were "waxed" by Collingwood cricketers last week.

THE Bradford Herald has a well written account of the excursion to the Falls on the civic holiday.

THE invention of a lieograph is in contemplation, and the Stayner editor already sees his occupation gone.

A COLLINGWOOD councillor who refused to vote on a division was ordered by the Mayor to leave the council.

QUEBEC, remarks the Cardwell Sentinel, is only three weeks under Reform rule, and fresh print butter is already selling at 9c!

THEY hatch out eggs by means of a patent incubator at Bracebridge. The soil is too poor to grow chickens the ordinary way, we suppose.

A YOUNG man named Sinclair, from Nottawasaga, had his legs badly crushed the other day. He was attending a logging "bee" in Sunnidale, when the injuries were received.

THE Keonansville paper notices that there was only one bible on the train for the accommodation of a recent party of excursionists, but, it adds, the one seemed amply sufficient for the demand.

WHILE a number of young men were putting the shoulder stone at Stayner the ball went off its regular course, and caught one of the athletes on the side of the head, and he dropped. The blow was not fatal, however.

A CHILD of Mr. George Filday's, Chesham, fell head first into a kettle of soup the other day, and was terribly injured by the liquid.

Mr. James Burton, Chairman. A vote of confidence was moved by A. Miscamp, seconded by W. Lennox, and carried. At Victoria, Mr. A. M. Morden, Deputy Reeve, in the chair. A vote of confidence, moved by Thomas Hurst, seconded by Thomas Black, was carried. At Thornton, John Scott in the chair. A vote of confidence, moved by Thomas Scythes, seconded by John Hopkins, was carried. At Ivy, John Lennox in the chair. A vote of confidence, moved by John T. Fletcher, seconded by Thomas H. Bunting, was carried. At Bell Ewart. A vote of confidence, moved by Henry Grosse, J. P., seconded by Sam. Wray, was carried.

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USEFUL INFORMATION.—It is said that olive oil administered internally is an excellent remedy for the gout, and is also beneficial in paralysis, and epilepsy; but for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, colds and colic, and the removal of pain generally, there is nothing like the "Canadian Pain Destroyer." It is the most reliable remedy. For sale by Drug-gists and country dealers. Price 25 cents per bottle.

OWNERS OF HOUSES RAZORING.—And why not? And who knows but what their horses are rejoicing as well; who can prove the contrary. But their owners rejoice.

FARM FOR SALE. South half of Lot No. 9, in the 3rd Concession Township of Innisfil. Fully 80 acres cleared. Good soil. Termaliberal and price low. Full particulars can be obtained from JOHN MACDONALD & CO., Toronto, or JOHN S. LUCAS, Churchhill. 18-2m

WAR POSITIVELY DECLARED AGAINST MONOPOLY AND HIGH PRICES.

C. E. LEE begs to intimate to the public of Barrie and surrounding country, that he has on hand a supply of Screw-jacks, Blocks, Tackle, and all the materials necessary to REMOVE BUILDINGS of every description. He will also guarantee to Move Houses any distance without injuring the plaster, breaking the windows, or injuring the dwelling, &c., in any shape. He also puts in new sills and makes old houses as good as new. Work done in all parts of the County on the shortest notice and reasonable terms. The subscriber is also a first-class hand at superintending the building of Mill dams. The following references are kindly permitted:—Messrs. Geo. Ball, D'Alton McCarthy, J. C. Dr. McCarthy, H. Sawyer, G. Cook, O. F. Wright, A. Thomson, T. Chudle, Samuel Wesley, Joseph Rogers, all of Barrie; and Messrs. Chantler, West, Esq. Brown, Angus, Tatcho, Penetanguishene, Swan, Moran, Craighurst, Fraser, Gravenhurst, Butterfield, Hamlin, Allandale, Miller, Cobcoy, West Esq., Carr, Pios, Drymont, St. Vincent, D. A. McIntosh, H. & N. V. Railway, J. Macdonald, Cox Mills, John Beatty, R. McConkey and A. Nees, Innisfil; A. Randal and Mr. Jamieson, Minesing; and 500 others.

ADDRESS, C. E. LEE, Barrie P. O. 18-6m.

SEEDS!

CLOVER, TIMOTHY, Turnips, Carrot, and Mangel, FRESH AND CAREFULLY SELECTED.

SEEDS!

Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley and Potatoes. Everything new, choice and true to name.

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Everything new and valuable in Kitchen and Flower Garden Seeds.

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SALT, LIME PLASTER &c. WATER LIME

A new store Fashionable (she invites the of Barrie and ESTABLISHED BLOCK, DUN Barrie, Dec. 4.

NOTICE! Miss

Wishes to inform her prepared to

DRESS AND H.

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Residence, 1

MULCASTE

NEAR AND REAR

Jan. 14, 1878.

WASTE NOT!

LAUGHLAN M.

FRENCH CLEANER, D.

Begs to inform the laundries surrounding country that business in the above line experience of and practice in hopes to be able to give all who patronize him

Ladies' Dresses in Merinoes, &c., Dyed or Cleaned, and nicely finished.

Feathers, Laces, Umbrellas dyed all the newest colors. Gloves Cleaned.

All kinds of House Cleaned or

Carpets, Crumblinths cleaned. Sheep Skins

AGENTS

Remember

NORTH EAST CORN

Barrie, April 15, 1878.

WILLIAM B.

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EASTON, T.

## Year 1878

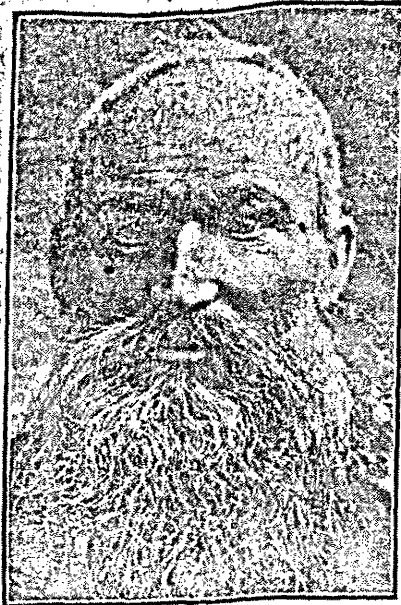
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Northern Advance, July  
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**The Late W. R. Coleman**  
Whose Death was reported in  
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**The Late Pte. Wm. Coleman**  
Pte. Will. Coleman who made  
the supreme sacrifice.

FROM THE BARRIE  
EXAMINER + SATURDAY  
MORNING JAN. 11, 1917

**Cookstown Advocate**—After a year or more of declining health Mr. W. R. Coleman, one of the highly respected residents of Innisfil passed away on Friday, December 29th at the age of 83 years. Mr. Coleman for many years was an extensive and successful farmer, took an active part in public affairs, was a member of the council and was one of the most prominent men in the township. Some years ago he ceased active work and retired to one of his farms. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and two sons. Willie having been killed in France about two months ago. The daughters are Mrs. McLennan of Lefroy and Mrs. Fountain in the West. His two sons Ernie and Wilt have also been in the west for some years. The remains were buried at St. John's Church Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last. Rev. W. Creswick officiating. The deceased was a life-long and consistent member of the Anglican Church.

FROM THE NORTHERN ADVANCE  
JANUARY 11, 1917

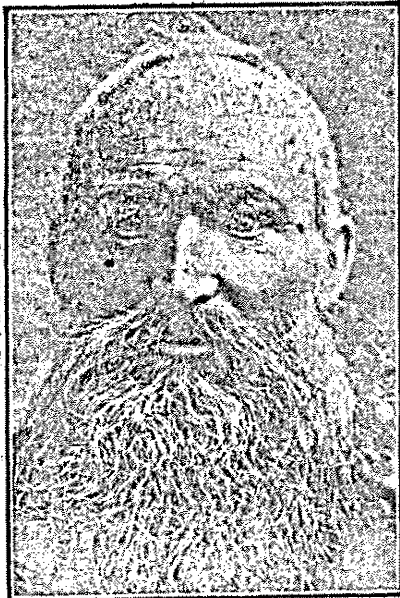


BARRIE, COUNTY OF SIMCOE, ONTARIO, AUGUST 19, 1915

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From "NEWS OF COOKSTOWN"

The Barrie Examiner & Saturday Morning  
Jan 16, 1917



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