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| 1. | S. | A[g] & Bella & Fl[u]ker [were] in C[hurch.] Jno. & A[dam] went at night[.] | Fine, Rain. | 26 |
| 2. | M. | A[g] & I washed[.] Jno, [with] horse, [has] gone with Ab Nott[.] | Fine & Warmer | 23 |
| 3. | T. | A[g] was] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s P.M. | Rain | 20 |
| 4. | W. | Fa[ther] & Will cleaned [a] load [of] wheat A.M. & took [it] to C[linton] P.M. | Dull | 25 |
| 5. | T. | Fa[ther] & W[ill] were] in C[linton] with a] load[thi]s] morn[ing] & another P.M. Kate & Lizzie McTavish [were] here P.M. | Dull & Cold | 23 |
| 6. | F. | [I] Took chaff out of hives & stood frames in its place[.] Fa[ther] & W[ill] planted some potatoes[.] The] Rev. Mr. Stewart, [his] wife & 2 boys called[.] | Fine & Warm | 22 |
| 7. | S. | Jno. returned & Ab Nott[stayed] for dinner[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton,] & A[g] & I planted some onions | C[old] W[ind] | 33 |
| 8. | S. | Fa[ther], Isa[bel] P. & I [were] in c[hurch] (Rev. Douglas Fraser.) Text "Lord, teach us to pray." | Fine, C[old] W[ind]. | 36 |
| 9. | M. | A[g] washed[.] The] Men sowed carrots P.M. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. | Fine & Warm | 6 |
| 10. | T. | [We] Laid[the] platform in[the] w[ood]-shed, etc. A[g] & I planted five rows[of] onions & I finis[hed] pl[anting] flower seeds[.] | | 16 |
| 11. | W. | [I] Raked[the] chip yard, sorted apples, etc., etc. A[g] cleaned K[it]chen and] bed-room & B[ella] cleaned the] pantry[.] Jno. & Will[were] in C[linton] this even[ing].] | Slight Rain Showers | 18 |
| 12. | T. | A[g] & B[ella] cleaned[the] kitchen[.] I] Took out [the] Double Windows, peeled Ap[ple]s & made pies[.] Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] P.M. [and got] Summer's seeds[.] [The] Boys planted mangols[.] | Fine | 19 |
| 13. | F. | A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton]. A] Feather bed cleaner called[.] Fa[ther] planted cucumbers, beets, etc. [I] Planted 6 gladiolis (sic) etc. A[lex.] Innis & D[uncan] McEwen [were here this] even[ng] collecting for manse repair[s.] | | 17 |
| 14. | S. | Fa[ther] was] at Brucefield etc. Ab for noon [Father] planted corn, beans etc. Will sowed field corn[.] [I] Planted Morning Glorys & peas[.] I] Made pies [at] night [in the] woodshed[.] | Fine & Warm | 18 |

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| 15. S. | B[ella] & I [were in church.]
Will walked early [to Clinton]&
came home P.M. Jno. & A[dam went
at night. The] Bees swarmed 1st
[time. Ag got badly] stung -her
arms & hands [are] badly swell-
ed[.] | 16

<i>Fine & Hot P.M.</i> |
| 16. M. | Fa[ther] & I[were] in C[linton]
P.M. | 25

<i>Fine, Cool W[ind.]</i> |
| 17. T. | A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [went]
fishing P.M.[and caught a] big
fish[.] | 24 |
| 18. W. | A[g] ironed[.] Fa[ther] walked
to C[linton.] | 26

<i>Rain P.M.</i> |
| 19. T. | Jno.[was]in C[linton this] mor-
ning shipping [a] ram to Penn-
[sylvania.] A[g was] cleaning
[the] boys' room[.] Will [was]
in Varna A.M.[with] Dewdrop[.]
A[g] & B[ella] & Jno.[were] in
C[linton] P.M. | 21

<i>Very W[arm] P.M.</i> |
| 20. F. | A[g] scrubbed [and] wiped out
[her]room[.] 2 swarms came out
& returned[.] Harry & Tilly
Quaid [were] here P.M.[In the]
even[ing] Bella & them went to
T. Baird's[.] | 22 |
| 21. S. | 2 or 3[swarms came out]& hived
together[.] Fa[ther was] in
C[linton this] morn[ing] for
eggs[.We] Planted 18 rows [of]
potatoes.....Q[uaid] left
P.M. Will went to C[linton in
the] even[ing.] | 27

<i>Very W[arm]</i> |
| 22. S. | Fa[ther]& A[g were]in[church.]
Jno. & Ad[am went at night[.] | 21 |
| 23. M. | I [was] in C[linton this] even-
[ing and shipped [bees]wax[.] | 31

<i>Rain Showers P.M. &
even[ing.]</i> |
| 24. T. | Celebration in Clinton* Will
[was] away P.M. & Jno. in the
even[ing.] Ned's washed sheep
P.M. [I] Papered Fa[ther's] &
Mo[ther's] Bed-room[.] | 26

<i>Dull, Fine</i> |
| <p>*The 24th of May, the Queen's birthday, a public holiday, was special this year. Queen Victoria was beginning her 80th year of life, and, one year after the Diamond Jubilee, she now had reigned the longest of any British Monarch at 61 years. Her grandfather, George III (1760-1820) previously held the record at 60 years. These are the probable reasons why Clinton decided to have official celebrations.</p> | | |
| 25. W. | [I] C[leaned the] H[en]
H[ouse.] A[g] washed Moth-
er's tick & tick cover[. The
Quaid's[were here] for dinner
& tea[.] | 27

<i>Fine & W[arm.]</i> |

26. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. and fetched home 2 bee - boxes[.] Swarmed [I] Wrote U[n]cle J[ames.]* 25
 *Eliza-Ann has chosen May 26, a month to the day of her Aunt Mary's death, to write a letter of condolence to her widowed Uncle. One wishes that letter had survived[.]
27. F. A[g] & B[ella] cleaned [the] cellar[.] Mo[ther] is] making soap these days[.] Fa[ther] was] in C[linton. He and the Snell's sent eggs to Danville[.] [There was a] 2nd swarm off [the] 1st one that swarmed[.] 25
28. S. [I] Cut out green & white print waist[.] I] Mended some bee frames etc. Fa[ther] has been]killing black-birds[and] digging post-holes[along the] side of [the] orchard[.] *Sprinkled* 32
29. S. B[ella], Will & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & A[dam] went at night[.] *Misty Rain* 25
30. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Fa[ther] was] replanting some corn[.] *Fine & Cool* 37
31. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. *Beautiful* 18

June, 1898

1. W. Will got [a] byke[.] The] Boys dipped lambs[.] A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] P.M. Fa[ther] & willl [are]restreaching (sic) lane wire[.] 3rd to N[orth] hive] swarmed[.] I was] fixing bee frames [and at] night[I] Mended 2 p[ai]rs[of] p[an]ts[.] *Very Warm, T[hunder] & L[ightning] & Rain.* 20
2. T. [Father and Will continued the restretching of lane wire and I fixed some more bee frames.] Fa[ther] planted some cabbage[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] this] even[ing. The] Girls [were] at U[n]cle James's.] *Fine & Warm* 21
3. F. Mo[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] at] Church[.] (Mr Dickie-Seaforth.) *Fine & Very Warm* 15
4. S. [I] Fixed some frames & starched collars etc. [The bees swarmed again. The] Ayrshire calved[.] Will went home on his "wheel." 35
5. S. Fa[ther], Jno. & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Jno & Ad[am] went at night. More bees] Swarmed[.] 22

6. M. A[g] & I washed[.]A[g] & B[ella were]in C[linton] P.M. Ned [was here] for dinner & shearing his sheep [on the Rob[ertson place.] 26
7. T. [I]Sewed some at[a] blouse[.]a[ther Jno.[was]in Bruce[field [and] McIntosh [came] for dinner[.] Will [was]in Varna [with] Dewdrop[.] 16
8. W. A[g] ironed[.] Jno. sowed turnips[. I'm] Making [a] blouse [and] Fa[ther is]picking bugs these days[.] He & Will [are] fixing lane fences[.] 21
9. T. [I did more work on the blouse and] Made 10 but[ton]-holes & starched & ironed cuffs & collars etc.Jno. gone to go with horse tomorrow for Ab [Nott.] 25
10. F. [Mother & I]went to Guelph[.] Rainy, A.M. A[g] drove Mo[ther] & I to [the] station [in the] morning] got [the] extractor & came for us at night[.] 22
11. S. [I] Mended[my] print skirt[.] Ab [Nott]took Polly & went to Jno.[this] morn[ing.] Ab[was] here for dinner & tea[.]Annie Stewart & [her Uncle,R]obert Reid, [were] here P.M.[I] Set 3 hives forward [in the] evening[.] *Poured, T[hunder] & L[ightning]* 16
12. S. A[g], Will & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Shaw, Egmondville.) Ad[am] & Jno.[went at night[.] *Like Rain, Rain* 21
13. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Bella dyed cotton P.M. *Light Rain* 23
14. T. A[g]washed off[the]cellar A.M. Howson,a pedler,called[.] We extracted [honey] P.M., [the] 1st we ever done[.] *Fine, Cold, Misty.* 12
15. W. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. [I was]fixing honey [and I scrubbed [the] Parl[our.] Carrie [Grant was here] all night[.] *Fine & Cool* 16
16. T. Carrie [was here] all day[.] Fa[ther] & I[sabella] P[earl] [were] in Brucefield P.M. Road -work* *Colder, Fine* 17
- *Eliza-Ann's shorthand for Statute Labour.
17. F. Will [has gone home] on his wheel P.M.[The]road work[was] finis[hed]A.M.[I jarred]honey etc. *F[ine] & Warmer* 20
18. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] A.M.[and]fetched home[a] bag [of] flour, [the] Dining Room carpet etc. Ab [Nott was here] for dinner[.]I c[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse.] 26

19. S. A[g] & B[ella] & I[sabella] P[earl were] in C[hurch.] Jno. [went in the evening.] Will *Fine & Cold* came back [in the] even[ing.] 18
20. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Will gone P.M. *Rain P.M.* 12
21. T. Fa[ther was] in Brucefield [with] I[sabella] P[earl] A.M. Will [Fluker] came after his trunk A.M.[Father]& A[g were] in C[linton] P.M..... [confused account of bee swarms] *Fine & Cool* 15
22. W. [as above] Stitched waist 17
23. T. 16
24. F. Fa[ther was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] got harness mended[.] Swarm bees(two to-gether.)Ada [Stewart was] here P.M. Dew-drop, [the] heifer cow,calved, I think[.] *Fine & High Winds* 11
25. S. [I helped] pack wool[.] Ned & Fa[ther] took [the] wool to Brucefield[.] Ab Nott [was here]for dinner[.More swarms] *Heavy Rain, Fine* 23
26. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Millyard Methodist.) Jno. & A[dam went at night[.] *Fine, Cool Wind.* 20
27. M. Ag & I washed[. The] Fellow that was here with McFarlane [stayed] for tea[.] W. Cooper & [an] American bought 7 sheep[.] Fa[ther was] at Snell's [and] bought 3 sheep[.] *Fine, Rain Showers* 18
28. T. Fa[ther was] scuffling etc. T. Frazer [called] A.M. I [was] in C[linton at] noon meeting Mrs [John] McMillan & Annie from Shakespeare*[.I]stitched facings on [a] skirt[.] *Fine, Misty Rain P.M.* 16

*The 1878 Atlas for Perth County shows a John McMillan on Lot 28, Con IV, South Easthope Township, served by the Shakespeare Post Office.

29. W. [I was]extracting[honey.] Mrs McMillan [was] in bed P.M. 17
30. T. 17

July, 1898

1. F. A[g], Mrs McM[illan] & Annie [were] at McGregor's P.M * *Very Hot.* Mag[gie] McEwen & Mamie were here P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] skirt[.] **The annual Dominion Day community picnic held in Neil McGregor's grove (Lot 26 Con III.)* 36
2. S. Mrs McMillan, A[g], B[ella] & I & kids [were] in [the] river P.M. Ab [came] for dinner[.] [I]Made sleeves & collar[.] 20

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| 3. S. | Mrs McM[illan], A[nnie] & I [were] in c[hurch(Mr Daniels from Chicago Syrian.) Jno. & A[dam went at night[.] | | 31 |
| 4. M. | A[g] washed, Jno[was] mowing [and I] greened 26 1/2 rows [of] potatoes[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C [linton] P.M. | <i>Cold & Dull</i> | 20 |
| 5. T. | Mrs McM[illan, Annie, A[g], Bel- l[a] & I were] in Bayfield[.] Jno. [was] mowing, raking & coleing hay[.] | <i>Beautiful & Cool</i> | 22 |
| 6. W. | [After] Raking hay, [We] Hauled in 6 loads[.] A[g] took [the] McMillan's to [the train] station P.M. | <i>Fine & Warm</i> | 20 |
| 7. T. | Jno. [was] mowing A.M. [We] Hauled in 5 loads P.M. Fa- [ther was] in C[linton] P.M. buying a mower[.] Jno.[went] after it [in the] even[ing.] | <i>Very hot even[ing.]</i> | 15 |
| 8. F. | Jno.[was] mowing [and I did] some raking A.M. [We] Hauled in 7 loads P.M. Jennie Grant [was here] all night & day[.] | <i>Sprinkled, v[ery] h[ot] e[vening]</i> | 31 |
| 9. S. | [I] Raked etc.[and we hauled in] 4[loads.] Fa[ther] finis- [hed] thinning nips[.] Ab for noon[.] | <i>Windy & Cool</i> | 12 |
| 10. S. | Jno. & A[dam went to church in the evening.] | <i>Frost</i> | 17 |
| 11. M. | [I] Killed [the] 1st 2 ducks, pulled cherries etc. A[g] & pulled some for Jane[in the] even[ing.]* I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.finis[hed] mow- ing[.] | <i>Fine, Cool Wind</i>
*Jane is nearly 8 months pregnant. | 31 |
| 12. T. | [I] was raking nearly all day [and We] Hauled in 6 loads[.] [There was a] Swarm in [the] New box[.] | <i>Fine</i> | 16 |
| 13. W. | [I was raking nearly all day and we hauled in 9 loads[.] Adam & Fen[wick were] here all day[. The swarm] left[.] Ned[was here] a while P.M. & for tea too[.] Bella [has] gone to Bayfield with [the] Grant's[.] | <i>Fine & Hot</i> | 17 |
| 14. T. | Jno. [was] cutting wheat P.M. Fa[ther] & Ned [were] stook- ing[.] Mo[ther was] visiting Jane[.] A[g] & I washed[.] Bella[came] home[at] noon[.] [I] extracted a little [in the] even[ing.] | | 13. |
| 15. F. | [We] Finis[hed cutting and stooking] wheat[. I was] in C[linton this] morn[ing], pul- ling cherries P.M. [and tend- ing] bees[in the] even[ing.] Jno.gone to Varcoe's(heifer) noon(walked. | <i>Cool Wind</i> | 14 |

16. S. [John] came back with Ab at noon[.] Elsie Thomson fetched b[la]ck currants and stayed for dinner & tea[.] [We] Hauled in 6 loads [of] wheat P.M., all but [the] rakings 12
17. S. Bella, I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. [and Adam went at night[.] *Rain Morn[ing,] Very Hot.* 11
18. M. *Two of the four sentences in today's entry are so ambiguous, that they are presented completely undoctored.
Put off load, lifted end of barn [I] Raked [in the] even[ing] etc. A[g] & B[ella] [were] in C[linton.] (2 ducks) Jno. even Baked even etc *Rain P.M.* 35
19. T. [We] finis[hed] raking [this] morn[ing] & hauled in [the] gleanings[.] Then Jno. went [to] help Adam [with his] wheat[.] A[g] & I washed & B[ella] & I extracte[d] in the] even[ing.] Fa[ther] was] hoeing with Ned[.] *Fine & Hot* 21
20. W. A[g] & B[ella] were] at Jno. Thomson's for goose--berries[.] Picked 2 3/4 lbs[of] berries at [the] fence[.] I] Made rubarb pies[.] *Fine & Hot, Shower P.M.* 13
21. T. [I] Picked 4 1/4 lbs of *Fine & Hot* 30
berries at the fence on the Rathwell[place[.] I] Helped put off the rakings & take in[a] jag[of] green feed[.] I] greened 11 rows of potatoes [in the] even[ing.]
22. F. [I] Finis[hed] greening the potatoes this] even[ing.] [I] Killed 6 ducks[.] A[g] was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [has been] hauling manure[.] Jennie Grant [was here] all night & to day[.] 37
23. S. A[g] & I pick[ed] 27 lbs[of] berries[.] Jno. was hauling manure[.] Ab [was here] for dinner[.] 17
24. S. Fa[ther] & I [were in church (Rev. Stewart.) [John & Adam went at night.] *Fine & Very Hot* 24
25. M. [I was] Mending dresses & [I] pruned [the] front path[.] Fa[ther] & Jno. [were] labelling lambs[.] Jno. [is] hauling manure these days[.] *Like rain, cooler.* 23
26. T. [I] Cut out[a] blue dot print dress skirt [and did some] bee tinkering[.] Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] A.M. A[g] & I [were] in [the] river P.M. *Fine & Cooler* 19

27. W. I [was] in C[linton this] morn[ing.] A[g] washed[.] Cut out moreen petticoat(*sic*) & part blouse[.] *Fine & Hot* 17
28. T. Took lambs from ewes herding them at barn(clover)[I] finis[hed] cutting out [the] print dress etc. *Slight shower* 19
29. F. Jno. [is] cutting oats[.] herding even sundrys all day 23
30. S. [The] Bay mare foaled[.] Jno. [is] reaping & stooking[.] Fa[ther was] at Woon's threshing all day[.] Herding hauled some wood etc. *Like Rain, Fine* 21
31. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) *Fine & Cool* 19

August, 1898

1. M. Jno. Dunkin, Charlotte & Cordelia[were here] for dinner[.] Jno. & Fa[ther are] at [the] oats[.] Herding taking....etc. *Fine* 19
2. T. [A] Pedler [was here] for dinner[.] I milked sheep..... horses etc. [We] finis[hed] cutting & green feed[.] *Fine & Hot* 15
3. W. [We] Hauled in 2 loads oats at [the] barn & 1 [load from the] big Rathwell field P.M. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] Noon time[.]
4. T. [We hauled in] 6[loads oats.] *Clear, Cool Wind.* 18
5. F. [We hauled in] 6[loads oats.] Jane & [the] kids [were] here P.M. *Fine & Warm P.M.* 15
6. S. Fa[ther] & A[g were] mowing[.] [We hauled in] 6 [loads oats] and used slings today[for the] 1st [time.] 8
7. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch.] (Rev. Matheson supplying for Muir Brucefield.) *Shower Rain* 15
8. M. Our Jew [came] for dinner[.] Bella went to Grant's[in the] even[ing. We] Hauled in 1 1/2 [loads], all [that remained in the large] Rathwell field & 3 1/2 oats & peas mixed [loads] from [the] little Rath[well] field *Misty & slight Rain* 15
9. T. Women selling lace[called] etc. Jno. mowed oats [for] green feed[.] A[g] & I washed[.] I Mended Jno.'s P[an]ts P.M. Us Kids [were] at [the] school-[house this] even[ing] hearing Dr. Jas. Butchart from China[.] *Fine & Warm* 14

10. W. [I mended] Fa[ther]'s [pants] A.M.[We] Hauled in 1 load[of] g[reen] f[eed] P.M. *Cool & Fine* 16
11. T. 13
12. F. Jno.(on byke) & A[g], B[ella] & I [were] at Bayfield[for a] picnic[.] Jno. Elliot's took away cows Horney & Bessie[.] *Beautiful* 13
13. S. [I] Killed 6 ducks[.] Jno. & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. *Shower, Fine & Cool* 16
14. S. A[g], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in c[hurch] (Rev. Hamilton, Londesboro.) *Fine. Shower [at] noon.* 26
15. M.cooked some[of] our early peaches[.] Jno. Elliot [was here] looking at steers[.] *Fine* 21
16. T. Cleaned room, bled horse, Cutting out print dress etc. *Sprinkle Fine & Hot* 18
17. W. [I] Finis[hed cutting out the print dress and] Peeled app[le]s A.M. [I] Washed etc. [and did the] shirt-waist[.] W. Perdue [was here this]even[ing. The men [were] pulling peas[.] *Fine, Cooler.* 21
18. T. I [was]in C[linton] P.M.[and] was at[a]Women's Miss[ionary] meeting too[.] W. Cooper(bookstore) [was] buried[. I] Got [an] Eaton box[.] *Fine & Warm* 14
19. F. Threshing Mrs Wigg[inton] & Stella called[this]even[ing.] 14
20. S. A[g was] in C[linton. I] killed [the] 1st 2 R[oo]sters] & 4 ducks P.M.Jno.[was]at U[n]cle Jno.'s threshing[.] 21
21. S. B[ella], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev.Stewart.) *Fine & Hot* 20
22. M. Jno. Elliot[was here] for dinner[.] Carrie Grant & Miss K. Henderson[came]for tea[.] Jno. [was] at U[n]cle Jno.'s & U[n]cle James's] threshing[.]I] Finis[hed....on the] p[ri]nt blouse[.] B[ella] washed for Jane, etc. 18
23. T. [John was] at Mac's threshing A.M. A[g was]in C[linton] P.M. [I] Killed & dressed 6 roosters [which] Jane's fetched[. I] sheep dipped [the] H[en] H[ouse] P.M.A[lex.] Innis's & [the] Graham's barns [were hit by lightning & burned[.] *Severe Storm W[ith] T[hunder] & Light[ning] Raining, Hail (Large stones.)* 23

24. W. [I] Cleaned out [the] H[en] H[ouse], scalded & white-washed it.* Jno.[was]in C[linton P.M. [and]plowing[in the even[ing.] Dullish 14
*There must have been a severe infestation of chicken lice - see tomorrow's entry.
25. T. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton] A.M. A[g] & B[ella were] pap- ering at Ned's[.] Washed[my] lousy clothes A.M., mended a belt etc.[and]worked a little at [the] print blouse[.] Fine 20
26. F. [I] Killed 5 ducks [and] Mend- ed [a] dress[.] A[g was] in C[linton]P.M. H.Thomson & Mrs Beatie called[this]even[ing.] Aunty[is]home from Green's[.] Rain, Cold, Fine P.M. 19
27. S. Fa[ther] & I [were] at Var- coe's[.] Mrs D[uncan] McEwen called [and a] Manitoba gent called[.] Fine, Cool E[ast] Wind 39
28. S. A[g] & B[ella] & I[sabella] P[earl were] in church.] Jno. [went at night.] Fine 15
- 29 M. A[g] & I washed[.]B[ella]wash- ed & scrubbed at Jane's[.]Jno. & I [were] at [a] plebescite meeting [at]school,[addressed by Messrs.] Scott & Houston[.]*A plebescite to be held on the question of res- tricting the sale and consumption of liquor in Canada. A Dominion-wide vote hade been called for September 29. See below
30. T. A[g] & B[ella have] gone to Hullett to visit[.]Jno.[was] at Mac's threshing A.M. Aun- ty [was here] all night[.] Fine & Hot 7
31. W. [Aunty was here all] day & [night.] 14

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| 1. | T, | A[g] & B[ella came home this even[ing.] McIntosh [came] for tea[.] | Fine & a little rain | 12 |
| 2. | F. | Pickett fetched 50 apple barrels [and stayed] for dinner[.] Jno. [was] sowing wheat P.M. | Very Hot | 11 |
| 3. | S. | Fa[ther was] at Wigginton's P.M. [John] finis[hed [sowing wheat] A.M. [and was] Rolling P.M. | [Very Hot] | 8 |
| 4. | S. | Fa[ther], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in c[hurch.] Jno. & Ad[am went in the] even[ing.] Jno. & Adam left on bykes for Toronto[.] | [Very Hot] | 12 |
| 5. | M. | A[g] & I washed[.] Bella[was] at Jane's washing & scrubbing[.] Ned & I[sabella] P[earl] stayed for tea[.] Bella mowed [the] lawn [in the] even[ing.] | Heavy Rain,
T[hunder] & L[ightning],
Fine P.M. | 39 |
| 6. | T. | [I] Re-bound [a] flannel pettico[at] dress etc at Jane's P.M. Fa[ther was] at Sturdy's[.] | Rain A.M.,
Fine P.M | 15 |
| 7. | W. | [I] Finis[hed Jane's dress all but[the] frills[.] Father was at T[om] Frazer's A.M. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse and my] B[ed] R[oom] A.M. Mrs [Ned] Rathwell, Winnie, Cora & Aunty [were here] P.M. William James Glen [was] born[.] | Dull, Fine,
C[ool] W[ind.] | 13 |
| 8. | T. | Ag [was] in Clinton[.] | Windy | 9 |
| 9. | F. | Mrs Ferguson & Churchill [were here.] | Frost, Cold
at Night. | |
| 10. | S. | Uncle James called[.] | Frost, Cool | 25 |
| 11. | S. | Polly [has a] sore foot[.] Aunty [has] gone to Green's[.] | Fall[like] | 11 |
| 12. | M. | Andy Duncan [and] Jno. Thomson [were here.] Mo[ther was] at Ned's[.]* | Warm | 9 |
| *This entry and ones that follow suggest that Jane was suffering from post-natal complications. | | | | |
| 13. | T. | Young Ervin [came] looking for fowl [and stayed] for dinner[.] Mo[ther was] at Ned's twice[.] | Warm | 25 |
| 14. | W. | A[g] & B[ella went] after butternuts*[and got] 4+pailfulls[.] | Warm, Cloudy | 4 |

*Butternuts and black walnuts are closely related. The nut meat of the butternut is tastier. Butternut trees grew in profusion along the banks of the Bayfield and, if one could beat the squirrels to the ripened nuts scattered on the ground, one could lay away a delicious winter treat.

15. T. John Thompson left this morning[.] Fa[ther has gone to London[.] Jno [was] at Mac's[.] Mother was at Ned's' all week but yesterday[.] *Thunder Showers* 14
16. F. Ducks weighed: 3 lbs - 6 oz 22
 3 " -14 "
 4 " -10 "
 A[g was] in C[linton.]
17. S. Fraser called[.] W. Snell & J Wigginton [came] for dinner[.] *Fine* 8.
18. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch (Shaw.)] *Fine* 9
19. M. Chas. Avery [was here] for dinner[.] I was] Hunting [up] show stuff[.] *Windy* 8
20. T. Lib*[was]in Clinton with "Truck." *Fine* 8
 *Eliza-Ann appears to have done most of this month's entries on the run and days later. She briefly tried (like Caesar) referring to herself in 3rd person and reverted to her usual style.
21. W. Fair Lib [illegible] *Fine*
22. T. Rev.A.Stewart & wife called[.] Jno. [was] in town[.] *Dull & Rainy* 35
23. F. Chas. Middleton [came] for dinner[.]Jno.[was after pig peas[.] *Rainy* 9
24. S. A[g] & B[ella went searching] for butternuts[.] Jno.[was] at Wigginton's threshing in afternoon[.] *Rainy, Dull* 10
25. S. A[g & Bella & Isabel, Ned & Lib [were in church(Hamilton.)] *Fine* 11
26. M. Ned [is] working at corn[.]Jno. [was]at D[uncan]McEwen's threshing in afternoon[.] *Fine, Windy.* 9
27. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in Clinton[.] 10 chickens @ 40[cents] a p[ai]r[.] Annie Stewart called from Glen's[.] *Fine* 9
28. W. *Beautiful* 10
29. T. Uncls James [was] here for tea[.] [The] Plebescite vote [was] taken[.] *Warm, Hot* 9
30. F. Hales, from Mt Sterling, Iowa, came last night[.] Ada, A[g] & B[ella [were] at Ned's [and] pulled[snow apples.]Jno.[went] after flour[.]

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| 1. S. | Fa[ther] & [Mr] Hales [were] away[.] Ned's [were]threshing [so] Ed[ward] J[ohn was sent] back [here.] | 18 - 7 spoiled
Very Warm | |
| 2. S. | Big flies coming in thick | Warm | 6 |
| 3. M. | B[ella was] at Ned's threshing [with the]kids here[.] Fa[ther] & Hales [were] at Wigg[inton]'s, Clinton & A. Dunkin's[.] Will Glen [is] threshing[.] Wigg[inton] called at noon[.] | Boiling | 11 |
| 4. T. | Hales [was]in Clinton alone & then [was] ordering out his sheep[.] Will Glen finished [threshing] about 10 [A.M.] J. McG[regor was] threshing P.M. | Hot | 9 |
| 5. W. | [I was]sick [in the] night[.] Jack McGregor [was] threshing A.M. Jno. & Ned took up loads of sheep [to the station.] Fa[ther] & Hales went [in the] buggy [this] morning[.] | Rainey | |
| 6. T. | A[g] & B[ella were] pulling Apples (Holland Pippins)[.] | Fine | |
| 7. F. | Jno. [was] at Bayfield Fair [with a] load [of] sheep & Fa[ther followed in the]buggy[.] Lizzie [Glen] got home with him[.Jno.] came home P.M. | Beautiful | |
| 8. S. | [I] Washed some things for Jane P.M. A[g] & B[ella were] pulling a[pples.] | | |
| 9. S. | Fa[ther] & A[g were] in church (Crossley.) | | |
| 10. M. | Fa[ther was] in C[linton]& at Sparling's[on the]Cut Line[.] Elsie Thomson [was] here [in the] morn[ing.] A[g] & B[ella were] pulling a[pples.] | Fine & C[ool] W[ind.] | |
| 11. T. | A[g] washed[.] T[om] Frazer [came] for dinner[.] | Rained | |
| 12. W. | A[g], B[ella] & I [were] pulling Baldwins, Talman & Bailey sweets[.] | Nice | |
| 13. T. | Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton] A.M. Bella [was] washing at Jane's[.] J.J. Cook & Jim Ferguson [were]packing apples [this] even[ing.](18 Barrels) | Raining | |
| 14. F. | [Cook and Ferguson packed more apples] A.M. [I] Pulled Spys P.M. Ab & Ellie [Nott were] here [this] even[ing.] | Raining | |
| 15. S. | [I pulled spys] & Talmans P.M. C.Middleton[came]for dinner[.] | Raining | |

16. S. [Ag and Bella,] Jno. & I [were] in c[hurch this] even[ing] to hear Hunter & Crossley[.]* *Nice*
- *The Rev. H.T. Crossley and The Rev J.E. Hunter were Methodist clergymen who had exceptional skills as Christian evangelists. "Crossley & Hunter" held revival meetings all over eastern Canada in the three decades before World War I.
17. M. Fa[ther] was] in C[linton] in with the]buggy A.M. & Jno.[fol- lowed with] 18 barrels [of] Apples[. I]Pulled 2 trees of Talmans & of Ben Davis[.] Fa- [ther]& Jno.[were] lifting po- tatoes P.M.,[doing] 5 rows[.] T[homas] Frazer came here this] even[ing.] *Fine*
18. T. [I] Pulled the] other 2 B[en] D[avis] trees.] *Raining*
19. W. [I] Took Fa[ther] to[the rail- way] station [this] morn[ing] enroute for Guelph [and the] Model Farm sale[. He]bought a calf[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] at an] even[ing]meet- ing[. I] met Fa[ther] too[.] Case[was here] all night with sheep[.I was] pulling[apples] P.M. *Rain A.M.*
20. T. Fa[ther] was in C[linton] A.[M.] & at[the]mill P.M.[We] finis[hed] pulling app[les] A.M. [and the] packers [fin- ished] P.M. Jno.,A[g] B[ella] & I lifted 8 rows [of] pota- toes P.M. *Fine*
21. F. [The apple packers]went [off] to the Glen's[.They were]here all night. T[om] Frazer[came] for dinner. Father & he went to Sturdy's P.M. Jno., Bella & I [were] in C[linton] to- night[at a Crossley & Hunter] meeting[.] *Raining, Pouring.*
22. S. Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Jno.[was] in C[linton] with a] load [of] apples (19 barrels) [and he]fetched home the calf & 8 more [barrels, which we] packed[.] G.O. Sturdy [was here] P.M. & J. McNaughton bought a colt[.] *Raining*
23. S. Fa[ther] & A[g] & I[sabella] P[earl] & Ned & Jane([her]1st meeting) were in C[hurch] to hear] Rev. Hunter[. I] minded [the] kids[.] Jno. & B[ella] went in the]even[ing] to hear] Crossley & H[unter].] *Fine, C[ool] W[ind.]*

24. M. [I]Moved hives back to box[.] A[g] scrubbed[.] B[ella] washed at Jane's[.] Fa[ther] & I[were] picking pot[atoes] P.M. [We] Finis[hed] all but [the] harrowing[.] Ad[am Stewart] & Jno. C[uming] came over this] even[ing on their] bykes[.]
Fine & Warm
25. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Mother[was] at Jane's P.M. Ida[Stewart] was here P.M. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton to-]night at a C[rossley] & H[unter] meeting [and the] Boys wheeled[.]
Beautiful & [the] roads dried up.
26. W. Fa[ther is] pulling nips-[He] started yester[day.]
Raining
27. T. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I]Killed 10 roosters A.M. & the 4 pigs P.M. Ned, Will & Mac [were here] for tea[.]
*Snowed & Cold
Heavy Frost*
28. F. Packers [were here] P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton with a]load [of] app[les.] A[g] & I[were] carrying in app[le]s P.M. Jno. & Adam & Us Kids [were] in C[linton to]-night[.]
Fine & Cold
29. S. [The packers were here] A.[M.] & part of P.M. [We] Finis[hed] packing [with a] Total [of] 72 [barrels.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. [with a]load [of] app[les. We were] hauling in nips P.M.
Beautiful
30. S. A[g] & Bella [were] in [church] P.M. & even[ing] (C[rossley] & H[unter.]) [They] had tea at Finley's[.]
31. M. A[g was] in C[linton] with 450 lbs. of evap[orator apples.]

November, 1898

1. T. [We worked at] picking & hauling in App[les] and then] at nips[.] A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. with 450 lbs.[of] evap[orator] app[les.]
C[ool] W[ind,] Fine.
2. W. **Carrie Grant's wedding day.**¹ [We were] Pulling nips all day & Fa[ther] & Jno.[were] hauling them in[.] B[ella] was] picking evaporator apples at Ned's....
.....A[g] & I (& Jno.[on his] byke) [were] in C[linton] at night [ttending a C[rossley] & H[unter] meeting [in] Ontario St. C[hurch.]
Beautiful

3. T. [We]Finis[hed the]nips at noon, all but [a] load to haul in[.] A[g] & B[ella were] at Ned's [helping with the] app[les.] Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M.[on his] byke[. I] Picked up some pears and stragglng app[le]s
4. F. Fa[ther] & Mother[were] at Dunkin's (Varna) P.M. A[g] washed & I picked up boards etc. in [the] orchard[.] A[g] B[ella & I [were] In C[linton at] night [attending] C[rossley] & H[unter meetings [at the] Ratt[enbury Street][.] Church Beautiful
5. S. [I] Helped clean 2 bags of wheat[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton.]..... Raining
6. S. Fa[ther was] at U[n]cle James's and then] U[n]cle James came] here[.] I went to C[linton]with Ned P.M. [to hear] C[rossley]& H[unter at] Ontario [Street] C[hurch.] Showers
7. M. [I] Took Fa[ther this] morning] to Brucefield Station enroute for Thorndale [and] J. Dunkin's sale[.] A[g], B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton this] evening attending a C[rossley] & H[unter meeting at the] Ratt[enbury[Street] C[hurch[.] Fine
8. T. Jno. [Bella and I were in Clinton this evening at Crossley & Hunter's] farewell meeting[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing P.M. Fine
9. W. [John was at Mac's threshing] all day[.] J. McNaughton [came] after the colt he bought[. I was] Choreing[.] Rain, Colder.
10. T. Jno. Dunkin & J.Sparrow [came] for tea[.] Mother started to twist yarn again[.] Snowing, wet...
11. F. Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton.] Jno. & Ned [were] in C[linton] with wagons [of] evap[orator] app[les. In the] evening] after sheep..... Fine
12. S. [I was] Killing bees all day[.] A[g] started for McT[avish]'es P.M.[but] stayed with kids[while] Ned, Jane & I[sabella] P[earl were] in C[linton.]
13. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Snowing, wet.
14. M. A[g] washed [here and] B[ella washed] for Jane.] C.Middleton [came] after 3 heifers he bought P.M. [I] Killed 4 hens[.]

15. T. [I'm] making [a] smock[.] Jno. went[in]Ned's cart to Varcoe's for [a] heifer[.] Mo[ther has] finis[hed] twisting yarn[.] C[ool] W[ind]
16. W. A[g] washed blankets, quilts & scoured yarn[.]Packed bees[.] Frozen, Fine
17. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] this] evening [at the] Annual meeting[of the] W[omens'] F[oreign] M[issionary] S[ociety].] Fine, Bad roads
18. F. [I] Tryed (sic) to double 2nd to N[orth] hive & finis[hed] killing bees[.] Fa[ther] & I took in cabbage[s] to barn[.] Beautiful
19. S. G.O.Sturdy brought [Mr] Windland here for dinner & tea[.] I put in double windows in [the] kitchen etc. Fine, Sprinkled P.M.
20. S. B[ella] & I [were]in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) Manassah's reign [was the] S[abbath] S[chool] lesson[.]A[dam]& Jno. [went to church at night.] Fine, Roads drying up.
21. M. Fa[ther] & Win[dland] were at Frazer's, [then they] drove to Cooper's[and] Reids[.]B[ella] washed for Jane[.] A[g] washed & went to McTavish's & Innis['es looking] for a drake[.] Windy, fine
22. T. A[g was] in C[linton]P.M.with 5 killed geese [and she] got Doll's lame foot shod[.] Snowing
23. W. Fa[ther]& W[indland]walked to Varna[.] Andy [Dunkin] drove them [back] over & stayed for tea[.] A[g] & B[ella] were] at U[ncl]e James's] quilting P.M. Frozen, Fine
24. T. [We had] Turkey & Drake for Thanksgiving[.] Ida, Aunty & Ned's Wind[land]were here for dinner & tea[.] B[ella], I[sabella] P[earl] & I [were] in [Sabbath] School P.M. [Examining were] Rev. Stewart, Muir, Lawyer Scott & B. Higgins[.]* Snowing
- B. Higgins was a harnessmaker in Varna
25. F. Fa[ther] & W[indland] were] in C[linton] & at Sturdy's[.] I cleaned [my room etc. Fine, a little warmer.
26. S. B[ella] & I [went to] C[linton] in [the] buggy[.] We saw] cutters going too[.] Snow, Fine.
27. S. A[g] & B[ella] were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Jno. & A[dam] went to church at night[.] A[g] stayed with [Jane's]kids [in the] even[ing].] Fine

28. M. [I] Killed 4 geese[.] A[g] & B[ella went to] C[linton] P.M. in [the] buggy[.] G.W. Sturdy [came] for dinner [in his] cutter [and] bought a Ram[. Mr.] W[indland] went home with him[.] T[om] Frazer [was here in the] even[ing.]

29. T. [Ag, Bella] & I pull[ed] old paper off [the] kitchen & papered [the] ceiling P.M. Alb[ert] Sturdy & Win[dland] arrived for] dinner [on a] sleigh. Jno.[was]at W[illiam] G[len]'s P.M. cutting[.]

Snow, Warmer.

30. W. Papering almost finished

December, 1898

1. T. [I] Took Fa[ther] & W[indland] to [the] station [in the] morning and] went[back] for[them] at] night[.] Case [came] for dinner & [a] sheep[.] Irwin [was here this] even[ing] and] bought [a] rooster[.] We] Finis[hed] papering[.] A[g] scrubbed etc.

Fine, Snowing.

2. F. Mo[ther] & I [went to] C[linton] in [the] cutter[.] (Church Rev. Shaw Egmondville.) B[ella] went in the] even[ing] with Ned's, Mac's Jno. & Adam

Beautiful

3. S. [I C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse].] Cutting a little P.M. Fa[ther] & Mr W[indland] were] in C[linton this] even[ing.]

Soft, bare sleighing.

4. S. B[ella] & I [went to church in the] cutter [and] Jno. [took the] buggy[.] (Rev. Stewart.) A[g] minded [the] kids[.]

5. M. Fa[ther] & Windland [were] in C[linton] fixing [a railway] car[.]

Snow, Stormy

6. T. W[indland] has] gone. We sold him] 49 [sheep.] Jno. took up 2 loads [to the station] & W[m] G[len] took 1 load for us[. I] Killed 6 geese[.]

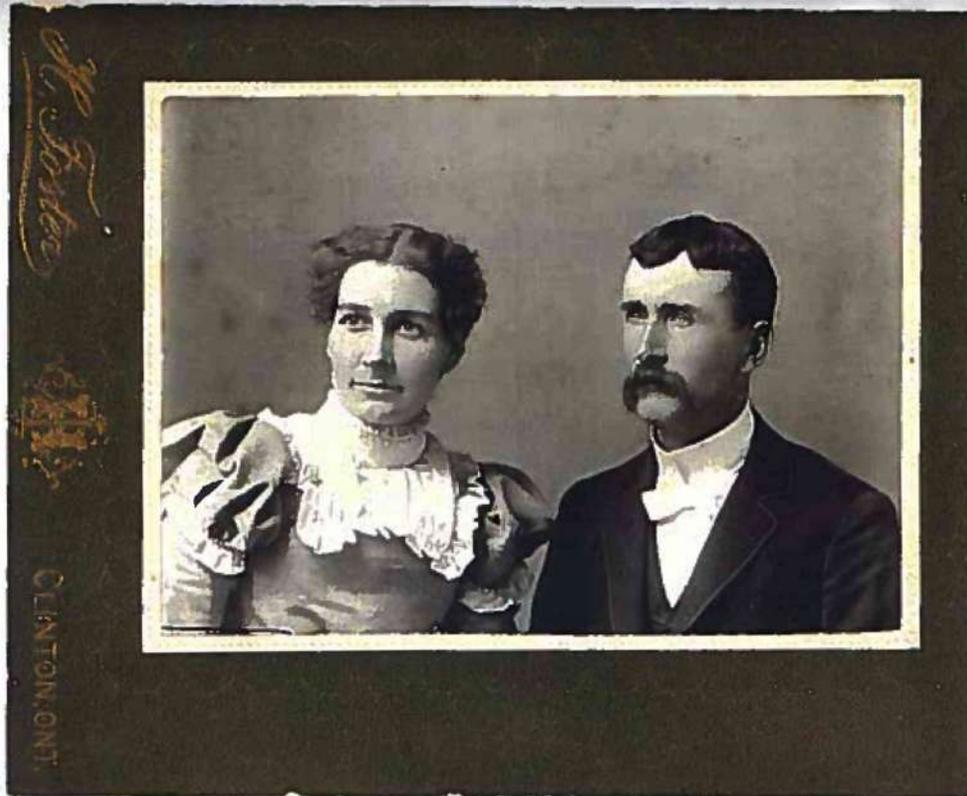
7. W. B[ella] was] teaching for [The] Master [and] broke[the] cutter[.] Ned took grist for us to C[linton.] A[g] was] in C[linton] with him P.M. Jack Elliot [was here] for tea[in the] even[ing.] Jno [was] at Fenwick's wedding[.]

8. T.

9. F. [I am] Making Fa[ther] 2 [pair of] p[an]ts[.]

11. S.

12. M. A[g] & I washed[.] T[om]
 Frazer bought [a] lamb[.]
 J. McNaughton brought [the]
 mare back[. I] Killed [a]
 goose & Jane's duck[.]Aunty
 [was here] all night[.]

People broke roads.WEDDING PHOTOFenwick Stewart & Alice Emmeline Rathwell

.....On Wednesday last, at the residence of the bride's parents, by [the] Rev. Mr Shaw, Mr Fenwick Stewart, of Stanley, was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Alice Rathwell of Goderich Township. The groom was ably assisted by Mr Adam Stewart, while Miss Addie, sister of the bride, performed the duties of bridesmaid. The bride was made the recipient of a large number of valuable and useful presents. We join with their many friends in wishing them much happiness and prosperity.

The New Era December 9, 1898

13. T. Jno. Cuming drove Kate up
 [at] noon[.] [I am] Making
 [the] 2nd. p[ai]r [of] D[airy]
 p[an]ts for Fa[ther.]

14. W.

15. T. Cutting P.M. Adam [stayed]
 for tea[.] B[ella] & K[ate]
 C[uming] were] gone[for the]
 even[ing] at Ned's[.] Jim
 Barkley called [this] even-
 [ing] on [the] way back from
 Iowa[.]²Making under waists
 darning[.]

Fine

16. F. [I] Finis[hed] waists & mending[.] Fa[ther] walked to C[linton.] Fine
17. S. Fa[ther is] sick[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's P.M. Chopping[.] I] Chored A.M. [and] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] P.M. Nice
18. S. A[g]stayed with[the]kids[.] Beautiful
19. M. A[g was] in C[linton in] Ned's cutter[.] Ned [was] killing pigs[.] J.Isard called[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[with a] load [of] corn for Mac's[.] C[old] E[ast] W[ind] Silver Thaw [in] evening[.] 4
20. T. A[g] & I washed[.] B[ella] made [a]cake for Jane's P M. Jno. [was] at Ned's cutting[.] Raining 2
21. W. [We]Killed 7 turk[ey]s &[a] heifer[.](Ned & Will [were] here[.]) A[g] & I cleaned insides P.M. Ned [went to] C[linton] in [the] cutter [with] Polly[.] C[ool] W[ind], Thawing Slightly. 4
22. T. [I] Cleaned [the] kitchen stove pipes [and] A[g]scrubbed[.] B[ella] has] gone to Grant's [this] even[ing.] [I] Finis[hed] making..... ...pett[icoat at] night[.] Raining P.M. 3
23. F. T[om] McMillan* [was here] for dinner[.] Frozen 5
*A Seaforth area farmer and son of John McMillan M.P. (Huron S.)Ned's
24. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] and] Killed [a] goose[.] A[g] & Mary, Bessie & Mag[gie] McEwen [rode to] C[linton with Ned's[on the]sleigh[.]I stayed with E[dward John] and baby [James.] Snow Flurries 3
25. S. I [was] in C[hurch] with Ned's(Rev. Stewart.) A[g] stayed with [the] kids[.] B[ella] was] in c[hurch] with [the] Grant's C[old] W[ind] 4
26. M. Ned's & Aunty [were here & have]gone to Green's* Chrystal wedding [this] evening[.]A[g]stayed with[the] kids all night[.] C[old] W[ind] 7
27. T. Fa[ther was] at [the] mill P.M. for chop[.] B[ella] & Jennie arrived P.M.[I worked on an]old country petti-coat[.] Stormy 7

28. W. [Bella and Jennie]went back [to Grant's in the] even- [ing.] Fa[ther was at [the annual] school meeting A.M. [I] Pasted up missed edges on kitchen [wall]paper [and I pasted]old Psalm books in [the] even[ing.]..... 11
Snowed some
29. T. Mr & Mrs & [?] Sturdy [were here for]dinner & tea[.]A[g] washed[.] Thawing 8
30. F. At Ned's [in the] even[ing]& [at] the school[.] Fa[ther was] in C[linton for a] noon meeting[.]Mr McGill from bey- Guelph[was]at Frazer's[this] even[ing.] S[now] & C[old] W[ind] 7
31. S. Killed goose [and] Made pies Very Cold,coldest all year 6

The five households - those of James Stewart, John Stewart, Ned Glen, James MacFarlane and William Glen- were part of a very effective extended family. One has also to mention the maiden Aunt, Agnes Stewart (called Aunt Nancy or Aunty) who spent her whole life serving others and was in turn sustained by her brothers and sister. This comfortable and stable universe changed profoundly for Eliza-Ann in her 35th and 36th years. In 1898 Aunt Mary Stewart died and within 2 years her 4 children had left home. Fenwick married in 1898 and he and his bride lived in a cottage away from the big house. He paid his father an annual rent and took over the farm. Aunt Nancy came to live with James out of compassion and agreed to keep house until James and the family adjusted to the loss of Mary. But the arrangement became permanent. Ada bailed out and went to be a housekeeper in New York city. Ida left home and took a nursing course. In June, 1900, Annie married Harvey H. McBrien of Hullet Township, a carpenter and employee in Clinton's Piano and organ factory.

As we will see, in 1899, the Grim Reaper carried off, a day apart, James MacFarlane and John Stewart. In December, Adam Stewart would marry Christena, daughter of Malcolm McEwen, and take over the John Stewart family farm.

In late 1900, John MacFarlane would marry Isabella (or Bell), daughter of Malcolm McEwen. Eliza-Ann and Agnes would gladly have taken their widowed mother and her sister Agnes to live in Clinton. Agnes felt committed to keeping house for brother James and Eliza was not going to leave her sister alone on the IV th Concession. The MacFarlane stone house was partitioned to accomodate two households. John and Bell in one, and John's widowed mother and maiden sisters in the other.

THE DIARY OF ELIZA-ANN MACFARLANE: 1899FAREWELL TO MANY THINGS

January, 1899

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| 1. S. | A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev, Stewart.) Bella[came] home with us[.] | <i>Snow Flurries,
Very Cold.</i> | 6 |
| 2. M. | Ned, I[sabella] P[earl], E[dward] J[ohn] & Aunty [were] here for dinner & a[fternoon]tea[.I]Done a few stitches at Embroy-sic[.] | <i>A little Milder</i> | 3 |
| 3. T. | B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Doll[was]shod behind &[her] right front [shoe was] reworked[.] A[g] washed[.] Mr & Mrs & Stella Wigg[inton were] here[in the] even[ing.] Mr H. Barsantée [was here] all night[.] | <i>Sunshiny A.M.
Fine
Raining</i> | 11 |
| 4. W. | [Mr Barsantée] & Fa[ther were] at T[om] Frazer's[.] Jno. took T. Cairns to C[linton & back] from Ned's cutter[. I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse.] | <i>Raining</i> | 9 |
| 5. T. | Put yokeon (turned O[ld] C[ount-ry] Pett[icoat.] Jno. [was] at Ned's P.M. [I] Started extracting P.M. | <i>Slight Flurries,
Frozen & Fine.</i> | 8 |
| 6. F. | Jno. [was] at Ned's all day[.] B[ella] & I [did extracting]all day[.] | <i>Snowing</i> | 5 |
| 7. S. | B[ella] & I [did extracting]all day[.] | <i>Snowing some.
Very Stormy.</i> | 9 |
| 8. S. | Jno. [went to church at night.] | <i>Cold</i> | 10 |
| 9. M. | A[g]& I washed[.]A[g] & I[visit- ed] at U[n]cle James's[this]even- [ing. We] called on the bride too[.]* | <i>Fine & Cold</i> | 10 |
| <p>*With Aunt Nancy now keeping house at for James Stewart, the MacFarlane sisters and their mother got accurate and detailed reports about what was going on there. Fenwick was running the farm, and in the spring, he and Harvey McPrien would build a cottage for Alice and himself. Until the snow went, Alice & Fenwick's first five months of married life were spent in the farmhouse with Fenwick's father and 3 sisters. Aunt Nancy reported to the MacFarlane women that Annie & Ida, but especially Ada were working overtime to make Alice feel unwelcome. (Ada had nourished hopes of Fenwick marrying Bella Cuming, with whom she was close friends.) One senses that Agnes and Eliza made this visit to give Alice some moral support. I expect they commandeered the front parlour and made it clear they wished to have the bride to themselves.</p> | | | |
| 10. T. | [I] Killed 7 turkey hens & 3 Roosters[and]Got leg bands[.] A[g was]in C[linton] P.M. G.O. Sturdy [came] P.M. after the sheep he bought[.] | <i>Below [Zero F.]
Cle[ar]
C[old] W[ind].</i> | 6 |

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| 11. W. | Fa[ther was]at Jno. Elliot's P.M. after [the] Dakota letter[. A] Tramp [was in our] Dr[iving shed] all night[.] A[g] went to [Ellie Nott's] P.M. B[ella] & I finis[hed] extracting [the] frame boxes[.] | 8 [degrees] below [F] Clear & C[old] E[ast] W[ind.] | 10 |
| 12. T. | B[ella] & I [were] in C[lin- ton] P.M. A[g came] home [in the] even[ing.] | Dull & little warmer, C[old] W[ind.] | 7 |
| 13. F. | Cutting honey out of box- hives[.] | Raining
Misty P.M. | 12 |
| 14. S. | [I]Dyed Black Mitts & yarn & Navy Blue Yarn P.M. & [I threw [a] p[ai]r [of] s tock- ing[s] in after[.I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse.] | Pouring R[ain] A.M., Sleet.
Frozen. | 7 |
| 15, S. | [I] Walked to c[hurch.] (Rev. Stewart) | Fine & Soft | 7 |
| 16. M. | A[g] & I washed[. I] Cut out a box [of] honey[.] | Thawing
Springlike | 9 |
| 17. T. | [I] Mended gloves, cut honey out of a box etc. Jno. [is] helping W[illiam] Glen get his Wind-mill pole[.] | Frozen,
Light snow. | 16 |
| 18. W. | Cutting P.M. I [was]in C[lin- ton] P.M. [in the]cutter[.We had] both rigs going on the roads[.] I[sabella] P[earl], Mamie & Abby [Glen were] here[.] | Frozen | 11 |
| 19. T. | [I] Starched collars[.] Ann- ie Stewart [was] here P.M. | Fine | 10 |
| 20. F. | Making muslin apron[.] A[g] & I[were]at McTavish'es P.M. | Snowing | 16 |
| 21. S. | Jno.[was] at [the] mill for chop P.M. Rosey calved A.M. [I] Emb[roidered] a little P.M. etc. | Snowing & Drifting,
Soft snow | 7 |
| 22. S. | A[g]& B[ella] were in Church John & Adam went at night.] I stayed with Jane's kids [and] Got from Jane 3 1/4 lbs [of] oatmeal[.] | Fine | 13. |
| 23. M. | A[g] washed[.I] cut out pan honey[.] Jno.[was]at Will's cutting P.M. Ned's kids [were] here[.]Fa[ther was] in [the] house all day sick[.]Jno.went for[Dr.] Gunn [in the] even[ing.] | Snowed, soft
Raining | 9 |
| 24. T. | [John went] to C[linton] P.M. [for Dr. Gunn.] Mac, Jane & Will Glen [were] here [this] even[ing] to see Fa[ther. I] C[leaned the] H[en]H[ouse,I]think[.] | Fine | 11 |

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25. W. U[n]cle Ja[me]s & Jno Elliot [came] for dinner[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M.[and] Got Adam [Stewart] to bring [a] chair* home [for me] in [his] sleigh[.] 11.
Fine, C[old] W[ind]
- * Probably an invalid's chair or com-
mode chair.
26. T. 9
Snow etc., Stormy P.M. Near Zero.
27. F. Jno[was] in C[linton] this even[ing].
28. S. [Doing] Embroi[dery] P.M. 6
29. S. A[g] & I [were] in church (Rev.) Stewart.) Jno & A[d- am] went at night[.] 9
2 below late morn[ing,] Snowing a little & stormy.
30. M. A[g]washed[.]I helped some[.] [I] Wiped out [my] room P.M. 13
5 below
31. T. [I] Cut out pan honey[.] Mac & D[uncan] McEwen [were] here this] even[ing.] S. Smith bought 2 steers[.] 6
2 below

February, 1899

1. W. [I] Finis[hed] facing Ned's mitts P.M. Ida [Stewart] was here] P.M. Jane [was] here this] even[ing.] Adam took up [the] steers with Jno.[this] morn[ing.] 9
5 below, Cold.
2. T. The Master [was] in [at] noon to see Fa[ther.] I [was in] all day[.] A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] P.M. Ned (Jane & kids) P.M. saw- ing[.] 9
7 below, Sunshining, a little warmer.
3. F. U[n]cle Jno. & Jim Barkley called[this] evening[.] A[g] & I drove down there* [in the] even[ing.]
- *"There" probably means Riverview Farm (Uncle John Stewart's.)
4. S. 1st Pair [of] lambs[from sheep #] 289[.]* Jno [was] in C[linton] with Ned P.M.[for] salt[.] 9
Zero
 *purebred registration number
5. S. B[ella] & I [were] in Church.] (Rev. Stewart) Jere[miah] VI, 16-"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye [in the ways, and see.....] A[dam]& J[ohn] went at night[.] 8
Zero
6. M. Cutting P.M. T[om] Frazer[was] here]for tea[.]I] emb[roidered] P.M. 9
15 below

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7. T. [The] Master [called in at] noon[.] Tene Baird & Sarah Dunbar [were here] P.M. Jno. & Ned [were] in Seaforth P.M. [I] Cut out pan honey 10
15 below,
Bright sunshiny
8. W. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] emb[roidered] P.M. Jno.[was] at [the] Dr's [this] even[ing.]* 4
Cold
Zero Direction
- *John probably went in alone to hear Dr Gunn's conclusions about his father's condition. James MacFarlane had cancer of the prostate gland. A century ago, this was untreatable and always fatal. I expect that Dr Gunn told John that James MacFarlane had at best 6 to 8 months to live. About this time, MacFarlane's took aboard another hired man. The only clue is Eliza-Ann's resumption of "The Boys" in her entries.
9. T. [The] Boys [were] helping put up W[illiam] Glenn's(sic) Windmill Mast* A.M. Adam went for [news]papers[in the] even[ing.]** B[ella was] at Jane's making [herself a] dress[.I was]fixing old slippers P.M. 10
13 below 0,
a sizzeler(sic)
wind.
- *See Jan 17 entry. A long wooden shaft connected the wind - driven drift shaft with the water pump's plunger -converting circular motion to vertical motion. One could save money by fashioning one's own mast. Cedar poles gew in abundance along the Bayfield River. **The several households had an agreement to empty each other's mail boxes and fetch all mail and daily and weekly newspapers. MacFarlane's with their frequent forays into Clinton, did most of the fetching.
10. F. [I]em[broidered]about 2 h[ou]rs P.M. Ned [came] for tea[.] Dr. Smith & lady called [this] even[ing.] 10
23 below 0
Bright, Sunshiny
11. S. A[g was]in C[linton] P.M. Mag & I[sabella] P[earl were]here P.M. [I] em[broidered] P.M.[and have been lining[the] old red & blue horse-blanket etc. 8
31 below 0
12. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in Church[.] (Rev. Stewart) 'Anniversary'[I] Stayed with [the] kids[.] J[ohn went to church at night.] 8
32 [below 0]
13. M. A[g] & I washed[.] 7
31 [below 0]
14. T. 1 lamb (2nd [from #]327 B[ella was] at Jane's [a] half day[.] "Yes Missus" [was here] for dinner[. I] finis[hed] lining [the old horse] blanket[.] 8
15 below 0
15. W. [I] cut out pan honey etc. Liz-zie [Glen was over this] even[ing.] Jno. [was] in Brucefield with Ned [and] at [a] Tupper* meeting [this] even[ing in]Clin- [ton.] 4
*Sir Charles Tupper, the aging Father of Confederation, now in his 70's, continued to lead the federal Conservative party after his defeat at the hands of Laurier. Tupper and the Conservatives convinced themselves that the Canadian electorate was eager to vote them back in power and in 1899 and 1900 waged a vigorous and spirited campaign throughout the Dominion.

16. T. Ned & Jno.[were] at[a] Liberal* meeting [this] even[ing.] *Sunshiny & thawing*
*her emphasis 7
17. F. Jno. [was] at [the] mill for chop[.] Ned & Jane [were] in C[linton.] A[g] stayed with [the]kids[.I] em[broidered P.M. *Fine & Soft* 6
18. S. U[ncl]e Jno.[was here]P.M. & Ab Nott & Mr & Mrs Andy Dunkin [came] for tea[.] Jno.[went to the] mill with chop[.I]em[broidered] a little [and] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse[.] *Sprinkling Thawing Snowing* 6
19. S. Ned [went to hear The Rt. Rev. Maurice S.] Baldwin,[Anglican] Bishop [of Huron.]¹ Jno.[went to church in the] even[ing.] 6
20. M. Jno. [was] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s P.M.Mr & Mrs Foster[were here] P.M. & even[ing.]Will & Lizzie [Glen were here also this]even[ing.] *Soft & Sunshiny* 7
21. T. Bob Holmes[won the by-election for the federal riding of Huron West[.I] em[broidered a]little. B[ella] & I [were] at U[ncl]e Jno's [this] even[ing.] *Kind of Misty Raining* 11
22. W. T[om] Frazer [came] for tea[.] *Snowed, freezing* 8
23. T. Rev. Stewart & Wife called.Jno.,] B[ella] & I [were] at [a] prayer meeting [this] even[ing] at Jno. McGregor's[.] Will[iam] Ja[me]s Glen & Mary Smith [were] baptized[.] *Fine, C[old] W[ind.]* 14
24. F. A[g]& I washed[.]Ned[drove to] C[linton] P.M. [in the]cart[.] Aunty [was] at Ned's P.M. *Fine & Dull Slight melt to sun* 14
25. S. Jno. & Ab [were] out P.M. [I] Mended p[an]ts & ironed etc. U[ncl]e Jno., Glen*, & Ab Nott [were] here for dinner.]Ab[was here] for tea too[.] 20
26. S. *Thaw, Light Rain.* 23
27. M. Mamie[was here this]even[ing.] Mac [came this] even[ing.] Jno. came after him[.] Helen Butchart and her man [were]there[.] *Blustering & Snow* 24
28. T. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [A] sick ewe [which] had lambs died[. The] Master [called at] noon, [Mr] Graham called P.M., [and] U[ncl]e Jno[was] here after dinner[.] Extracting pieces of combs that I cut white comb honey off[.] *Snowed P.M., Sleet, Frozen night.* 27

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| 1. W. | A[g]washed[.I]ext[racted] P.M. Jno. [was] at [the] mill P.M. for chop[.] Bob McMillan called in[.] E.& W.Wise[came] P.M. looking at stock[.] H. Reid's [came] after[the]Billy [they] bought[.] Ned [was here for tea[.] | 26 | <i>Fine</i> |
| 2. T. | [The] 3rd. lamb [from] ewe # 338 died[. The] shearling ewe [from] Diehl['s] died[. I] Washed[the]extractor P.M. Mrs Mac,Jane and [the] kids [were here] P.M. [and] U[n]cle Jno.* [Stewart] called [in the]even[ing.] | 23 | |
| | * John Stewart was a driven workaholic who seldom went visitng and who put any company that stayed more than half a day to work. His son Adam had now taken over the operation of the home farm and John himself knew he had heart disease. John Stewart and James MacFarlane spent a lot of time together in their last 6 months of life. | | |
| 3. F. | [The]Master[called in at]noon, Aunty[was here] P.M. [and]Ned [came for] tea[.I] em[broidered a little.] Jno. hauled in the last of [the] corn stooks A.M. | 22 | <i>Raining P.M.</i> |
| 4. S. | Jno. & Ned [were] at Mrs Whitley's sale[. I] Stamped [a] Beaura mat[.] Wigginton & Dr. Gunn [were] here P.M. [and] Jane [came in the] even[ing.] | 20 | <i>Dull, Soft.</i> |
| 5. S. | | 29 | <i>Snowing & Blowing;
Big drifts.</i> |
| 6. M. | A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's P.M. | 23 | <i>Snowing some.</i> |
| 7. T. | A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Ned & <u>family</u> [were] here A.M. (cutting a little.) | 21 | <i>C[ool] W[ind.]</i> |
| 8. W. | Jno. & Ned[were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] em[broidered] a little[.]B[ella] & I [were] at U[n]cle Jno.'s [in the] even[ing.] Ned's [were] at Fenwick's [and left the] kids here[.] | 28 | <i>Sunshiny & singey W[ind.]</i> |
| 9. T. | A[g] & Aunty [went into]C[linton] in [the] cutter[.] Jno. [was] at [the] mill[.] U[n]cle Jno. [was here] P.M. & Ab,Wise & [the] Stapleton gent [were here] for tea too[.] Jno.[was] at [the] mill[.] | 19 | <i>Fine & Nice</i> |
| 10. F. | [I]C[leaned the] H[en]H[ouse.] [Edward]Glen [Sr.was here] P.M. & Aggie & Johnny Butchart[came in the] even[ing. John was at the mill for chop.] | 20 | <i>Raining a little.</i> |
| 11. S. | Cherry calved[. I was] scrap- ing out honey boxes | 18 | <i>Thawing,
Bees out</i> |

12. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Rumball with Rev.] Stewart there.) Soft, Snowing 13
Stormy.
13. M. A[g] washed [and I] scraped some frames etc. [Mr] Tough, [the tax assessor, was here] all night[.] Frozen, 22
Dull & Cold
14. T. A[g] & Aunty [were] in C[lin-] 14
ton] P.M. [The] Master [called in at] noon[and T[om] Frazer [in the] even[ing].] C[old] W[ind,]
Sunshiny
15. W. N[icholas] Cuming [was here] 18
for dinner[.] U[n]cle] Jno. [was here] P.M. [I] em[broidered and] Jno. [was] at Jno. Avery's sale P.M. Jane fetched her turkey in[at] noon[.] Raining, Showery,
Snowing.
16. T. Jno & Adam [were] in C[lin-] 22
ton] P.M. [for] grist[and a] p[ai]r [of] lambs[were born.] C[old] W[ind],
light Flurries.
17. F. Jno. [was] at Ned's P.M. cutting[.] Aunty [was] here P.M. A[g]& I went to U[n]cle] Jno's [in the] even[ing.] Blustery 21
C[old]] E[ast] W[ind.]
Snowing
18. S. Jno. Middleton [came by] cutter[and] bought 2 2-year-old steers[. Ewe #] 378 [had] 3 lambs[.] Raining,
S[un] Thaw 20
19. S. A[g] & I [went to church in the] buggy (Rev. Rumball.) Very H[igh] W[ind,] 30
C[old] N[orth]-W[est]
W[ind].
20. M. [I] em[broidered] a little P.M.
21. T. A[g] washed[.] Ab Nott [was here] for dinner & tea[. Ab] & Jno. went over to W[illiam] Beacom's* sale- postponed [on account of the weather.] Snowing & Very
Stormy. 30

*William Beacom was farming in Goderich Township, Lot 30 the Bayfield Concession. He married Annie Rathwell, sister of Alice (Mrs Fenwick Stewart) in 1894. Bill Beacom was good friends with Fenwick, Adam and John. Bill and Annie had decided to quit farming and move into Clinton where they would go into the grocery business with Bill's father Thomas Beacom. The couple had 2 children Elmer, b.1895 and Cela, b.1897. William died in 1902 from pneumonia. He had assisted in fighting a hotel fire in Clinton in bitter cold weather. Cela Beacom and her husband Fred Sloman operated as teachers in a C.N.R. School-on-Wheels in northern Ontario, 1927-64. Alice and Fenwick took a special interest in the Beacom niece and nephew.

22. W. Jack Elliot started work[.] * 24
Mr & Mrs Wigginton & Jessie's kid [were here] for dinner[. Mr & Mrs] Finley McEwen [came] P.M. for tea[. I] filled [a] honey pan[,] Misty,
Raining, T[hunder]
& L[ightning.]

*hired man

23. T. Dewdrop calved red calf & Black cow[.](Sic) Jno. [was] at [Beacom's] sale P.M. *Snowed some, C[old] W[ind.]* 31
24. F. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Buggy [made for] good sleighing with shoeing off[of the] cutter[.] B[ella] & I [were]at U[ncl]eJno.'s [this] even[ing.] *C[old] W[ind], Fine.* 25
25. S. [I]C[leaned the]H[en]H[ouse.] [The]Boys took steers to[the] Middleton's P.M. [on] horse- back[. I] em[broidered] a little[.] *Stormy & Snowing, S[outh]-E[ast] W[ind.]* 29
26. S. [I] Stayed with the kids A.M. *Sunshiny Sun Thaw* 27
27. M. A[g] & I washed[.] 4 pairs of lambs *Sunshiny Sun Thaw* 20
28. T. [Ed] Glen [Sr. was here] for tea [and] all P.M. Mr McFarlane [from] Shakespeare [was here all night[.] A[g is] making white pett[ipoint]Crochet Lace & Insert[.I]Made sleeves (puffs) smaller in old brown waist & Set a piece in front lining of B[ac]k (waists.) *Snowing, Drifting.* 32
29. W. 21
30. T. [I] Mended Jno.'s D[uc]ks & his shirt [and] em[broidered] P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] with [the] horse[.] *Fine, C[old] W[ind.]* 25
31. F. I [was] at Hunter's (Carrie Grant's) P.M.[John] Woon[was] here[.] 23
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1. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [in] Ned's Cutter[.] JNO. & [the] Glen's [went in] Will G[len's] sleigh[.] *Snow Flurries, C[old] W[ind.]* 30
2. S. A[g] & B[ella went to church in] Ned's cutter(Rev.McDonald, Seaforth.)Jno.[went at night.] B[ella] & I [were] at U[ncl]eJno.'s [this] even[ing.] 17
3. M. A[g] & I washed[.] 26
4. T, U[ncl]eJno.[was here]P.M.[I] em[broidered a] little[.] *Sun, N[orth] W[ind.]*
5. W. Jno.Tomson[and] E[dward] Glen Sr. [were here] for dinner & Tea[.] A[g] & I [were] cleaning [the] milk-room P.M. [We] Put milk down [in the] even- [ing.] *Sunshiny* 19

6. T.	[Ag and I] scrubbed [the milk room] A.M. [I] took pork to [the]granery (sic) and C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M.	Milder & Dull S[outh-] E[ast] W[ind]	21
7. F.	[I was] Mending [a] dress [and] em[broidering.]	Raining & a little dull	21
8. S.	Aunty [was] up [here.] A[g] & I[were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [in the] even[ing.]		32
9. S.	I [went in the] buggy [to] C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) S[abbath] S[chool] started[.] Bessie [and] I [were] off this Sun[day.]	Fine	18
10. M.	A[g] & I washed	Fine	31
11. T.	A[g was] in C[linton] P.M.[I] Sent Eaton order[.]	Pouring P.M.	19
12. W.	[I] Washed, Brushed & ironed [a]blue serge skirt etc. Alex. Elliot [was here this] even[ing.]	Fine Snow	30
13. T.	[I]Cut out [a]skirt lining[.] A[g] & I [were] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [this] even[ing.]	Beautiful & hot	35
14. F.	[I] Basted [the] sk[irt.]A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Aunty went to G[oderich] T[ownship].]	Beautiful	35
15. S.	[I worked] at [the] skirt[.]	Fine, Colder	43
16. S.	A[g] & B[ella were] in c[hurch].The] B[lac]k Heifer Calved[.]		33
17. M.	A[g] & I washed[.]	Beautiful	36
18. T.			40
19. W.	I finis[hed] serge skirt[.] 1 Eaton box arrived[.] Uncle Samuel from Kansas arriv[ed] at U[ncl]e Jno.'s [in the] even[ing.]		40
20. T.	[Uncle Sam] went to S[linton] with Jno. [The]other Eaton [box arrived.] [Uncle Sam] & Aunt Jessie drove home[.] Jno.came with Adam [and] fetched [the] Eaton boxes home[.] Wilson Elliot fetched in a sucker[.]		25
21. F.	Uncle Samuel & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. Finley [McEwen was here] for dinner[.]		38
22. S.	Mother & Aunt Jesie [&] A[g were] at Lizzie's & Jane's P.M. [I] Sent Jane out [some] eggs[.] Fa[ther] & U[ncl]e S[am were] at U[ncl]e James'es] for dinner &	Slight Shower	32

Aunty [Nancy was] up P.M.
[for] a short time[.] B[ella]
& Aunt J[essie went]
down [to] U[n]cle Jno.'s
[in the]even[ing.]

23. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch] 26
(Rev. Stewart.)

24. M. A[g] & I washed[.] 50

25. T. [A]g & I Cleaning boys stair[.] 33
Aunt Jessie & I [were] at
Ross's for dinner & tea[.]*

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26. W. A[g] cleaned [the] boys room[. 39
and I]took out Double windows
[and] put down [the] platform
[in the] wood-shed[. I] Raked
[the] yards, Flower beds etc.,
and helped fill [the]leech[.]*

* a large funnel-like
contraption made of wood, into which wood
ashes would be poured. Then water would be
poured through the ash to "leech" out the
lye to make soap.

27. T. U[n]cle S[am] & Aunty went 32
to Wig[ginton's] to go visit
[the] House of Refuge[.] A[g]
ironed[. We] Killed [the] lump-
jaw steer[.] Lizzie McTavish [was]
here P.M.

28. F. Jno. & I took off tallow off [of 34
"Lump Jaw"] A.M. A[g was] clean-
ing[while I]Half dug flower bed[.]

29. S. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] 40
fetched [Edward] Glen [Sr.]home[.] *Rained a little.*

30. S. A[g] & B[ella were in Church](Rev. 40
Stewart.)U[n]cle Sam] & Aunty
[were] back [this] even[ing[.]

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1. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] away 27
with Ab [Nott[.] B[ella was] clean-
ing her room,took up[the] carpet & *Fine, Sprinkle.*
put[it] down again etc. Aunty[was]
up P.M.

2. T. [Bella cleaned the] Dining [room, *Fine* 35
took up the carpet and put it down
again. The] Cows [were] out all
night[.]

3. W. B[ella was] cleaning Mother's & 22
A[g]'s B[ed]room[s] & [the] clos-
ets[. I] Churned A.M. [and was]Rid- *H[igh] E[ast] W[ind]*
[ding] at stairs, woodshed etc.P.M.
[This] Even[ing] R. Marshall (*sic*)
[called and] Jno. [came] home[.]

4. T. Jno. [was] home [this] even[ing] 23
working at[the] broken pump[. I]
sorted out old shoes etc.

5. F.	[I] Finis[hed]dig[ging the]big garden[and]sowed sweet peas[.I] Finis[hed] (in a way)[the] wood[shed] & [the] stairs[.]	Rained Fine	22
6. S.	Ellie & Asa [Nott] drove in P.M. Ab [came in the] even[ing.]		19
7. S.	Å[g] & B[ella were]in C[hurch](Stewart- Rev. McDonald - Sesforth proclaiming pulpit vacant.)		15
8. M.	Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. A[g] & I washed[.] Mekin [was here this]even[ing] for potatoes[.] U[ncle] Samuel & Aunty went to Hullet P.M. from U[ncle James's. to visit at Elliott's and Cuming's.]		18
9. T.	[I] Put frames in for bees(ones [I] took out [last] fall) etc.		14
10. W.	B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. A[g] cleaned her kitchen.....[and] B[ella] cleaned [the] pantry[.]	Rained heavy	40
11. T,	[We] Washed [the] buggy in [the] river [and I did some] mending[.] Mo[ther] [worked] at soap[.]A[g]washed blankets etc.		17
12. F.	A[g] & B[ella were] cleaning [the] kitchen[.] Fa[ther] planted some pot..... [and I was] Melting bee's wax. G. Elliot [was] here today in Jack's place[.] U[n- cle] S[am] & Aunty [came] back [at] night[.]		34
13. S.	[Uncle Sam & Aunty] went to U[n- cle] Jno.'s [thhis] morn[ing] and were back [at] night[.] Jno. sowed mangols[.I was]Cutting off frames A.M.[and] put[a] navy band on[a] green sailor[hat] etc.		31
14. S.	B[ella, Jane & I [were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) Jno. by [night.]		25
15. M.	A[g] & I washed [and I've been] melting wax[.] U[n- cle] S[am] & Aunty [have] gone to go to Ned Rathwell's and Gabey's[.]	Fine & Cool	23
16. T.	[I'm still melting wax.] Jno. [is painting [the] buggy these days[.] Uncle Sam & Aunty] came up from U[n- cle] Jno's with me [this] even[ing.]	Raining, Showers.	20
17. W.	Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [with] Ned [and I worked] at wax most of [the] day.	Rain & Cold	
18. T.	[I worked t wax] all day[.] A[g] was in Clinton P.M. with] Fen[wick.]	Cold & Dull	
19 F.	B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton]P.M.[at] Church (Rev. Wade.) [Bella drove U[n- cle Sam] & Aunt [Jessie] to Ross's [in the] even[ing.]		27
20. S.	Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. with Ned[.] [I] lengthened sleeves & legs of Jno.'s new suit etc.		14

21. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch]-Jno. by 19
 byke-(Rev. Stewart) "Lovest thou me"etc.
 U[ncl]e Sam] & Aunt [Jessie]went to Fine,
 U[ncl]e Jno.'s[this] morn[ing]& to C[ool] W[ind.]
 Goderich T[ownship] [in the] even-
 [ing.]

22. M. Jno. helped W[illiam] Glen to C[linton] 17
 with cattle[.]Jno.left for M[on]treal P.M.
 A[g] washed[.] I[was] at Mrs [Robert]
 Coats'funeral[.]

*Robert Coats was a grocer to whom the MacFarlane's gave their business. The Coats family lived in an ornate Victorian white brick home, just outside town limits in Goderich Township at the corner of the Clinton-Bayfield Road and the Telephone Road. The son, Robert Hamilton Coats (1874-1960) was Canada's founding director of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (renamed Statistics Canada) and is widely considered to have established that agency's sterling reputation for accuracy and analysis. Bella MacFarlane would marry the widower Thomas Fraser in 1906 and the couple were destined to buy the Coats house when Thomas quit farming and sold the Fraser home place. It was in the possession of the Holland family when they took possession in 1919.

23. T. [I] Scooured & cleaned wax dishes etc. B[el- 10
 la stopped] at Grants for [her] parasol[.]
 Ned & Jane[were] in C[linton this]even[ing] Fine
 for our peas etc. Mr & Mrs Brigham stay-
 ed] all night[.]

24. W. [Mr and Mrs Brigham] & Fa[ther] & Mo[t- 29
 her]called at U[ncl]e Jno.'s A.M. [The
 Brigham's were] gone P.M. U[ncl]e Sam] &
 Aunt [Jessie] called in [this]morn[ing]
 to dress, on [their] way to C[linton].
 I] fixed [Aunt Jessie's] hair[.] Ned[was]
 h[er]e [this] morn[ing] sowing corn[.] Jack sow-
 ed green feed (peas & oats.) New Lamb

25. T. Fa[ther was] at U[ncl]e James's] P.M. Jack 14
 [was] pcking stones [in the] clover[field.]P.M.

26. F. Jack[Elliott] took [horse] Polly to Ab [Nott's 26
 in] Holmesville [this] even[ing.]I]Washed [the]
 plaster [on my] B[ed]room [wall.]

27. S. [I washed my bedroom] floor[and] paint[ed the] 19
 door[. We] planted 20 rows [of] potatoes -Jack
 [did the] most[.]Jno.[was]home with[the] horse
 for dinner[.] A[g],Aunty, & Jno.[were]in C[lin-
 ton] P.M. Aunt Jessie arrived [home this]
 even[ing.]* Uncle [Sam drove] in[to]C[lin-
 ton] for her[.]

*I understand that Jessie had numerous Campbell relatives in the wider Clinton. It's probably safe to say that she went off to visit these relatives while Sam and his sister Agnes visited Stewart relatives[.]

28. S. Fa[ther & U[n]cle] S[am were]at Jno.Thom- 18
son's[.] A[g] stayed with Ned's kids A.M.
Aunt Jessie & I [were] in S[abbath] Heavy Rain
S[chool.] Fen[wick]'s Kid [Harvey Adam
Stewart was] born[.]
29. M. A[g] & I washed[. Ag & I were]at Will's[this] 32
even[ing.] U[n]cle Sam,] Aunt [Jessie & Fa- Rained a
[ther were] at Ned's all day[.] I drove little.
I[sabel] & W[illiam] & E[dward] J[ohn]
to T[om] Frazer's A.M.
30. T. U[n]cle Sam] & Aunt [Jessie] went to Fen- 24
[wick's.] 1st Swarm P.M. Ned[was] in bid-
ding & cutting potatoes[.]A[g]washed out[the] Fine
cellar again[. I] Finis[hed] cleaning [in my]
B[ed]-Room & washed [the] curtains & [washed]
& refilled [the] tick[.]
31. W. 5

In the immediate neighbourhood, the humbler farm dwellings were seldom photographed. For example, Ned and Jane Glen's frame house on "Old House Hill," on the sideroad near the gravel pit, in which they spent the first 10 years of married life, was never photographed and was torn down shortly after the present imposing farmhouse was finished in 1902.

In early 1899, as soon as weather permitted, Fenwick and Harve McBrien worked almost around the clock to get the cottage built. Alice wanted to get away from her in-laws, and the couple were moved in by the time the first child was born on a rainy Sunday, May 28, 1899. He was named Harvey, probably in tribute to Harvey McBrien's speedy construction of the cottage. While it was lived in, it was in the field south of the lane.

When James Stewart and his sister Agnes died in 1911, the family moved in to big farm house and the cottage became, and remains a hen house.



Harvey Adam Stewart
1899-1971

This snapshot of
"The Henhouse" was taken by
me in July, 1958. K.F.S.

1. T. U[n]cle Samuel's called [in this] morn[ing]. They are] going to G[oderich T[ownshi] to visit[.] Jno. [was] at Graham's P.M. [I] cut out most of a print dress[.] *Fine* 27
2. F. [Jno. was at Graham's barn] rsaising[.] I] Ironed bed-rom drapes etc. 29
3. S. U[n]cle Sam[uel's]drove Polly [home this] morn[ing.] Jno. [drove them] down to stay with U[n]cle] Jno. They- Aunt Agnes etc.[are]going to Green's[.] 29
4. S. A[g] & B[ella were]in C[hurch](Rev.Stew-Fine & Hot 18 art.)
5. M. U[n]cle] S[amuel]& Aunt[Jessie were] gone to Isard's A.M.[with] Polly[.] A[g] & I washed[.] Elsie Thomson[came on her] wheel[.] A[g] drove her to[the] Babelyon line [this] even[ing.] [We went] P.M. [to] Jimmie Baird's funeral with U[n]cle] Jno.'s horse & N[ed] Rathwell's [rig.] 21
6. T. [Uncle Sam and Aunt Jessie have gone to] Wigg[inton's in] Clinton, [to] A[lex] Innis's for dinner, tea here [and are] at U[n]cle James's] all night[.] Fa[ther] & Jack [Elliott] took [a] bull to Thomson's[.] Dewdrop 23
7. W. [I] Drove U[n]cle Samuel] & Aunt[Jessie] to C[linton] P.M. U[n]cle] Ja[me]s & Aunt Agnes [were] here A.M.too[.] Jack [Elliott] went home sick[.] I] Washed [my] hair[.] *Heavy Rain* 18
Fine
Heavy Rain
8. T. Jno. & A[[g were] in C[linton] see- ing folks off [for Kansas.] Jno. [rode his] byke[.] *Fine & Cool* 23
9. F. B[la]ck heifer cow See below-June 15. 23
10. S. Geo. Elliot [was] here[.] 22
11. S. B[ella] & I [were] at C[hurch](Rev.Shaw Egmondville) & [at] Mr Houston's Bible class[.]
12. M. A[g]& I washed[.] G[eorge] El[liott] was here[.] Jno. sowed rape[seed.] *Sprinkled* 15
Fine & Hot
13. T. Fa[ther] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. Aunty [is] at Lizzie's[.] G[eorge] E[lliott] went home [this] even[ing.] A[g]& B[ella were] at Elliot's [this] even- [ing.] *Hot* 11
H[eavy] R[ain] morning and evening.
14. W. Adam [was] here for dinner[.] Jno. & he took [the] Horse-power down P.M. Abby G[len was here] all day[.] *Hot,* 18
[Heavy Rain]
Even[ing.]
15. T. Ned, Will & [his hired] Man, Fen[wick] [and] Adam[were] here P.M. Friday sawing wood[.] Adam [came early] for dinner[.] Jno. [today was] sowing at U[n]cle] Jno's[.] I] Cut out most of Pique blouse[.] Joe Isard & Ferguson [were] here [at] noon seeingg a horse[.] Aunty [was here] P.M. Mary foaled[.] *Cold,* 13
Slight Rains

16. F. Jno. & A[g were] in C[linton.] Aunty Cold 18
[was] at Jane's[.]
17. S. 3rd Swarm (a 2nd off 1st that swarmed 16
[I] Finis[hed the] blouse all but the
fastenings[.] I[sabella] P[earl] & E[d- little warmer
ward] J[ohn were] in [the] bush with Fa-
[ther picking] strawberries[.] Mac,D[un-
can] McEwen, Neil McFarlane & [his] son-
in-law [came] for tea[.]
18. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in church.] (Rev.Mun- 22
ro.) Mr Stewart's holidays begin [soon.
He was] in C[hurch this morning.]
19. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Road Work 3 swarms
lit to-gether - 2 1sts & 1 2nd[.] The 2
Sturdy's [were here] for dinner[.] Jno. Hot
& Ned [were] in C[linton] P.M. Wiltse
[was] here[.]
20. T. [Mr]Howson,[a]pedler,[was here. Jack is 14
road work.] Jno. [was] at R[obert] Pear-
son's shingling P.M. Cronyn's bull[was] Cool, Windy
in [our] stable last night[.]
21. W. Monday's 2nd swarm same box again [I]
Starched print collars etc. Jno. [was]
with wool [A.M. and] U[ncl]e Jno.'s P.M.
[I was] At Lime Light Views* in [the]
school [house this] even[ing. I] bought
[a] ticket from [Mary Glen.]
*Magic lantern show
22. T. [The same bee box swarmed]again[.] Jno. 12
[was] in C[linton. I] Finis[hed the] Cold [A.M.]
Pique Waist,[all] but starch [and did] Warm P.M.
Mending etc.
23. F. A[g] & B[ella were]in C[linton]P.M.[I] 27
Starched & ironed [the] waist etc.[and
I was] Mending Jno's drawers P.M. Fine, Hot
24. S. Mac's [went] picnicing (sic) in Bay- 16
field[. I] Fixed some [bee] boxes etc. Fine & Nice
[and] Wiped out [my] room[.]
25. S. B[ella] I [were] in C[hurch] & Bible
Class(Rev.Wichart.) Mr St[ewart was]in
C[hurch.] Jno. [went at night.]
26. M. A[g] & I washed[.I was] extracting part 18
P.M. Jno. started mowing [hay and was] Fine & Warm
in C[lintom] P.M.....
- 27, T. A[g] went out for Mrs Nott & Asa.[this] 16
even[ing. I was extracting A.M.[and] Ra-
king P.M.
28. W. Rained all day heavy
29. T. Mrs [Janet] McGregor [was] here all day-
went home with T[om] Fraser[. I] took
Ellie home.....[and was] Raking hay etc.
P.M.
30. F. Different handwriting - possibly Ag's: 14
A[g] took Lib & Bell to [the train]sta-
tion [this] morning [enroute to] Mrs
McMillan's in Shakespeare[.We had] two
swarms of bees[.] Two men called[.] D.
McIntosh [stayed] for tea[.]

1. S. One Swarm [A] man [named] Marshall called [this] even[ing.] 18
2. S.
3. M. *Eliza-Ann's handwriting.* B[ella] & I came home [at] night[.] Jno. met us[.] *Rain storm, T[hunder] & L[ightning.]*
4. T. Jno. & Jack were] in C[linton for] salt & flour[.] A[g, B[ella] & I [were] pulling cherries[.] Jennie Grant [was here] P.M. *Fine*
5. W. Fa[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton] (cherries 3 baskets & 10 [cents.] Raked P.M. (only got a little [hay] in.) *Rainey* 10
6. T. A. & Mrs Dunkin [were here this] morning.] A[g was] in C[linton and got 2 bags [of] pot[atoes.] Fixed comb in frames[.] 8
7. F. Jno. [was] mowing[.] I did the] Raking P.M. [and we] Hauled in 4 loads (all [the] Rathwell field- all but some rakings[.] *Raining, T[hunder] & L[ightning.]* 32
8. S. [I] Fixed comb in frames & part made [a white] collar[.] Ned's [were in C[linton.] *Rainy* 12
9. S. B[ella] & A[g were in Church.] (Rev. Wichart supply.) Jno. Thomson [brought us] t[w]o pail's black currants & U[n]cle Ja[me]s [was here] for dinner[.]
10. M. Fa[ther] drove A[g] to [the] berrie bush & [later] went [back] for her[.] She picked 12 lbs.[.] I was] Rak[ing] etc., P.M.
11. T. [I was raking etc P.M.] A[g was] preserving all day[.] *Fine, Dry & Warm* 11
12. W. A[g] washed [and I was] Raking etc. [We have] finis[hed] haying[.] 26
13. F. Jno. [is] helping Adam finis[h his] hay[.] Jack [was] at home all day[.] A[g was] in C[linton.] Harding from Wisconsin [was here] all night[.] Cooper fetched him [here at] night[.] I did some] extracting[.] *Damp like rain*
14. S. Jno. took [Harding] to Biggin's [this] morning & to catch [the] early train[.] A[g] helped [me] today [with] extracting[.] *Fine* 10
15. S. Jack [went] home P.M. Ab[Nott was here at] noon[.] Fa[ther was] at Sturdy's[.] Ned was here] for tea [and] J[ohn] Butchart [in the] even[ing.] *Rainy* 22
16. S. B[ella] & I [were in church] & B[ible] C[lass] (Rev. W[ichart.]) [I] Stayed with the kids [this] even[ing.] Alex Wheat stook around edge[.]
17. M. A[g] & I washed[.] I picked 3 1/2 lbs [of] berries [at the] Shanty fence A.M. A[g] & I [picked] 7 lbs P.M. [at] McEwen's [fence.]

18. T. A[g] & B[ella were] at Jno.Thomson's for 18
gooseberries[. I] picked 3 lbs [of ber-
ries at the] Rathwell [fence and] Made 5 *Fine*
pies[. I] Washed [a] pa[ir of] ganzies
with wool soap* [for the] 1st [time.]
Aunty [was here this] even[ing.]
*probably soap made
from lanolin.
19. W. Jno. [was] away all day[. I] Picked ber-
ries[at the] Rathwell fence[and]finis[hed
with] 7 lbs & little more.
20. T. [I] Washed [the] 2 blankets [which] came
with Bull & Horse from Quebec & Scot- *Rained*
land[.] B[ella] & I[were] in C[linton]P.M.
Jno.wheeled[.] Ned's & Tene & Bell McEwen
[were here this] even[ing.]
21. F. A[g] & I [were] picking berries [in the] 18
corner of D[uncan] McE[wen]'s bush next
ours A.M. [I]Greened [the] potatoes [with *Fine*
the] sprayer P.M. [and] Made 2 pies [in
even[ing] etc. Ned & Jno. fixed [the] dip-
ping tank arrangement & dipped our lambs
& his & Will's [in the] even[ing.]
22. S. Fa[ther] & Ned [in the] wagon & Jane & I 15
[in the] buggy [were] at Ben Miller[.]Ab *Beautiful*
noon last
23. S. A[g] & I [were in Church]((Rev. Wichart.) 26
Fine & Hot
24. M. A[g] & I washed[.]
25. T. [I] Raked wheat stubble[.]Insurance men & *Dull & Cool,*
Mr Peavey,[an]Am[erican]sheep-buyer,[were *Sprinkle.*
here] for dinner[.] Fa[ther] drove[Mr Pea-
vey] to Jno. Thomson's etc. P.M.
26. W. [I was]in C[linton] A.M. Read returned[Mr 28
Peavey] P.M. Bull Horning etc. Jno...
wheeled to Blythe[.] A[g] & I picked ber- *Fine & Hot*
ries P.M. [I] Stayed with[the] kids[this] *T[hunder]*
evening [while Jane & Ned were] at *Shower*
Isard's[.]
27. T. Jno. drove Mr P[eaavey] to [the train] sta- 21
tion [this]] morn[ing. Mr] Innis[was here
[this] morn[ing.] Mr Case [was here] for *Fine & Cool*
dinner[.] J. Swan called P.M. [I] Cleaned
[a] room & put Jane's things in a box[.]
Cut out p[rin]t aprons & petti[coat and
did] mending etc. P.M.
28. F. [I was] in bed nearly all day[. The] Boys 16
washed lambs P.M. Aunty, Jno. Innis & Jno. *Fine*
Cuming [were here this] evening[.]
29. S. [Jack Innis was back here this] morn[ing. 14
I] milked [the] Guernsey last time [and] *Rained morn-*
Finis[hed the] pett[icoat] & aprons[.] *[ing,] Fine.*
Fa[ther is] sick[.] D[ougald] McTavish
[was here this] even[ing.]
30. S. A[g] & Bella[were] in C[hurch.](I stayed
with [the] kids.)
31. M. A[g] & I washed[.]Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts
[and in the] even[ing I] Made 3 Rhubarb
pies[.]

1. T. Fa[ther] & I [were] in Bayfield [with] Ned's, Will's, Mac's & Dunk's[. We] cut [the] 1st oats[.] Beautiful 24
2. W. Jennie Grant & Miss Henderson [of] Sea- forth [were here] all day[. The] Master [was here] for dinner[.] budding ly morn[ing.] Heavy R[ain]ear- T[hunder] & L[ightning,] Big hail. Fine 5
3. T. A[g] & B[ella] were in C[hurch]& B[ible] C[lass] A.M. [I] finis[hed]mending blan- kets[.] Fine & Warm 9
4. F. 9
5. S. [I] Cleaned [up] chips[in the]wood-shed [and] cut weeds etc.[in the] back yard[. I cleaned the] potato buds etc. out of [the] cellar P.M. [I] Cut out sleeves [of an] old blue serge[.] Fine 10
6. S. B[ella]] & I [were in church] & B[ible] C[lass] (Rev. W[ichart].) Mrs Smythe & son (Maggie Aikenhead) [were] at S[ab- bath]] S[chool.]
7. M. Å[g] & I washed[.] Sarah Isard[is visit- ing] at Jane's[.] 14
8. T. [The] Boys [were] reaping & [we] Hauled in oats P.M. A[g]. B[ella] & I [were] at the "Masters" [this] even[ing.] Cold Nights 12
9. W. Jack [Elliott has been] gang-plowing[.] Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing P.M. [We had]2 Young men for dinner P.M.*S[arah] I[sard was] here all night[.] Rain,Warm *Probably Jack and Jimmy Glen. 12
10. T. A[g was] in C[linton] for Mrs Jno. Dunk- in [coming from] London[.] Mr & Mrs Wig- ginton [were here] P.M. Mrs D.McFarlane, Miss J. McFarlane & Irene McFarlane & Jennie Grant [were here] all night[.] Fine 25
11. F. Ed Wineland [of] Avver, Wis[consin] ar- rived A.M. [He] & Fa[ther were] at Fraz- er's, A.Dunkin's etc. P.M. [The] McF[ar- lane]'s left P.M.
12. S. A. Dunkin [was here this] morn[ing.]Mrs Jno.Dunkin went back with him. Fa[ther] & W[ineland were] at Sturdy's[.] Jennie went home [this] even[ing.] Hot, Cold at nights
13. S. A[g] & I [were in church] & B[ible] class](Rev. W[ichart].) Ed W[ineland (going to Webber's) went to Town with us[.] Ab, Ellie & Asa Nott [were here] for tea & [for the] even[ing.]B[ella] & I minded kids [this] even[ing.] Fine & Cool N[ights] 12
14. M. A[g] & I washed[. The] Boys [were] cut- ting oats & green feed (oats & peas)P.M. Fine & Cool N[ights].] 16

15. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. [We] Finis[hed] cutting oats & green feed [at] noon. We Hauled in oats P.M. I [was] mowing loads [of sheaves] with Jno.[.] Aunty [has] gone to Green's[.] Jennie [came this] even[ing].] 8
16. W. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M.....Carrie [arrived] P.M. Gabe Elliot called[.] * Fine & Hot 10
*Mary Glen's future husband.
17. T. Jennie[has] gone home by Clinton[on her] wheel[.] B[ella has] gone to Grants[.] U[n]cle Ja[me]s[came] for dinner[,] T[om] Wigg[inton] called P.M. Wineland returned P.M. Hauling in oats P.M.- [I was] in the] mow P.M. 18
18. F. Win[eland] shipped sheep -(37 lambs & 2 billys [came] from us.) Bella[came] home [and] Webber [was here] all night[.] Very Warm 9
Jack cut flax A.M. Hauling in part P.M.- I [was] mowing[.]
19. S. [Webber] went A.M. [He] bought 3 ewes & 1 billy lamb[.] Jack [Elliott] took home 14 lambs he bought for Geo[rge.] Hauling in- [we] finis[hed the] little Rathwell field & started [the] Shanty field[.] 11
20. S. A[g] & B[ella were in Church] & B[ible] C[lass] (Rev. Wich[art.]) I stayed with Very [Warm] kids[.] 10
21. M. Hauling in oats & green feed-I [was] now- ing[.] Pickett fetched 60 apple barrels Slight Showers [and stayed] for dinner[.] 10
22. T. [I was in the mow. We hauled in] 2 loads [of] oats & [the] flax [and] Finis[hed] Harvest[.] * Jno & I milked sheep P.M.** [We started] Pulling strawberry apples[.] Mr & Mrs Ed. Rathwell [were here] P.M. & even[ing.] 9
* an expression meaning that the sheaves were all in the barn awaiting the thres- man and his outfit. **Lambs had been weaned from the ewes.
23. W. A[g] & I washed[.] Packers [picked] 6 bar- rels P.M. [I was] At Kate Pearson's with Jane & kids [this] even[ing.] 18
24. T. W[illiam] Glen & Jno. [were] in C[linton] [and] took up our app[le]s[.] A[g] & I [were] at U[n]cle Ja[me]s's] & Fen[wick]'s [this] even[ing.] 10
25. F. A[g] & B[ella were in] C[linton] A.M. Jno. [was] away wheeling[.] 16
26. S. Mother, A[g] & B[ella were] at [a] picnic [in] Bayfield[.] John] returned [this] even- [ing.] 12
27. S. B[ella] & I[were in Church] & B[ible] Class too (Rev. Wichart.) A[[g] stayed with [the] kids[.] 22
28. M. Chored [I] Finis[hed the] button holes in [the] serge basque etc. 19

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29. T. B[ella] & A[g] [were] in C[linton.I] wiped room, chored some, etc. 16
30. W. A[g worked] all day preserving Plums & Jane's crab apples[. I hauled up a barrel of water to wash[.] Beautiful, Rain all night.
31. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Wilson [of] Seaforth & [his] kid were here] looking at hens [.]

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1. F. [I] Killed 4 ducks[.] A[g was] inC[linton] P.M. Bessie McGregor & Ella[were] here P.M. Smith[on the] Parr Line [came] for tea[.] Fine 18
2. S. [I] Washed Jno.'s sweater & hat [and] Ironed pique waist 1st time etc. Misty 18
3. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Murr[a]y, Kincardine.) Fine & Cool 11
4. M. Ned,Jno. & I went to Toronto[.]* A[g]drove us in[to the station and]Jno.wheeled in.[.]
- *to go to the Exhibitiion.
5. T. [Ned Jno. & I] Returned [to]night[. We]got to C[linton]about 1/4 past 12 O'c[loc]k[.] Rain A.M. Hot, Fine.
6. W. A[g] & B[ella were] at [Ned] Rathwell's[.] Jennie returned with them[.] Fine 30
7. T. A[g] & Jennie [were] at Mac's [this] even- Rain [ing.]
8. F. Fa[ther and] John went to Brucefield with [the] horse [and have] gone to London Fair[.]* [I] Picked 7 ducks[.]A[g [was] in C[linton this] even[ing.] Mo[ther was at U[ncle]Jno.'s P.M. Jennie went with her [on the way] home[.] Fine C[ool] W[ind]

*This is the last reference to James MacFarlane in the diary before his final illness. John MacFarlane passed this recollection on to his son John, about this period in 1899:

It was in 1899 that Adam Stewart made a buzz saw (he had never seen one). My father had a 2 1/2 Gold Shaply and Muir gas engine (possibly my grandfather bought it); when the make and break ignition points wore down, he made new ones out of a 2 1/2 inch nail. My grandfather and Adam's father were sitting on Adam's veranda not too long before they died, though neither would admit the other was sick. When father and Adam got the saw set up and cut the first block, the old gentlemen jumped. One headed for the steps, the other couldn't wait. He went over the side about 2 feet high. The other stopped and said, "Haw, there is nothing wrong with you or you couldn't do that!" Thy both died shortly after. Adam said the saw wasn't much good, but he soon made a better one.

John MacFarlane, *MacFarlane History*
and the Fourth, pp 9 -10
as told to his grand daughter
Michelle.

9. S. A[g] half oiled [the] kitc[hen] floor[.*] 26
I did]some Ridding [in the] wood shed[.]
*Glen's & MacFarlanes preferred to oil the hardwood floors in kitchens rather than varnish them. An oiled maple floor had a sheen and it was waterproof, allowing it to be scrubbed with soap and water on a regular basis.
10. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church](Rev. Mur- 35
r[a]y.) [and] I minded [the] kids[.]
11. M. A[g] & I washed at U[n]cle Jno.s [this] 22
even[ing.] A[g] visited at Fen[wick's.] Shower
12. T. [I] Took Mo[ther] & B[ella] to Bruce- 24
field for London Fair [and I] went for Fine, S[ight]
[them i the] even[ing.] Shower.
13. W. [I] Cleaned [the] Hen House & sheep- dip- Fine 17
ped roosts etc. A[g] washed Blankets, Com- H[eavy] Rain
fort[er] & tick[.]
14. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I]
Took up [a] piece [of the] pump to Jake
Miller[.]Gurnesy(sic) Calved,[I]think[.]
15. F. I[was] in C[linton] P.M. [to pick up the
pump part.]
16. S. [I] Spent P.M.& even[ing] in Bruce-
field waiting for Jno. from London[.]
T[om] Frazer [was here this] even[ing.]
17. S. B[ella] & I[were in church](Rev.Shaw[of]
Egmondville exchanged [with] Rev. Stew-
art.) A[g] minded [the] kids[.]
18. M. [I was]Fixing potatoes etc. A[g]& Bella]
pulled app[le]s P.M.[to show at Clinton] Poured Rain.
Fair[.] Fa[ther is] sicker[.]
19. T. A[g]& I Took up things to Clinton Fair[.]
U[n]cle Ja[me]s [came] for dinner[.]
20. W. All [of us] but Fa[ther] & Mo[ther]
[were] at C[linton] Fair[.] B[ella]&
I went to Prayer meeting & Rev. Stew-
art's Reception [to welcome him back]
after 3 mon]t[h]'s holidays[.] Jack
[Elliott] took us up & back[.]
21. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Aunty [was] up - [she]
came home [from Green's] yesterday[.]² In Fine, 16
C[linton] P.M. [I attended a] Women's F[or- C[ool]
eign] M[issionary] meeting[.]Hector Reid & W[ind.]
a Yank [came] for tea[. I]Stayed with[the]
kids [this] even[ing.]
22. F. A[g] & I [were]at Mrs W[m.] Pearson's 14
funeral P.M.³ Jno. [was] at Charlie
Stewart's sale P.M.⁴ [I was at Jane's
A.M. picking 6 Roosters for [the Pear-
son funeral.]Mr__ & Jake Miller[came]
for dinner[.] Rev.Stewart called P.M.
and Mac in the even[ing] to see Fa-
[ther.]
23. S. T[om] Frazer & other man [were here.] Dr__
[was here.] Carrie called for 2 lbs [of] Fine,
honey[.] [of] C[ool] W[ind.]
24. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Rev.Stewart's re- Raining P.M.
turned.) Poured Even[ing.]

25. M. A[g] & I washed[.] T[om] Fraser [came] after Billy[. The] Master [came at] noon[.]
26. T. [I] Worked ends on [a] p[ai]r [of] blankets[.] A[g] [was] in C[linton.] C[h]arles Middleton called [and] Mrs Scott & Maud called [in the] even[ing.] 8
27. W. [I worked the] end on 1[blanket and did] knitting[.The] Dr.[came this morn[ing.] 2 spoiled 6
28. T.[The] Dr [came] late P.M. & Fin- [McEwen] & Rev.Stewart[.Malcolm McEwen H[igh] Wind [came] P.M.& [sat up] all night[.* We] C[old] Moved Fa[ther] to [the] Dining-room[in the] even[ing.] 6
- *In this period, family members and close friends sat up with a dying person to keep him or her company as far as one could on their last journey.
29. F. D[uncan] McEwen [sat up] all night[.] about 3 a day
30. S. Mac & The Master [sat up] all night[.] Heavy Snow Rev.[Stewart] & Finley[McEwen and T[om] Storm - Fraser [were here] P.M. & even[ing.] broke a Uncle John [Stewart] died [this] even- lot of [ing.] trees.

October, 1899

1. S. Father died at 1/4 to IV O'Clock[.A.M.] Fine & People here all day[.] Cold
2. M. Mr McTavish even[ing] etc etc etc.
3. T. Uncle John [was] buried P.M. Madames Fine Brigham & Elliot [were here] all night [and] Mrs McMilan [from] Shakespeare came[.]
4. T. Mrs [Nicholas] Cuming & [son] Freddie Light Rain, [were here] for dinner. Father buried Dull. P.M.
5. T. Aunty [is] staying [with us.] A[g] & I Beautiful washed & aired a lot of clothes etc. Jno. took Mrs McMillan to [the train] 3 eggs station P.M. Jack [Elliott was] at D[un- these days can] McEwen's threshing[.]
6. F. [Jack was at Duncan McEwen's threshing[.] A[g],B[ella]& I[were] pulling Apples(Seeks.)
7. S. Jack [was] at Butchart's thresh[ing. We] fin- is[hed] pulling Seeks [and started pulling] Baldwins & Bailey Sweet & Spiitz's[.]
8. S. A[g] & I [were in Church(Rev.Stewart.) I[was] in S[abbath] S[chool.] Charlie's at Ned's[.]
9. M. Pulling Apples[.]
10. T. B[ella] & I [visited] at Hunter's[this] Beautiful even[ing.] & Hot
11. W. Ag & I washed[.]B[ella]baked cakes A.M. B[el- 8 la] & I pulled some apples P.M. [The] Boys [were] at Fen[wick]'s threshing[.]Ned's took Slight Rain in their potatoes[.] T[om] Frazer [was here this] even[ing.]

12. T. [The] Boys [were] at Fen[wick's for an[hour and then]at U[n]cle Jno.[s]*threshing[.] Bella[was] baking bread,buns & pies all day[.]** Packer called[this] morn[ing and]Annie Stewart [called] P.M. after peas[.We]Finis[hed] pulling Talman's, Ben Davis.....& started Swarrs[.] *Beautiful & Hot* 8
- * She should have said "Adam's."
** To feed the threshers tomorrow.
13. T. [The Boys were threshing at Adam's] A.M. & part P.M. [Our] Threshing started about 4 O'c[lock]. I Killed 10 hens [which we] had for supper & dinner - 1 left & lots more[.]
14. F. [We] finis[hed and the] threshers went to Willie Glen's[.] B[ella] & I [were]in C[lin]ton[.] *Cool Wind*
15. S. A[g],Jane & I[sabella]P[earl] were in church (Rev. Ross Gunn's brother-in-law from [the] old country.) 6
16. M. [I] Pulled 2 Spys trees [and got a] sore back[.] Bella [was] at Ned's morn[ing]& P.M. W[illiam] Glen finis[hed] early noon, [and threshers were] at Ned's P.M. *Rained* 3
17. T. Threshers finis[hed] at Ned's [in the] morn[ing. I] Pulled a Swarr[.] *Raining* 3
18. W. B[ella] & I [were] in C[lin]ton A.M. [and then were] Pulling Spys[.]A[g] washed 2 comfortables etc. *Fine* 7
19. T. **Thanksgiving: S[abbath] S[chool] exams** [Examiners were:] Rev. & Mrs Stewart,Scott & Henderson & Forest [of]Clinton & Higgins[of] Brucefield [I] Pulled Spys [and the] Boys lifted pot[at]oes] A.M. *Fine*
20. F. [The] Cantelon lad & ___[did] 20 barrels packing apples[. We] Finis[hed] pulling app[le]s all but some Rosshire Grimms etc. [The] Boys [were] lifting potatoes[.] *Fine,C[ool] Wind.* 3
21. S. Jack[Elliott] finis[hed] lifting potatoes]P.M. Jno.[was] in C[lin]ton twice with 44 barrels [of]Apples[.] 3 packers packed 30 bar[rels.] Mother & A[g] were] in C[lin]ton] A.M. *Fine,Good roads.*
22. S. I [was] in S[abbath] S[chool.] *Raining* 4
23. M. A[g] washed [and I] helped a little[.] Jack [was]at Wigg[inton's]threshing [and]Jno.[was] at Mac's [threshing.] Hector Reid [was here] this] morn[ing.] Ab & Fred Nott fetched "Balogie Stamp* home [this] even[ing.] *T[hunder] & L[ightning] Heavy Rain Fine & Warm P.M.* 5
- * probably a stallion,bull or ram lent or rented out for stud fees.
24. T. [The] 3 packers, Cantelon, Adams, & D. Livermore packed 32 [barrels. I was] Sorting App[le]s[.] Jno [was] at Mac's threshing till past P.M. [At] night,Jno.borrowed Adam's rig [and went]after[more] barrels-[he picked up] 5[.] *Fine & Hot*

25. W. A[g] & I[were sorting apples] P.M. Jno.[was] in C[linton with a] 25-barrel load [of] App[le]s [and] got 6 more bar[rels].The] Packers Beautiful
packed the 7 bar[rels this] morn[ing] & came
back [this] even[ing] & packed 3 more[. We]
finis[h with a] Total [of] 92 barrels & 6
be[tt]e[r [than the] fall before[.] Rev.[Stew-
art] & [his] wife called[.] Lily Stewart
married [John Cuming this even[ing.]
26. T. A[g] & I A.M. & B[ella] too P.M. [were] sort- 6
ing & taking in App[le]s[.] Rain
Even[ing.]
27. F. Ridding wood-shed A.M. A[g] & B[ella were] Light
in C[linton] P.M. Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M. Rains
with grist & 3 barr[els of] Apples[.]
28. S. Raining
29. S. B[ella] & I [were in Church](Rev. Stewart.) Fine,C[ool]
W[ind.]
30. M. [I] Walked to Ned's [this] morn[ing and] kil- 2
led 8 Roosters[. I] Washed Jno.'s & my Gan-
zie[s] P.M. & Sorted some app[le]s P.M.A[g]
& B[ella[were] in C[linton] P.M.[in the] bug-
gy & [at] Aunty's [at] night[.]
31. T. [The] Thorough-bred Varcoe Heifer Calved[.]

November, 1899

1. W.
2. T. T[om] Frazer[was here this]even[ing.]
3. F. [I] Killed 8 Roosters[and the] 1st goose[.]
A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Rainy
4. S. Aunty [was here]] for dinner [and then was]
gone to Green's[. I was] at Ned's A.M. to Fine
see R[ooster]s[.]
5. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch.] Jno.[went
in the evening.]
6. M. A[g] & I washed at Jane's P.M. Beautiful

Ned and Jane Glen lived in a nondescript frame house over on the sideroad. The barn and other outbuildings fronted on Concesssion III. Ned's son E.J. "Jack" Glen told me that his father put off building a farm house until he had a secure water supply. He tried to find water with standard 10 to 20-foot dug wells, without success. In desperation, he tried new technolgy- a drilled well. Peterson, the contractor hit an an underground river or stream at well over a hundred feet. In 2004, this well is still going strong in its 105th year. In 1900 Ned raised the main barn and in 1902 built a substantial white brick farm house.

7. T. Jane & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Took frames out of hives & some Sat[urday] (I think.) B[ella] cleaned [the] veranda[.] Jno. [was] at W[illiam] G[len's] shingling[.] Mrs Wig[ginton] & Mrs Hodgins & kids [came] for tea[.] Peterson's 3 men & well borer outfit arrived at Ned's-(1 man sleeps here)[.] *Beautiful, C[ool] W[ind.]*
8. W. Mo[ther] & A[g were] in C[hurch] P.M. & B[ella] & I [in the] even[ing, [to hear] F.H. Barron, [a] Graduate [of] Knox College[.] Jno.[was] at [a] shingling bee [at] Will[iam] Glen's house[.] At Jane's [I] Killed 4 Roosters[.] P[eterson] started boring at Ned's P.M.
9. T. [I] Killed 5 geese[.] A[g], Mo[ther] & I pick- *Beautiful*
ed[the] feathers off[.] A[g was] in C[linton this] even[ing.]
10. F. Killing bees Doubled 2 Hives *Rained*
11. S. [I] finis[hed]] Killing bees, etc., & carried [the] boxes to [the] cellar A.M. & [was] at Jane's P.M. A[g] set up her stove[.] *Fine*
12. S. Mo[ther], A[g] & B[ella were] in C[[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) I went with Ned's[.] Maggie McEwen minded [the] kids[.] *Fine, C[ool] W[ind.]*
13. M. Borers struck the water [in] Ned's well [this] morn[ing.] Geo[rge] Elliot[came] in Jack's place to-day[.] A[g] & I washed cows[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton on his] byke[.] G. Middleton called[.] Bella [was] at Hunter's (Carrie's) P.M. *Fine 1*
14. T. Borers finis[hed] Ned's well after dinner[.] I Killed 5 geese[.] A[g was] in C[lin- *Rainy A.M.*
ton] P.M. Scott McMillan [was here] for din- *Fine &*
ner[.] Geo.[Elliott] Bought [a] Billy & 3 old *Sunny P.M.*
sheep from Jno. [George also] bought [sheep] from Adam a few days ago[.]
15. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] Pig Feed[.] Jack finis[hed] plowing[.] My sick pet lamb died[.] Ridding up-stairs wood-shed[.] *Light 1*
Rain
16. T. Jack[was] filling in Ned's well P.M. A[g] B[ella] & I filled 15 bags [of] evap[orated] app[le]s[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. with them[and got] 25 [cents] a bag[.] Tene & Jane [were] here [this] morn[ing] for [a] tub [of] butter[.] We had] Mrs Cartwright & Martha & 3 kids for dinner[.] *Fine, C[ool] W[ind] 1*
17. F. Jno. Thomson [stayed for] dinner & tea[.] Jack [was] plowing at Ned's[.] I Finis[hed ridding the] wood-shed etc. *Fine 1*
H[igh] W[ind]
Rain [at]] night.
18. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. [and] made 7 pies P.M. Jno. & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Jack [was] plowing at Ned's[.] *Beautiful & Warm, Bees flying 19. 1*
- S. A[g] & I [were in Church] (Rev. Stewart.) (Kids here.) *Showery*
20. M. [The] Boys at Ned's finis[hed] filling in [the] well etc. A[g] & I washed[.] I also washed [the] extractor[.] *Dull & Fine. 2*

21. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Mrs Scott & Mrs McEwen [were here] P.M. for tea[.] Mr & Mrs Issard[called this] evening[.I was]Packing Bees[.] *Beautiful*
22. W. [I]Finis[hed packing bees and]Washed woolens etc. Fen[wick]& Adam & Ned P.M.[were] sawing wood[en fence] rails[.I] Stayed at Ned's all night [while] Mr & Mrs [were]at a supper at C[harlie] Stewart's[.] * 1
- *Probably a farewell supper. Charlie went to Exeter, then London and finally Claresholm, Alberta as a Massey-Harris impliment dealer.
23. T. [I was] Piling wood in [the]Wood-Shed[as] Jack [was] hauling [it] in[.] B[ella] & I [were]in C[linton] P.M. Annie Stewart[was] here P.M. Jno.[was]at Ned's killing pigs[.] 1
24. F. [I] Raked up chips & wood around where they sawed [and] put saw-dust in [the] H[en] H[ouse.] I broke and took in a lot of branches etc. *Fine & pleasant* 1
25. S. [I] Mended p[an]ts, shirts etc.[and] P.M. Cleaned furnace into leech[.] Jno.[was]in C[linton] P.M. [with] Adam [and] Jack[.] *Slight R[ain] & Frost, Fine.* 1
26. S. B[ella]& I[were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Jno & J[ac]k [went at night.] 1
27. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] in Varna [paying the]Taxes & [fetching] gravel[.] Jack [was] away on his own busi[ness.] 1
28. T. Adam [Stewart was here]P.M. Crushing his C[orn] & stuff & ours[. I] Lifted Gladi- [oli] bulbs[.I]started extracting P.M.[;] B[ella] helped[.We had] callers - D.Churchill & Jim Swan[.] *Fine, Some W[ind.]* 2
29. W. Jno.[was] at Ned's & Will's A.M. putting machinery away[.] All in C[linton] P.M. J[a]ck [was] picking clover[field]stones. *Fine, Beautiful Roads, No Frost.*
30. T. Jno.[was]helping Fen[wick]& Adam to kill their pigs[. I did some] Extracting[.] J[ack] hauled 2 loads [of] gravel to the barn pump[.] *Rain.Fine.* 3

December, 1899

1. F. [The] Boys[were in the] bush cutting furnace wood[. I did some] Ext[racting.] *S[un], Rain.* 2
2. S. [I] p[ac]k[ed bee]boxes all day[and was] [extracting] P.M. Tene, Bell, Mag[gie McEwen,] & Jane[were over here this]even- [ing.] *Raining*

3. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart.) 3
 [We] Called at Alex Frazier's -Mary [is] *Light Snow*
 dead[.]*
- *In the 1861 Census, Alex & Mary
 Fraser are listed as occupants of Lot 29 Con V, just
 north of John Stewart's. They sold this small river-
 front lot to John Stewart and his sister Agnes (Aunty)
 lived in the Fraser shanty until she went to keep
 house for her widowed brother James in 1898.
4. M. Fen[wick], Adam & W[illiam] Glen [were] 4
 here A.M. killing 3 pigs[.] Cattle[were]
 all in [at] night 1st time[.] Old Billy *Frozen,*
 died [in the] night[.]McIntosh [was here *Light Snow.*
 this] even[ing. I] Finis[hed] extracting
 [and in the]even[ing I] Carried in a lot
 [of] furnace wood etc.
5. T. A[g] & I washed[.] *Stormy & 5*
cold & snowy,
Windy.
6. W. Fixing Honey etc, Washed Ext[ractor in *Snowed some 4*
 the]even[ing] etc. *Fine [in]*
even[ing.]
7. T. A[g was] in C[linton.]
8. F.
9. S. Jno.& Bella [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I]
 Made 7 pies P.M.
10. S. *Rainy, Fine,*
Rainy
11. M. [I] Ceaned Bed-Room P.M. [The] Boys lift- *Pouring & 3*
 ed [the] river fence[.] *H[igh] Wind.*
- December, 1899
12. T. A[g]& I washed & 2 Grey blankets in[the] 1
 veranda[.] Adam & Ned [were] here crush- *C[old] W[ind]*
 ing A.M.
13. W. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. & A[g] & I &
 Jno. [were] at Adam's [this] even[ing.] *C[old] W[ind]*
14. T. [I]Took Jno.to C[linton station enroute 3
 for London [to attend the] Fat Stock *Fine, C[old]*
 Show [and went] for [him in the] even- *W[ind]*
 [ing.]
15. F. A[g] & I[were] at Mac's this] even[ing.] *Snowing & 2*
 J[a]ck [was] at Ned's[.]Adam[came] after *Drifting,*
 [the] horse-power[.] *Fine [in]*
even[ing.]
16. S. Mo[ther]& A[g],Ned & Jane[were] in C[lin- 3
 ton] P.M. I stayed with[the] kids[.] Jno. *Fine*
 [was] at Adam's all day cutting etc.
17. S. Mo[ther] & A[g were in Church](Rev. Stew-
 art.) I stayed with Ned's kids[.]

18. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Carrie Hunter[called] P.M. 3
Pouring R[ain] even[ing.]
19. T. [I] Killed & picked 6 Turkeys (hens), 9 geese, & 4 Ducks & 1 Rooster[.] 3
Fine
20. W. A[g was] in C[linton.]....Ned [was] here cutting A.M.[and] T[om] Fraser[was here] P.M.....Hens all out these days[.] *Fine*
21. T. [Aunty is] Sick with [a] cold[.] Scott [was here] after sheep[. I did some] Mending[.] Jno.[and] Ned[were] in C[linton] P.M. B[ella] & I [[were] at the Master's [this] even[ing.] Mrs Baird [is] sick[.] 4
White H[ard] F[rozen] Fine
22. F. [I] Put away clothes in [bureau] drawers [and did] mend[ing where I found] Moths in them[.] J[a]ck hauled up furnace wood[.] *Fine* 5
23. S. Ab Nott [came for] dinner[and then] he & Jno. [went] away P.M. [I] Washed kitchen windows & put up valences etc.J[a]ck & I put in furnace wood [in the] even[ing.] *Fine & Dull* 7
24. S. B[ella] & I [drove to church in the] buggy] (Rev. Stewart.) *Slight Snow, Stormy & Snowy P.M.* 5
25. M. I [was] at Ned's for dinner [and] Ned's [were] here for supper &[the] even[ing.] J[a]ck [went] home P.M. 8
26. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [with] Ned,[using] our h[orse] & his sleigh[.] Jno. went with Adam & Alice Bought cutter & sleighs[.] Jennie Grant came P.M. 4
27. W. Adam Stewart married [Christena McEwen [this] evening[.] A[g], Jno. & B[ella were] at [the] wedding[.] I stayed with Ned's kids[.] *Fine & Dullish*
28. T. A[g] & I washed[.] B[ella has] gone home with Jennie[.] Mac & Mrs Speare called here [this] morn[ing.] Mrs H. McGregor & Mrs W. McFarlane [were] here P.M. 6
29. F. Aunt Abby & Alice [were] here P.M.* *Snowy, Cold.* 6
- *Abigail Stewart is bunking in at her daughter's (Alice Parke) to allow Adam & Tene to have a honeymoon period in the stone house. She lived with Adam and Tena until her death December 15, 1908.
30. S. Jno. [was] in Brucefield & C[linton.] Mo[ther] & I picked our 2 "New Year" geese[. I] Made pies & bisc[uits] P.M. 5
31. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch](Children's Service - Rev. Stewart.) *Snowed, Stormy.* 4
Text "Be not proud" Face pride
Place [pride]
Race [pride]
Grace [pride]
(or Religion)



Mr & Mrs Adam Stewart

THE LOG BOOKS OF ELIZA-ANN MACFARLANE

1900:THE LAST FULL YEAR

January, 1900

1. M. Bill Elliott & Ned's [came] for dinner[.] *Snowing, Heavy A[g] & Jno. [were] at Adam's [this] even- Drifting, Piles of Snow.*
2. T. 3
- Snow*
3. W. A[g] & I washed[.The] Boys[were] at [the] bush P.M.[and] hauled up trees[.] B[ella] 2
[returned] home [this] evening[.] *Light Snow, Fine.*
4. T. A[g went to] C[linton] in [the] cutter & 2
Jno.[took the] sleigh[for] flour & J[a]ck *Fine*
went too from home
5. F. Jno. [was in] Brucefield P.M. [at an] Ins-
titute Meeting [with] C. Avery[.] J[a]ck 2
[was] at Ned's P.M. crushing[.] *Fine, Soft.*
6. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. & Aunty went
down to her house[.] Green's[were] at Liz-
zie's [this] even[ing.I] Picked [the]last
goose, Cleaned ashes out of [the] cellar,
[and] p[ar]t cleaned[the]H[en] H[ouse] etc.
7. S. 2
Raining Morning
8. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Old[Edward] Glen [came]
for dinner [and we] Ate[the] last goose[.] 1
Jack [Elliott was] away all day getting *Fine*
teeth fixed[.]
9. T. Aunty* & A[g] drove down to U[n]cle James's 2
P.M. [and] Annie & Ida [Stewart came] here *Fine*
[in the] even[ing.]
- *An inter-generational conference about what to do about Aunt Nancy ("Aunty") appears to be in progress. When she went in 1898 to keep house for brother James, the arrangement was supposed to be temporary. Now pressure from 3 different points forced her to make a choice. Ada, Annie and Ida Stewart were planning to "fly the coop" and wanted to be sure their cantankerous 75-year-old father was looked after and would eat properly. Fenwick and Alice were happy in the new cottage. Alice detested her father-in-law and was not moving into the big house to look after him. Nancy and her brother got along well. If she stayed with James she could be lady of the house, have her own cow, and be in charge of the pantry. Adam wanted the Fraser shanty for a hired man to live in. Isabel Glen recalled that the first hired man Adam had was a young man, Billy Atwood. "He had a wife and a young son and they had a kitten tied to the table leg for the child to maul!" Adam eventually demolished the decrepit shanty. John MacFarlane was shortly to marry Bell McEwen and his widowed mother Eliza was willing to buy a house in Clinton and take her sister with her.
- Nancy chose to stay with James. Her sister Eliza refused to leave her sister "all alone on the 4th," and thereby hangs a tale.....
10. W. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. [The]Boys[were] 2
in [the] bush[.] Will & Lizzie [Glen were] *Rained, Frozen*
here this] even[ing.] *Fine, Flaking.*

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11. T. Jno. [was] at Fen[wick's] Wood-bee[.] A[g] Snowing P.M.
& Aunty took some of her stuff P.M. to
U[n]cle J[ames's].
12. F. Ag[was] with Aunty moving [using] Fen-
[wick's] sleigh[.]
13. S. Jno.[was] in C[linton using] Will's sleigh[.] 2
Ned's[were] in C[linton] P.M. I stayed with
[the] kids[.]
14. S. A[g], Jno. & B[ella were] in Church](Rev. 3
Stewart.) I stayed with [the] kids[.] Snowing
15. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Case came for dinner[and] Misty, Soft
bought 3 ewe lambs[. I] Washed [my] hair[.] snowing, Snow
Mo[ther has been] carding wool[.] on trees.
16. T. [Mother] Finis[hed carding wool for Ag's Com- 3
fort[er. We] tacked [the] comfort[er] P.M. Fine & Warm
Ned's here cutting P.M.[with] Will & [with]
Adam's team[. I] Fixed caps etc.
17. W. Jno. [was] at Will's cutting[.] H[igh] W[inds] 3
18. T. Jno. & I [were] in C[[linton] P.M. Slight Rain, 3
Soft & Warm.
19. F. [John was] in c[linton with] Will's sleigh[.]
Jno. Middleton bought 2 steers[.] Aunty [was]
here P.M.
20. S. [The] Case boys [came with a] sleigh after
[their] lambs[.] Ned Marshall called[.]
J[a]ck [was] at Neds cutting P.M.
21. S. B[ella] & I [were] in Church (Rev. Acheson- 4
Kippen.) Jno. [went at night and] I stayed Fine, Windy
with [the] kids[.] Thaw
22. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. bought [a] heifer 2
[from] Fen[wick] & Ned's lambs[.] Jno. went Fine, Windy
to Lily's* [in the] even[ing.]
* John & Lily Cuming
lived on a rented farm in Goderich
Township before they bought a farm
north of Clinton in Morris Township near
Blyth.
23. T. A[g] ironed[. We] Crushed [oats, using] Adam's
& Ned's teams [on the horse-power.] Jimmie
Ross called [this] even[ing.]
24. W. Aunty [is] here[. Edward] Glen [Sr was] at 3
U[n]cle J[ames's]. Jno. [was] in C[linton]
ton] with Ned [for] salt[.] Kate & Lizzie Hard Frozen
McTavish [were here] P.M. Mo[ther [and] A[g]
were] at Wigg[inton's].
25. T. Bell [McEwen] fetched [news]papers [from H[igh] 7
the post office.] C[old] W[ind]
26. F. [The] Boys took 2 steers to Jno. Middleton's 9
A.M. Jno.[was in] C[linton this] even[ing] Snowdy,
at] church (Rev. Larkin-Chatham.) [I] Mended Blizzardy &
bags, put top quilt on bed & [a] collar on
[a] barn-jacket
27. S. Jno. & Adam [were] at J. Reynolds [and they] 6
bought [a] bull[. I] Hemmed [the] facing on Cold
Mo[ther]'s skirt[.] W[ind]

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28. S. A[g] & I went to morn[ing] c[hurch].....Rev. Stewart[.] Jno. & I [went in the] even[ing to] Rattenbury St[reet] Methodist [Church] Cold & Snowing. Below Zero.
29. M. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [The] Boys have been] sawing wood at [the] house[.I was]Mending at [a] pet[ticoat] & [a] coat[.] Below Zero
30. T. Ned [joined the Boys sawing wood at house[.] Tene [was here this] even[ing while] Ad[am]& 10 Zero & Snow
31. W.

February, 1900

1. T.
2. F. Daisy calved [a] steer.....
3. S. Jno.& I [went to]C[linton] in [the cutter[.] J[a]ck [went] for corn [in the] sleigh[.] Snowing, Milder.
4. S. 3rd Pair lambs 1 lamb hard teated ewe Snowing & 7 Stormy
5. M. A[g] & I washed[.]
6. T. [I was] in C[linton] P.M.[for] Honey[pails & cans] etc. A[g] & I [were] at Adam's [this] even[ing.] 4 Beautiful
7. W. [I was] at [The] Master's P.M. to see Mrs Baird[.] 1 Raining
8. T. [I]C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse] etc.,etc.Adam [was] in C[linton on] horseback P.M. Big 7 quick Thaw
9. F. Fen[wick] & Aunty [came] for dinner at Liz-zie's[.] Fenwick fetched [the] heifer & they killed her P.M. Sparrow & Mac McNaughton[called] C[ool] P.M.Jno. sold Daisy's calf to Adam & he to W[ind.] [McNaughton.] 2 Fine,
10. S. Jno.[was] at Adam's P.M. hauling in straw[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.[M. in the] buggy [with] hides[.] 6
11. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart -"An-niversary") [We went in the] buggy; [the roads were] very good[.] Jack [Elliott] went home sick[.] Fine
12. M. A[g] & I washed[. I] Sawed some furnace wood P.M. etc. Jno. & I cut beef [at] night[.] E[ast] W[ind,] Rain
13. T. [I] Took [the beef] in [this] morn[ing.] 9 Snowing & Stormy
lambs today (4 p[ai]r)
14. W. 1 [lamb] dead A[g was] in C[linton] A.M.[in the] buggy[.]Annie & Ida[Stewart] & Ag[were] at Ned's [this] even[ing.]
15. T. 2nd Shearling(p[ai]r)
16. F. Sheep dead A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. 10 Below [F]
17. S. Mending dress
18. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church](Rev. Ache-son-Kippen.)A[g],B[ella]& I went in the eve[ning] with Ned (Rev Grant,St.Mary's, [speaking about the] "Twentieth Century Fund." Fine, Snowed a little.

19. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Arthur Mason call- 9
ed [at the] Barn[.] 5 below [at]
mid-night.
20. T. Jane & kids [were here] P.M. Ned [is] 10
hauling stones[.]* Jack [Elliott], Ab C[old] W[ind].
Nott & brother-in-law C. Mason & [Arth- Fine.
ur Mason] called[.] 2 lambs died[.]
* for raising the barn.
21. W. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jack 4
Elliott [came] back [to work this] morn- Fine, Snowing,
[ning.] E[xtremely]
C[old] W[ind]
22. T I [was] in C[linton] P.M. 11
23. F. [I was] Fixing front of B[lac]k Dress & 8
waist[.] A[g] & B[ella were] at U[nclle]
Ja[me]s's [this] even[ing.]
24. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M..... Stormy & 10
Snowing
25. S. Very [Stormy 10
& Snowing]
26. M. [I] Finished waist & mended gloves[.] 5 below Zero 10
27. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Ab[Nott came]for tea[.] 9 [below]] 7
Jno. [was] hauling logs with Adam P.M. [I
wrote M[aggie] Lang [and cut] out cape[.]
28. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Darned Snowing 8
Jno's mitty[.] & Stormy

March, 1900

1. T. Big celebration in C[linton] 1/2 hol- Stormy
iday etc.[to mark the] Surrender of
[Boer General] Cronjic & [the] Relief
of Ladysmith at Cape [Colony.] Lavis
brought [us] out [a news]paper.....
2. F. Will's[were]in C[linton] P.M.[by]sleigh[.] Drifting 12
some yet.
3. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] Adam & 9
Will's [were] here cutting[.] Fine
4. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev.Stewart.) 9
Full consecration, "I beseech you.....pres-
your bodies a living sacrifice etc." Stormy P.M.
5. M. A[g] washed[.] I got [a] cold [on] Sat[ur- Stormy, 12
day. I worked] at cape[.] Very Cold.
6. T. [I] Finis[hed] cape[. Today was] Mrs Hun- 15
ter's ([of the] London Road) funeral[.]Jno. Very Cold,
took a load [of] oats to [the] mill[.] then thaw,
Raining
7. W [I was] Sewing sleeves in [an] old water- 8
proof again etc. Jack went for chop P.M. & Frozen, Fine.
took over another load [in the] even[ing.]
8. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. 1
9. F. Aunty[stayed here] all night[.]finis[hed] 18
fix[ing the] water[proof.] Jno. [was] at Soft, Raining,
Will's P.M. killing pigs[.] B[lac]k Cow even[ing]
Calved [a] purebred heifer[.] W. Cooper &
Hamner Sr. called[.]

10. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse. The] Boys [were] in [the] bush[.] I[was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] Got [an] Eaton cat[ologue[, I was at] Ned's P.M. awhile with Jane's kids 7 Mag[gie.] *Fine* 15
11. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Rev. Stewart "Linnen Girdle") Jno. [went at night.] Stayed with [the] kids[.] *Snowed Some, 5 Below.* 19
12. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno.[was] in C[linton.] L. McConnell & J. Stewart* called looking [at] horses[.] I wrote Mrs McM[illan] & Gertie [Stewart.] *probably "Bayfield Road John Stewart" -no relation. *Fine* 17
13. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton.] Jno [was] at Ned's cutting A.M. [and the] boys [were] in the] bush P.M. Aunty & B[ella were] at Ned's for [a] turkey dinner[.] D[uncan] McEwen & D[ougall] McTavish called[about the] Century Fund *sleighs Fine* 24
14. W. [I] Started emb[roidering] a little P.M. Jno. [was] at Sturdy's & [the] McCartney [auction] sale[. John] Tough [stayed] all night[.] *Fine, 9 [degrees] below zero] at midnight.* 16
15. T. Rosy calved [a] b[lac]k steer[. The] Boys [were] in [the] bush P.M.[I]Emb[roidered] a lit[tle] P.M.Rev, Stewart & wife, R. Marshall & Bill Elliot called[.] *Fine, Very Cold* 33
16. F. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [and got] Polly shod[.] Jennie Grant[was here]all night[.] Jno. & Adam [were] killing pigs P.M. G.O. Sturdy fetched Billy down P.M. *Light Snow, Cold Zero Weather* 27
17. S. [Jennie Grant] went home [this] even[ing.] Cleaned [my] room, [did] Darning etc. 25
18. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church;] Jno.went at night[.] *Light Snow, Fine, Wet Snow*
19. M . Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. A[g] & I wash- ed[.] Young Lavis[came] after old iron[and stayed]for dinner[.] L.McConnell & Cameron [passed the] even[ing] at [the] barn[.] *Raining A.M. Snowed,Freezing* 34
20. T.
21. W. 18
22. T. I [was] in C[linton]P.M. 20
23. F. I [was]at Hunter's P.M.[The] B[lac]k Heifer Cow calved[.] Aunty [was here.] Jane [was] at Mrs McGregor's Rag bee P.M. Jno. stayed with [the] Kids[.] *Sunshiny* 22
24. S. [I] C[leaned the] H[en] H[ouse.] Last sheep lambed (71 total.) Jno. Thomson*, at Ned's for dinner, [was here] for tea[.] **stone mason* 22
25. S. A[g] & I [were in church] (Rev Howson, Meth- odist.) Jno. [went at night.] *Fine Sunny E[ast] W[ind]]* 28

- 26. M. A[g] & I washed[,] Jno took [an] elm log off 18
Smith's flats to [the] mill[.] *Light Snow.*
Melting
- 27. T. Jno [was] at H. Beacom's sale P.M. L.S. Dun- Sun 29
ham [was here at] night[.] Jno was] after lum- Thaw, [Cool]
ber A.M. [I] Finis [hed] duck p[an]ts for Jno. W[ind]
- 28. W. Minnie Isard's wedding Jno. took L.S. [Dunham 21
to] Frazer's, Reed's A.M., Wigg [inton's & C [linton.
ton.] P.M. [I] em [broidered a] li [ttle.]
- 29. T. I [was] in C [linton] A.M. [and] fed polly at 25
Ned's [.] Jno. & Ned [were] at Tomlinson's
sale P.M.
- 30. F. Jno. went to C [linton] P.M. [for] Clover seed [.] 23
I] em [broidered.] Aunty [was] here [.]
- 31. S. Jack threshed flax [.] Jno. [was] shearing 18
yearlings [at] Ned's [.]

Got flour from Ned (March 30th)

118
119 (Bags included)
111
109 1/2

457 1/2

Got 100 lb bag before
100 Aug 4, 1900
100 Sept. 7

April, 1900

- 1. S. [I] Walked to C [hurch] (Rev. Stewart Jer [emiah] 21
13 "Can the Eithiopian change his skin etc. *Fine*
and last verse of Chap[ter.]
- 2. M. W [illiam] Glen fetched Dr. to Abby [.] McNaught- 23
on's man C [alled.] L. Cree drove Hanmer out *Fine*
to..... [I] Took soot out of [the] kitchen
chimney hole [and] Cut [the] head off [of the]
rot-crop hen [.]
- 3. T. A [g] & I washed [.] Cutting P.M. Adam [with] 20
Ned took [the horse] power home [.] *Fine*
- 4. W. [I] C [leaned the] H [en] H [ouse and] cut [the] 19
head [s] off 2 more hens [.] Jack [Elliott has]
gone home [.] **Edna Green died [.]***

*Eliza-Ann's first cousin, Isabella M. Stewart married John B. Green of Goderich Township in 1883. It was a happy marriage but medically ill-advised. The mothers of both Mr and Mrs Green came from families (the Bettison's and the Tweedy's) with low resistance to TB. In genetic terms, the weakness for TB was doubled in John and Bella Green's six children.

Deaths: Edna	1900	Appendicitis	15
Stewart	1907	TB	20
Abigail	1908	TB	18
Mr Green	1908	TB	47
Mrs Green	1911	Heart Attack	53
Lulu Green	1930	TB	42

The two youngest Green children did live to an old age

Nettie	1896-1982	-85, and
George	1899-1974	-74.

5. T. Jno. [was] at Adam's cutting P.M. Hanmer 21
bought 24 shearling ewes[.] Rumball [was]
out here P.M. for Jno. to ans[wer] tele-
phone[.]* Jno.& Fen[wick were] in C[linton
[this] even[ing.]
- * MacFarlane's and their neighbours did not get
telephones until 1909. Clinton had phone service
in the early 1890's. MacFarlane's may have had
an arrangement with Rumball to receive long dis-
tance calls from livestock buyers and relay mess-
ages and replies.
6. F. A[g] & I [were] at E[dna] Green's funeral 15
P.M. B[ella was] writing pedigrees[.] *Light Showers*
7. S. Choreing - [I] swept [the] milk-room etc. Ned 13
& Jno.[were] in C[linton] P.M. Cherry calved *Beautiful*
[this] morn[ing.] Cronyn steer
8. S 29
Windy
9. M. A[g] & I washed[. I] Swept down [the] milk- 14
room etc. A[g] washed shelves etc. [We] put *Sun Thaw,*
milk in [the]cellar[this] even[ing. Not named] *C[old]*
bought [a] fat sheep & took [it] with him[.] *N[orth]*
W[ind]
10. T. Jane & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. & P.M. [We] 23
Sent Eaton order[.] Jno. stayed with [the] *Light snow*
kids[.] A[g] & B[ella visited] at U[ncl]e *Softened a*
Ja[mes]'s [this] even[ing.] *a little,*
C[old] N[orth W[ind]
11. W. Jno. [was] at Don[ald] Smith's sale P.M. [I] 23
cut out p[ar]t [of a] skirt P.M. etc. *C.N.E.W.*
Icy snow
night
12. T. [I]Basted [the] skirt. I] Took hens off Mother 18
hen. Jno.[was]in Brucefield at night[.] W[m.] *Slight*
Glen [has] bought Albert Wise's farm.* *Rain*
C.S.W.W.
- *The Wise farmn was - in Goderich Twsp.
fronting on the Bayfield River, right ac-
ross from the "Rathwell place."
13. F. Good Friday Mr Wigg[inton] & Jennie Grant 16
[came]for tea[.] Jno.[was] at [the] mill with
with chop P.M. & cleaned seed oats[.]
14. S. [John was at the mill]for[chop this] morn[ing. 23
That] McGregor fellow called P.M.* Jno.[was] *C[old]*
in C[linton] P.M. Eaton goods shipped *W[ind],*
Beautiful P.M.
15. S. Jennie Grant & I [were in church] (Rev Gold- *Fine,*
smith, Seaforth,retired) [I was] in S[abbath] *Bad Roads*
S[chool the] 1st day[.]
16. M. Ag & I washed[.] [Mr J.B. Hoover of] Clin- 29
ton Monuments [called.] Mo[ther] ordered *Fine,*
one[.] Jennie [went] home P.M. *Slight Rain*
17. T . Mrs Woon & J Wigg[inton were here this] morn- 29
[ing. John.....] shipped 24 Shearling ewes to *Fine,*
Hammer[. The]Livery drove Mr Draper from Iowa *Pouring.*
here [this] even[ing.] A[g] & B[ella were]
papering [the] kitchen at Jane's[. I] Mended
[the] meat box & tacked panes in cellar win-
dows[.]

18. W. Jno. took Mr D[raper] to Sturdy's A.M. & Frazer's P.M. & Frazer took them to Varna[,] B[ella was] papering [at] Jane's[.] Woon[was here this] morn[ing] after seed[.] Jack [arrived] here P.M. 28
Fine
19. T. A[g] & B[ella were] papering Jane's bed-room[.] Jno took Draper to C[linton this] morn[ing.] Eaton goods arrived[.] Fine
20. F. [I was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] fetched home [the] Eaton box[.] Good roads
21. S. Jno [was] at Adam's P.M. a while [and was] in C[linton this] even[ing.] Rainy even[ing]
22. S. A[g] & I [were in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Misty 38
Fine, Slight Rain
23. M. Young Lavis & Lindsey [of] Bayfield called for J. Stewart's* clover seed[.] Beattie [from] London & Wisconsin man, McKilvin, [arrived by] Brucefield livery[and were here] all night[.] 25
Fine &
Warm
- *See entry for March 12.
24. T. [Our visitors] bought 20 shearling billys[and] left [this] morn[ing.] Jno. started sowing[.] Lavis[was here this] morn[ing.] A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] A.M. Aunty[came] back from Green's[.] Fine 39
25. W. Jno. [was] sowig A.M. & [was] at [the] Brucefield show P.M. [I] Fixed shoes soles[.] B. Marshall [called this] even[ing.] 34
Fine &
cooler
26. T. [I] Cut out....sleeves etc. J[ohn was] sowing at Nott's [this] even[ing.] Jim Reynolds & a McConnell [were here] A.M. 35
27. F. Jim Reynolds & Mc[Connell were here] P.M. re [the] colt bought last summer[.] B[ella went] to Jennie's P.M. [I was] at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s [this] even[ing.] 29
28. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. 35
29. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in church (Rev. Stewart.)
30. M. Jno. took 20 Shearling billys to Brucefield[.] A[g] went to C[linton].....McGregor & Jno. [were] out P.M. [and] here all night[.]

May, 1900

1. T. James Elliott (Old Man Hullett) died[.] [I] Took out D[ouble] windows[.] A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. & McG[regor were] out [this] morn[ing;] Jno. [was] meeting R. Marshall in C[linton] A.M. 40
A little
Warmer
2. W. Jno [was] at T[om] Frazer's[at] noon for seed peas[.] [I] Hauled in some old boards & stuff from around[the] barn P.M. A[g] cleaned [the] boys' stair[.] 32
Raining
even[ing],
T[hunder] & L[ightning].
3. T. B[ella] papered wood-box. flour box etc. Mc[Gregor was here] for dinnner[.] A[g] did ir[oning.] A[g] & I [were] at Mac's[this] even[ing.] Fine,
Frost,
C[old] W[ind.]

4. F. [McGregor was] in C[linton A.M. getting [his] horse shod[.] McGregor [was] gone P.M. & Jno. [was] getting bills printed[.] A[g] & B[ella] cleaned [the] kitchen[.] 32
5. S. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Mr M[alcolm] McEw- left for [the] Old Country with cattle[.] A Little 34
Warmer
6. S. B[ella] & I [were] in church] (Rev. Stewart.) Fine,
C.W.
7. M. Milch cows [were] out 1st all night[.] A[g] & I washed[.] Alice Woon [was over this evening] paying [for the] clover seed[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton this] even[ing] at [the] "Local Union Meeting" Our Country's Perils Houston Our Country's hopes Rev Hewson Our Country's Glory Harnwell Fine & Warmer Showery
8. T. [I] Swept up [the] granary & Carried out rotten app[le]s[.] I Planted cabbage & lettuce seed[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. Cows (young & all) [were] in all night[.] 40
Pouring
9. W. [Cows young and all were] out [all night.] Jno. put up [the] river fence[.] 35
C.W., Fine
10. T. Sheep [#] 340 died[.] Young cattle [were] put to Smith's[.] Jno., Jno. McEwen & Aunty went to Green's[.] Went to J. Stewart's raising P.M. [I] a lit- Sowed morning-glories, sweet-peas & 2 & 1 pasture tle [and] swept [the] door y[ar]d etc. 23
Fine, warmer
11. F. Melting at wax these times[.] I] Finis[hed] hoe- ing up Mo[ther's] garden[.] [I] Pulled wool off sheep P.M. 33
Raining.
Dull P.M.
12. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Rev. McDon- ald [of] Seaforth [was] buried in C[linton. I] Finis[hed] the wax-almost 5 lbs[.] We had] McG[reg- or for tea, [and] Ab [Nott over this] even[ing.] Fine & some Warmer.
13. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) 40
Fine & Warm
14. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [has been] plowing these times[.] Adam & Tene [came this] even- [ing but] had to go home for company[.] Very W[arm]
15. T. A[g] & Jane [were] in C[linton] P.M. Mo[ther] stayed with [the] kids[.] I rak[ed] the chip y[ar]d [and] mowed grass at [the] Bee's box- es etc. Cool
16. W. [I] Raked off [the] garden & hoed up part of it[.] A[g] scrubbed [the] milk-room A. [M.] & ironed P.M. [I] Cleaned out [the] fur- nace[.] Jno. sowed some rape[.] Ned & Jno. [were] in C[linton this] even[ing.] 29
Colder & Windy
17. T. [John] Finis[hed] sowing rape. I] finis[hed] hoeing [the] garden[.]
18. F. [I] Finis[hed] sowing [the] flower-garden[.] A[g] was] in C[linton] A.M. Jno. [was] haul- ing out manure [and he was] at Fen[wick]'s for oats[.] Showery
19. S. Jno. [has been] shearing[.] I] wiped off [my] room[.] Jno & I planted 2 rows [of] pota- toes & some onions[.] Fine, 29
C.N.E.W.

20. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church. [The]Ayrshire C.W.
calved[.]
21. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] shearing[. I] 30
Planted some more onions, cucumbers & 2 or
3 [rows of] beans
22. T. [John] Finis[hed]shearing[.He helped] W[m.] 32
Glen [do] fencing P.M. [on the] river [at] Warm P.M.
Wise's [old place. I] Cleaned [the] wood-
shed platform & fix[ed] bee-frames etc
23. W. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. -Jno. [has] gone 28
to Kincardine[.] P.M. [she] took Jane &
Edward[John]in[to Clinton.I] Planted onions, Very Warm
chased sheep, etc. Jennie [came over this]
even[ing.]
24. T. Jennie went home[in the] even[ing. We were] Rained
at Ned's for tea[. They're] washing their
sheep[.] 1st swarm left[.]
25. F.
26. S. old McGregor stayed
27. S. B[ella] & I[were] in C[hurch](Rev.Stewart.) Raining,
Cleared.
28. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Dull
29. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M.
30. W. Jno. & I [were] planting pot[atatoes] P.M. Mo-
[ther] &B[ella were]cutting them[for seed.]
A[gnes] Butchart [came] visiting P.M.
31. T. [John planted potatoes and A[g cut seed[.] Slight Show-
J[ohn] finis[hed] P.M. [with the] Rows in ers, Fine.
front of [the] house[.] Bella] & I [were]
in C[linton] P.M.(teeth.) Clinton [was] cel-
ebrating the surrender of Pretoria[.]

June, 1900

1. F. Mo[ther] & A[g were in C[linton] P.M. [at] Poured P.M.
Church (Rev. Sawers, Brucefield.)
2. S. Jno [was] at Ned's raising all day - 55
jacking up [the] barn[.] B[ella was] Misty, Fine
helping Jane[. I] took Polly out [to]
C[linton at] noon[.]
3. S. Mother & Ag [were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stew- Cool W[ind]
art) & Jno.[went] with Adam & Tene[.]*

*Tene is doing her bit to help enhance the image of her future brother-in-law as a faithful churchgoer. Malcom and Ann McEwen had watched John grow up and must have had mental reservations about a union with their daughter. He had an easy-going contempt for formal education, organized religion and the Protestant work ethic. Eliza-Ann appears to have been "keeping score" on John's church going, to help her brother convince his would-be lsws that he had changed for the better.

4. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] at Ned's A.M. *Fine*
[for the] raising[.] B[ella] was at Ned's
[and] I[was] in C[linton] P.M. getting teeth
filled[.] Jno. [was] in Brucefield [in the]
even[ing.]
5. T. [I] got 1st [tooth] filed [with gold[.] Jno. *22*
dipped lambs[. John] & W[illy] Glen [were] *Warm*
in Brucefield] P.M.[getting] 10 [cents a lb
for] wool[.]
6. W. Jno. & W[m.] Glen [were] in C[linton] A.M. *Fine & Warm*
for salt[. My] tooth that got filled ached *S[light] Rain*
all day & night[. I] Mended Jno.'s p[an]ts
& my Dress[.]
7. T. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *Very Warm*
H[eavy] Rain.
8. F. [M y] Face swelled & quit aching[. I] clean- *Fine*
ed rotten app[le]s & some pot[ato] buds etc
out of [the] cellar[.] B[ella] has] gone to
Grants's.] Mrs Brigham came[for the] night[.]
9. S. B[ella] came] home [in the] even[ing. Mrs *Fine &*
Brigham] & A[g] were at U[n]cle Ja[m]es]'s & *C[ool]*
Adam's & A[g] took [her] to [the] station *Wind*
[in the] even[ing.] Jno drilled up for nips
[and] Mac & Mrs [McEwen were here] in [the]
even[ing] awhile[.] [I] Packed part of[the]
wool for Ben Miller[.* My] Face [was] as bad
as ever
*A small community north and east of Goderich,
it had a water-powered blanket factory.
10. S. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[hurch, My] Gum
boil broke P.M.
11. M. A[g] & I washed [and I] Finis[hed] putting
[the] wool in [a] sack[.] Flyn, Jane & Kids
& Belle & Mag[gie] & Manie[were here this]
even[ing.]
12. T. [I] Cut out p[art of a] Sateen blouse
& Tucked it[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton in
the] even[ing.]
13. W, [I] Cut out sleeves etc.....2nd swarm *Poured*
Jane [was] shut in their sheep shed[.]
14. T. Ned, Jno. & Will shore [the sheep[. I] Car-
ried a lot of earth out of[the] cellar etc.
[I] lifted[the] old stone-boat from beside
[the] gate [and] Washed [a] piece [of the]
cellar[.]
15. F. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M.[I] got
[the] Extractor mended, sent wax away etc.
...3rd swarm....Jno.[is] doing road work[.]
Lizzie [Glen] & Manie went to Guelph[.]
16. S. [I] Cleaned [the] Goose & H[en] H[ouses] &
picked bugs [off] 2 rows [of] potatoes &
planted a few beans[. I] Took [the] meat
block & boards out of [the] cellar[.] Car-
rie & Jennie [came] for tea [and] McGregor
stayed over[.]
17. S. B[ella] & I[were] in C[hurch](Rev.Stewart.) *Fine &*
Sprinkled

18. M. A[g] & I (some) washed[. I was] in Bruce- Cool
field[.] Jno. [was] at Adam's sawing all
day[.I was] in Brucefield[.] Jane & Mother
called at U[n]cle Ja[me]s's & had tea at
Adam's[.] Jno.[was] at Ho[l]mesville[this]
even[ing.]
19. T. [We were] Sawing[. We had] Adam for dinner
& [Will] Potter, W[ill] McEwen, Fen[wick & Fine
W[m.] Glen for tea[.] I [was] in C[linton
P.M.....treating[the tooth].....that was
filled[.I] Washed [a] piece of[the] cellar,
[the] extractor, etc. [and in] even[ing I]
planted a few beans[.]
20. W. [I] cleaned [my] room, etc. Aunty & An- Beautiful,
nie Stewart [were here] A.M. [Today Warm
was] Annie's Wedding[.]* Jno. A[g] &
B[ella were] at it[.]
*She married Harvey H.
McBrien, a Clinton carpenter.
21. T. I [was] in C[linton] treating [my] t eeth[.
I took] 3 bags [of] pot[atoes to] Cantel-
ons[.]
22. F. A[g] & B[ella were] at Jno. Thomson's[for] Slight Rain
2 pigs & strawberries[.]Aunty[was here] P.M.
[I] Finis[hed]dusting down cellar & p[ar]t
swept[.]
23. S. Carried out[of cellar] some pot[atoes] & a Fine &
lot [of] buds & earth & [I] Finis[hed] Warm
sweeping & mop[p]ed p[ar]t[.]
24. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church.]
25. M. I[was] in C[linton] P.M.- Got 2 front teeth Very Warm
filled (all gold.)
26. T.
27. W.
28. T. A[g] & I washed[.] Planted Cabbage[.] A[g], poured
B[ella] Jno. & I [were] at [a] Prayer meet-
ing [at the] school[house with] Rev. Stew-
art[.]
29. F. [I] Finis[hed] planting beans & hoed [a]row Rained
[of] onions A.M. [I worked] at [the] waist
P.M. Jno. Thomson & H. Parker called P.M.
[The] Road machine [is] on this road from
[the] corner up to here[.]
30. S. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [and] met Albert
Brigham at [the] station[. I] made the] Sat- Cold,H.W.
een waist wearable[.] McGregor [has] gone
home on Jno.s wheel[.]*
*McGregor must be
the current hired man.

July, 1900

1. S. Swarm B[ella & I [were in church] (Rev.
Stewart.) C.W.
2. M. Ida [Stewart]took A[lbert]Brigham to C[lin-Cool W.
ton.] Jennie arrived [this] morn[ing.] Jno.
started mowing[. I took] sticks off bee
frames[.]

3. T. [I] ext[racted] comb pieces etc. [I was] Ra- Very Warm
king P.M. [while] Jno. [was] mowing[. We]
took in 1st load(what I raked in the after-
noon[.]
4. W. Ag & I washed[.] Jennie [has] gone home[.] Shower
Jno. [was] mowing all day[. I] Put strings
for Morning Glorys etc., etc.
5. T. [I did] Raking & drove the team all day[.] Very, very
Jno. hauled in 3 loads [of] hay[.] warm
6. F. [I did raking & drove the team all day.Jno. Very Very
hauled in] 6 [loads of hay.] warm & H.W.
7. S. [I did raking & drove the team all day.Jno.
hauled in] 3 [loads of hay[.We] finis[hed]
middle P.M. McG[regor] wheeled home[. I]
Greened 5 rows[of]1st pota[toes with the]
sprayer[.]
8. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church](Rev.Stewart) Cool
(Rev. Robert Craig even[ing.]
9. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] mowing all Rained
day[.] B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M.
Jennie Came home with us[.]
10. T. B[ella] went home with [Jennie] A.M. [I] Dull
....Greened all [the] Potatoes A.M. [We]
raked & hauled in 2 pretty green jags P.M.
11. W. B[ella [came] home[. We] Raked & [hauled]
3 loads,finis[hed the] big Rathwell field
[and in] even[ing] started raking [the]
shanty field[.]
12. T. [We]Finis[hed raking the Shanty field A.M. Dull & Cold
[and] Hauled in P.M. Jno. [was]mowing A.M.
[We hauled in] 6 1/2 loads - all[but the]
rakings[.]*
*gleanings
13. F. Jno. finis[hed] mowing A.M. [We]Hauled in Fine
1 load [of] rakings & 2 others[.] Raking
A. & p[ar]t P.M.
14. S. Will McEwen [was] here A.M. [helping] at Fine,Poured
[the] hay[. We] Hauled in 4 loads..... P.M. a while.
A[g] pulled [a] kettle of b[lac]k cur-
rants[.] McG[regor] wheeled home[.]
15. S. [The Rev.] Mr Stewart's [22nd] Anniv- Very Hot
ersary[.]
16. M. Jno.started [at the] wheat[. We]Finis[hed Heavy Rain
Haying [when I] Raked & took in [the] hay P.M.
rakings[.] A[g] & I washed[. The]Youngest
Ayrshire's calf died[.] McG[regor] took
Polly[.]
17. T. A[g] & I finis[hed] pulling bl[ac]k cur-
rants A.M. A[g was] at Wigg[inton]'s P.M.
[to] see [about] b[er]ries for Jane[.]
18. W. [I] Pulled weeds out of 4 rows [of] potat- Fine
oes A.M. etc. Jno. finis[hed] cutting &
stooking wheat[.] A[g was] pulling goose-
berries & preserving[.I] Washed Flannels &
[my] Hair[.]

19. T. Jno. separated sheep & lambs A.M. [and was] *Fine*
At [Alex. Innis's raising* P.M. [I was] ex-
tracting P.M. Aunty [stayed] all night[.]
Polly [is] home[.]
20. F. Aunty, Bella, and I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *Very Hot,*
Jane & Jimmy, Bell [McEwen] & Miss Robb *Heavy Rain*
[were] here [this] even[ing.] Jno. [has *even[ing.]*
been] thinning nips all [during] spare
times[.]
21. S. [I] Finis[hed the] Satteen waist[.] Herd- *Fine & Cool*
ing* etc. McG[regor] finis[hed work [and]
went home[.]
- * Eliza-Ann's euphemism for the practical
procedures involved in getting animals to breed.
22. S. B[ella] & I [were] in c[hurch] Rev. Stew-
art's holidays (Rev. Laidlaw supply)
23. M. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. Wilson Elliott *Fine & Warm*
[was] here P.M. & thinned the last 5 rows
of nips & done (*sic*) mowing[. We] Hauled
in 8 loads of wheat
24. T. [We hauled in] 1 [load of wheat] all but *Pouring P.M.*
[the] rakings[. I worked] P.M. at making
[a] print dress [with] polka dot b[ac]k[.]
25. W. A[g] & I washed A.M. I greened 26 rows [of] *Fine*
pot[atoes P.M. [and] Started raking wheat
stubble [in the] even[ing.]
26. T. [We] Finis[hed raking wheat stubble at] *Fine & Cool W.*
noon[. I] Changed [a] vent..in[the dress]
& sewed to waist etc.
27. F. Jane, E[dward] J[ohn] & I [were] in C[lin- *Fine & Warm*
ton] P.M.
28. S. Making at p[rin]t dress
29. S. A[g] & I [were] in c[hurch] (Rev. Laidlaw.) *Rained P.M.*
30. M. A[g] & I washed etc. Jno. [was] cutting *Fine*
green feed[.] Bella Cuming [arrived here]
A.M. [Bella Cuming and Bella MacFarlane
were] at Jane's P.M., at Lizzie's [in the]
even[ing] & Adam's at night[. I] Cleaned
[my] room[.] Young Irwin [was here this]
morn[ing.] McPhee called peddling wind
mills[.]
31. T. [We] Raked green feed P.M. [and] hauled in
[a] jag [in the] even[ing.] Jno. [is] gang-
plowing where [the] wheat was[. I] Hemmed
towells.....

August, 1900

1. W. Straightening rows A.M. Jno. finis[hed] *Fine*
cutting g[reen] feed A.M. [and we] Hauled
in 4 loads...P.M.
2. T. [We] Hauled in 1 load [of] rakings A.M. [af-
ter raking] them [this] morn[ing. We] Raked
[the] field below [the] watering place &
Hauled in 4 loads[.]
3. F. [We] Finis[hed] hauling in green feed [at]
noon (3 loads.) Jno. [was] at Mac's thresh-
ing P.M.

4. S. A[g] & I[were]in C[linton] P.M. [This morn-
n[ing] Jno. started reaping oats[.]
5. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in c[hurch.] A[g] & I Very hot
[were at a] school [house] meeting [this]
even[ing to hear] Dr Hugh Ross[.]
6. M. Jno.[did]reaping [and] A[g] & I washed[.]
7. T. [John] Finis[hed reaping A.M. I [was] in
C[linton] P.M.[and] got[a]tooth filled[.]
8. W. [We were] Hauling in oats (5 loads.)
9. T. Jno.[was] at Woon's threshing A.M.[I was]
Ridding[the] mow etc. A.M. [We] hauled in
3 loads P.M.
10. F. [We hauled in] 2 [loads] A.M. & 3[in the]
even[ing. We] Finis[hed] harvest but
[must] take off [last] load[.] Jno. [by]
byke & Jane,A[g], & I [by] horse[were] at
Gregor McGregor's* fineral P.M.
- *Gregor McGregor pioneered on Lot 26 Con 3, a much-
respected longtime neighbour in the school section.
11. S. [We] took off [the] last load, mending *Very Hot*
hose etc. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[on *Raining*
his] byke[.]
12. S. B[ella] & I[were] in church(Rev.Laidlaw.) *Rain P.M.*
13. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] plowing[.I *Misty, Rain.*
was] fixing honey P.M. Uncle James & Geo.
Mitchell came for dinner[.]
14. T. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. [I worked at] *Rained*
Ridding [the] platform, mending Jno.'s
p[an]ts,[and I]cut burrs around[a]field[.]
15. W. Finis[hed] fixing honey[.]Irwin's came for *Rained*
tea & bought [the] old Rooster[.]
16. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.
[was] hauling out manure[.]
17. F. Carrie [Hunter] called A.M.[to get] 5 lbs
honey[.] B[ella] & I [were] at Ruby Rath-
well's funeral P.M. A[g was] in C[linton
[this] even[ing.] Ada [and] Ida [Stewart
and] Miss Anderson [were here this] even-
[ing.]
18. S. [I]Started cutting out skirt-lining,finis-
[hed a] tie [and] Mended a glove[.] Woon
kid [was around] asking [for] threshing
[help.]
19. S. A[g] & I [were in Church](Rev. Laidlaw.) *Rained P.M.*
20. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jane &[the] kids [were] *Fine,*
here] P.M. *Poured evening.*
21. T. A[g] & B[ella were]in C[linton] P.M. Em &
Frankie Stewart came out with them.....Mr
Hoover [stayed] for dinner

22. W. Lizzie & Em & I went to Ben-Miller with Beautiful wool(10 [lbs] @ 13 [cents].)A[g] & B[ella have been] papering up Jno's stair[.] Mother [was] at Ned's P.M. & all night-William James is sick[.]*

*Jimmy had "Summer Complaint"- dysentery aggravated by very hot summer weather. Described by the Oxford Dictionary as: "a disease with inflammation of the intestines, causing severe diarrhoea with blood and mucus." There is no known photograph of Jimmy, but his sister Isabel, going on 7 at the time, told me he was a nice-looking child with normal intelligence.

23. T [I was at Jane's in the early hours.Fine,Sprinkled William James]died 20 after XII [and was] Buried 4 o'clock P.M. Hoover put up Father's Head-stone [and] called[at the house this] even[ing.] Lavis fetched out [our] new plow A.M. Two Americans, Mr Wallace & Mr Maine, stayed for dinner[.]
24. F. [Ag & Bella]Finis[hed papering[.]A[g was] Fine in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [has been] hauling manure these days[.]
25. S. [I] Scrubbed P.M. Jno.fixed [the] leak in Very Hot [the] pump P.M. Granger called P.M.[and] bought Jno.'s Glen-cow[.]
26. S. A[g] & B[ella were in church] (Rev. L[aid- Heavy Rain & law.)Fenwick's 2nd boy [was]born [Ken-Severe T[hun- neth Barkley Stewart.] Jno. Thomson & der] & L[ight- Ned [were] here for tea[.] Mrs Scott's ning.] house [was] struck [by lightning.]
27. M. B[ella] & I washed[.]I Scrubbed p[ar]t[of Streamed Rain the] platform boards etc. A[g] & B[ella for a long were] in C[linton] P.M. time near noon.
28. T. Jno. drove Agnes to [the railway] station enroute to Manitoba[.]* At Skirt
*Agnes is going to Oak Lake to visit MacFarlane Aunts, Uncles and cousins.
29. W. Mrs Hugh McGregor Sr. [visited us.] Hugh Beautiful drove here down here [this] morn[ing and] B[ella] & I took [her] home [in the] even- [ing. I] Made [an] apron out of [an] old pelt[.]
30. T. Jane & Edward Jno. [were here] A.M. after Rhubarb & Pears[.] I] Mended [a] blouse sleeve [and worked on the] skirt[.]
31. F. Jane & E[dward] J[ohn] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. [I] Cleaned [my] room etc. [A] Gent peddling[stereoscopic]views[was here.]

September, 1900

1. S. [I] scrubbed, and cut some weeds [in the] Beautiful & b[ac]k y[ar]d etc. Very Warm
2. S. B[ella] & I [were in church]](Rev.Stewart.) Very Hot, H.W. & Like rain
3. M. [Bella and I] washed[.] I] Helped clean seed- Rained a wheat P.M.[and did]a little at[the]skirt[.] Little

4. T. [I] put velvet binding on the skirt[.] Jno. Beautiful
[was] at W[m.] Glen's theshing- [the Wise
place] A.M. [and the home place] P.M.
5. W. [I] Skinned & buried[a dead] lamb[.]B[ella] Warm
& I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. went to
Toronto Fair [this] morn[ing.]
6. T. [John] returned[in the] even[ing.]Jimmy Mun- Cooler
roe[was here] all night[.] Mary Emma[Stew-
art Ross]and kids arrived at Adams from
Denver[.] *
- *Mary Emma Stewart, eldest child of John and
Abigail Stewart, married Donald M. (Dan) Ross, son
a Brucefield area family, in 1887. Dan Ross was
a prospector in Denver Colorado, and he returned
there with his bride. In their 12 years of married
life, they had 4 children: Stewart b 1891, Donald
b. 1893, Hugh (d. in infancy) and Bessie, b. 1897.
Dan Ross and a partner operated a silver mine high
on a mountain. In September, 1899, if one believes
newspaper accounts, Dan Ross died in Denver of pneu-
monia, a week or so after his father-in-law died
up in Stanley. Brown Stewart, Mary Emma's nephew,
days before his own death in 1978, told Rosalynd
Ross: "My dad told me that Uncle Dan was stabbed to
death in a bar room brawl. His partner made off
with the title to the claim and Aunt Mary was left
destitute." But her family rallied around her.
She bought a house in Clinton, kept boarders and
educated her children. When Stewart, her oldest,
finished Upper School, and was accepted at U. of T.
in Engineering, Mary moved to Toronto and kept
boarders. Stewart earned his B.App.Sc. and went into
Education. He retired as chief co-ordinator of
Industrial Arts for the city of Windsor. Donald
went to U.. of T. earned his M. D. and was a medi-
cal doctor in California.
7. F. Jno. drove J[immy] M[unroe] to [the train] Fine
station[. I] washed flanel[.]
8. S. [I] Finis[hed the] b[lac]k skirt-[all] but
[the] pressing[.] Jennie Grant arrived[at]
noon[.] Mary Emma and Bessie [Ross came
over] for tea[.]
9. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev.Stewart.)
Jennie went home [in the] even[ing.]
10. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Mrs McGinnis, Ella Very Warm
McGregor & Jessie McFarlane (Kate's girl), P.M.
[visited] P.M.
11. T. Ned & Jane [were] at London Fair[. I] Cut High Hot Wind
out waist lining & aprons[.] Two horse buy-
ers [arrived] P.M.
12. W. I [was] in Clinton P.M. ["Bayfield Road"] Fine
Jno. Stewart [was over this] even[ing and]
bought 4 yearling steers[.]
13. T. Jno. took cattle over to {Bayfield} John's,
up through Reid's A billy lamb died[.]
Jno. met Mr Wright this even

14. F. Jno. expressed a lamb for Mr Wright & took [Fine] & Cool him to [the] station [this] morn[ing.] Jno. was at Mac's cutting corn all day[.In the] even[ing he was] with Ned & Will [hearing] Hon. Mr Fraser, Dr Johnson & [former M.P. John] McMillan [speak] for Holmes[.]*

*A Dominion election was in the offing. Parliament would be dissolved October 9 and Laurier's Liberals would win handily a second term. The "Scotch Grit" vote in Huron County made for 3 safe Liberal seats in the Commons. Dr. P. MacDonald, Liberal M.P. for Huron East would be re-elected for a 4th term in 1900. In Huron South (in which the MacFarlane's, Glen's and Stewarts lived), longtime Liberal M.P. John McMillan successfully campaigned for George McEwen, a Liberal successor. Robert Holmes, publisher of *The New Era*, had retained the seat for the Liberals in a by-election 19 months earlier and would win a full term in 1900. Ned, John & Will went to a Liberal rally in the adjacent riding, out of general interest and probably to hear their good friend Thomas Fraser speak. I'm fairly certain that Eliza-Ann was making a tongue-in-cheek comment on the heavy involvement of her future brother-in-law in local Liberal politics. She calls him "the Hon. Mr Fraser", implying perhaps that he should be running. Fraser was not only in the Huron South Liberal executive, he was self-educated in the field of taxation. A cogent speech on the topic has survived. Fraser actually did run as a Liberal in Huron South in the 1904 election, and was narrowly defeated by an otherwise undistinguished Conservative opponent named B.B. Gunn. Fraser married Isabella MacFarlane in 1906 and was not a candidate in the 1908 elections.

15. S. Jno. [worked] at Mac's corn all day[.] warm
16. S. B[ella] & I[were in church](Rev.St[ewart].) Fine & Cool
17. M. B[ella] washed[.] Irwin A.M. bought[a] year-Raining some ling Roost[[er] & [a] young Ro[oster & [a] pullet[.]
18. T. Jno. [was] at Exeter Fair[;] W[m.] Glen Fine drove to Brucefield[.] Ab Nott & [a] cousin called [in the] morn[ing and] Ab [was back in the] even[ing. A] Lame man selling writing paper called [this] morn[ing.]
19. W. Ab Nott & Jno. drove to "Goderich Fair." Jno. Fine bought all[of] G.O.Sturdy's sheep(29.)Ellie Raining & Kids [were] here all day..... Even[ing.]
20. T. [I] Took "Polly"out for Jane to go to C[lin- Fine & ton] & stayed & got dinner for [the] men[.] Warmer Sewed hooks on [the] waist[.]
21. F. [I] Took Polly out [at] noon[for Jane to go C.W. to Clinton[.]Cut out yoke & velet for waist, etc. T[om] Frazer [came] for tea[. A] Fellow from Brussels called[;he] thought there was a C[linton] Fair to-day[.]
22. S. [I] Scr[ubbed,] washed & took in Primroses Finne from ver[andah] to house [[and] washed flannels[.] Jno. wheeled to Sturdy's A.M. & to C[linton in the] even[ing.]
23. S. B[ella] & I [were] in C[hurch(Rev.Stewart.) Dull, Fine.

24. M. [Bella & I] washed[.] Geo. Harris from Dunganon[was here] all night[.] Aunty[is]back from Green's[.] A[lex] Innis, F[inley] McEwen, *Fine* & W. Robison called P.M. Mother [had] tea at U[n]cle Ja[mes]'s [and] was seeing the two babys P.M.[.]* Mending bags P.M.
- * Kenneth Barkley Stewart, born Aug 26 to Fenwick & Alice.
Annie Stewart, born Sep 12 to Adam & Tene
25. T. [I was mending bags] all day[.] The 2 Stur-Slight Rain, dy's [were] here with loads of [the] sheep *Fine* Jno. bought[.] I took Polly out to Jane [in the] morn[ing].
26. W. Aunty [was] up [here. We] Cleaned chips out *Fine & Hot* [of the] wood-shed & B[ella] & I hauled in 4 big [stone]boat loads of [cordwood at] night[.] Young Reid called P.M. Cut out sleeve linings etc. P.M.
27. T. H. Reid & Son [this] morn[ing] bought 1 B[illy] lamb & 5 2 yr old steers
28. F. [I] Killed 8 R[oosters [and] I [was] in C[lin- *Beautiful* ton] P.M. Jno. [was] at D[uncan] McEwen's threshing[.] McIntosh [was here this] even- [ing and] Jennie G[rant] arrived[.]
29. S. Scrubbed[.]* Cleaned milk-cellar etc. P.M. *Raining* Jno. [was] at McEwen's threshing[.]

*In all respectable farm homes, the kitchen floor had to be scrubbed of the week's build-up of dirt, to be clean for Sunday.

30. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart). *Beautiful* Jennie went home [this] morn[ing].

October, 1900

1. M. B[ella] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] at Butchart's *Beautiful* threshing[.] Jno. Thomson [is] paving Ned's stable[.] T[om] Frazer [came] for tea[.]
2. T. [I] Took Polly out to Jane & helped clean wheat A.M. Aunty [was] at Jane's P.M. [We] Hauled in 4 boat loads [of sawed rails to-] night[.]
3. W. [I] Helped clean [a] load [of] wheat A.M. [I] was] at Ned's P.M. for [a] tick[.] I swept [the] stair & made beds for threshers etc., Three threshers stayed all night[.] Will Glen [was] at Bayfield Fair[.]
4. T. [We] Finis[hed] threshing P.M. At Adam's threshing P.M. Aunty [was] up[.] We] Fini[shed] hauling sawed rails [at] night with 3 big [stone]boat loads[.]
5. F. Jno. [was] at Adam's threshing all day[.]
6. S. [John was at] Fen[wick's threshing] A.M. [and he] took steers to Reid's P.M. [I] scr[ubbed], mended shirts etc.
7. S. *Raining: warm- got colder P.M.*
8. M. B[ella] & I washed A.M. Aunty [was] up[.] *C[ool] Wind,* I [was] out P.M. at Ned's threshing[.] *Beautiful.*

9. T. B[ella] & Jane[were] in C[linton this]morn[ing. I] Lifted 10 rows [of] pot[atatoes [and] Jno. lif[ted] 2[.]* [I] Took some frames out of [the] hives[this] morn[ing] & cleaned Ned's potatoes[.] Rev. Stewart called A.M. [I] wrote Ag [in Manitoba.]
- *In this diary entry we find a mathematically accurate contrast. Eliza-Ann does most of the work, and supplies most of the leadership, while John does what he feels like.
10. W. Jno.[was]at Blyth Fair[.] I[was] in C[lin- ton this]even[ing delivering]5 Roosters[.]
11. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] A.M. [for] bran[.] *Beautiful* Uncle James[was here] for dinner[.]I]lifted about 4 rows[of] pot[atatoes] P.M. B[ella] & I [were] at Mac's [this] even[ing.]
12. F. [I lifted] 8 [rows of potatoes] P.M. Aunty [was] in C[linton] with Ada [Stewart.] Ada [was] here all night[.]*
- *Bella, Jennie Grant and Ada Stewart were the same age and were longtime friends.
13. S. Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing all day[.] Jane [was] in C[linton] A.M. [I] Scrubbed, shook out rags & sorted P.M. [I] Cleaned Jno.'s desk [at] night[.]
14. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart).
15. M. [Bella & I] Washed[. I] Beat[the] Hall-Car- pet P.M. & [was] picking potatoes etc.,etc. Jno. [was] at Mac's threshing A.& part P.M.
16. T. Jane, B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. *H.C.W.* [I]Picked pot[atatoes] A.M. B[ella] put down *Slight Shower* [the] hall carpet[. We are] Lifting [the] A.M. dining-room carpets[.]
17. W. [We] Finis[hed the]potatoes A.M. B[ella] & *H.C.W.* I [were] pulling & picking app[le]s P.M. *Fine* Aunty [was] up all night[.]
18. T. Thanksgiving B[ella] & I [were] pulling *Beautiful* app[le]s A.M.[and were] at [the] S[abbath] S[chool] Examination P.M. McPhearson from Glanworth [was here] for dinner[.]
19. F. [I] Took some frames out of hives [this] *Beautiful,* morn[ing[.] B[ella] & I [were] pulling *Heavy Frost* app[le]s[.] Aunty pulled P.M. E.A. & Mrs *at nights.* Isard, Mrs Hayden & son, & Miss May Dunbar [were here] P.M. & for tea[.]
20. S. [I] Finis[hed] ridding desk, book case etc. *Fine* B[ella] housecleaned[the] veranda[.] Aunty went home [in the] even[ing.]
21. S. B[ella] & I [were in church]](Rev. Stewart) "Making broad phylactrus etc."
22. M. B[ella] & I washed[.]Aunty & E[dward J[ohn Raining] P.M. came for a] goose dinner[.] Mrs [Lily] Cum- ing [was here] P.M.
23. T. [Lily Cuming] & Aunty [were at] Jane's A.M. I drove Lily down to Adam's P.M. [I was] *Rainy night* cleaning [the] cellar [and] B[ella] was] baking & ironing[.]

24. W.
25. T
26. F. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton at] church (Rev.Stewart.) A[g]returned from Manitoba [and] walked home at mid-night[.]
27. S.
28. S Jno., B[ella] & I [were] in [Church] (Rev. Stewart.)
29. M. B[ella] washed[.] A[g] washed [the] kitchen paint(all but [the] windows.) I [tended to] sundries[.] T[om] Frazer [came] after [a] Billy lamb[.] Fen[wick] & Ad[am] were here this] even[ing.] *Rain towards even[ing.]*
30. T. [I] Cleaned Jno.'s stair etc., etc., A[g] cleaned out [the] parlor [and] B[ella] did bakng[.] McDougal[of] Glanworth [came] for dinner [and] bought 20 Shrops[hire sheep.] *Raining*
31. W. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. Mrs W. Perdue[was here] for dinner[.] A[g] helped her pick 6 bags [of] app[le]s[. Bella & I] filled 2 ticks [and] A[g] scrubbed [the] kitchen[. We] Washed[the] K[itchen] window [and] scrubbed [the] veranda etc., etc. John married [Isabella R. McEwen at] half-past six [in the] even[ing.] *Raining A.M. Beautiful P.M.*

November, 1900

1. T. [I] Cleaned [the] milk-cellar & [a] piece [of the] wood-shed floor etc. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton] P.M. *Rained some, Heavy Frost at nights.*
2. F. Jno. shipped [a] lamb to McDougal[in]Glanworth[.] Mo[ther] churned[. I] Killed 2 geese[.] A[g], B[ella] & I hauled in app[le]s[. I was] at Lizzie's P.M. Aunty [came] for dinner [and] for all night[.]
3. S. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] flour[.] [Aunty was here for] din[ner. I] Killed 5 hives of bees, hauled app[le]s & [in the] even[ing] darned stockings[.] *Frost, Fine*
4. S. Jno & Bell, A[g] & B[ella] were in church](Rev. Stewart.) *C.W. Beautiful*
5. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jane[was]here P.M. picking up app[le]s[.] Webber [came] for dinner & [stayed] all night[.] *Rain, Windy*
6. T. [Webber] bought lambs[.I] Cleaned & Put up again [the] furnace pipes[.] Pulled 30 pails Ben-Davis's P.M.* Mr & Mrs A.Dunkin [came] for dinner[.] *Fine, Cold W.*

*probably pails to hold honey she sold to customers. See p.57 and 78. Davis sold stoves, furnaces and probably did tinsmithing as well.

7. W. Bell* & I picked 2 geese[that] I killed[.] Showery
 [We] Moved our stove into [the] furnace
 pipes[.]** A[g] was in C[linton] P.M. [The]
 Scott's[were here]looking at ewe lambs P.M.
 Voting at School to-day(Laurier & Tup-
 per)
 * Bell is Isabella Robertson McEwen, John's
 new bride. ** A process of partitioning the farmhouse
 is underway. John and Bell get the
 big farm kitchen. The MacFarlane sisters
 will cook in the cellar in cold weather.
8. T. [I] cleaned [the] H[en] House and] Sheep-dip- Fine,Cold,
 ped hen roosts[.] Snowed.
9. F. Aunty [was here] for dinner, etc.[I worked Snowing etc.
 at a] jacket[.] B[ella] went to Grant's[.
 We] Put cows in [all] night 1st [time.]
10. S. [I worked on the jacket.] Is[abel] & E[d- Snowed a few
 ward]J[ohn were sent] after butcher knives [flakes.]
 (sic) [and stayed] for dinner[.]
11. S. S[abbath] S[chool is] closed for the sea-
 son[.] A[g] & I[were in church](Rev.Sawers,
 Brucefield.) B[ella was] with Jennie [who]
 drove[her] home[in the] even[ing.I] minded
 [the] kids[.]
12. M. A[g] & I washed[.] A[g] & I picked 2 geese Snow,sleet.
 [that] I killed[.] Cattle[are] all in [for
 the]1st [time.] Scott [was] here P,M.[and]
 bought 2 ewe lambs[.] At Ned's [last] even-
 [ing for] pork, I slept with I[sabel.]
13. T. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.
14. W. B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Very Cold Windy
 raw day,etc.,etc.
15. T. Kate Pearson & Jane [were] visiting Bell Blustery
 P.M.A[g] was at U[n]cle J[ames]'s P.M. & all
 night[. I] made [a] mat for around [a] fur-
 nace pipe [and] fixed patches for shirts
 [in the] even[ing.] J[ohn] & B[ell] visited
 at Adam's [this] even[ing.]
16. F. [We] killed 2 pigs[.] [We] Washed double Some Milder,
 windows & helped Jno.put[them] in[.] Aunty Thawed a
 [was] up. The Girls cleaned out [a] room little.
 for [their] parlor etc., etc Adam & Fred
 Cuming [were here] P.M.
17. S. Jno.[was] in C[linton this] morn[ing] ship- light Rain,
 ping [a]p[ai]r[of] lambs to Wright[.]Hiram Snow.
 Hill drove Smith Rogers (Mich[igan]) here
 A.M. Jno. & Yank[were] at Cooper's etc.P.M.
 T[om] Frazer[was here in the] even[ing. I]
 Finis[hed] fixing [the] jacket[.] A[g] &
 B[ella] beat [the] parlor carpet & put [it
 back] down upstairs [and] put [a] stove up
 etc. etc.
18. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev.Stewart.) Raining P.M.
 "Last verse 23rd Psalm"
19. M. A[g] & I washed[. I] Hoed slush [and] mud Raining
 away from[the] front[of the] H[en] H[ouse]
 [this] morn[ing] etc., etc. [and] Brushed &
 put away summer hats[. I] Mended [a] shirt
 [in the]even[ing.]

20. T. A[g] & I washed [an] old bed [this] morn- High Wind,
[ing.]..... Poured
21. W. [Today I] Mended [a] ahirt, cleaned [our] Poured
parlor A.M., cleaned [my] room P.M. etc. Mrs
McEwen called on us [this] even[ing.] Mr &
Jno. [were] in too[.]
22. T. [I] Carried in some app[le]s etc., [and] Fine, Dull
Started Jno.'s pants P.M. Jno. [was] in
Bruce[field] P.M. McIntosh [came in the]
even[ing] to see the] young mare[.] Geo.
[went] after McIn[tosh a] 2nd time after
night & to Clinton for Blackal. Both [vets
were here] all night & for breakfast[.]
23. F. Isabel & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] H.W.
Picked & carried in some App[le]s etc. Fine P.M.
McIntosh [was here] for supper[.]
24. S. [The] Mare died [this] morn[ing. I] packed C.W. East
Bee's (6 hives.) Mo[ther is visiting at
Jane's[.]
25. S. A[g] & B[ella], Jno. & Is.[were in church] C.W.
(Rev. Stewart.) Adam & Tene & baby [were
here] P.M. W.Elliott called at[the] stable
[this] even[ing.]
26. M. A[g] & I washed (summer flannels too.) Jno. Fine, S[now]
was at Adam's killing pigs A.M. [I] worked part melted.
at p[an]ts [in the] even[ing.]
27. T. Jno. & Ned [were] in C[linton] A.M. [They]
hitched Ned's horse in our buggy[. I was]
mending ganzies A.M [and worked at the
p[an]ts P.M. A[g] & B[ella] [were] at Wigg[in-
ton]'s P.M. Ada & Ida [Stewart were here in
the] even[ing.]
28. W. [I] Rid around [the] bees.....etc.
B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno.
[was] at Adam's all day cutting [with] Per-
due's engine[.] Marshall & Dave Elliott [are]
cutting wood[.]
29. T. [Marshall & Dave Elliott are cutting Raining some
wood.] Jno. [was again at] A[dam's] all
day[.] Is. [went] home, ([her] Mo[ther is]
not very well.) A[g] gave [the] men their
meals*...Geo.went home....Jane [looked in]
P.M. [I worked] at p[an]ts[.]
- *This is the first docu-
mented occasion of Bell running off somewhere on the spur of
the moment and her sister's-in-law covering for her unasked.
Isabel Glen explained it this way. " Aunt Tene and Aunt Bell
both had 'social butterfly' tendencies. Uncle Adam nipped them
in the bud. Tene understood that housework came first and
that she had to generate housekeeping money from the sale
of eggs and creme. Adam was a fastidious man who would pull
his weight in the operation. He helped keep the place tidy,
was quick to do repairs, and to keep the wood shed full.
Uncle John was too casual and undisciplined to lay down the
law and Aunt Bell never learned how to be much of a manager."
Come to think of it, why bother to learn when the 3 single
sisters-in-law did these tasks so well?
30. F. [I] Mended gloves A.M. & [worked] at p[an]ts Fine
P.M.

1. S Jno. & Is [were] in C[linton] P.M. [The] *Some Rain,*
boys [were]cutting wood[.] Adam [was here] *snow.*
P.M. cutting [a] trap door[.] T[om] Frazer
& Ned [were] at Jno.'s [this] even[ing. I]
2. S. A[g] & I [were in church] (Dr Taylor New *Chilly, W.*
York.) "From henceforth expecting" Heb[-
brews] 10-13" Tene left baby [Annie] with
Is [this] morn[ing for the 1st time[.]
3. M. A[g] & I washed[. I] drove Adam & Jno. P.M. *Fine, Some*
to C[linton] enroute for Chicago Fat Stock *Bees out.*
Show[.] Adam [was] up [this] morn[ing and *Bad Roads.*
put hinges and latch on [the] trap door[.]
G. Middleton called[.] Mo[ther was] at
Will's P.M.[with his news]paper[.We]washed
[a] p[ai]r [of] blankets & [a] quilt[.]
4. T. [I] Rid and washed off [the] floor in our *Fine,Rained*
cellar & carried hives in [and] washed out *a little*
[my] bed-room etc. D. McFarlane from Shake-
speare [was here] all night[.] W. & Dave
Elliott, 2 Deeves,Connell & Billy Marshall
[were here] cutting [wood.]
5. W. Ab Nott called P.M. Put a front like dress *Snow,Sleet.*
in old basque[.]
6. T. Mo[ther] & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M. [I]
made sleeves smaller[.] Marshall & [a] Neg-
re [were] splitting wood.....
7. F. A[g] & I drove [to] McTavishes P.M. I met C.W.
Jno. at [the] 7 o' c[loc]k train[.]
8. S. [I] fixed new coat[.]Jane,[her] kids & Mag- *Hard Frozen.*
[gie were here] P.M. Geo.[has]gone home[.]
9. S. B[ella] & I [were in church](Rev.Stewart.) *Snowing &*
Cold, Blowing.
10. M. A[g] & I Washed[.]Is went to C[linton]P.M.
with her mo[ther.] Jane [came] in [the]
even[ing. I] Made [a] Galeta Pettic[coat.]
11. T. B[ella] & A[g] [were[in C[linton] P.M. *Snowing & Storm-*
ing
12. W. Mending a little A.M. [and] Cut out Grey *Cold*
flannel P.M. [for] drawers
13. T. Finis[hed drawers, all] but buttons[.]...
.....Scott came P.M. after his sheep[.]
14. F. Finished working bottoms.....
Mo[ther was] at Ned's carding wool[.] Ned *Cold,Crispy*
came for her[.] Bell was home P.M. & even-
[ing.]
15. S. A[g] & B[ella are] helping [to] make [a]
comforter[.] Jno [was] in C[linton] P.M.
[I] Cut out [the] other p[ai]r of drawers
P.M.....
16. S. A[g] & B[ella went to church in the] bug-
gy[.] There is good sleighing on [the]Bay-
field road[.]
17. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Is & I [were] in C[lin- *Fine*
ton] P.M.....
18. T. Choreing some these times[. I] C[leaned *Soft*
the] H[en] H[ouse] P.M.....

19. W. Mending etc. [I was] at [the] school IV Beautiful
P.M. Bessie Glen*, Myrtle Pearson &
[? were] saying Catechism[.]
20. T. Killed 4 geese A[g] & B[ella were]in Frozen, Fine.
C[linton] P.M.
21. F. B[ella] & Is [were] at W. Baird's exam & Frozen
entertainment even[ing. I] made gathers
in [the] B[ac]k of [the] skirt & finis-
[hed].....it....
22. S. Jane & I, I[sabella] P[earl] & E[dward] Frozen,
J[ohn were] in C[linton] P.M. Tene[[went Beautiful
to] C[linton and] left [her] kid [with]
Is [.]
23. S. A[g] & I [were in church](Rev. Stewart.) Pouring
Jno. [was] sick P.M. Fine, Raining
even[ing.]
24. M. A[g] washed[.] Is [was] at Tene's P.M. Colder
Jno.McE[wen was] hauling wood all day[.]
Jennie Grant came [this] even[ing.]
25. T. Jennie went home [in the] even[ing.] Hei- Colder &
fer calved [a] heifer[.]Ned's & Mag[gie] Blustery
McEwen [were here] for dinner[.] Jno. &
Is]were] at Adam's [this] even[ing.]
26. W. Is, Jennie & Bella [were] at Aunty Mag-
ie's P.M. [Jennie] returned [this] morn-
[ing.]
27. T. A[g was] in C[linton P.M. & Is [went]
home[.] Jennie & B[ella] [were]at U[ncl]e
Ja[P.M.mes]'s
28. F. Is had her Fa[ther] & Mr & Mrs (Hubert &
Kate) McDougal for dinner[.] Jno. & Is.
[were] out [for the] even[ing.]
29. S. I [was]in C[linton] P.M. Jno & Liz McEwen Fine,
[came] back with Is [this] even[ing.] Good Roads.
30. S. Is & I [were in church.](Rev. Stewart.) Started,
Snowing
31. M. A[g] & I washed.....Ned & T[om] Frazer Snowed,
[were at] Jno's [this] even[ing.] Softish.

1. T. [I was at] Ned's for dinner[.] Adam & Will [were] here P.M. Killing [a] Heifer[.]
2. W. Mr Stewart & [his] neighbour [from] Mich[igan were]here[this]morn[ing]& for dinner[. They] bought lambs[.] Is[abella] & A[g-were] in Church [this] even[ing] (McLeod.) Jno. went P.M. [with our American visitors] to Chas.Mason's [and] A[g was] at Elliot's P.M. after Geo. [was] here....
3. T. B[jella] & I[were in church]](Rev. Wade). Jno. & Ned & T[om] F[raser] shipped lambs(24 I think.)[They] walked them up [to] Ned's[. He has a] sleigh with a box[.]
4. F. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. (got a ride up from Ned's with Will [McEwen.I]visited Mary Emma [Ross] P.M.Ag and I were] in C[hurch this]even[ing](Rev. Stewart).
5. S. Is[abella was] home all day[.] Gurnsey calved [a] heifer[.]
6. S. [Ag, Isabella and Bella went to church in the] buggy(Rev. Stewart.) I went in Mac's sleigh [and] came home in Ned's buggy[.] Is[abella came home] in [the] sleigh[.] Snowed
Soft
7. M. Is[abella] & B[ella] in C[linton] P.M. (cutter 1st time out.) A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] at Ab Nott's [this] evening[.] A[g] went with him[.I] mended [a] coat[.]
8. T. Is[abella was] at Tene's P.M. Raining
9. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse.] Big Wind
storm [at]
night, snow
etc.
- 10 T. Is[abella was] at home P.M. & even[ing] & Jno.[was home in the] even[ing.]T[om] Frazer was here in the] even[ing. Jane and I went to] C[linton] P.M. in [the] buggy[.]A[g]came home[in the]even[ing.] Light Snow
11. F. Jane & I [were] at Butchart's P.M. Mr & Mrs McDougall & kid [were] there. Kids [were] here[.]
12. S. Jno.& B[ella went to] C[linton] P.M.[in the] buggy[. They] Bought [a] new pump for [the] barn well[.]
13. S. A[g] & B[ella] walked to Ned's [to get a ride to church in the] cutter[.I]men-3 p[ai]rs [of] p[ain]ts[.] Not cold, but
I felt cold.
14. M. A[g] & I washed [and] ch[urned] P.M.[I] Mended [the] last p[ai]r [of pants.]Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M.[I was at] Ned's A.M. [and] got E[dward] J[ohn's] Cap r[ead]y[. I was also] at Ned's [in the] even[ing.] Snowing, soft

15. T. [I was] Scraping "Propolis" off bee frames (making ready to extract.) *Soft, Dull*
16. W. [I] finis[hed] [cleaning bee frames] A.M. A[g] & B[ella were] at D[undun] McEwen's P.M. *Very H[igh]. W[ind] & Light Snow*
17. T. Extracting all day[.] A[g] & B[ella] [were] in C[linton] P.M.
18. F. Ex[tracting] all day[.]
19. S. Ex[tracting] Finis[hed.] *Very Cold*
20. S. B[ella] & I [went to church in the] cutter (Rev. Straith.) *Soft P.M.*
21. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Ned fetched stair back A.M. (He & Jno. fixed [it] up even[.] Ned's & Mag[gie] McEwen [were here this] even[ing].)
22. T. [I] Finis[hed] melting honey etc. etc. Aunty [was] here[.] Is[abella] and Jno. [went] in[to] C[linton] with her P.M.
23. W. [Aunt Agnes] went to Clinton [to Mary Ross'es] with B[ella] & I P.M.
24. T. Fixing honey[.] Jane [was] here all day making Edward [John's] c[ra]vat[.]
25. F. [Jane was here] P.M. [making the cravat.]
26. S. Jno. [was] at Old Wise's funeral P.M. [He took the] colt [with the] buggy[.] Is[abella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [in cutter to deliver] Honey[.] I finished mending John's] ganziers[.]
27. S. A[g] & I [were in church.] Rev. Stewart [preached about] Jesus walking in Solomon's porch-'What His thoughts would be.' H. Woodyard's baby [was] baptized[.] (cutter) *Snow*
28. M. [The] Thoroughbred heifer calved[.] Her 1st calf [was a] heifer[.] A[g] & I washed[.] Jno. [was] at [Benwick's] killing pigs[.] *Stormy*
29. T. Bell & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Aunty went uptown with me[.] Mr & Mrs McEwen [were here in the] even[ing].
30. W. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. for corn[.] [I] Darned stockings etc. [and the] holes around the bottom of [my] b[la]ck skirt[.]
31. T. Is[abella] was] at Adam's P.M. Jane & [Edward] J[ohn] were] at Carrie's P.M. Ned & I[sabella] P[earl] went out[in the] even[ing]. *Stormy*

February, 1901

1. F. Is[abella] is staying] at Tene's[.] Jno. [was] at [the] mill[.] *Stormy & Cold*
2. S. [I] Walked to Clinton A.M. [to attend] Queen Victoria's funeral sevice in our Church[.] The town ministers [present included] Revs. Stewart (Presb.) Smith (English), Howson (Meth. Ratt[enbury] St.) Dr. Gifford & Son (Meth. Ont[ario] St.) *Light Snow*

Dunlop(Papist),[and] Wade(Retired.) Jno.
[was] at [the] mill[.] Carnahon [came]
looking for [aa] colt[.]

3. S. Polly [has gone] lame[.] Cold,
Stormy night
4. M. A[g] & I washed[.]Is[abella came] home
[in the] cutter [with the] colt[. I]
Washed [the] extractor etc., etc. Bezzo,
Ab Nott's boy,[was here] P.M. after hon-
ey[.]
5. T.
6. W.
7. T.
8. F.
9. S. Jno. & Bell [were] in Clinton P.M.
10. S. Anniversary 1st lamb (one) W[hite] F[rost]
Fair, Cold
11. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Young Gibson & [the]
livery man called A.M. Jack McGregor
[was]at Jno's for dinner & all night[.]
Aunty [is here] Jno. & she [went] call-
ing P.M. W[hite] F[rost]
12. T. Fen[wick], Adam & Fred Cuming [were] up
[this] evening[.]
13. W. Aunty went home P.M.[.]
14. T. Bell & Is[abella were] in Clinton A.M. Cold
[driving the] colt[.] B[ella was] out
home P.M.
15. F. Fine
16. S. A[g is] sick[.]Jane & I [drove]Polly in
[to] C[linton] P.M. ([her] first trip
since foal bealed) [and]Jno.stayed with
[the] kids[.]
17. S. Mo[ther] & I [were in Church](Rev.Stew-
art.) "Thou art not far from the king-
dom of heaven." Fine
18. M. Jane & I [heard] Dr. Moffatt [of the]
Tract Society [this] evening[. I] took
honey to O'Neil[.] Softish
Colder
19. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [was] at
Ned's killing [the] lump jaw heifer[.] Stormy
20. W. Jno.& Adam [were] in C[linton] P.M.(2nd
lambs) 1 p[ai]r [of] lambs Roads near
Blocked
21. T. I [was] in Clinton P.M.[Lambs]
2 p[ai]r, I think. Roads were
broken A.M.
22. F. [I] finis[hed a] bureau mat[.] H. Reid Very Cold
[was here this] morn[ing.]
23. S. [I] Knit ends for a tie[.] Jno.[was] in
C[linton] P.M. [with] Mac's outfit[.]
A[g] & Mrs [drove] Polly [to] Gordon's
looking up U[ncl]e William[MacFarlane.]
Reid fetched [a] lamb up [this] even-
[ing.]Ida [Stewart was] here for tea[.] Very Cold

- 24. S. A[g] & I[were in church](Rev. Stewart.)
- 25. M. A[g] & I washed [and were] choreing[.] Jno. [was]in C[linton] with lambs (15 + 1 [for] Reid's A.M. Ned [was] along [as well.] Mr & Mrs McEwen [and] Mr & Mrs Jas. Aikenhead [came in the] even[ing] for tea at Jno.'s[.] Lamb [from] Lady-smith -this is the 8th lamb[.]
- 26. T. Uncle William [MacFarlane] came in the even[ing.]
- 27. W. Jane and E[dward] J[ohn were here] P.M. Mac,Ned & Adam [were] at Will's killing [a] pig[.] Jno. went to C[linton] with Fred Cuming [in the] sleigh[.] A[g was] at U[ncle] Ja[me]s's A.M. with U[ncle] William[.] They] called at Adam's too[.]
- 28. T. Jack McGregor [came] for dinner[and he] & Jno. [were] out P.M. [I] Took Uncle down to H[ugh] McGregor's P.M.[.]

Flurries
Milder

	Doz	Sold
Dec	11	\$1.84
Jan	12 1/2	2.25
Feb	30	4.90
Mar	29	3.41
Apr	31	3.33
May	51	5.09

March, 1901

- 1. F. Jno.[was] at [the] Mill P.M. Mrs & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. C[old] W[ind]
- 2. S. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. Choreing I [am] sick[.] Singy E[ast] W[ind], Sunny
- 3. S. [I am sick.] Stormy, Soft
- 4. M. Ag] & I washed[.] A[g was] in C[linton] P.M. Frozen
- 5. T. Jno.,A[g] & I[attended a] prayer-meeting at Scott's [this] even[ing.] Annie Stewart (Adam's [baby daughter] & Jane Nevin McGregor [were] Baptized[.] Hard Frozen, Very Cold N. Wind. some drift & snow
- 6. W. Kate, Lizzie & Douglas McTavish [came] for tea & [an] even[ing] visit[.]
- 7. T. Jno. & Mrs [are] at Jno. McEwen's party[.] T[om] Frazer drove U[ncle] William up [at] night[.] 3 lambs
- 8. S. [I] Drove Uncle over to [Baird's] Cemetery P.M. [We] Fetched U[ncle] James] up with us[.] W[illiam] Glen,Fen[wick], Mrs & kid, Adam, Mrs & kid & Ned's [were here this] even[ing.] Softish, Dull, Slight Snow
- 9. S. Ned [was] at [the] Mill[.] Uncle went back with him for dinner. Jno.& [Uncle were] in C[linton] P.M.
- 10. S. Ned took Uncle to Church [in] Bruce-field[this] morn[ing] enroute for Gordon's[.] Rain,Thaw

11. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Stormy
 12. T. Rev. & Mrs Stewart [came] visiting P.M. Nice
 13. W. D. McTavish Sale Thaw, Stormy

The New Era, January 11, 1901

....The splendid 200 acre farm owned by D. McTavish, 2nd Con., has been sold to Robt. Pearson of the 3rd, at the valuation of \$9000. Mr Pearson's farm of 100 acres is taken in part exchange at a valuation of \$6000. We understand that Mr McTavish Sr. has some notion of buying a farm elsewhere, the Pearson farm to be managed by his son.

14. T. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [Mr] Tough [was here] all night[.] Douglas called to tell about the funeral[;] ([He had] had dinner at Scott's Dr Gunn has been seeing Mary Glen for inflamatory rheumatism[.] Fine, Warm
15. F. A[g] & B[ella [were] at Jno. Thompson's Mother's funeral [and] had tea at Foster's [in] Varna[.] Aunty[was here] P.M. [I] Cleaned [the] H[en] H[ouse] A.M. Cold Wind Fine
16. S. Jno.[was] in C[linton] P.M. [for] grist & got corn[.] [He] took 2 bags [of] App[le]s to O'Neil[.] Mrs Finley McEwen & Mary Emma & Bessie Ross [came] visiting P.M. [and had] tea with Mrs[.] Beautiful
17. S. A[g] & B[ella were in Church] (Lucknow minister.) [I] saw [a] Robin[.] Fine
18. M. A[g] & I washed[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M [with] 2 bags of App[le]s. Mrs [is] out home[.] Mr & Mrs Wigginton & Stella [were] here P.M. & [for] tea[.] Soft
19. T. Mrs W[illiam] Graham died[.] Aunty[was] up[.] Thaw
20. W. Jno. [was] at [the] Mill [this] morning[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [with] 2 1/8 bags [of] App[le]s[.] Raining Sleet
21. T. Chr A.M. Jno. [was] at [the] Mill for chop P.M. Chilly Wind
22. F. Jno. & I[were] at Mrs Graham's funeral P.M. 1st goose eggs(I think). Jno. & Mrs [are] out home [this] even[ing.] A[g] & I & Ned's [visited] at McTav ishe's this even[ing.] Fine, C[old] W[ind]
23. S. Aunty Maggie called & Mrs Neil McGregor & Katie [were] visiting Mrs P.M. Ned's [were] in C[linton.] Fine
24. S Raining
25. M. A[g] & I washed[. I] Started lace for [a] collar Fine
- 26 T Bees Flying
27. W.
28. T. Mrs & her Jno. [were] in C[linton] P.M.

29. F. I [was] in C[linton] P.M. [I] took Polly to Ned's & hitched in his cutter[.] Adam & Jno. cut and fitted [a] door into [the] parlor[.]* **probably refers to the partition wall.*

30. S. Mrs [has returned] home[.] A[g] & I [were] at Adam's [in the] even[ing.]

31. S. I walked [to Clinton for Church] (Stewart.) [I] got home with Mac[.] Mary Glen [was here] A.M.

*Fine, Sunny,
C[old] W[ind]*

April, 1901

1. M. A[g] & I washed & cleaned [the] cellar stairs, floor, etc. Bat[h] P.M. [In the] even[ing] I washed [my] hair, 9 honey Gems* & [a] crock[.] Adam [was here in the] even[ing] putting [a] latch on [the] door[.]

*C[old] N[orth]
W[ind].
Frogs Croak-
ing.*

2. T. Mrs [is] out home sugaring[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M. - [the] buggy's 1st out-
ing.] Fen[wick] & Adam [visited] at Jno.'s [this] even[ing.]

*Dull,
Warmer*

3. W. Mrs [is back] home[.] Jno. Murdock, [the Dominon] Census man [was here] P.M. [I was] Choring A.M. & p[ar]t scraped [the] H[en] H[ouse.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. shipping [a] Rooster & [a] p[ai]r [of] hens to Whistleman [in] Ohio[.] Mary Glen & E[dward] J[ohn] were here P.M. [I] Finis[hed the] knit collar, & ironed collars, Cleaned [my] room, etc., etc.

4. T. Jane, E[dward] J[ohn] and I went to Blythe (Sic) [to visit at N[icholas] Cumming's[.]* Fred [Cuming] drove us up [in the] buggy[.] I called at McTavish's [in the] morn[ing.]

*Sunny, C[old]
w[ind], Bad
Road*

**Lot 22, Concession XIII, Hullett Township. The proper spelling is Cuming. Nicholas was the son of a Scots pioneer, John Cuming, and in time, took over the home place. He married Isabella G. Elliott, daughter of James Elliott and Mary Anna Stewart. Nicholas and Isabella Cuming had a large family and several of their children visited back and with their Stewart and MacFarlane cousins. Young John had married Lillian Stewart in 1899 and was living on a rented farm in Goderich Township's Bayfield Concession.*

5. F. [at Cuming's.]

6. S. Mr C[uming] went to B[lyth] after Polly (Mrs Stewart & baby)[.]

7. S. Mrs Cuming, Jane & I walked to Blythe Church [.] We went [along the] R[ail] R[oad] track[.]*

**The London, Huron & Bruce line of the Grand Trunk Railway crossed the XIIIth of Hullett a short walk west of the Cuming farm. It was a handy shortcut for pedestrians. One could follow the right-of-way north to Blyth or south to Londesboro.*

8. M. We walked to B[lyth] this morn[ing] to visit the] Brigham's in B[lyth.]

9. T. We went down to Adam Elliott's [this] morn[ing.] We went to Lonsborough(sic) with them P.M. [to attend Walter] Riddell's funeral[.* We went] Home[in the] even[ing.] Jennie & B[ella] & Ned[were] in C[linton] to meet [us.] A[g] walked home[.] Roads Fine
- * An old neighbour on the XIIIth of Hullett. Riddell farmed Lot 14, James Elliott lot 16 and the Cuming's were on Lot 22. According to the 1879 Belden Historical Atlas of Huron County, Riddell was born in Canada and came to Huron County in 1851.
10. W.
11. T. Jennie & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Mother [was] at Ned's[.] Jno. [is] plowing [at the] front of [the] house[.] I Raked the yards[.]
12. F. Jennie went home P.M.
13. S. [I C[leaned the] Hen] H[ouse] etc, etc. Mrs set goose eggs [this] even[ing.]
14. S. B[ella] & I [were in Church](Rev.Stewart.) S[abbath] S[chool] started[.] Cattle got leave to go to[the]field[.]
15. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Mrs & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. Jno. [was] sowing [the] 1st oats P.M. Fine
16. T. A[g] & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. (I [had] dinner at Mary's [after] getting [a] tooth filled[.]) Jane & E[dward] J[ohn] came to C[linton] P.M. [I picked up some] Clover Seed[.] John [is] sowing[.] Fine & Hot
17. W. Choring, etc, [I] Put in 2 celler-window panes & puttyed 3[.] Flynn & Reynolds [were] here] P.M. Jno. [is] sowing[.] E[ast] W[ind]
18. T. [I] Brushed clothes[and] put away [the] fur collar, etc. Raining & Snowing
19. F. Lily Cumming's kid[was] born[.]* B[ella] & I [were] in C[linton] P.M. [I] got clover seeds & seen about peas[.] Jno. [is] at [the] Brucefield show(Chief.) Fine
- * I am editing this passage on May 1st, 2001. The "baby", Edna Alberta Cuming celebrated her 100th birthday 12 days ago in excellent health. She married Clifford James Stewart in 1925 and they farmed lot 27 Con III, Stanley, 1925-59. All five children are still living and there are numerous descendants. She died November 12, 2002 in her 102nd year.
20. S. [John was] in C[linton] P.M. for seed peas[.They cost] 76 c[en]ts a bus[hel.] I Had to go to[the]creek for sheep[.] Snowed heavy P.M. & H[igh] Wind.
21. S. A[g] & I [were in Church]Rev.Stewart.) [The] Master [is] sick[.He was] not at S[abbath] S[chool.] Slight Showers
22. M. A[g] & I washed[.]

23. T. [The] Master [is] sick [and a substitute teacher named] Ball [is] teaching [the rest of the month]. The] B[lack] Heifer Cow calved [a] b[lack] steer[.] I [was] in C[linton] P.M.meeting Mary Stewart (Cuming) & [her] kid Robert[.] *Beautiful & Showery*
24. W. Jack McGregor [came here] P.M. [and] he & Jno. [were] away P.M. M[ary] S[teewart] & I [were] at Adam's P.M. *Beautiful*
25. T. A[g was] at Jno. Cumming's with M[ary] S[teewart] & seeing baby [Edna.] Jno. & Jack.....in C[linton]. I]Transplanted[a] Chestnut tree[.] Mrs & I hoed & planted onions[.]
26. F. Jack walked to C[linton] A.M.[After] getting [the] horse shod, [he came] home P.M. Adam, Tene & kid called [in at] noon on [their] cart[.] Ada & Ida [Stewart were here this] even[ing.]
27. S. [I] Mowed [the] lawn P.M.[for the] 1st time[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton this] even[ing.]
28. S. A[g] & B[ella] were in church.The] Rev. [Mr] Stewart preached on] "Love." [The Oddfellows[were] in C[hurch.The] Master [is] still sick[.]
29. M. A[g] & I washed etc. Jno.& Adam [were] spearing suckers [this] morn[ing] [and got 15(I think.)Burns came,[and while] I went for Jno., his horse ran away & smashed [his] buggy while here[.] A[g] Churned[.] Jno. [drove] Young Grey in [to] C[linton this] even[ing.]
30. T. A[g]& E[dward] J[ohn] were]at Jno.Thomson's four pigs[. The] Cows [were] out all night[.]I Dug p[art] [of the] flower-bed, Carried the] pot to [the] barn, Carried [the] meat board & blocks outside & packed the meat away[.] Jno. at Leach[.] Ned's, Mag & Tene & Adam & T. Frazer called [this] even[ing.] *Dullish & hot Rain even[ing]*

May, 1901

1. W. A[g]inC[linton] P.M. B[ella]& I [were] at [The] Master's [this] evening[.] *Fine*
2. T. [I] Finis[hed] digging [the] flower-bed [and] Planted some onions[.] Mo[ther] was]making soap[.]B[ella] is supply]teaching at[illegible] school this week[.]Mr & Mrs [Malcolm Mac[Ewen] were here this] even[ing.] *Rain & light Showers*

3. F. [I] Finis[hed planting onions.] Holi- day P.M. (Aborday)* Ada[Stewart] came up P.M. Her & B[ella have] gone to Grant's[. Mrs & A[g were] in C[linton] P.M.[I] stitched waist[of the basque.] Fine
C[old] W[ind]
- *George Baird made a ceremony out of planting a tree, generally a hard maple, on school property every spring. The outer perimeter is ringed with them to this day.
4. S. B[ella] & Ada [came] home P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton this] even[ing. I] Mowed [the] lawn (I think.) A[g] & I took [the] stove down out of[the]par- lor[.] Jane fetched in soap grease this even[ing.] 9.
Fine
5. S. A[g] & B[ella were in Church.]
6. M. Ag & I washed[.] Jack McGregor started out with "Balbogue Stomp." Mrs Mof- fatt died [today.] *
- *The New Era, May 10, 1901,
Mrs Walter Moffatt died suddenly on May 6 of pleurisy pneumonia aged 66. She was born Janet McKenzie in Puslinch Twsp, Wellington Co. 1835, married Walter Moffatt 1861 and settled in Stanley 1862.
7. T.
8. W. A[g] & Jane [were] at [the Moffatt] funeral P.M. [They] called on Nott's on [the] way down[.]
9. T. A[g was] in C[linton] P.M.....Mrs Chas. Stewart came down to Glen's & [brought] Frankie with her[.] Mrs Jno. Cummings & kid [are] down home to- night[.They were]in C[linton.I worked] at [the] basque this week[.]
10. F. [I] Spent A.M. tacking up [the] back- garden fence[.] Jno. [was] in Bruce- [field] A.M. (Adam's outfit-night on bike)A[g] & I[were] down seeing Lily's kid[this] even[ing.]Mrs Chas.[Stewart] & Lizzie [Glen were here this] even- [ing.]
11. S. A[g] mowed [the] lawn[.] B[ella was] baking[and I]Made[the] basque wearable[.]
12. S. A[g] & I [were] in C[hurch]Rev.StewartJno.Tomson & Uncle James [were] here[.] Raining, Cold,
Heavy storm
while in
c[hurch] took
young leaves of trees etc.
13. M. A[g] & I washed[.We] Moved our stove & took down [the] furnace pipes[. We] Carried out some rotten app[le]s & straightened that piece[of the] celler etc. Dull & Cold
14. T. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton.]

15. W. A[g] washed blankets[.]
16. T. [I] finis[hed] fixing[the basque] at [the] waist[. I] Beat [the] spare room carpet [in the] even-
[ing.]
17. F. A[g],B[ella] & I [were] in Church P.M. (Rev Stewart-expected Fletcher.) I stayed at Ned's & went back with them at night(Dr Gifford,Methodist.) A[g] & B[ella] put down carpets[.] *Slight Rains*
18. S. [I] Put frames in behind all[the] [.]Hives[.] Washed off room even-
[ing] [?] J[ack] McGregor went home [in the] even[ing on] Jno's byke[.] *Hot,
turned colder*
19. S. Jno. & A[g] were] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) I [was] with Ned's[.] Mrs [was] down minding Tene's baby[.] *Raining Morn-
[ing]
Fine*
20. M. [I] Papered Bella's Bed-room[.] *Raining Morn-
[ing]
Fine*
21. T. A[g] & B[ella were]in C[linton] A[g] & I washed Mo[ther's] 2 white spreads & print quilt too[.] *H[igh] Wind*
22. W. [I] Papered [the] parlor [and in the] even[ing I] set out 4 hives[.] *Fine*
23. T. [I set out] the other 2 [hives in the] morn[ing. I] Beat [the] parlor carpet & laid it down A.M.[I] Put down [the] woodshed platform P.M. [and was] fixing B[ee] Boxes etc. Jennie Grant [stayed all] night[.] *Heavy R[ain],
T[hunder] &
L[ightning at]
night[.]*
24. F. Mrs [went] out home[. I] Finis-
[hed fixing the bee boxes.] *C[old] H[igh]
W[ind], Showers.*
25. S. A[g], B[ella] & Jennie [were]at U[ncl]e Ja[m]es's [this] even-
[ing.]hoed onions some,Greened goose-berry bushes [and] Plant-
ed Gladi[oli.] *Fine, Cold*
26. S. I [was] in C[hurch](Rev. Stewart.) I[sabella]Pearl went with me[. John went to church in the evening.] A[g] has] Lumbago[.] Jennie went home A.M.
27. M. Mo[ther at soap [this week.] *Raining & Cold
all week*
28. T. [I] Cleaned [the] milk celler some day this week[.]

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29. W. Fixing waist

30. T.

31. F. [I] Finis[hed] fixing [the] waist[.] Jno. dipped Sheep & Lambs & Ned helped[.]

Raining

June, 1901

1. S. Ned went for [the] D[octo]r for his Fa[ther last] night[.]

2. S. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[hurch] (Rev. Stewart.) [John went in evening.] Aunty returned from Green's[.]

3. M. A[g] & I washed[.] Jane [was] helping Lizzie [with her washing.] Mrs went down with Lizzie to see Aunt Abby[.]

Fine

4. T. Jno., Mrs, A[g] & I planted potatoes (13 rows) P.M. back of [the] barn[.] Fen[wick], Adam Tene & kid [were here this] evening[.] Bella [has been] helping Lizzie[.]

Warm,

5. W. A[g] & B[ella were] in C[linton] P.M. Edward Glen Sr. died[.] I took up a buggyload[of] wood off [the] road[.] Auntie[was] up [and] [Bella was helping Lizzie] A.M. & even[ing.]

Very Warm

6. T. B[ella] at Lizzie's A.M.

C[old] W[ind]

7. F. All but Mrs [were] at Glen's funeral P.M. A[g] & B[ella] & Eddie Glen went all the way[to Clinton Cemetery.] Jno. was a [pall]bearer with [John B.] Stewart[.]

Cold Wind

8. S.

9. S. B[ella] & I [were in church.] (Rev. Stewart.)

10. M. A[g] & I washed[.] I [was] at Hunter's P.M.

Looking like rain P.M. slight rain

11. T. A[g] & B[ella were] washing paint etc., etc. in [the] Dining room & Mo[ther]'s B[ed]Room[.] We put up muslin curtains [and were] mending [the] spread[.]

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30. S. 2 Swarms A.M. Jennie went home P.M.

July, 1901

1. M. Jno. started mowing[.We] washed off rooms in the even[ing.I]met A[g]& B[ella at the]station at] night[.]
2. T. [I was]raking P.M. [and we]haul- ed in 3 loads[of hay.]Jno.[was] in C[linton this] even[ing on the] Byke[.]
3. W. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. look- ing for Car[.* She] got [a] bag [of] flour & [a] screen door[.** Same nearly all the time
We] Hauled in 3 loads[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton this]even[ing on the] Byke[.] * probably refers to a "dolly," the device that rolls along the wooden track, high up in the barn and which is the key device for off-loading slingloads of hay and sheaves from the flat rack into the mow. ** for their summer kitchen.
4. T. A[g was] in C[linton] A.M. for [the] wagon wheels[.] "Billy" Pearson here [this] morn[ing] with Car[. We] Hauled in 4 loads[.] Jennie called [this] even[ing. She came] alone on [her] wheel
Rained
5. F. [I] raked & hauled in a jag (ends etc.,)towards even[ing.] B[ella has] gone to Grant's [this] even[ing.]
Furious & Heavy Rain
6. S. "Huron Old Boys" Celebration in Clinton [I] Washed extra jars etc. Fine
7. S.
8. M.this week [we] hauled in 6 loads [from the] shanty- field & from Ned's....[We]haul- ed in 6 loads[from]behind[the] barn.....We took 2 from [the] Shanty field (ends etc.)
9. T.
10. W.
11. T.
12. F. [I] Extracted[.](I think this is the day.) [I harvested] ab- out 97 lbs. [of] honey[.] At least 50 lbs is clear bass- wood[.]
13. S.
14. S. A[g] & I [were]in C[hurch(Rev. Stewart.) A[g] & B[ella went in the] even[ing](Dr. Robert- son,Manitoba.)

23. S. B[ella] & I [were in Church.] (Rev. Hamilton, Londesboro.) [We took [the] celler stove out to our wood-shed[.]* Swarms

*Isabel Glen told me that her grandmother and aunts had a summer kitchen some distance from the house. Bell used to make a point of walking through it going to and from the garden or barn, even though it was out of the way. Isabel said also this blatant intruding more than anything else, caused the sisters' reservations about their sister-in-law to harden into deep dislike. Eliza-Ann does not tell us why she shortly thereafter stopped keeping this diary. My cousin Norah Smith suggested that Eliza-Ann was probably afraid Bell would read it. In fairness to Bell, she was mistress in a partitioned household and the important decisions about running the farm were made by John in consultation with his mother and sisters. Bell's sister Tena, by contrast, was definitely mistress in her own house. Tene had no sisters-in-law on the premises and her aging mother-in-law was quite passive and deferred to her daughter-in-law.

24. M. A[g] & I washed[. Our] W[ood-shed is]finis[hed] but[for the] doors[.]
Mr & Mrs went to [the] bush for elm nuts Swarms

25. T. Swarm together 1st in square boxes[. Using the] sheep-box wagon, Mrs, A[g] & I hauled up 3 [loads of] wood from [the] flat[.] Jno. in Brucefield P.M. Jno. [was] in C[linton] P. M. in [the] buggy[.] Very Hot

26. W.

27. T.

28. F. [I] - Extracted (I think) About 43 lbs[of] honey[.] Aunty [was] up[.] Ned's & Alex Elliot called[.]

29. S. Jno. took A[g] & B[ella] to [the railway] station Enroute for Toronto[.] Jno. [was] in C[linton] P.M. [He] took up wagon wheels to get [them] made smaller[.]* Jennie arrived [in the] evening[.]

* This was a common practice at the turn of the century. In the late 19th century, hay and grain racks were an obtuse v-shape to clear the large back spoked wheels of the standard horse-drawn wagon. This made for ungainly loads that tipped or fell apart easily. Men and women on the ground had to pitch higher. The solution involved putting the front wheels on the rear axle, shortening the spokes of the big back wheels, installing a much smaller rim, and putting them on the front axle. The result was a lowslung job on which a level platform or flat rack was mounted. The hay or sheaves were contained by ladders at either end, plus one in the centre if slings were being used. These flat racks were still being used in the 1950's.

15. M. Jane, A[g], Mrs, Aunt & I [were] picking berries[.] A[g] & I [picked] 21 lbs. (I think.)
16. T. [I] Cleaned [the]H[en]H[ouse] etc. A[g] preserving cherries.
17. W. A[g] & Mrs Washed[.] Jennie arrived P.M. Mrs [was] home[.] She] picked 1 1/2 lbs berries at [the line]fence [this]morn- [ing.] Mo[ther] & A[g] were]at Ab Nott's* P.M.[I]Washed[my] hair[.] Jno. [was] at Adam's hauling in wheat[.]
* Turn right (south) on to the London road from Stanley sideroad 30, Nott's farm was third on the left or Tuckersmith side of the road.
18. T. Jane, A[g], Aunt & I [pick- ed] berries[.] We had 26 lbs.] [John was at Adam Stewart's hauling in wheat] A.M. Adam & Jno. [were] in Bayfield P.M. B[ella] went home with Jen- nie[.]
19. F. A[g] went with Mac's to [the] berry bush picking for Mrs[.] Jno [was] in C[linton] P.M.[I worked] fixing [the] sleeves in[the] Pique-waist etc. B[el- la] [came] back P.M.
20. S. [I] Finis[hed] fixing [the] sleeves & ironed[the]waist[.]I made sleeve protectors and bee- mits[.] A[g] & B[ella] were]in C[linton] P.M.
21. S. [Bella and I were in Church.] Rev. Stewart [held the] Anniv- ersary[service] before leaving [for his] holidays[.] "I seek not your yours but you."
22. M. [I was]Mending dresses etc[and I] helped put off [a] hay-load [in the] even[ing.]
23. T. A[g] & B[ella] were] in C[linton and] A[g]got her new dress home[.] Jennie arrived[.] Jane & Harry Patterson [were] pick- ing berries A.M.
24. W. [I] Think I picked berries [at the line] fence A.M. We have had lots of rain.
25. T. Rained
26. F. Mother & A[g], Jane, Isabella Pearl and Edward John were] in C[linton] P.M. getting photos taken[.]A[g] & I wash- ed[.]Bella Cuming called P.M. Jno. cut[the] field of oats in front of [the] door P.M.

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27. S. [I] Picked Rasp[berrie]s at [the] fence morn[ing] & even[ing.] Jennie went home[in the] even[ing.]
28. S. A[g] & I [were in Church.](Beverly Kitchen.) *Rained*
29. M. [I spent time] Sorting old letters[.] Mr Wood [of] Sarnia arrived [at] noon[. He is] looking at [a] horse[.] Jno. & he [were] at Tiplady's P.M. *Poured*
30. T. [John and Mr Wood were at Tiplady's] A.M. [and] Jno. took [the] gent to[the] station P.M. [I] Washed off [a] room[. I] Stamped a toilet mat & worked a little[in the] even[ing.]Mrs & B[ella went out home [this] even[ing. Mrs]McDougal & [Mrs] Speare [are] there[.]Jno.[was] reaping oats [this] even[ing.] *Fine*
31. W. [I] worked [some more at the toilet mat[.] Mrs McDougal, Mrs Speare & Mrs [Malcolm McEwen] [were here] visiting Mrs P.M. Jno. finis[hed] binding oats [and was at] Woon['s] threshing[.] *Fine & Cool*
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August, 1901

1. T. I [was] mowing green feed A.M. [while Jno. finis[hed] stooking[.] Jno. [mowed green feed P.M. & I raked it up in [the] field next Mac's & Adam's [and] at [the] 2nd field behind [the] barn next [the]pasture[.] *Fine & Cool*
2. F. Jno. quit mowing A.M. & hauled in 2 of the loads A.M.[We] Hauled in 9 loads [from the] field[.]
3. S. Jno. finis[hed] mowing[. We] Hauled in 5 loads [of] green-feed (I think.) B[ella] went to McPhail's P.M. with Jennie Grant[.]
4. S. A[g] & I [were in Church (Kitchen.) B[ella was] with [the] Grant's[; she came] home [in the] even[ing.]

Frost

- 5. M. [We] Finis[hed the] last 4 loads[of] greenfeed[.We] hauled in 6 loads[of] oats [from] in front of [the] house[.] Harry Patterson[was here] P.M. helping[.] Elford called [and] H[arry] Diehl[was here in the] even[ing].....
- 6. T. Harry Diehl was[here] all day & Ned P.M. [We] Hauled in 1 load[and] finis[hed the] other field next [the] road & bush- [?] loads[. We're] Finis[hed] Harvest[.]
- 7. W. A[g] Washed[.] B[ella], Mag- [gie] McEwen & I [were] in C[linton] A.M. [We] hitched Billy out of our field[.] I cut out 5 p[ai]rs [of] Shaker p[an]ts & 2 aprons etc. B[el- la] went to Grant's [this] even- [ing].
- 8. T. [I cut out a] Latteen dress, etc., & Tucked waists (I think.) A[g] is making p[an]ts.
- 9. F. [I] made some of[the] p[an]ts dress etc.....
- 10. S. "[We] Finis[hed the] p[an]ts (A[g] made the most of them) & [I] washed them, - flannel, pique waist etc.

The New Era for August , 1901, reveals that Miss Eliza-Ann MacFarlane is going to Manitoba to see the sights and visit MacFarlane relatives around Oak Lake.

- 11. S.
- 12. M. Bella's handwriting Lib get- ting ready.....
- 13. T. Lib went away.....

Lib enjoyed her vacation. For whatever reasons, she never again mustered the will to keep it up day after day. In the final four months, there were barely a dozen entries. There was no diary kept in 1902 or thereafter.

- Tue. Sept 24 Started picking apples
- Wed " 25 Seaforth Fair
- Friday Oct 4 Finished apples- Mrs Brigham & Albert [were here.]

Monday Oct 7 Brigham's went home
 Thurs Oct 10 Apple packers came at 11:30 A.M.
 Fri " 11 " " finished about
 noon[.] Jno. hauled out all entire
 loads. Aggie Butchart & Jen[nie] Grant
 [were here.]
 Sat. Raining
 Sun. Oct 13 Jen[nie] went home [in the] evening[.]
 Bell[scratched out] Mr & Mrs John [were]
 in church [this] morn[in]g[.]
 Mon Oct 14 Picking potatoes after dinner

Packed Bees - Dec 27, 1901

3 frames out of 1st to n[orth] end chaff
 box - took out [of] mow & filled with
 chaff
 2 fr[ames out of] 2nd etc.
 4 [frames] out of all the rest

Tuesday, July 27, 2004. Yesterday I finished
 transcribing 1900 and to-day I integrated
 what had already been done for 1901 with the
 main manuscript. From September, 1998, it has
 taken five years and ten months to complete
 this initial transcribing.

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