

March 1875

Sa 20 Stormy cold day Hector goes to Forest mill for Great he left Jean
 goes with him to see Janette Mc Ellister. more snow & drifting day to 14 18
 Sa 21 all at church but May & Lily a fine day had hadly drifted but we 12 20
 W 22 Hector at Forest mill buying chopping stuff very hard frost about 3 23
 Tu 23 Another hard frost cuts hay in forenoon. In afternoon Hector & J
 goes to the funeral of Mr. Ketherington aged 90 1/2 to Strabane having ground below 1 above 26
 a ground heid to be seen & plenty of crows but other summer birds wanting
 W 24 Hector brings a load of straw from Mr. Cahers. more snow last night mild 34 36
 Th 25 Hector goes to James Elliot's to try & get some straw he is to get some at
 #4 per load fine sunny day but no thaw Bob splitting wood 18 28
 F 26 Snowing all day & raining all forenoon clear in afternoon but still
 thawing pools in fields. Hector & Bob brings a load of straw from a real getting 34 44
 Sa 27 Hector & Bob goes two rope to Jas. Elliot's for straw gets 2 loads at #4 per load
 snowing slowly all day fields spotted where drifted but not much snow
 melted some parts on fields but swamp still dry never filled this winter 34 40
 Su 28 all at church but Jean fine day thawing a little by the sun 34 38
 M 29 cutting straw in forenoon. In afternoon Hector goes to Mr. Menzies for
 seed peas. I dig out the sugar boiling place it was completely covered up with snow
 the snow seems now going by mere sun power, strong thaw pools everywhere sees these birds 32 46
 Tu 30 Great sun thaw all day creek down & over the road Men lets water off the wheat
 sees Red Butterflies flying about the grapes pools every where water going 34 50
 W 31 Warm great sun thaw Riddell's folk Tap trees for sugar Robins here 36 52

April

Th 1 My wedding anniversary 43 years ago heigh ho and to day the
 great thaw of the season, Walter Armstrong comes, quite warm 46 58
 F 2 Hector & Buckan ordering load at Riddell's hill for wheel carriages
 for the funeral of Grace Fletcher who died yesterday and is to be
 buried tomorrow Bob at Mr. Robson's sawing wood the fields is now
 quite black except snowwreath but deep in bush yet mel clear now 36 47
 Sa 3 Tap for sugar in forenoon. In afternoon Hector & J goes to the funeral of
 Grace Fletcher aged 66 our folks gathered 10 pails sap & left in the pots did not ^{are} 34 48
 Su 4 Roads bad snow at Church but Hector Bob & J fine sunny thaw 36 50
 M 5 Got 26 pails Syrops off 24 Pails & leaves 12 pails in pots ^{leaves} 34 48
 Tu 6 Got 4 pails sap & syrop, 16 leaving water in pot. No run ^{sugar} 32 38
 wind. East sky hazy, ring round sun. Men begins to stone field at

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W 7 cold but the trees runs pretty well in afternoon - ^{leaves} 30 36
 gets 25 pails but hails none Hector goes to ^{land} for ^{leaves} 32 45
 Tu 8 gets 28 pails sap & syrops 46 leaving 7 pails in Pats men stoning at ^{leaves} 34 36
 Tu 9 gets 28 pails sap & syrops off 29 pails & leaves 6 pails in Pats men ^{stoning} 40 38
 Sa 10 gets 18 syrops 24 pails leaving 2 pails in Pats Men cutten straw at ^{stoning} 42 32
 Sa 11 all at church but Hector very fine day snow all gone without rain 38 24
 M 12 got only 20 pails sap & syrops 22 and leaves water in Pats men fencing 34 38
 T 13 Jean gather 9 pails had none a rain day a drove Men fencing 40 32
 W 14 gets 14 pails sap & syrops off 19 leaving 4 pails in Pats Hector click 40 32
 & Bob at Galt fair getting seeds
 Th 15 gets 11 pails sap hails none Men fencing till stoped by rain at tea 40 32
 F 16 hard frost no sap slight snow showers mencing & cutting straw
 Hector Armstrong here he has been seeing his brother Ben in Jail ^{locous hick} 26 - 24 - 22
 Sa 17 no sap hard frost Men fencing hears of Mr. Porteus died today ^{leaves} 18 26 22
 Sa 18 hard frost regular winter weather again all at church but ^{leaves} 16 24
 M 19 Men leaning wheat in forenoon at the funeral of old ^{Hector & F.}
 Mr. Porteus in afternoon aged 86 years 10 months & 10 days, mence 30 36
 Jean cleans the troughs & syrops off 15 old sap in Pats no rain
 Tu 20 Hector at Galt with 20 bags of wheat for sale Boys sawing wood
 No sap, a Ewe has pair of twins but leaves one a spell and
 now wont own it, this is the first lambs of the season 26 34
 W 21 still frosty Men fencing No Lambs, winter hangs on long 22 32
 Th 22 Hector & Jean at Mr. Gilechrist's for seed Potatoes & gather 4 pails sap 30 40
 F 23 gets 22 pails sap & syrops 26 & leaves 5 in Pats Men shoving 34 42
 Snow showers in afternoon has 2 ^{single} Lambs to day ^{Jessie comes}
 Sa 24 gets 29 pails sap & syrops off 31 leaves 5 pails in Pats men fencing 32 42
 ground white with snow this morning, mostly gone now 6 PM
 Sa 25 all at church but Jessie fine day sap running 30 48
 M 24 gets 30 pails sap & syrops of 27 leaves in Pats 8 pails men fen ^{ang} 32 32
 Tu 27 gets only 10 pails syrops off 18 leaving water in Pats Bob hauls old rails ^{top of bar bush} 30 30
 W 28 gets only 5 pails sap Jessie boils it into syrop Hector ploughing for Pats
 Bob stoning & plant an apple tree and prunes quite warm 38 62
 Th 29 No sap Men Plough pea land till stopit by rain & pruning ^{wind East}
 Women begins house cleaning a heavy set rain now 6 PM 38 48

April

30 much rain last night
 May
 1 This is the first of May
 went to Galt and got a
 then it turned into ice &
 2 all at church but May &
 brings the Pats & syrops
 3 Hector & F at the funeral of
 puts the sheep to grass
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 5 Men ploughing, F prun
 6 Hector sowing Peas on
 7 Men harrowing & cu
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 Tu 9 all at church be
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 M 12 Men cutting f
 13 Men harrowing
 14 Hector at Galt for
 afternoon Mrs M
 15 Men stoning or
 16 All at church
 17 Men sowing sal
 18 Jean & F at De
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 V 19 Men rolling
 20 Hector & Jean
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 21 Hector at roo
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250 men rain last night. Men churning. Tilly & Tom piec rain from soap
 Sent a letter to S. Esprit Simpson with order for \$1 sealing weight 36 42

May

Sa 1 This is the first of May but more like the first of March. Jean & Tilly
 went to salt and got a rough day. About noon it began to snow heavy
 then it turned into ice & now it is cold rain. CP wall the ground white with ^{snow} 32 34
 Sa 2 All at church but May & Hector snow mostly gone. Heaven weather 32 36
 W 3 Hector & I at the funeral of Mrs Mc Clellan in afternoon. Another old settler gone ^{dear sunny} 32 46
 Tu 4 Hector gets a load of straw from Parker & pruning men ploughing 32 54
 W 5 Men ploughing & pruning. A cow died. Gentle rain in afternoon ^{streamers last night} 36 48
 Th 6 Hector sowing Peas on 16 acre field & scraping apple trees. Fine day slight frost 32 55
 F 7 Men harrowing & cultivating Peas & scraping apple trees 36 52
 Sa 8 Men stoning & cultivating. I put on 6 grafts 2 of wine sap & 2 of
 King of Tomhuns. C. & 2 of Spitsenburgs very fine. Warm cloudy growing
 this is the first day of real growth we have had. No frost last night 46 74
 All the three kinds of Swallows come. The first time we have seen them
 Su 9 All at church but Hector & Jean fine growing day fine growth now 44 68
 M 10 Men dragging Peas great rain with thunder last night
 M 10 Men dragging Peas on 16 acre field & scraping trees fine day 46 68
 Planted Sunflowers a great many in odd bits
 Tu 11 Hector sows oats over the dyke. Bob & Alick dragging & dig Rhubarb ^{very fine} 38 64
 W 12 Men cutting feed in forenoon many things after cool windy ^{rain last night} 38 58
 Th 13 Men harrowing. K. Richardson casting dung slight frost last night but ^{fine} 38 58
 F 14 Hector at Galt for coarse salt very rainy in forenoon. Men stoning in
 afternoon Mrs Mc Henry Mrs & Mrs Parker here. Growing day but cool 40 52
 Sa 15 Men stoning oats sown. Hector sows some barley on killed wheat ^{clear} 40 56
 Sa 16 All at church but May & Alick. Senger choir hinged first time 36 54
 M 17 Men sowing salt on barley & dragging fine day willows showing ^{green} some 40 64
 T 18 Jean & I at Dundas I get coupons cashed #36. May goes to R. Hunter's
 with us fine day & growing the willows visibly green. Men busy 40 68
 W 19 Men rolling & thing I plant beans on horse course fine clear day 40 68
 Th 20 Hector & Jean at Galt getting coarse salt & corn. Stalker sowing plaster
 Bob rolling Peas at conception & pulling cockle & redroot fine warm 51 76
 F 21 Hector at Boston on Jury. Men fixing fence at Gilberts line. Sculling cockle
 hears that yesterday Mr Stock was unseated & disqualified for breating 76 74

May 1875

Maples in flower. Wood tinged green

Sa 22 All at Church but ^{all top of the horse} ^{very fine} very fine warm & growing ^{Bee on willows} 72 81
 Su 23 For Sacrament all at but ^{swallows in hum} ^{very warm & growing} 70 81
 M 24 Queens birthday boys shooting kills two Rabbits Hector rolling oats
 very fine warm & growing wild Plum in blossom cuts the 70 81
 Lambs has 33 pet included (big) 18 wedders & 15 Ewes from 25 mother
 Tu 25 Men stoning in 16 acre field & cutting cockle & red root hears
 David Valens died yesterday another old settler gone, ^{musquitoes bad} very hot 72 84
 W 26 Sat the funeral of David Valens aged 67 Men hauling dung for
 Potatoes, women cutting seed Cooler to day cherry & Plum blossoms out 65 76
 Law some young grasshoppers to day hope they may not bea plague
 Th 27 Men working at Potatoe land Bob sick & goes home Stalker in his place 60 74
 F 28 Plants our Potatoes about an acre with roses Chelis & Cucos ^{cockles} 70 84
 Sa 29 Hector at Forest Mill with chopping stuff & pulling red root ^{very cool} among clover 58 66
 Su 30 All at Church but fear fine dry already farmers wanting rain 50 72
 M 31 Men ploughing for corn at Neils slashing quite cool and drouthy
 Cherry blossoms falling Apple trees nearly in full blossom except Northern
 Spies whis not out yet. The woods quite green now 50 68

June

Tu 1 Hector ploughing for corn at Neils slashing Bob at home sick Feuling
 cockle & red root. very cool & drouthy farmers crying for rain 54 72
 W 2 Hector sows corn at Neils men dropping Stalker here in Bobs place hot 60 80
 Th 3 Men hauling dung for turneps in forenoon, Washes our sheep in
 afternoon Hector washes them all himself Alack & Bob grasp them 60 78
 F 4 Men hauling dung & pulling red root on Pasture north of Sugar bush
 Pays McMillan 5 cents Postage on banner till October ^{who is sick} Doctor here 60 78
 Sa 5 Men at Dung & pulling red root at Pasture fine day Doctor here again 60 78
 Su 6 May & Ian Church R. McQueen reads a sermon Tilly very ^{here} 56 74
 M 7 Men at Dung & cutting among Peas Tilly no better very cool 50 68
 Tu 8 Boys & Stalker spreading Dung Hector ploughen it in Doctor here again
 at Tilly he says she has Plurapnumonia & is Dangerously ill 55 74
 W 9 Men at Turnep field & cutting thistles & red root Doctor here again
 to poor Tilly he has now no hopes for her but gives her Pruning: 60 74
 Th 10 Doctor here again thinks Tilly somewhat better Hector at Galt to
 meet Tilly's sister from St Catharines She did not come 60 74

11 Doctor here again
 to take nourish
 to clear away
 12 Doctor here has got
 out of Danger, the
 yesterday was the
 last night, ^{to day}
 2 o'clock the glass
 and now at 7 P.M.
 13 None at Church
 the Doctor to tea
 14 Doctor here then
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 6 1/4 per sheep ^{money} 4 1/2
 15 Hector drilling
 as Hector got 150
 16 Doctor here again
 I don't ^{expect} much from
 if they did the
 dung to Island
 17 Hector drilling
 queer day very
 18 Hector drilling
 Island field
 19 Hector finishes
 20 All at church
 accomplishing
 21 Longest day
 grasshoppers in
 22 A gentle rain
 do no good in
 field. Alack &
 23 Men looking
 24 Men at road
 after till slop
 the rain was

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- F 11 Doctor here again this morning Think may live if we get her
 to take nourishment as he says the inflammation has subsided a little
 we clip our sheep. Very hot the warmest day yet. day 70 88
- Sa 12 Doctor here has good hopes of Liddy though he says she is far from being
 out of Danger. Men at Turnip field, Alick & I cutting thistles among the Barley.
 Yesterday was the hottest of the season with distant thunder in the north
 last night, ^{day} quite cold, wind high, sky clear & very drouthy, yesterday at
 2 o'clock the glass stood 88 in the shade, today at the same hour it stood at 56.
 and now at 7 o'clock at 52, very likely to heat freezing before morning. ~~70~~ 56-52
- Su 13 At church but me & Fannie Liddy a good deal better Hector goes out to
 the doctor to tell how she is white front last night but nothing cut down 48 50
- M 14 Doctor here thinks Liddy out of Danger pulse down to 88 it has been at
 130! Hector at Quelp with wood price 34 1/2 cent per lb wt 119 lbs from 19 places
 more frost
 Lang 64 1/2 per sheep ^{money amount} 41.5 Stalker & Bob dragging & stoning Turnips Felling thistles 40 66
- Tu 15 Hector drilling Turnip drills Stalker sowing Plaster Salt & Bone dust
 as Hector got 1500 weight yesterday which I paid for #20 Felling thistles ^{warm} 60 76
- W 16 Doctor here again Liddy keeping better Hector sows Turnips & drills but
 I don't ^{expect} much from the turnips the drouth is so severe they cannot grow and
 if they did the grasshoppers is so plenty they would be eaten, men hauling
 dung to Island field & cutting thistles warm to day but terribly drouthy 60 80
- Th 17 Hector drilling & sowing Turnips. Men putting out Dung, very cool and
 queer day very hazy almost a fog wind East and some slight ^{more} rain oh for 54 52 56
- F 18 Hector drilling & sowing Turnips Stalker & Bob spreading Dung on
 Island field Alick & I cutting thistles among Peas grasshoppers ^{plenty} fearfully 58 74
- Sa 19 Hector finishes sowing Turnips Felling thistles Bob raising stone in Island ^{field} 60 74
- Su 20 At church but May & Hector Mr Porteus back from Montreal at Gyno
 accomplishing the Union of all the Presbyterians in Canada, drouthy 60 78
- M 21 Longest day and terribly drouthy, every thing burning up fast and
 grasshoppers in count less millions a dark look out for us! Hector at mill ^{with great} 70 84
- Tu 22 A gentle rain this forenoon but not wet the ground above one inch it will
 do no good unless it comes more, Men stoning swamp corner of Island
 field. Alick & I cutting thistles among Peas in afternoon ^{thund this morning} some distant 68 86
- W 23 Men working Statute labour, Alick & cutting thistles. Very hot 70 88
- Th 24 Men at roads Alick & I picking bugs off Potatoes in forenoon cutting thistles
 after till slept by rain & thunder lowering the heat 18 Deg in two hours 70 88 70
 the rain was heavy & will do good start the Turnips perhaps

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F 25 Men Ploughing ^{at Reils corner} Alick & Felling ^{the 1000} bugs cutting 70 82
 Sa 26 Men finishes corner at Reils ^{Bob & Alick} Ploughs & sows with corn
 old Pumpkin patch, Hector begins to Plough in Island field & killing bugs
 a fine shower after noon we things will now start a little. Sultry 70 83
 Su 27 Hector Jane & Jepsie at Pauline's sacrament & only at our church 68 82
 M 28 Hector Ploughing in Island field & catching bugs cutting thistles in Peas ^{cool} 66 76
 Tu 29 Men Ploughing, butcher buys bones the low price #25 and takes
 her away a slight rain about noon, kills a calf. very cool 60 68
 W 30 Men Ploughing ^{Bob & Alick} mending fence in forenoon & killing bugs
 In afternoon Alick & Felling bugs & cutting thistles. Clear sunny 70 80

July

Tu 1 Dominion - not kept here. Men at Island field, & at the buss ^{cool} 60 74
 F 2 Hector Ploughing Bob at Menzies' afternoon barn raising ^{at thistles} & F 60 74-64
 Sa 3 Jane & Lily at Galt gets #60 Debentures Men Ploughing ^{field} Island 66 80
 Su 4 All at Church but Jepsie Mr Porteus gave us notice from the pulpit
 that tomorrow week when the Presbytery meets at Hamilton he will
 give up his Pastorship of this congregation some scamps has been
 rowdying him & he feels his dignity insulted so he is going to clear out 70 84
 M 5 Men Ploughing finishes Island field at noon afternoon Hector goes to Galt
 to meet brother John & wife from Scarborough, fine rain at noon with thunder 78-86 66
 brother John & wife arrives at dark both well
 Tu 6 Hector sows corn on South & west of turnips ^{a grand shower} fine day with 68 82
 W 7 # Jane to John & wife to Galt to see an old acquaintance Men sowing
 Plaster on turnips & corn & cutting thistles fine day 66 82
 F 8 Hector cutting hay with mower ^{at old stable & Deuberts line} Men raking
 John's wife May & Jean goes to A Stewartson a visit 66 84
 F 9 Jane my brother & I goes to Sam Nicol's find him very fail'd
 Hector & men hauling hay very warm Hector 70 84
 Sa 10 Jane takes Brother John & wife up to Galt we cutting thistles
 Hector finishes setting up the Palaces 70 84
 Su 11 All at Church but Bob & Alick a fine day good attendance 66 82
 M 12 Hector cutting hay ^{Put the first cherries} the rest at thistles & at the buss all day 60 80
 Tu 13 Hector finishes cutting hay all the rest at thistles cool 60 76
 W 14 Raking & hauling hay all day hauls all but one load fine day 66
 Th 15 Taken in the last load of hay - Total loads only 13 Men fixing fence afternoon 70

6 Men at many things
 shoes Jean goes to see
 17 Hector & Bob cutting
 18 All at Church but Jepsie
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 bytery which there is no
 19 Hector at Galt getting
 20 Hector raking turnips
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- 14 Sun at many things thistles pruned & Hector goes to creep for shoes grain goes to see Mr. Dalens who is poorly. some thunder ^{night} 40 86
- 15 Sat Hector & Bob cutting thistles Allick & I catching bugs all day 40 84
- 16 Sun All at Church but Jessie McLeod of Ancaster preaches by appointment of Presbytery. As Mr. Porteus is going to leave us if he gets leave from the Presbytery which there is no doubt he will get & we will be a flock without a head 66 76
- 17 Mon Hector at Galt getting horses shod boys fencing & cutting thistles L. Glen ^{here} 66 74
- 18 Tu Hector hurling turnips all the rest thinning thins 63 rows bread very good but the grasshoppers has taken one acre & likely to take another 56 82
- 19 W all thinning turnips all day cool clear breezy 50 78
- 20 Th at at turnips finishes thinning all but some ends left ^{but the cattle to swamp} of grass - 60 84
- 21 F finishes all end left of turnips Hector took a cow to bull then cradles some wheat good grain but stunted by grasshoppers they have ^{ran died} ruined our barley Allick & I at bugs in afternoon, cool 58 76
- 22 Sa Hector & Bob harrowing fallow & killing bugs Gilchrist's people here for cherries. The grasshoppers seems likely to take all our turnips 60 80
- 23 Su My Birthday finished my 75 year, really I am old! all at church but Hector the Ancaster minister preaches ^{no more} Porteus preached here 60 86
- 24 M Hector cuts the barley for green feed the grasshoppers having eaten the grain cuts likewise a little wheat, we put ashes on some turnips left but the grasshoppers has taken ^{to take all} 2/3 of them & will likely 60 84
- 25 Tu Hector & Bob at J. Cowes cutting wheat Allick & I binds up & I took some wheat left unbound last night. In afternoon attends a congregational meeting to send delegates to Presbytery ^{on the 28th} to shew cause why Mr. Porteus should not leave and they are instructed to shew no cause but let him go, but to defend the congregation against any charge he may lay 58 80
- 26 W Hector & Bob at Cowes harvesting Allick Jessie & I puts out & then cocks the barley straw for the grasshoppers has taken all the grain warm & looks like thunder rain cannot ^{things now} mend 60 86
- 27 Th Great Land of liberty loggers and choppers
- 28 Fr Land of Potatoe bugs frogs and grasshoppers
- 29 Sa Land where the lasses is shrunken & shovelled
- 30 Su Land where all crops is by vermin bedivelled
- 31 M Causes people here helping us to cut wheat, cuts out the field very warm & Poultry - our Delegates at Presbytery 60 80

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 cutting 70 82
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 long legs
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- F 30 Cowie's people here & we cut all the field east of Orchard - some dead ripe & some green being winter killed this finishes our wheat, cool 60 80.70
 - Sa 31 Hector sows corn on transept land where grasshoppers had eaten the tramps, weather taken in the Barley straw the berrmen had left Bob & Alick with J Lapsley at 5 gates harvesting quite cool today 56 76
- Aug
- Sa 1 All at Church but Bob & Alick Mr. Porteus Preaches his farewell sermon, the last he will ever preach here - he's a gout - 58 74
 - W 2 hauls all our wheat 17 loads in all - 10 from east of Orchard and 7 from the other field - very cool & cloudy looks like rain 52 70
 - Tu 3 Men fixing box in big spring in forenoon & cutting thistles in afternoon Hector goes to Kerton with Statute labour report Bob horse raking wheat stubble Alick Lilly & I catching bugs till stop'd by some rain, we want a great deal more cool 50 6
 - W 4 Hector Dragging Island field Boys fixing the corner, George Jameson goes to Mr. Porteus to find the price of his property he sets it #2400 besides some extras such as book case &c. cloudy cool no rain 50 74
 - Tu 5 Men begins to cut Peas our only crop not damaged by Grasshoppers I Lilly & Elizabeth killing Potatoe bugs Sand hlein here last night 55 79
 - F 6 Fine showers in forenoon but we want much more, In afternoon men cutting Peas moderately warm 53 80
 - Sa 7 Men cutting Peas I doing little very cool & cloudy - chilly 50 68
 - Su 8 All at Church but Jessie & Hector Mr. McLean of Nairn Preaches our Church vacant & so farewell Johnie Porteus thou has no heart 56 74
 - 19 Men cutting Peas I bad of Dysentery in afternoon killing bugs in forenoon, cannot go to a congregational meeting about keeping the manse, for Dysentery I wonder if they & Porteus will agree 60 80
 - Tu 10 Hauls 3 1/2 loads of Peas after finishing all in 16 acre field in forenoon. In afternoon stop't hauling by a short heavy thunder shower with some thunder I rather sickly but gather'd some lugs 60 70
 - W 11 Hector begins to cut oats. The grain the grasshoppers has left seems ripe enough but the straw is quite green. I stop't cutting by rain in afternoon 60 80
 - Th 12 Men cutting Peas till 10 A.M then cutting the oats over by the I poorly 60 8
 - F 13 Men binding oats till noon then hauling Peas, I poorly 60 8
 - Sa 14 hauls the last Peas from 16 acre field total 79 loads 9 in New Barn cere 60 8
 - th # in Barrack in afternoon finishes cutting the oats 60 8

- 15 All at Church
- 16 Hauls 5 Loads in Barrack 9
- 17 Men 2 loads of the of Peas 18 loads day getting subs
- 18 Collecting Subscr
- 19 Collecting Subscr
- 20 Collecting in fore at night Hector & the \$2000 being for man
- 21 Men cleans 13 1/2 then the cut Barley & deal of rain in
- 22 All at Church
- 23 Men thins s In afternoon
- 24 Hector away by at Neils sta
- 25 boys fixing for
- 26 Threshers here
- 27 I go to Mr. Mack there is down the our people gae folks cultvate
- 28 Hector Ploughing Lilly & I cate
- 29 All at Church
- 30 Hector at Fores
- 31 Hector Ploughing Hector at Guelp storing Tilton's Men Ploughing is the warm

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58 82

Sa 15 All at Church but me & Hector taking physic
 M 16 Haul 5 Loads of Peas & puts them in Barrack = Total
 in Barrack 9 Loads Lowe's people helping to cut also Lapsley 60 86
 Tu 17 Men 2 loads of Hisly Peas & puts them in old Barn Total Loads
 of Peas 18 Loads besides 2 Hisly ones in old Barn. I out all
 day getting subscription to buy Mr Porteus's property, show 60 80
 W 18 Collecting Subscriptions all day Hector & Fannie at halt with great 60 80
 Th 19 Collecting Subscriptions Hector & Fannie at Donybrook & meets me 62 78
 = 20 Collecting in forenoon Men deepening old well & storing it. Thunder 60 74
 at night Hector & the rest of the managers pay Mr Porteus for his property
 \$2000 being for manse land orchard &c. George Jameson advances the cash at
 Sa 21 Men clean 13 1/2 bushels of Peas being the product of one bushel seed got from Stalker
 then the cut barley & pea straw, put up 2 steers yesterday to feed a good
 deal of rain in afternoon with thunder, weather seems broken ^{from times} 60 74
 Tu 22 All at Church but Fane Mr Smyth of halt preaches - well liked 60 76
 W 23 Men thins some turnips we had left for the grasshoppers
 In afternoon we haul all our oats. 66 74
 Th 24 Hector away by halt for bran We cut thistles on ploughed corner
 at Neils slashing. hears old John Ferguson died yesterday ^{cool} age 83. 50 74
 W 25 boys fixing for threshers. Hector & I at Mr Ferguson's funeral. draughty 58 76
 Th 26 Threshers here in forenoon 1/2 day thresh wheat oats & peas. 56 78
 = 27 I go to Mr Pickles for subscription & takes the paper to Mr McQueen
 there down the paper #1109 with promises of a good deal more
 our people goes again to Tenant's for sawdust for bedding our
 folks cultivating wheat land. Mr McQueen finishes sowing ^{wheat} to day 60 80
 Sa 28 Hector Ploughing Pea land for hys Bob cultivating for wheat click
 Lily & I catching bugs very warm and sultry to day. I donk 56 84
 Sa 29 All at Church but Bob Mr Sinclair preaches We have done with Porteus 60 87
 M 30 Hector at Forest Mill with Peas to crack Bob storing wheat land 60 84
 Tu 31 Hector Ploughing on Neils place paying debt Bob at Robsons threshing 60 84

Sept

Hector at Guelph Fair to sell his horses never got an offer boys
 storing Fannie's field To Fannie at Prayer meeting. Mr Sinclair officiates ^{lot} 60 88
 2 Men Ploughing & storing very hot with thunder and some rain. This
 is the warmest day this season & very sultry 65 92

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 cool 60 80
 had left
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F 3	Men stoning & ploughing in afternoon and thunder spate loach laid the young corn flat, the rain wanted	65	83	0	Men Plough in forenoon
Sa 4	Quite cool now Men Island field fixing etc	60	74		corn in forenoon then
Sa 5	at Church but May Mc Vincent Preacher - good	64	80	11	Hector sows Rye on Pea - sowing barley stubble
M 4	Hector sows the wheat on Island field Sat the funeral of Joseph - lost another old settler gone. Mr Ferguson from Blenheim here	60	74	2	Hector finishes dragging Stalker threshing Peas
Tu 7	Men cultivating # & dragging the wheat, In afternoon Jean is at Mr Porteus house, he is selling off everything I wonder what he will do now, cool	50	76	3	Hector at Forest Mill The hardest frost last
W 8	Men ditching & fixing swampy corner in Island field, warm	55	87		Hector finishes cutting binding corn at St
Th 9	Boys repairing fence at Island field Jean at Mr Porteus flitting Hector goes with a load of rye flitting to Warnock's and now our minister is off, I wish he may not repent it but is his look out	60	84	25	Men binding corn Preaches afterwards
F 10	Men fencing at Island field and cleaning wheat. Very cool	50	60		Promising # 800
Sa 11	Bob ploughing Pea land for Rye Hector Jean & Zilly at Galt with a load of wheat for sale 32 Bush, price 9/4p #36 ^{slight} frost last night	42	58	27	Men binding corn Panic but one there it was a
	hears Thursday is the funeral of James Nicol son of Tom Nicol an old friend of mine he had a farm in Turnberry and has left a widow and family I think his age was 55 years				Men hauling corn at New barn, a
Sa 12	all at Church but Bob & Aleck Mr McLeod of Ancaster preaches he seems to please all all, and we talk of giving him a ^{Call}	30	68	29	some rain this
M 13	Men ploughing cutting straw fixing old wells & c ^{now} warmer	50	74	0	Stormy last night Men fencing
Tu 14	Men deepening & stoning up old well Jean at Galt for apple - parer May goes with her to T McDonald's R Walenc & wife hire from Lucknow. Cloudy to day & mild Stalker here	52	77		Men ploughing
W 15	Hector at Guelph sheaf Stalker shearing corn Bob ploughing I get a Colian harp from the Rev J Johnstone. looks like rain	50	75		2 Men ploughing 3 all at Church
Th 16	Much cold rain to day Hector returns from Guelph with 23 B. Rye from Mr Gilchrist's hat thoroughly wet, at night we are at Church Mr Smith of Galt Preaching a good attendance for such weather	60	5-		4 Men ploughing Church Moderate Minister -
F 17	Men ploughing Stalker cutting corn I kill a Lamb Albrich takes away 10 Lambs price #3 each = #30	40	54		5 Men ploughing 6 very wet last
Sa 18	Men ploughing Stalker cutting corn I help him some - cold Frost last night corn cucumbers & c somewhat blacked	39	52		Men cleaning by rain
Su 19	all at Church but Maria Mr Cross Preaches - very able. all the ministers that has come yet since Porteus left is able	48	53		Men at St the bush
	both a heavy day puts on flannel over shirt.				

Sept. 1873

- 20 Men plough in forenoon finishes the field for Nye F. Walker cutting
corn in forenoon then all stoning Nye land season seems changed 44 53
- 21 Hector sows Nye on Pea land & barley stubble then drags Bob cutter
sowing barley stubble Stalker stoning cutting corn & threshing Peas 40 52
- 22 Hector finishes dragging Nye on Pea land then cuts corn with reaper
Walker threshing Peas Bob cultivating barley stubble hardest frost yet 34 50
- 23 Hector at Fore Mill with Peas to crack Bob dragging & kill a lamb
The hardest frost last night grapes leaves snuffed corn melons &c 32 58
- 24 Hector finishes cutting corn with reaper at Neil then he Bob & Alch
binding corn I have a bad cold tried to get a sweat this morning 36 62
- 25 Men binding corn in afternoon all at church but Jesse Mr Cross
preaches afterwards we hold a meeting about calling a Minister
promising \$800 and a manse Mr McLeod will likely get it 46 58
- 26 Bar Sacrament Mr Cross officiates a fine day 43 60
- 27 Men binding corn in forenoon In afternoon all at children's
Bazaar but one who has a bad cold Mr Cross & Mr McLeod
there it was a great success Collection \$22 we get along ^{very fine} well 46 72
- 28 Men hauling corn from Neil slashing & stacking it in field over Dyke
at New barn, a fine day but I had with a cold - not working 39 54
- 29 some rain this morning Men haul some corn puts in stable 40 52
- 30 Stormy last night with thunder & rain and some hail & cold 46
- Men fencing corn stocks & ploughing east of Orchard. quite cold 40 50

Oct

- 1 Men ploughing east of Orchard fine day but cool 37 32
- 2 Men ploughing in forenoon hauls the last of the corn in afternoon 40 52
- 3 all at church but Hector who is - Mr Young preaches - clever 44 60
- 4 Men ploughing at Neil slashing for Nye in after Jean Jesse & Fat
church Moderating a call for Mr McLeod's Ancestor to come and be our
Minister - The call unanimous except Peter Dickson who got no ^{condem} 44 64
- 5 Men ploughing corn stubble at Neil's slashing - cloudy damp like rain 40 50
- 6 Very wet last night & heavy showers all day with thunder in afternoon
Men cleans up the barn for threshers & ploughs a little till stop
by rain I am bad with dysentery. Very cold for thunder 40 52
- 7 Men at Fove's threshing I kill a Sheep Cloudy & very cool 38 52
- The bush is now of many colours looking winter already

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F 8 Men at Coar, threshing in forenoon. Threshers Tenants
 here in afternoon cold & cloudy for the season 40 30

Sa 9 Threshers finishes about 3 o'clock. Threshes wheat 80 ^{ice last night} 34 30
 bats 60 h Rear 96 h

Mo 10 at Church but May & Tilly Mr Young Preacher 36 46

W 11 Hector sows the last of the Rye at Mills. Threshing Bob at
 J. Gray's threshing Scary 1 1/2 barrels apples cold 32 44

Tu 12 Hector dragging & cultivating Rye 30 ploughing east of orchard
 Jepsie & I carries about 4 barrels of apple hard frost last night 31 40

W 13 Digging Potatoes digs 50 B roses & 15 bushels Chilis. frosty this morn 30 40

Th 14 all at Township show but May - fine sunny day & great show
 got entries being 300 more than last year - Great crowd of
 people. Pay Dr Lundy #29 = 1.25 for Tilly #3 for May #1 for Hector 31 57
 gave to Mc Queen #5 subscription for advance on Ministers stipend

F 15 raining today no Potatoes dug men cleaning bats 38 46

Sa 16 Digs all our Potatoes - 35 B Chilis & 30 Cuscos Total crop
 of Potatoes 50 B roses 50 B Chilis & 30 B Cascos Total 130 bush cold 38 40

Sa 17 Queen climate this quite a fall of snow today = 4 inches with
 some thunder all as completely covered with snow as mid winter

Mo 18 Jean & Jepsie at church I have a sore hurt on my knee & at home 34 38

W 18 Hector at Mill with great Boys kills a lamb in forenoon B. B
 ploughing in afternoon ploughing down snow. the ground still white & little thaw 34 38

Tu 19 Men choring in forenoon In afternoon digging Halkers Potatoes the
 snow is now all gone but lay till this afternoon milder to day 34 44

W 20 Men digging Halkers Potatoes finishes them Total of 102 bushels for Halkers
 very fine day Mr Falconer gets married to Miss Grey May & George goes to Mr. Quinby's 38 38

Jean & I carry some Rambo Apples My knee festering & sore

Th 21 Men Ploughing the women & I carry some apples after Tea Jean goes
 to Kirkwall with 3 bags Rambo apples & 10 hens plucked for sale very fine 40 62

F 22 Men Ploughing over Dyke before Door Women killing Turkeys
 Allick & I carrying apples - very fine Indian summer warm 40 62

Sa 23 Jean Tilly & Allick at Galt with ten Turkeys sold them from 75 cents
 to 60 cents each men Ploughing Jepsie & I carrying apple - very fine 40 62

Su 24 All at Church but May & Jepsie Mr Galt preaches hears 49 converts was 44
 dipped at George Perucks yesterday and 7 today into some
 queer sect !!

5 Men cutting stuff in forenoon
 the woman & I carry the
 besides a lot of small

26 raining all forenoon
 7 all shawing and taking

28 Stalker fixing Turrough
 in afternoon hauls 7 lo

9 Election day between
 rain in morning & Deso

30 Raining nasty forenoon

31 all at Church but the
 Preaches very smart & c

Mo 1 Mr Allick takes
 afternoon hauls 7 lo

2 In forenoon Hector bring
 Mrs Tait & the men cut
 frosty last night &
 very hard frost last night
 of turnips = 150 B then
 Hauls the best of our Tur
 which is all the grasshopper
 Hector at Galt with
 7 June & Jepsie at Galt
 7 All at Church but Jepsie
 8 Men Ploughing, Mr
 men ploughing
 9 Men Ploughing & into
 Hector at Smiddy M
 10 Men Ploughing
 11 Men Ploughing
 12 Men Ploughing
 13 Men Ploughing
 14 Real winter day
 Tilly & Allick
 15 Ground covered
 16 Snowing all forenoon
 field Stalker & c

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25 Men cutting stuff in forenoon & shawing Turnips in afternoon
 the woman & I carry the last of the apples Total crop 18 or 20 Bushels 40 30
 besides a lot of small which we mean to grind for sauce & give to
 Pigs
 26 raining all forenoon Men cleaning wheat in afternoon shawing Turnips 38 50
 27 all shawing and taking up Turnips. Pretty cold a little snow. 38 45
 28 Stalker fixing Turnip house the rest taking up turnips in forenoon
 in afternoon hauls 7 loads of 30b each = 210 Bushels put into Cowbyre 36 40
 29 Election day between Dr. Mc Mahon & Dr. Miller goes & votes heavy
 rain in morning & disagreeable all day, does nothing at Turnips 38 42
 30 raining nasty forenoon then taking up Turnips in afternoon 36 44
 31 all at Church but the boys Mr. Watt an old Kirkwall Dornane
 Preacher very smart & clever but not very reverent we think 40 48

Nov.

1 Mr. Ulrich takes away 2 Steers for \$60 in forenoon in
 afternoon hauls 7 loads = 210 Bushels Turnips hard frost all day 32 34
 2 In forenoon Hector brings home the Ram Lamb he bought from
 the fair & the men cut stuff. In afternoon hauls 9 loads Turnips = 270
 frosty last night & since ever we began to haul but manage 32 34
 3 very hard frost last night & cold & cloudy all day. We take in 5 loads
 of turnips = 150b then stopped by snow. hears McLeod's not coming here 27 32
 4 hauls the last of our Turnip 9 loads 270 or 37 loads. Total crop 1110 Bushels
 which is all the grasshoppers has left us of 6 acres of well manured land 30 38
 5 Hector at halt with wheat & for man Bob ploughing milder to day cloudy 33 40
 6 Jane & Jessie at halt with Turkeys & my Debentures Men ploughing 34 44
 7 all at Church but Jessie Mr. Monteith preacher - very able & original 34 49
 8 Men ploughing, We rake and takes in 49 Bags of leaves from Sugar bush 33 36
 9 men ploughing & missed this day 32 40
 10 Men ploughing & cuts some corn and straw at noon cool 33 38
 11 Hector at Smiddy Men at Oak logs in bush ploughing in afternoon 33 44
 12 Men ploughing Stalker & Richardson at Oak logs in sugar bush fine 34 32
 13 Men ploughing Sea land in 16 acre field the rest at Oak logs & take up beets 40 40
 14 real winter day snowing and freezing none at Church but Jessie
 Lilly & Abbie Mr. Young from Toronto Preacher ploughing 26 30
 15 ground covered with snow but thawing afternoon Men 30 38
 16 snowing all forenoon Hector & Bob hauling stone pile in 16 acre
 field Stalker & Richardson at Oak logs 34 36

Nov 1875

W 17 Men hauling stones from stone pile & blasting oak logs
 Father Armstrong comes here after being home at old country 28 36

Tu 18 Rector at Galt for Man Men at oak log Bob Ploughing 34 36

F 19 Cuts stuff in forenoon In after noon men ploughing. Mild 40 48

Sa 20 Rector at Forest Mill with Peas to chop & goes to Blair for cloth
 Bob at creek logs splitting rails Mild & snow all gone 32 38

Su 21 All at church but Bob Mr. Wait. Waterdown preaches cool 28 34

M 22 Puts the Ram to Ewes. The hardest frost yet Men choring 22 30

Tu 23 Rakes and takes home 21 bags leaves. Men choring hawing 34 40

W 24 Men kill a sheep splitting oak rails choring & c. Cloudy 32 30

Th 25 Men at oak rails & firewood cold cloudy & c. 26 32

F 26 Bob at Jackson's threshing where our Dog Venture got
 killed his tail twisted into the tumbling rod & he was smashed
 raining all forenoon mud every where frost out of ground 38 46

Sa 27 Frost again. Cuts stuff Bob at Benny's threshing coldish 23 34

Su 28 All at church but May & Lilly Mr. Chesler preaches ^{snowing in afternoon} pretty cold 23 30

M 29 My Cattie this is a small day for the season wind high and the ground
 covered with snow begins to fother the sheep & c. Walter and me
 goes home to Luck now they get their birret set up - 14 12 8

Tu 30 The last day of Nov. and a tinker. Bob chopping firewood
 Rector at Robt & Hender roup he has sold out ^{8 below in Galt} ~~zero above~~ 5-4

Dec.

W 1 Rector at Guelph fair with horses for sale - poor chance to sell them
 Bob choring Jessie flies to France Jean & May goes with her about 5 16

Th 2 Men at firewood moderate to day but winter set fairly ^{the sheep & c.} fothering 13 24

F 3 Men at firewood fine day thawing in the sun clear sunny 21 34

Sa 4 Men cuts stuff and getting firewood cloudy look like rain, mild 30 34

Su 5 All at church but Rector & Bob Mr. Gould preaches. A queer dark
 day a drizzle all day freezing & sticking to the trees 30 34

M 6 Men choring another drizzling day & sticking to the trees 30 32

Tu 7 Another strange dark drowy day freezing & sticking to the trees
 the trees is now loaden with Men cleaning wheat & choring 30 33

W 8 Kills a Pig the only one we have feeding Men choring
 another dark day the trees loaden with great branches
 of the willows breaking off with the weight of ice 30 33

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 24 Hard frost last nig
 to the trees men
 25 Christ made
 and I left a
 26 All at church bu
 27 Nominations
 28 Collecting seat.

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9 a little snow last night the trees still laden with ice and
 many great branches breaking with its weight men choring 28 32
 10 Hector choring Bob hauling firewood to his father got a snow bird from 30 32
 11 Hector & Jean at halt with wheat & turkeys for sale some snow
 to day & snowing now soft good sleighing now shaved a little 32 36
 12 all at church with sleigh but Bob & Bob McInryth Preaches 26 30
 13 Men cutting stuff in forenoon sawing firewood in afternoon
 Bob & father sickly with a bad cold good sleighing 20 28
 14 Hector & Jean at Mr. Gilchrist's Bob choring ice off trees now about 11 20
 15 Men choring at firewood snowing lightly almost all day 20 32
 Bob & his father sawing in bush to flowe in forenoon till stop by
 16 Bob & his father sawing with long saw in Coloe's bush Hector choring 20 32
 17 cutting unthreshed Peas at Newbarn with Cowes chaff cutter cold clear 11 14
 18 cutting our firewood about 30 cord finishes about 3 o'clock with 11 hands 10 14
 19 all at church but May & S both has a bad cold Mr Vincent Preaches he
 seems to have pleased well likely we may give him a call it has
 been very small all day Leezie McQueen got her lug frozen coming ^{from church below below} 5-0-8
 20 Men cleaning cut pease fine calm day & looking like thaw ^{above above} 8 28 39
 21 Hector at Forest Mill with Peas to chop Bob piling wood Mild thaw 44 44
 22 Men cleaning Peas in forenoon for afternoon Hector goes to Forest
 mill for what he left yesterday. All the rest at Congregational
 meeting about calling a minister agrees to call Mr Vincent who
 preached fine sunny thaw sleighing all gone creek running 38 46
 23 Men clean up all the Peas with Cowes cutter about 4 o'clock
 last night was a very peculiar one for the season the sky quite
 clear all night & the glass never below 45 snow all gone roads
 muddy & creek running a curious season this 45-48-44
 24 hard frost last night now it is raining ice from the east and sticking
 to the trees men piling firewood And this is Christmas eve 29 30
 25 Christmas day all our people at Full McDonalds Bob shooting
 and I left alone to keep house Thaw all last night ^{with} raining 40 32
 26 all at church but May & Lily Mr. Straught Preaches a young Probationer ^{poor} 40 44
 27 Nomination day for councillors at Hector Men choring fine ^{play} 26 2
 28 collecting seat rents the rest kills a beef cow fine day 26 34

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Decr 1873

W 29 Decr Collecting for seat rents, Tenant Boys Raup 26 34
 30 Decr Men chopping & sawing firwood breakfasts & cold 40 46
 31 Decr The last day of the year and a strange one for the season
 the ground clear of snow the creek running clear of ice and the
 night 60 Men at firwood time so farewell old 1873 46 60
 Jan'y
 Sa 1 New years day the McDonalds here we have a Turkey no work 48-44-44
 Sa 2 All at Church but June Mr. Ghaught preached cool but fine 40 40
 W 3 All at Kirkwall writing for Messrs & Councilors writing stuff after 33 38
 We are to have a meeting at Church tomorrow to give a call
 to Mr Vincent we are not unanimous & expects sad divisions!
 Tu 4 Congregational meeting to call Mr Vincent the Poll went
 50 for Vincent & 46 for the locat of Waterdown from first 14 22
 W 5 Hector Jean & I at halt I draw out of the Merchant Bank # 200
 loaned to Hector buys a cap # 1.12/- cost a book on 1/25/- pays
 the Reformer # 2 pays Chambers & Blackwood # 6 besides postage
 hard frost in the morning the mud as hard as rock but it turned
 thaw and rained hard coming home broke the spring of wagon seat 26 34
 Th 6 Men choring a springing of snow last night Frosty to day 26 28
 F 7 Hector at a sale in Pudding wants to buy fodder fine day sun than 29 34
 Sa 8 Men choring Thawing strange open winter some rain 35 4
 Sa 9 All at Church but May & Tilly mild Thawing 38 46
 M 10 Men choring After a singular spell of mild weather
 it looks as if we were now going to have a spell of
 winter the ground is covered with snow last night
 and to day it is cold & stormy The coldest snap we have
 had was the 31st Nov. when the glass in halt was 5 below zero
 there has been little sleighing Decr & on the last day 31st the
 glass in halt stood at 65 & for several days many people was
 Ploughing will get small payment for this yet likely 12
 Tu 11 Men at firwood Shaker with us, some snow but no sleighing 76
 W 12 School Meeting Hector at it Bob & Stalker sawing firwood in bush 15
 Th 13 Men at firwood in bush a little snow last night but poor sleighing 12
 F 14 Men at wood a little more snow but no sleighing yet and the roads 26 28
 very rough Mr Vincent not coming here we are all abroad again

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 35 Hector at Forest
 4 all at Church but
 cuts stuff in forenoon
 Thawing all last night
 raining small rain
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Jan 1876

15 Rector at Forest Mill with great talker Bob at forewood 24 35
 16 ill at church but Bob & Alice Mr. Young Preacher - very able Thawing 34 36
 17 Late stuff in forenoon Pastor a Registered Letter to Jessie mother Keppel
 Thawing all last night and all day the public mail all gone ^{trails muddy counter} 34 40
 18 raining small rain all day Bob went Mr. Robinson's to thrash but
 owing to the rain they did not begin today this is a strange winter 40 40
 19 another strange day for the reason Thawing all last night and
 today the frost out of the ground in most places today
 I turned a compost heap in garden & the frost was quite
 out then splitting oak rails very mild 40 43 36
 20 The ice came down last night and running nearly full today
 all bush considerably gorged with ice. The ground slightly covered
 with snow which fell last night, frosty today. Men at rails 22 26
 21 Men at rails colder today road very rough with wagoning 20 24
 22 night bit of snow last night but not enough ^{men churning} for sleighing 14 22
 23 ill at church but Mary & Lily Mr. Wilkie Preacher a young
 English looking student very clever Thawing again & rain counter 36 33
 24 hills & farm dairy south looking for straw Bob at Jim Robinson's
 Thawing, Alice fixing things near post road slippery 20 26
 25 Spitting & snowing all day Rector at Menzies looking for
 cats to buy he is going to get some frozen all day 22 30
 26 ^{with lightning} lightning & snowing all day the grasshopper having eaten the most
 of the bob having pretty frosty today but no sleighing yet 18 26
 27 late at Forest Mill with chopping stuff, Bob chopping Thawing all day 42 38
 28 cutting stuff in forenoon Men chopping Thawing & raining almost
 all day & quite misty now ^{5 PM} We are like to have no sleighing this
 year at least we have had none yet & the ground is quite black ^{again} 34 36
 29 all here but at Lily & Bob Mr. Carrick Preacher we expect
 to give him a call I think he will please cold frosty today 36 20
 30 Mr. Carrick officiates very earnest 14 34
 31 our annual meeting Mr. Carrick preaches fine for the Queen & 4 seat for 18 36

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 12 14
 20 26

Feb. 1876

- Tu 1 Men choring, snowing all afternoon ^{with lightning} 28 34
- W 2 Rector at Guelph Fair for team with sleigh & good but if snow on the ground and fair sleighing to day been ^{robust} clear 2 8
- Th 3 Rector at Galt with sleigh & 3 pigs at \$5 each & 15 answering light all day enough man for good sleighing but one lane down by the sugar bush is quite back up but tried to break it up with the oxen & harrow but stuck, it will have to be cast with shovels 11 20
- F 4 Rector & Bob at Mr. Gilchrist's with sleigh for straw & choring 11 22
- Sa 5 Rector at Mr. Menzie's for hay & fear gone with him Bob breaking the road to sugar bush with the shovel & harrow ^{zero} 0 22
- Sa 6 ill at church but Lily Mr. D. Stewart preaches - she wants a walk and likely to get one from us. Thawing all day 30 40
- M 7 cutting stuff in forenoon men hauling fire wood in afternoon with sleighs though sleighing is done nearly ground black & thawing 28 35
- Tu 8 Frost last night but thawing all day Men hauling fire wood 28 39
- W 9 Pulling ice all day & sticking to the trees men choring 29 37
- Th 10 Rector & Bob at Gilchrist's for straw trees & road ^{good & sleighing} cakes with ice 30 30
- F 11 Another great thaw sleighing gone creek down bridge full and lane crossed by streams from fields men choring 46 46
- Sa 12 Rector & Fear away Rector Galt for payment for pigs in fear to see Mrs. McDonald's boys choring a team than 26 40
- Su 13 ill at church but May & Alice Mr. Klume & George preaches 24 30
- M 14 Quite a thunder storm last night vivid lightning great rain & then frost this morning the trees was laden with ice and the ground one sheet of ice creek in full flood then than ^{choring men} 30 38
- Tu 15 Rector away at Troy along with Wm. Lowe for hay Bob choring 32 32
- W 16 Men choring to Korbottle here snowing in afternoon steady 27 24
- Th 17 Rector fear & May away at Davy Mitchell's visiting Bob choring 24 20
- F 18 Rector away at Troy for more hay price \$15 per ton Bob choring ^{clear} 24 33
- Sa 19 Mr. Stephen Walter Martin from Elmo comes here, men choring 32 35
- Su 20 Walter Martin goes away to Bob's home is all at church but Lily Mr. Ewing preaches, he looks sickly but preached well 18 34
- M 21 Men choring Thawing rain grows nearly black again we have not had a weeks sleighing this winter 22 34

2 Men chopping
A good deal
3 Rector & Bob at Galt
4 Rector & Bob at
Sleighing Mr & a
Rector away at
men choring in
the past 3 days
7 all at church
of snow or hail
8 Rector & Bob at
May & fear gone
9 suppose it is
10 Rector & Alice
cutting straw
Rector at Galt
Sold the pair
but hauling fire
Rector away about
him to Bob
14 then new
Bob went aw
15 ill at church
16 Quite a storm
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Mr. Smith of
Rector had work
School came
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Feb'y 1876

22 Men chopping in swamp Jean & Seery at Jack Wright's
 a good deal of snow in afternoon - sleighing perhaps 22 30
 23 Hector & Bob at Gulechrist's for straw with sleigh poor sleighing cold 22 15
 24 Hector & Bob at Gulechrist's again for straw with sleigh but poor
 sleighing Mr & Mrs Porteus here coldish day 8 20
 25 Hector away at Troy for hay Bob at Father's hauling firewood in forenoon 16 24
 26 Men chopping in forenoon cutting stuff in afternoon I saw a crow
 the last I have seen this year cold stormy & cloudy 20 22
 27 all at church but May & Dilly every course day a pretty kind
 of snow had falling all day but few at church Robt. Martin comes 18 24
 28 Hector & companion goes away Hector takes them to get
 May & Seery goes with them to the Macgilligan's visiting
 suppose it is pretty good sleighing to day Hector took the sleigh 20 20
 29 Hector & Alick at Gulechrist's for straw with sleigh Bob at Seery's
 cutting straw with horse chaff cutter pretty good sleighing now 20 24

March

1 Hector at Guelph fair with two horses for sale Prob. hauling 22 28
 sold the pair of horses at Guelph for two hundred dollars (\$200)
 2 Bob hauling firewood Hector choring clear sunny frosty alone 12 22
 3 Hector away about Troy looking for clover ^{with sleigh} see May & Jean goes with
 him to Robt Hunter's clear sunny but the sun ^{at midday} shows about 8 34
 4 Men sawing firewood in swamp Jean & Dilly at the Bulls 13 38
 Hector away to night being hired to go to Kentland
 5 all at church but Jane M. Preacher Thawing snow 30 48
 6 Quite a strong sun thaw sleighing all gone Hector choring ^{now all gone} he has 38 32
 7 sees a Robin Hector choring Thawing all night & all day
 creek in full flood snow is gone but weather glar everywhere 50 52
 8 hard frost again sees a blue lark Hector choring, cold 20 24
 9 Hector got his eye hurt last night by one of the horses driving the trap
 against it it is very sore now not much done today
 10 Smith of halt is to reach in our church to night ^{at} 24 32
 Hector had with his hurt eye - choring Jean Alick & Dilly at our
 school concert slight thaw cloudy road rather muddy 28 34
 cutting stuff in afternoon Hector's eye getting better but cloudy
 thawing & drizzling some small rain near night 30 32

March 1874

- in 12 all at church but May & me taking Physic very coarse day
 & few at church remaining small all day Mr. Mackness preaches 38 38
- M 13 Small frost & snow last night & all day blowing hard & drifting 20, 22
 talk another small frost Rector Mr. Guter with broken Pump 10 24
- W 13 Rector at St. Lawrence in forenoon setting the frame for sawing wood
 Mr. Campbell from St. Paul Preaches here - very able - Fear & J. Fore
 at halt buying bread but comes in time for sermon at 2 PM 10 23
- Th 14 Very stormy day ^{blowing like six by wind east} small snow or hail falling all day Rector went
 to St. Lawrence in the morning to saw wood but come back it was 10 22 30
- F 17 Rector at halt for corn for feed - got none but brought home bean 23 33
- Sa 18 Small frost last night & likely to be heavier to night Rector ^{sawing wood} at St. Lawrence 0 11
- Su 19 all at church but Alick with sleigh, clear with Mackness preaches 8
- M 20 Rector at Mrs. McAlister's & Edmund Decker sawing firewood
 snowing blowing and drifting at most all day Alick choring 18 25
- Tu 21 Up till today the halt reformer says the deepest snow we have had
 this winter was only four inches but yesterday's snow is much
 more than that it now good sleighing but cannot be long ^{later choring} 20 20
- W 22 Afternoon all at church had a meeting of the congregation to see
 if we were prepared to give a call to a minister & to whom
 there was proposed Mr. Campbell Mr. Hume & Mr. Ewing
 the majority of votes was for Mr. Campbell and the call is to be
 given this day week clear cold & good sleighing 20 26
 got a letter informing me of the death of my cousin David Elliot
 he had been 10 years blind. The was written by his daughter
 Fennet Elliot 15 Prange St. Swansea 26 Feb. he is the last
 of his Father's family. Matthew Elliot's family is now all gone!
- Th 23 got five dollars from Mrs. Mitchell to pay manse & to be
 cut some straw Rector choring Mrs. Mitchell & Maggie Black
 here Mr. Little & a Mr. Goodfellow here looking for horses 24 37
- F 24 Rector at halt for corn for feed Mr. Robinson & wife here
 I give Mr. Queen \$4 for seat & \$5 for manse from Mrs. Mitchell 20 34
- Sa 25 a cold icy rain all day sticking to the trees it began with
 snow last night a very nasty disagreeable day doing nothing 34 34
- Su 26 all at church but Lily ^{Chilcar} Rector again a good sermon 32 35
- Mo 27 cuts stuff in forenoon & left school in forenoon 32 37

A very storm
 all day
 This day
 but seeing
 come to
 as there
 Rector at
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 two tons at
 all at church
 Mr. Nelson
 to call a man
 for Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Fisher at
 Rector choring
 cutting stuff
 says the rest
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 water over
 Rector at
 30 pails
 all at church
 roads
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 gets to 36 p
 to day
 Rector
 who died
 3 man
 the 10

very warm day
 38 38
 20 22-15
 10 24
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 22 30
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 18 23
 25 26
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 34 34
 32 36
 32 34 38

March 1876

stormy day blowing from the east and in evening & drifting
 all day before the heaviest fall of snow this winter. ^{sharpened ax}
 This day was appointed for a meeting to call a Minister
 but owing to snow & wind Mr Fisher and minister did not
 come to preside so we could not proceed. It was just as well
 as that as very few at church. Mr Fisher preached 30 33 24
 30. Hector at 10 o'clock. ^{sharpened ax}

April

1. Hector & Alick away at Mr Sprague's for hay he having bought
 first time at the house at #13. ^{sharpened ax} 43 36
 2. all at church but Alick. Mr Chyhal preaches Thawing 23 38
 3. Mr. Wilson & Susan came just as we were preparing to go to church
 to call a minister so none went but me. The call was unanimous
 in hymn, shell of #4 kilbride no other being proposed. Thawing 33 42
 4. washer of water. slow moderate in the call. Snow very sticky
 5. Hector having in forenoon takes the Potatoes to Sugar Bush. Thawing 34 42
 6. cutting sluff in forenoon. Saps some trees in afternoon. ^{some} 33 42
 7. Saps the rest of our trees carries 4 Pails. poor run. clear windy 30 44
 8. Saps to day. Enties the trough of rain & goes for small roads. very bad
 water over road in swamp. snow going fast. Hector choring 36 40
 9. Hector at Gait for Pig feed. We gather 26 pails of sap and 11 ropes
 30 pails leaving water in the kettles. Looks like hard frost ^{partly} 33 36
 10. all at church but May & Lilly. Mr Puller from Blenheim preaches
 roads very muddy water the road in swamp too deep for horses 30 40
 11. we ran to a trap off 44 pails & have 13 pails in Pots 30 42
 12. this makes 57 pails to day. Hector choring
 13. Saps 36 pails sap & 11 ropes off 37 leaving 10 pails in Pots quite warm
 14. day did not run well in afternoon snow all gone but patches 29 32
 15. Run with hinder this morning. no sap. In afternoon
 Hector & I attend the funeral of our old neighbor Robt Peavis
 who died at Dundas aged 75 no old ones is nearly all gone now 40 44
 16. Thawing all day. we cut some stuff near night. ran 8 ropes off
 the 10 pails. we left in Pots & leaves water in Pots. No sap 41 44

May 1876

- 21 Men at church... well filled to hear Dr Campbell's first sermon... general satisfaction. hot 60 82
- 22 Hector ploughing... hauling dung for potatoes... 29 from 21 Ewes
- 23 Men at church... cold & raw than in morning 66 34
- 24 Men at church... people generally taking holiday 43 38
- 25 Men at church... blossoms coming out... 70 71
- 26 Men at church... potatoes clear 48 78
- 27 Men at church... very hot saw some grasshoppers... 60 80
- 28 Men at church... afternoon to the funeral... 60 80
- 29 Men at church... heavy rain... 60 74
- 30 Men at church... great stalker & much fencing... 48 85
- 31 Men at church... seed had stalker dragging... 52 77

June

- 1 Men at church... hauling dung for turnips... 61 84
- 2 Men at church... mandrake flowers out... 62 83
- 3 Men at church... coupons cashed... 60 80
- 4 Men at church... minister very popular... 62 85
- 5 Men at church... to the school... 60 74
- 6 Men at church... garden cool & cloudy... 61 83

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June 1876

21 22 Kator... in forenoon. In afternoon at the funeral of
last summer... we call for them coming back from
22 Kator... much cooler to day 62 74

July
23 Kator...
24... but stopped about 11 o'clock It rained
like more & it is wanted
25... Campbell... the better some
26... negatives taken for photographs
27... fine clay slight shower
28... Fifty loads 75

28... stable but stopped by
29... Men cutting hay & kill bugs 70 80

30... I was surprised to hear that the
Clark had left me one of his executors
The widow Mrs Clark Mr Scott & I thought
I am now 76 So I refused to

31... Men cutting hay some showers 72 80
Kator... in forenoon Men cutting hay in afternoon
Wol... 3 good loads of hay 2 into old byre and one
was at old stable to be pitched tomorrow morning 68 82

1... one heavy crack of thunder
The... but a pretty smart shower falling in afternoon
at Gilberts line - a good crop very sultry I get bushed 70 88
many... good loads of hay which we put into Cowbyre

2... after tea we make rock the rest of
3... at Gilberts line very hot all day & sultry 76 90
Lays... but Kator this is the hottest day I ever saw 80

4... in forenoon 2 into old stable
5... and 2 into new Cowbyre Kator has got
at... from Missouri - began his time this morning
6... Stalker & he mowing orchard in

7... the last of the potatoes got bushed
8... with thunder we got none 76

... rain
... home May
... person
... cutting
... deal of
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... but we
... loads of
... 2 loads
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July 1876

11-22 Rector cutting rye in Hare field. Mr. Stalker & Tilly at Larnips 62 80
 Rector & Stalker at Larnips threshing the rest at Larnips 60 7
 11-22 Rector cutting rye at Larnips finishes the rye the bundling & stook 64 7
 all at church but Rector fine day & warmish 62
 #8 threshes here in forenoon threshes barley 36 83
 Tu 23 Rector 358 Rye 400 Joe at J. Dickson's threshing after noon
 W 24 Rector & Tilly haul rye in afternoon at Larnips 65 8
 to cut Peas Stalker & Joe cuts all day, Joe afternoon
 Tu 26 Rector hauls rye from Larnips slashing Mr. Stalker & Tilly 66 82
 Sa 27 Plants to the Peas Mr. Stalker Tilly & I finishes threshing the
 then hauls a fine board but the grasshopper is eating them 66 84
 Peas all day hauls 13 loads of which we
 Sa 28 all at church 3 mack and 2 into New Barn cloudy like rain 62 82
 threshing Peas all day very hot again ^{our glass 74 91}
 then threshing Peas & finishes them at night very hot ^{like rain} 76 93
 W 29 Rector & Tilly warm & sultry 70 89
 hauls all the Peas into New Barn 6 into Barnack
 Tu 30 hauls into Old Barn breezy drouthy day 65 80
 cutting rye & bundling oats all day fine & drouthy 60 84
 W 31 Joe goes away Rector finishes cutting oats, we bind and
 haul all the oats & Rector takes the Reaper to Spring wheat hot 66 88
 threshes & stook the last of the spring wheat Stalker at Decker's
 Tu 1 Died in afternoon hot with distant thunder. Mrs. Campbell
 this afternoon aged 23 & Minister is a young widow 70 88
 man sent away this morning at 3 o'clock to accompany the
 Mr. of Mrs. Campbell to halt on its way to Peterborough
 her native place. Stalker at Decker's threshing in forenoon 70 84
 we haul all the spring wheat 9 loads
 Tu 13 Mr. Simon's day Mr. Campbell being away to Peterborough
 with the corpse of his young wife. Puffe Queen across a Tamer 70 88
 W 14 takes in all our oats 9 loads which finishes our harvest
 Mr. Riddell here collecting Testimonial to Mr. Campbell 76
 west done & Rector churning, cutting the st. &c. 70
 Stalker at Benjy Dickson's Crae Crag cuts

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 12 Mr. G...
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Grafting Wax

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Another

three parts Resin two parts bees wax and two parts tallow

Mr Thomas F Johnstone, Fernandina Florida

NOV 1876

12 Mr Gould here preaching fine day Indian summer 34 46
 13 Men makes a log enclosure for straw in yard ^{Sheep dies on turning straw} as he is part
 the threshers tomorrow threshing with flails for the horses
 hooks up the Pig and fixes the beam for the threshers tomorrow 32 50
 14 Threshers here puts out the straw all day cloudy cool 33 38
 15 Threshers finishes at noon & the guests to Benjys I don't know
 the yield Total Rye about 1900 bush wheat 8000 bush some 28 38
 16 Men at Benjys threshing in forenoon at Cowd in afternoon
 killing Pigs Alick at Benjys in afternoon cloudy cool 30 40
 17 Men Ploughing Jean at Cowd Killing turkeys forenoon 30 40
 18 Men Ploughing Mr & Mrs John Malcolm here cool 34 48
 19 At Church but Libby Mr Crystal preaches at 3 PM 35 48
 20 Men Ploughing A Liddesdale drove all day dull 34 44
 21 Men Ploughing A Liddesdale again all day this the 4th day 34 42
 22 Men finishes Island field & takes the Plough
 to the Island in 16 in a field. Puts Rye in to 154 42
 23 Hector Fan & Alick at Galt with wheat & turkeys & get bran 32 35
 24 Men cutting stuff &c Choring &c cloudy cool 30 36
 25 Men Patching a big rent in kitchen floor & graining 30 36
 26 ground covered with snow this morning all at Church but
 Mr & Mrs Campbell comes back and preaches. It is expected
 he will continue to be our Minister again, I voted against him
 coming back he went away in such a strange way I would have
 let him stay away but the majority wants him & here he is 30 30
 27 In afternoon Hector & I at the Funeral of Mrs Cameron's
 minister aged 22. Snowing a good deal. Road bad slushy 30 37
 28 A deal of snow now but too soft for ploughing Mr Campbell here 28 35
 29 Men up the place in must be eggs before game 1 1

Nov 1876

29 kills our pig - 3 only Mr Cowe helps us Got
a letter last night from John Elliot dated 15 Nov 26

30 Hector & Jean at Guelph with 12 bags of Peas going to stop at
Dunoon & Inverness night very cold. Glasgow at 4 morning 11
Deer

31 Very cold Hector brings 5 from Blough from Culchruite
and some herring. Gets 4 from May Smith as part
payment of 7 adams used

1 Dec This coldish snow not thawing but snow clearing
Boats very rough they get a piece of over shoes, pieces of

23 All at church but Allick McCampbell preaches very able

24 Men churning 5 not doing much, clear & sunny

Annan observer 20th Feb. 1880

Dumfrieshire Population 48,241

Annan 4631 Canobie 3055 Dumfries 14841

Eskdalemuir 551 Ewes 338 Langholm 3735 Lochmaben 3085

Moffat 2543 Westerkirk 520

Illegitimate births ^{highest} Banffshire 19 percent
Kirkcudbrightshire 15.6 Aberdeen & Wigton equal 14.2

Dumfriesshire 13.7 Ross & Cromarty lowest 4.8

births in Scotland 30,064 deaths 1748 Marriages 6523