

January

New

Thursday 1 year

1914

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY

(1913)

1914

Dull and lowering, still the usual threatening of an impending storm, a little snow now to make sleighing would be welcome, but there is not enough for that although the ground is whitened some, we have spent a very quiet New Year's day, Mary has been visiting at McEwen's.

Friday 2

Another such like day as yesterday, it is doubtful whether there was a ray of sunshine at all, I think that perhaps, there was a shine or two more yesterday. Mr. Weatherston has cut down a couple of spruce trees in front of the place that the old Withers house stood, and which they pulled down this fall, they burned up the tops of the spruce trees as soon as cut. Maggie has helped Mary to sew, received a letter from Alex. Turney, Ala. was a

Saturday 3

Not much change in temperature, perhaps a little milder a little snow last night, and considerable snow has fallen to day the wind has been pretty high, and making the combination rather unpleasant. Geo. Brown drove to Lively to day, and he bought a suit case for us, costing \$2.50, it seems like a fairly good article for the price, I told the shoe people I claimed it was selling at \$3.50, but they had become a little damaged through exposure, and they had reduced the price.

Sunday 4

Weather moderately cold, the sleighs are running to day, and upon going out for a walk this evening I found that more snow had fallen than I expected. James Abbott is over to day to see the folks at home.

Monday 5

A very pleasant day, cold moderate, and more sunshine than has been for some time back. There has been no increase in the snow since yesterday, and the snow seems thinner than I expected, the wheels have been used more than the runners for loads to day. Smart was down with a load this afternoon put paper cover on screen door. got bath at John Reeds.

Tuesday 6

A great amount of hoar frost was present this morning on every exposure, and until late in the day much of it was yet remaining on, the wind was raw and cold, which made it very unpleasant to be exposed to, I walked down to Reeds and procured a few more laths and made a frame to cover with thick paper the screen door for Mary. Similar to ours we fixed yesterday. I got some porridge meal at the mill, he paid me for a ten dollar cheque, and he retained the price of the hen feed I got on the 27th Dec., and to day's meal.

Wednesday 7

Milder this morning and threatening rain held up - however, and Maggie and I went over to Erin Village to day, I engaged Mr. Lovell's horse & cutter, the sleighing was good and we had a pleasant drive over there, and had our dinner at Archie Stephens. Mr. Bonboy wrote my bill, and made very few changes from what I gave as a pattern. paid him a dollar for it. paid Mr. Lovell 75¢ for the rig, he provided oats for the mare, I paid 2 dollars to Charles Overland's brother for dues of A. O. W. W., paid him with a 5 dollar Bill, and he gave me 3 ones back in change.

a quiet New Year's day -

so visiting Mary at Ewen's

moderate weather bare ground wheels yet at work

letter from Cousin Alex. Turney living at Adaphama U.S.A.

a fall of snow to day Geo. Brown to Lively bought a suit case for us costing \$2.50

Sleighing again but rather thin yet it is about the first sleighing however

Weather good & pleasant sleighing thin after all wheels again at work, Smart here this afternoon

great frost this morning on all exposures Mr. Hartop cashed a ten dollar cheque got porridge meal paid last hen feed too

by mistake this record is wrong it should have been tomorrow paid fees for that year 2.00 U.S. 2.00 up to 27 July

January

Thursday 8

1914

By some mistake I gave yesterday the credit for what occurred to day, so that I haven't Wednesday's record at all, and must read what is written for yesterday as belonging to today.

Friday 9

An awful fall of hoar frost and fog which has darkened up the air all day, colds are prevailing everywhere and it is no wonder, this is the kind of weather to produce them, yesterday threatened rain, but it didn't materialize, it was better weather than today, Sir James Whitney is very low at present, and very little expectation of his recovery is entertained.

Saturday 10

Come colder to day. The sleighing now is generally fine, the sun shone out today for a wonder, received a letter from Sophie Suter this evening, saying there is not much change in her father's condition, I wrote an email a letter to them this morning, asking them about brother Alex telling them it is nearly 2 weeks since we heard from them.

Sunday

TUESDAY 11

(313-52)

Colder and stormy to day, the snow is blowing about and drifting unpleasantly. I have kept the house pretty closely while Maggie has attended church twice, I took my usual walk up past the cemetery for exercise, I wrote a letter to brother James, Meaford, we had the pleasure of the company to tea of Mr & Mrs George Lestin for the first time, with their little baby girl Nellie. The Boys rode up for home with Mr. Helmsman this afternoon.

Monday 12

Windy & stormy, snow falling and drifting, the roads are filling up a little, thermometer showing down about zero, mailed 2 letters this morning, we notice by the Globe that Jeremiah Hallett, of Guelph died on last night, aged 71 years, he never concluded to pay me the five dollars he kept out of my change 16 or 17 years ago, being in doubt, I suppose, he could not brook the idea of giving it up, but was sure he got it, and he made sure to keep it Tuesday 13.

Very cold this morning, 28 below zero on Abbot's therm.

meter, and it must have been 30 on ours. it was 27 below at 10.30 A.M. Ewart was down with the cutter this morning, tells us his young pigs are dying, they now number only 5, and had 24 at first. The boys did not go to school yesterday or today, Charlie Duffield drove his down this morning, so Bentley Wilson told me, he took his girl John McKenzie was at the mill and brought Maggie with him. They had a business meeting at the church which they all attended. I bought 6 lbs of wheat for the hens 98¢ & 50¢ worth porridge meal and brought them up home with John when going home.

Wednesday 14

Cold, but not so severe as yesterday, about 9 below zero this morning, and the cold more moderate through the day. Maggie went with Mr & Mrs Everts to a meeting of women at Stanley McDougal this afternoon. I took a basket of eatables that was left over the women's lunch yesterday at church business meeting, to Parker's young folks, it seemed to be welcomed by Mr Parker. Harold came here from school this afternoon.

missed a day by mistake

great hoar frost prevails

Sir James Whitney very low

Sophie Suter wrote that her father's condition is unchanged

is wonderful how he keeps as he does unhealthy weather

Jeremiah Hallett died today or night at Guelph

The Boys rode up home with Mr. Helmsman this afternoon

Mr & Mrs Geo. Lestin visiting with us, we went to see Maggie Suter

a letter to Nellie Everts I sent one to Jessie Marshall Galt, he never made right the mistake of paying me my change

awfully cold 28 below zero

Ewart's young pigs nearly all dying

Treated 95¢ Puridge meal 50¢ (paid)

Maggie away to a women's gathering at Stanley McDougal

Basket of eatables to Parker family

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January

Thursday 15

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~~NOVEMBER~~
 Weather improved, the cold and frost have moderated down very much, and the snow that fell last night is fairly soft to day, there has been great traffic to the mill to day, Smart was down with the chop in fairly good time, but as he could not get the grist till 3 o'clock, he went home without there were many loads too after his, Harold came here from school again to night, have written a letter to Jessie Marshall Lizzie Dampier (Kendley) had her leg broken this morning falling, while coming down stairs at their house.

Friday 16

Temperature much more moderate, it is now as much above zero as it has been below, considerable snow has fallen to day, and there may be more by morning, Harold went to school this morning and did not return to night the sleighing is now grand, mailed a letter to Jessie Marshall. Galt this morning, Maggie has helped Mary this afternoon and up at church for musical practice this evening.

Saturday 17

Cold and frost moderate, but chilly driving against the wind the additional snow that has lately fallen has made splendid sleighing, the boys came down to day and Harold is not well. he complains of internal pain, and he does not look very well he has failed also in his appetite, and his throat trouble continues.

Sunday 18

Somewhat colder, grand sleighing now, Maggie McKenzie, has been with us since the church came out at 12.30. and, along with her Aunt, and Harold and I went to hear the agent for the "Dominion Alliance" (temperance) he was not much of a speaker, but canvassed for members of the Society.

Monday 19

Dull and threatening an oncome the most of the day milder & soft, some snow this evening, the papers say, they are moving Premier Whitney to Toronto this morning, he is not much better however, Lord Strathcona is reported very ill in the old country, Geo. A. Cox, the financial Magnate, I understand is being buried to day.

Tuesday 20

Higher temperature, dull and inclined to be soft with a little rain early in the day, which turned to snow at night, John McKenzie & Maggie were here to day, John and his son Willie have agreed with John Campbell to take his farm at \$8,500, and intend going to Guelph tomorrow to have the papers executed and some money paid down to bind the bargain.

Wednesday 21

Quite an addition to the snow last night, and it is colder this morning which increased by night I have been shovelling the snow wreathes around the place, Nettie and her mother drove to Eden to day with Barrie Mertrie, we understand that Mr. McKenzie and his father drove to Guelph to day, to have the writings executed for sale and purchase of Campbell farm Maggie has served with Mary to day, at the father's house and a letter from Jessie Haswell, and Nellie Cocher

Shirley's daughter
 who died to day
 to be buried Sunday

January

Thursday 22

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NOVEMBER

MONDAY 15

(310-16)

1914

Cold moderate, considerable snow fell to day, and a good mantle now covers the ground. There is little wind however and consequently few snow wreaths. Sent a letter away to Sophy Suter, Meaford, complaining of delatouriness to write and, like 2 weeks ago, received a letter from them, apologizing for their neglect, and saying there is not much change in their father's condition, also telling that Uncle James is quite poorly. We had word that Duncan Anderson seems about his last.

Friday 23

A very fine winter day, the snow is soft, and it looks as if a thaw is impending. I walked down to the mill to see if I could get the chance of a ride up by McKenzie's and was fortunate in finding Andrew Baplie there, and expecting to start for home in half an hour I immediately made ready, and rode over with him, and after dinner John drove me over to Erie, where we met Halcomb and had my business done, and again drove home before it was very dark. John came over to Talbot's hill with me, he had his chores to do after returning.

Saturday 24

TUESDAY 16

(320-15)

Quite soft this morning, and water running where ice abounded yesterday and before. I have felt tired to day and kept the house. Ewart and Gertie and Everett drove down to day, I repaired a hall for him and he cut my hair, he bought a two year old filly the other day at Whyte's Sale, Rockwood, for \$81.00, he seems pleased with his purchase, received a letter from Jennie Edmonton, saying they are well.

Sunday 25

Colder again to day, the frost has hardened and dried every thing up again, the thaw was of such short duration that it has left the sleighing quite good. Everett went home again this afternoon. Maggie twice at church no visitors to day. Wrote a letter to Mrs. James to night.

Monday 26

Milder again to day, and kept fine all day. I had Phone message from Rockwood this morning telling me that a Board of Health meeting was to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, so I got W. Lovell's man & cutter and drove down after dinner, we simply organized, and I was chosen chair, we were through a little past 3, and I drove to Eden to see Bella Webb, also called for a few minutes to see Mr. Fletcher.

WEDNESDAY 17

(321-14)

I had my Bank Book posted, and raised \$10.00. I paid Mr. Lovell 50¢ and owe him 25¢ more. He could not change which I paid him to day at the Sale.

Tuesday 27

A thaw set in last night and to day, mild to day, but sloppy under foot. I went over to the sale for a little while, but did not stay long. Ewart was there, he was at the mill too, a great & terrible tragedy at Orton this morning, a boy shot his father & mother, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson. The boy is thought to be wrong in his mind, result of an accident.

Wednesday 28

The thaw has held good all day, and the snow has gone very fast to day, I fear the sleighing will soon go without the thaw let up. Am told the snow is getting heavy in places, especially near to Guelph, the horrible news from Orton neighborhood is confirmed to day. Hugh Simpson & wife & son Edgar are all 3 lying corpses, the latter is 27 years old and shot himself too, the girl is 20 year old. Bought 100 Royal household floor \$3.00 paid

Spec. Weather has a birth to day at his house at 10:00

organized Board of Health to day called to see Mr. Fletcher and move to Eden to see Bella Webb

Simpson tragedy near Orton

boy shot father & mother

1914

January & Feb.

Thursday 29

1914

Temperature moderate last night, and to day the snow is soft and thawing. Ewart drove down this morning to take Mary, Maggie and I up to their place. There was fair sleighing to take us up, but there was hardly any slipping in returning. The sleigh was quite a drag on the horses. I had a card from Annie Sinter and a letter from Ray Lome, Meaford. Uncle James has been very poorly, had one or two bad attacks such as he has here. They were alarmed. Uncle Alex is much the same as upon last writing. We had a nice time at Ewart's to day. Gertie at the organ, and Ewart singing.

Friday 30

Turned cold again, and the frost has the slush hardened to ice. George Lome helped Mary & Maggie to take down their stove pipes and clean them to day. I got a card from Annie Sinter to night and a letter from Ray to night instead of yesterday as I have it down.

Saturday 31

A storm of wind & snow was on last night and this morning and this forenoon much snow again fell but the wind of about allow it to lie on the roads. So that, after all, there is no sleighing. We understand that that the three Simpson bodies which have lain since Tuesday last near Oton, were buried to day. The friends have been looking for Robert Simpson a brother, arriving from Sask. north west, but we are not sure of anything regarding the sad affair.

Sunday, February 1

A very windy and stormy day. quite a fall of snow but the wind piles it into drifts, and the roads for the most part are left bare as they were. There will be no sleighing until snow falls quietly on them. I had a walk up to the gravel road, through the wind & snow for the good of my health.

Monday 2

Cold, moderate, and rather a fine day. Mary & Maggie have been at home and finished up washing. I have not been feeling very well and kept indoors principally. John McKenzie called for awhile, also Ewart, who were at the Mill. Had a card from Annie Sinter, says there is no change to note in her father's condition. Uncle James is some better, but very weak.

Tuesday 3

A great ring round the moon last night seemed to presage an immediate storm, but, instead, another thaw has set in and to day has seen the principal part of the late fall of snow is gone. The wheels will now have to take the place of the runners, without some more snow falls, this has been a fine day. Maggie has been sewing with Mary to day. Edna Robertson has been there also being fitted. We hear that small pox has broken out at McLeane, St. Line Erie, and that scarlet fever is at Norriston. Blacks had job for them.

Wednesday 4

Cold very moderate, and wheels have to run principally on the roads. no word from Meaford, a letter from W. Conboy, Erie. re policy agree. cutting out scraps for scrap book. got quite a lot. not very well.

Thursday 5

Weather keeps fine, but frostier last night and to day. traffic about equally divided between wheels & runners, but poor sleighing for loads. preparing scraps again to day. Mr. McKenzie here this evening.

Card & Letter from
on Meaford to
night.

J Simpson
corpses buried
in one large grave
is said to be
8 feet square

James Ritchie
friend of day
at 4th line
Eramosa

February

Friday 6

1914

Frosty and colder this morning, wind rose in the afternoon and was raw and cold, a storm of snow came on about 3 P.M. which soon covered the ground to a considerable depth, we received a letter from Rae Love with the pleasant information that Uncle James was much better this week than last, and the doctor was encouraged to expect an early convalescence. Maggie and I have been arranging the Scrap Book. we hear that Philip Dingman died, I think, yesterday.

Saturday 7

A terribly stormy day, very high wind and heavy fall of snow that continued without intermission almost all day, it was not extremely cold however, which made it more bearable, the kumms will have slipping now again. I have kept the house nearly all the time, and Maggie and I have about completed the pasting the scrap in the scrap book.

Sunday 8

Colder last night and to day, this has proved to be another very stormy day, very high wind and considerable snow falling, it is certainly a very winter turn of the weather. Maggie has been twice at the church, Arnos Lovell has been speaking both times. I have written a letter to Cousin Margaret Donaldson.

Monday 9

Very cold last night, the thermometer registered 6 degrees below this morning, and being somewhat windy the cold was increased accordingly, the cold was not quite so great in the afternoon, Ewart was down at the mill this afternoon, Horst says they had a busy day. Harold rode to school with Marshall's team, and returned with Benhans.

Tuesday 10

Cold continues, thermometer 2 degrees below, not so windy but kept up cold all day, John McKenzie at the mill, brought Maggie who remained till "Literary" I got 50 lbs pastry flour at mill \$1.20 and 95 lbs chop for the hens \$1.15 = \$2.35. paid by check of \$5.00 \$2.65 overplus, gave \$1.85 to Geo Marshall for Mercury & Montreal Herald & W. Star.

Wednesday 11

Very cold, it seems increasing, Ewart took 5 of his hogs to Kiferwood today, they weighed 235 apiece on the average, got \$8.80 for them, an earthquake has been general over Ontario and other places also to day or yesterday some time the "daily globe" is pretty full of it.

Thursday 12

Terribly cold this morning, 25 degrees below zero this morning at breakfast time, had a grand musical entertainment this evening at L.A. Abbotts, which was held on till about one o'clock, 4 violins going and auto harp. and song solos by Dr. Abbott and Ewart Senter. there was quite a crowded room and all seemed to enjoy the musical treat, there may have been one or two more than the following, their own relations were Dr. James Abbott & wife, Mrs. Mary & wife & Eda Royce. Maggie and I, Mary Cox & George, Willie & Maggie McKenzie and their father, George Anderson, Ewart & Gertrude, Mr. & Mrs. Melman, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall.

received a letter from Bro. James Messford he is much better

mailed letter to Mr. Donaldson, Son, Harlan Beach.

\$2.35 for flour & chop for the hens. gave a check for \$5.00 to Horton. paid \$1.85 to Marshall for Mercury & Montreal Herald & W. Star.

Mrs. John M. M. died today or yesterday

THURSDAY 25

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Persistently cold, 12 below zero. We are getting very tired of this steady week of cold. We have been rather languid today being at untimely hours out of bed last night, but we had a very pleasant, harmless, and enjoyable treat last night, and the parties from a distance had, though cold, a beautiful night of bright moonshine and excellent sleighing in going home. Mr. Errett and Harold were not late in going to bed, and quite comfortable.

Saturday 14

Cold continues, 7, I think, below zero this morning. This has been a fine day however, there is great traffic to the mill I suppose on account of the good sleighing, a good many saw logs are going in this last week throughout, not much outside today. So took a walk up to the gravel this afternoon and had a chat with Mr. Eveleigh and Mr. Lovell.

Sunday 15

A fine day, but continues very cold, the thermometer points to a few degrees below yet. Maggie has been twice at church today. Errett walked down to S.S. this morning. Harold went with Maggie to church this afternoon, Errett and he are both with us this evening.

Monday 16

Fine this forenoon only for the cold that still stays with the afternoon however brought with it a stormy spell, a few heavy blows from snow clouds made it very unpleasant. I shovelled a place to pile the wood on, lest Ewart or John McKing would take a notion to draw some today, and it well I did so as they both came along with a load each during a blinding snow storm, at about 5 o'clock, they would not stay any longer than to unload, at which I helped, Geo. Loe, along with Steve & more, drew each a load of the same kind of wood for the church, 22 inch Maple & Beach. Geo. promised to bring us a load of Stewarts soft wood soon.

Tuesday 17

Only moderately cold, fine winter weather. Maggie and I wrote to Jennie, Edmonton, and had 6 or 7 pages under one cover which we intend to mail tomorrow morning. Ewart was down at the mill today, and was here awhile, Harold went to school this morning getting a ride with Mr. Penhane. Errett wriggled out of going Ewart says, claiming indisposition, but Ewart does not give him credit for it.

Wednesday 18

Milder today, although L. A. Abbott says this morning at 7 o'clock the thermometer read a little below zero, as the day advanced the air became warmer. I read a long time today at a book on the preservation of health, diet, pure air &c. and general directions how conduct matters to attain the best results, the reading of such is valuable, pure air is the most valuable commodity, & diet.

Thursday 19

Frosty and a rather cold day. Maggie has been helping Mary the most of the day, sewing. Edna Robertson is there and they are making a dress for her. I have been reading a book, titled "The House that Jack had." I had dinner & supper at Marys.

Friday 20

Cold moderate. Post not so keen as yesterday. A card from Meaford says no particular change in condition of Uncle Alex, excepting that he seems weaker sometimes, says Uncle James is improving, a great fire 7th line, Erin this evening, 22 had 4 cats, 40 hogs, and 5 horses, all burned, the Mr. Jett last night in Erin.

Maggie helping Mary & Sew reading the Book "The House that Jack had"

Card from Aunt Susan says no change particularly in father's condition. Uncle James some better. Great fire to 7th line on 9 - time in Erin

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although somewhat cold it has been a very pleasant day. There has been great traffic to the mill to day, a great many logs going to the saw mill too. Ewart took 10 bags potatoes to Quelpk to day, and brought us a ton of coals, better quality than the Rockwood stuff he got 85¢ per bag for the potatoes, he paid \$7.50 for the coal for which we owe him, he bought a fur lined overcoat, it seemed a good one, got it cheap because of it being worn a few times, \$25.00. a sad burning of McPhie's Barn & contents last night, think the loss will reach \$7500, about half insured.

Sunday 22
Frosty and colder to day, zero weather again assuredly but calmer and pleasanter than some of the past. Ewart came down yesterday afternoon and away home again to night had a visit of Willie McKenzie & Errett Currie this afternoon kept in the house reading, expecting to take a walk up to McVoulls gravel road.

Monday 23
Very cold last night and all day, Thermometer showed 15 below this morning, and didn't rise much, not much wind however, splendid day for the mill, I finished reading a book that Harold got at school, "3 stories, 1st The pram without a country" 2nd "My double and how he undid me" 3rd "The children of the public", interesting little book, Edward, Errett Hale, got a bag of wheat for the hens, 90¢ per Bu. = \$1.40

Tuesday 24
Cold again this morning, 14 below, but it became warmer early in the day, Hugh Robert McButcheon was cutting with his circular saw at Weathersons and Annie Abbotts, and I gave them a hand at both places. James Blairs horse ran away with him in the cutter through the village and he was pitched out, but there was not much harm done, the horse got frightened from the sound of the machine, much sickness prevail in the country, James Marshall is laid up, the doctor was brought.

Wednesday 25
Not so cold this morning, 4 or 5 below, it is rather unusual for zero weather to hold out so continuously. John McKenzie & Maggie came along this afternoon, John was at the mill he says that John Campbell has his Auction Bells out, our Maggie is under the weather these days. There is quite a turn of sickness around.

Thursday 26
Weather getting milder, the snow is softer it is a welcome change, we have had a long bind up with frost, and the air has been very cold, we have a letter from Annie Meaford, saying her father had a hemorrhage from his face, they called the doctor as they were alarmed, but he could do nothing, Maggie continues indisposed.

Friday 27
Become much milder, and the snow is melting to day quite pleasant, as much above zero as it has been below. Ewart drove the boys to school this morning, they staid down for the social, which was well patronized, Ewart & Gertie were early called on, and Ewart sang 2 songs, Gertie played. Dr. Abbott sang 3 songs and Mattie played, the Osprey orchestra were well received, John McKenzie & Geo. Anderson, Dublin, Maggie McKay & Nellie Cook, organ & auto harp, quartet, and other singers acquitted themselves very well, \$5.00 admittance fee, - about 25 dollars taken up.

the McPhie fire of near Barn & contents Ewart brought us a load of coal \$7.50 per ton sold potatoes 85¢ per bag. visit of Willie McKenzie and Errett Currie, kept in the house only a walk to gravel road. Thermometer shows 15 below this morning got a bag of wheat for the hens \$1.40

Card & letter from Meaford James Corn better no change with Alex. Children at Gremsby Sick with Meaford. sawing machine Weatherson & Abbotts Marshall's Sick runaway John Campbell has his Auction Bells out. Typhoid has broken out at Eriv, and causing alarm

a letter from Meaford says Arch Alex. had hemorrhage from face Maggie moved Mary preparing for the social tomorrow night. The Women Social entertainment must this evening was a success Ewart & Gertie took part. Dr. Abbott sang about 12 P.M. when broke up

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Card from Meigs
not much change
in lunch stuff
condition.

Missie Pine bear
died at Grice hospital
yesterday.

Don, bear H. Rose
died this morning.

March

Sunday, March 8

1914

~~DECEMBER~~ Snow keeps falling less or more most of the time and a little colder. Maggie went with M. McKenzie from church and returned with them evening. Willie McKenzie's time was up yesterday with Talbot, and he is home to day. Excepting my usual walk I have been at home about all the time, Mary & George had dinner with us. I had tea over there, to night.

Monday 9

First part of the day fairly fine, snow falling some afternoon. Mary & Maggie have been washing old carpets for Maggie McKenzie a gift from Mrs. Wells, quite hard work, but they have dried this afternoon. Just learned to day that Hon. George William Ross is no more, he died last Saturday morning, his funeral takes place tomorrow forenoon.

Tuesday 10

Weather conditions much as usual, a little snow falling, cold moderate. I had a close job in the house to day awhile, sewing on 4 straps on Ewart's double harness, the straps were old and stiff and hard to work. We had a call from Willie & Maggie McKenzie and Miss Goss this eve. John Campbell had a successful sale to day, Ewart bought 9 young pigs costing \$4.35 each at it, they are 5 weeks old.

WEDNESDAY

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to below zero this morning. Fine weather, but frost pretty sharp, down to zero this morning. The sun, however, throughout the day softens up the snow considerably. I started to split the soft wood that Geo. Loe brought us, 2 1/2 cords in a load. Maggie and I each wrote a few lines to Mrs. Bryant last night and mailed the letter this morning, received a paper from Galt, notice that (Nan) Marshall, Calgary, Alta. was married on the 25th of last month to a Edinburgh young man, named James H. McCallan. a fresh case of Typhoid in Erin, another woman Mrs. Clowson Mrs. McMillan.

Thursday 12

Milder to day, I split some more of the soft wood to day. Mary received a letter from Jennie Edmonton to day, Jennie says she received the letter from Maggie and I and intends to answer by & bye, got 50^{cts} 22 lbs. porridge meal at mill and a check cashed for \$5.00.

Friday 13

Another fine day, I rode up with Ewart to the farm this forenoon, intending to go to Osprey, and settle with Joe Stenmark for the store wood he had from him, but while at Ewart's Joe came along, and I paid him seven dollars, by check payment in full for 2 1/2 cords soft wood and about the same of hard wood, I rode back with Joe to William Lovell's corner and when reaching home found Mr. & Mrs. Britton there, they had Mrs. Hindley's horse & caddy, and staid all night here.

Saturday 14

Continues very fine, it has been quite mild and the snow has been carried off very fast, our visitors staid on with us till about ten, or 1/2 past, and they went to Bently Wilson and Bently told one at the store they were going to stay all night. I worked hard at the wood splitting this afternoon and finished up. I will now have to pile it and then cut the hardwood.

Sunday 15

The mild & soft weather continues, and is doing away with the snow in great style, if it doesn't rain it will be all the better, for it is going fast enough, and floods are not desirable, I went to hear Mr. Helmsman this evening, he had quite a practical discourse, on being dead to sin.

Mr. Helmsman
Sick. hasn't
been out to day.

took a walk to
see Mr. Ewart
who has been
sick, he is some
better to day.

wrote to
Mrs. Bryant
mailed this a.m.

gave a check
to H. H. Hardy
for 5 dollars
paid 50^{cts} for
porridge meal
received letter
from Edmonton

March

Monday 16

1914

DECEMBER

THURSDAY 9

(313-22)

1895

Slight frost last night and the water holes were pretty well dried up, for took advantage of that and shovelled out a track for water to run in the ditch in front of Abbotts and our place where it had become congested and it was well I did so, for in a hour or two, there was a flow of water rushing down there, sufficient to drive a mill. Received card from Meaford, saying no change in Alex. condition, and that Uncle James had again been ill, but was getting better again.

Shovelling snow out of the ditch by the water run in front of our place. Card from Meaford saying no particular change in Alex. condition.

Tuesday 17

a driving frost again last night, but on the sun getting up the snow again melted in a hurry. my shovelling yesterday opened the way for the water to get away freely. Sold 4 bags of potatoes to Mr. Thatcher, and the girls and I bagged them up out of Marys cellar, at 75 cts per bag.

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Wednesday 18

Frosty and colder this morning, Mr. Thatcher came this morning and got the potatoes at Marys, there were 5 bags containing 5 patent pairs each, with a little heap, weighing 4 1/2 bags, he paid me 3 dollars + 30 cts. Started to repair Harold's shoes. Maggie and Mary finished sewing and fixing up the old carpet for McKenzies.

received a splendid photo of James Thurney.

Thursday 19

Continues cold & frosty, quite a cold turn again of the weather, it is uncomfortably cold, the wind seems to drive the cold into the houses, the papers announce there is much trouble in Canadian parliament at present, re the importunity of McKenzie & Mann for further Govt assistance for the C. N. R.

Friday 20

Frosty and cold continues, the wind is piercingly uncomfortable, and the snow & ice are greatly gone, the wheels are in general use, we put up a bag of potatoes for Geo. Robertson this forenoon, they are sawing this afternoon with Circular. I sharpened the buck saw, and cut some of the hardwood. Maggie & Nettie Abbott were at a party last night at Horvill's late hours in coming home.

Saturday 21

Less frosty and moderately cold, it is fine weather to day, the snow is mostly gone, I have sold a pair of boots for Maggie, and sawed up some of the hardwood, we have just received alarming news of the prospect in Ireland, consequent on the passing of the home rule bill, they seem to expect bloodshed over the matter if it should pass into law, both parties are preparing to strike, but what a foolish thing it is to allow their differences to cause civil war, let us hope they may yet find a way out before coming to blows.

Mrs. Colin Campbell is at Abbotts & came this day a card from Annie Meaford says Uncle Alex. condition is unchanged.

Sunday 22

Raw & cold, but moderate weather, some snow showers this afternoon, I took a walk over to see Shaw Loeve this afternoon he has been very poorly all week, but is some better to day. Maggie at church twice, she has heard that the McKenzies & Young can't go on with their business for a few days yet, on account of the Company not being up to time.

Monday 23

A little fall of snow last night, this morning the ground is whitened up again, not very cold however, I cut some of the hard wood blocks in two, for the range, we hear Howard Tolton is sick and very low, I mailed a letter this A.M. to James Turney.

Tuesday 24

Sunshine & warm, snow going fast again, cutting hard stone blocks in two, Maggie helping Mary to sew, I repaired horse collar, and other strap for Emory, let Fred Abbott to bring village and had 4 teeth extracted, gave Mary 50 cts, D. & Green and D. & Abbott operated.

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Wednesday 25

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MONDAY

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Mild and Spring like, the snow & ice is fast disappearing. Mr. Lovell told me to day that Duncan Anderson died at Ridgetown, I think, yesterday, and they are bringing the remains to the Cemetery here tomorrow for interment.

Thursday 26

Morning & forenoon fine, but afternoon brought a change became overcast about noon, and rain began to fall at about 2 o'clock or soon after. Maggie and I made ready and went to church to meet the funeral of Duncan Anderson, the cortege arrived about exactly on the time specified, 2 P. M. his sons Geo. & John were there, also the 2 daughters Lind & Minnie and other friends & acquaintances, after religious services - rain began to fall heavily, while at the Cemetery. and the company moved off quickly leaving the Cuttings to cover in the grass.

Burial of -
Remains of
Duncan Anderson

Had Mrs. Kolin
Campbell to
tea this evening

Friday 27

A very rainy day, lots of water running down the ditches on the front street. Both snow & ice are rapidly going. By the papers there has been thunder and lightning down by Toronto, which, they remark, is considered as a sign of the opening of Spring. I bought ³¹⁸⁻¹⁷ 60 bushels of buckwheat and other wheat for the fowls, got a large young hen dead a day or two ago, Dan Simons tells me we must be feeding too heavy, he says that will kill them.

Constant rain
to day and -
some of the time
very heavy -
Karr's sale pos-
poned on account
of weather conditions

Saturday 28

A very fine sunshiny day, a great contrast to yesterday. the snow is all gone round Ewarton, excepting an odd spot where the drifts by the fences have been heavy, the constant rain of yesterday will take the frost out of the ground, and will - help to open up Spring weather! Ewart & Gertie drove down to day, Errett with them and staying over night, cutting at the hard stone wood. Annie Campbell off to Guelph on stage this morning.

Sunday 29

Misty this morning, and threatening rain, but nothing of consequence fell. Errett rode with the Mr. Helmsman as he drove up to Mimosa. I had a walk on the back street this forenoon, it is clear of snow & ice for the most part, and very pleasant to promenade on, after the frost & snow of winter.

Monday 30

WEDNESDAY

31

A great deal of rain fell last night, and considerable fell this morning and forenoon, but it cleared off afternoon, Harold walked to school this morning, Errett was not there, suppose too wet. Maggie has been busy preparing to go with Mr. McKenzie when on their return from Guelph, she goes to help Maggie McKenzie to pack & move to their new home, we were anxiously waiting their return, Willie arrived about 8 o'clock, and says they got everything all right. They might have been done sooner but for delinquencies on the part of the lawyers.

Tuesday 31

A fine day, I have been working around home all alone, cutting some at the wood &c. the surroundings are pretty wet, and the footing is unpleasantly damp, Mary has looked after our meals, came this morning and got us our breakfast. I received 2 letters from Meaford, from Annie says her father is much the same, from James says he has been ill but improving now some better.

Maggie have been
packing as Maggie
all day, have all
ready to move tomorrow
2 letters from -
Meaford, one from
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Wednesday 1

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DECEMBER

THURSDAY 10

(350-13)

1909

This morning the weather looked anything but promising for being fair and fine, and light rain fell up to about ten o'clock, we were particularly anxious that it would clear off by dinner-time or before, as the McKenzies and John Campbell have arranged for moving their effects today. There was not much, if any, rain between 11 o'clock and perhaps 3 o'clock, and we have been hoping they took advantage of that little spell to move their loads between the places. We don't hear how they are doing, so will just have to wait & hear.

Thursday 2

Quite a fall of snow last night, and this morning, there is quite a covering over the ground of 2 or 3 inches of the "Beautiful". Mary came over this morning and got us our breakfast and Harold off to school, poor Boy! he had a disagreeable tramp home last night in the down pour of rain. Have not heard how the McKenzies and John Campbell got along yesterday, we may hear before bed time.

Friday 3

Mild enough today to melt away the snow very fast. Mary has attended to her usual duties. I had my dinner with her. She comes over in the morning and we get our breakfast together and get Harold away to school. Mary was over this evening but went away home. She is not very well. She had not long gone when Willie McKenzie arrived with his Aunt Maggie, between 9 & 10 o'clock, we found they had moved last Wednesday. They had quite a time deciding what to do, the rain kept them in fear all the time. They moved however, but the rain came on before finishing.

Saturday 4

Cold & frosty at night, but today it has been fairly fine. I was very glad to learn last night that the McKenzies had moved to their new home when they did. I have sawed up quite a bit of the stove wood today and there is very little left of it now. I shall have to split and pile it now. Burnett got Chas Duffield to draw up a cord of his wood today, for which I paid him a dollar.

Sunday 5

Cold and wintry yet, but they say the roads are fairly good after all this freezing and thawing. The McKenzies and Maggie were at meeting but did not come down here at all. Mrs. Helmsman went to Mimosa with her hubby, and left their baby in charge of Helmsman's son and our druggist. They got along not so badly, although the little baby did not like it at first.

Monday 6

Keeps dropping snow a little all the time and melting making it somewhat sloppy. I finished cutting the stove wood in two, and started to split. Had a letter this eve from Sophie saying her father is weaker, and they seem to think he may come to the end soon, but they invite Maggie and I to go up.

Tuesday 7

Very mild today, and the frost is fast coming out and making the surrounding very sloppy. We had a telegram from Meaford, announcing the death of Uncle Alex. this morning, poor man he has had a long term of sickness, but has not suffered much pain through the disease in his face. His funeral is on Friday, and Maggie and I intend going up to it.

Sent away a letter to Annie Sumter Meaford this A.M.

Brother Alex died this morning

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Wednesday 8

MONDAY 20

(354-11)

1909

A very cold raw wind to day, we have been fixing up our preparing for our journey to Meaford tomorrow. Maggie has been busy fixing some of her clothes. The cold weather makes one uncomfortable while at that work. Ewart has engaged to drive us to Rockwood and Willie McKenzie promises to bring us back Tuesday Meaford.

Thursday 9

A raw cold wind still prevails, Ewart was down in Everton in good time this morning to take us to Rockwood Station to meet the 11 o'clock train, we had over an hour's wait at the Station our tickets cost \$4.20 each, and we went round by Toronto arriving at Meaford about 8 P.M. Geo. Deegan was on hand with horse and buggy, and took us to the Sunter home, Mr. M. Stewart, wife & family also came up on the later train from Grimsby, but they said another friend we were kindly received, David Oliphant was also there and we became bed mates.

Friday 10

Weather fair but cold, Mr. Oliphant & I had a comfortable night's rest. Last night we had high wind and cold. A good number gathered about one o'clock, and the Presbyterian minister discoursed very acceptably to the family and near friends before the members of the A. O. W. W. assembled and took the management of the funeral at the house & grave afterwards, there was quite a cortege to the Duxbury Cemetery driving round by the Corcoran, I rode with Mr. Lowe in his buggy, the road was rather rough & wet in places, where the snow & ice were melting on arriving at the Cemetery, the grave was all ready, and the rough box on top ready to receive the coffin, which, after being placed therein, the whole was then lowered into the grave and the ritual of the order was impressively read, Mr. Lowe left me at the house on his return, none of the females went to the grave.

Saturday 11

Weather fair but keeps cold. David Oliphant went off on the afternoon train, also Mr. M. Stewart went on the 3.10 train. Joe Lowe came along with his horse and buggy and drove us up to his home this afternoon, where we are stopping all night. We were kindly received, Uncle Jamie was particularly glad to meet us. Mr. Lowe is a hearty, kindly man, he has a big handling at his home, large stock of cattle & horses, 28 head of cattle, and, I think, 7 horses, mostly big ones with which he draws heavy loads of bricks to town.

Sunday 12

Keeps cold but fairly fine, Mr. Lowe is not very well to day, he has contracted a bad cold somehow, he engaged one of his men, after dinner to day, to drive Maggie and I to Meaford. The road was fairly good, the best we saw anywhere up there, the snow & ice lingers up there more than down here, and melting keeps the ground wet. Mr. Lowe sold a yearling Bull lately to a Mr. McKinnon for \$150.00, he has some fine young stock of Hereford breed.

Monday 13

A very fine day. Geo. Deegan & Ella come along after dinner, and George drove to the station with us, our suit case was heavy, we got away at 3.10, backed up to Barrie and arrived at Georgetown about 8 o'clock. They were all well at Moos. and we were late in getting to bed, we had arranged to come tomorrow, but we wished to escape the early rising, 5.25 in the morning in very early

Maggie & Bertha went over to Deegan's place this afternoon. I called on Mrs. Joe Jettin. She does not seem to be comfortable. Abe Smith drove me to the Sunter home, he was kind. Funeral and burial of Uncle Alex. Sunter Meaford.

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THURSDAY 21

(350-6)

A very fine day. we have just spent the night at James Moores here in Georgetown, they seem to be very comfortable. Walter has his house nearly completed, he would like to have it rented and occupied by the 1st of May next, we made ready and started for home by the 2 P.M. train. Walter and Mabel walked to the station and saw us away, we had a nice visit at the green house, things there look prosperous, we were met by John & Willie McKemie, I walked up as far as Crofts, where Willie made up to us and walked over the fields to Everton, Maggie was at Everton who we arrived Wednesday 15

Weather very fine to day, though the air is cool, the land is drying up very fast and no doubt, farmers will soon be on the fields at work again. I have contracted a cold in my head and feel stiff in my joints, have mailed a memorial card to Alex. Springfield to day, mailed memorial card to James Swiney, & card to - Hannah Stephens to get her brothers address, Manitoba, gave Geo Marshall 2 dollars to renew the globe for 8 months.

FRIDAY 22

Thursday 16

Another very fine day, looks as if spring is coming at last, I hear the plow is running on still every place to day, also Hilbert Gallop plowing sod, Ewart brought Bertie down this morning and came for her at night she is getting a dress fitted, Harold went home with them. I mailed to day what I have down as yesterday

Friday 17

The weather has turned spring like, and the land drying up so that some of the field work is going on, ~~Concord~~ I have been splitting up the hard stone wood, and I don't feel very able for it, as the sun shines out pretty hot.

Saturday 18

Continues warm and spring like, I half coled and other wise repaired a pair of boots for Maggie, also piled some of the wood, have not been well with a lame back, had a card from Hannah Stephens telling us of Howard's sickness, and giving us his & Dams address, as Otterbourne Man. She says Howard has been very very sick

Christmas Day (Dominion)

SATURDAY 25

(350-6)

Sunday 19

Weather very spring like, with a tendency to rain, not much coming however, we have had a nice visit of Mr David Stewart. from Mr. Hsleman seems inclined to make a change, and is at Bowmanville to day, giving a trial sermon to the people there, a Mr. Hasty is speaking here in his stead to day.

Monday 20

Very dull to day, and considerable rain, some rain also last night, turned colder towards evening, Maggie is sewing with Mary I walked down to Mills Crofts, a message for Mary & Maggie, I mailed a Meaford Express, with brother Alex's obituary, to Alex Swiney, Spig's, tend to Alex. Swiney, Citronville, Ala. and to Cousin James Swiney Chicago, to day, bought fall wheat and buck wheat for the hens = \$6.30

Tuesday 21

Weather cooler, and the land is quite mucky again, too soggy for working on, although plows have been going on sod I have about finished splitting the stone wood and will now get it piled. Mr. Hsleman has now announced his acceptance of Otterbourne situation.

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Wednesday 22

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~~DECEMBER~~ Dull and not very settled looking, rather windy and cooler towards night. I have piled a lot of our wood to day received a letter from Annie Senter, Meaford. Sent Memorial card as requested, we wanted it for McKenzies. Mary & Maggie had at the sewing, making dresses for Miss Grindel & Mrs. Everett.

Thursday 23

Fine, and clear to day. I have finished the piling of the stove wood, and raking up the chips &c in the yard. Maggie & Mary are busy sewing over at Mary's. I get my dinner there, received a letter from Cousin James Currey.

Friday 24

Fairly fine, wheeled in a couple of loads of the McKenzie dry stove wood after throwing the greener wood out of the wood house, we got a great shock when we learned this forenoon, that Mr. Cook was found dead in his bed this morning, have not heard particulars more than that

Saturday 25

A dreary rainy day, with a good deal of fog sometimes the rain was heavy in the morning and let up considerably till about 4 P.M. when it then rained on pretty heavy till later on in evening. I walked up to the grave yard before the rain again started and found that Henry Cutting had dug the grave, for the most part, for the remains of Mr. Cook.

Sunday 26

Weather somewhat cleared up again, but the air keeps cool and not spring like, the land is soggy with this later rain and must have the effect of putting back spring operations. Maggie McKenzie was with us awhile to day while over at Church. I attended the burial of Mr. Cook this afternoon, it was all of 4.30 before the funeral arrived, they had service at Ospreys Church before.

Monday 27

A fine day in forenoon, clouded up some afternoon, I drove to Rockwood after dinner to a meeting of the Board of Health. There was little or no business done, but it has to be attended to according to law. I paid the doctor \$6.50. in payment in full to date. Took out of Bank 15 dollars, paid Mr. Towell 5.00 for horse hire.

Tuesday 28

Beautiful morning. Bright sunshine and fairly warm, clouded up some later on. We received a terrible shock this morning by getting the terrible and sorrowful news, wired to us of the sudden passing away of Auntie Margaret Senter of Meaford yesterday afternoon, acute indigestion is given as the cause of her death. Truly the cup of our sorrows has been full and running over lately, and this bereavement is awful, specially for the family, Meaford.

Wednesday 29

A long heavy rain, which is soaking the ground just as it was getting fairly ready for receiving the seed, this will put things back a few days. A Mr. McSillan was found lying dead on the side road by Lillie's place, his horse & buggy were near by. an inquest is being held. Sam Boyles has lately been with him, he is a relative. we had made arrangements for Maggie to go to Meaford to day, but, on finding that Guelph friends were going, and as matters were not convenient she backed out of going.

Thursday 30

Went up to fine weather again to day. Maggie & Mary are home cleaning for Mr. Wells to day. they finished the dresses for Mr. Everett out to night. Edward called when he was down at the mill, his young pigs are not doing as well as they should, and he is afraid they may lose the same trouble that carried off the others. one of the first litters has died, the second sow has seven pigs which look all right, are not very well at present and laying up most of the time.

Mr. Cook found dead in bed this morning

received a letter from Alex & Bertha Spig. of Meaford

Funeral of Mr. Cook this P.M. I was present

Board of health meeting this afternoon. no special business done. I settled the doctor's account \$7.00 50¢ of paid Mr. Towell for the horse & rig.

Harry Nicoll buried to day at this cemetery I was present

word by telegraph for the death of Aunt Margaret Meaford

a Mr. McSillan was found lying dead up on side road to day

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THURSDAY 30

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Hard frost for this day of the year. Last night. Geo. Robertson told me the frozen mud baulk him up this morning, but the day has turned out fine and, I think, seeding operations will be general as the land is drying fast again. Maggie & Mary are again to day at Mrs. Hells cleaning house. I got 22 lbs flouridge meal, 50 cts paid

Saturday 2

Cool yet at night, but very fine through the day. Spring operations now is becoming general, I wheeled to the dump 3 or 4 loads of the coal ashes. I attended the Coroners inquest, on the Cause of that drunken man - McEllan of Garapaya, who was found dead on the side road on No 13. They did not find foul play, Cause of death, drink Exposure, and lung trouble.

Sunday 3

A very fine day, keeping dry & sunshiny which is bringing the land into better condition for spring work. I have written a letter to niece Annie Sunter and all of them was rather slow in writing to them considering their sorrow but I have been depressed and unwell, and haven't felt like writing. I attended the funeral of a Mrs. McLean of Garapaya and while there Geo. Weatherston drove from Ospringe in a great hurry announcing the sudden death of his father while leaving the church. They brought the corpse home and have telephoned the undertaker to come and look after the body. I understand they brought the casket, and placed the body in it.

Monday 4

Warm and spring like to day. Maggie & Mary papered the ceiling of my bed room to day. Received a letter from Mrs. Bryant to day. Mary & Maggie began camp house to day as well as papering. Mailed letter to Sunter girls. I have been fixing up the hen yard fence, to keep the hens in. I have been over to see Mrs. Weatherston. Sent her a letter. She stands it better than I expected. Mary & Maggie & George went over there to night.

Tuesday 5

There was a little rain this morning, and it looked as if more might follow, it cleared up however to a fine afternoon, and very warm until later on it became cooler. We attended the funeral service at Weatherston's house at 2 o'clock. They lifted a good attendance about 3. There was a fairly large attendance. Mr. Johnstone Actor was undertaker, Mr. Helmsman, and Lindsay were the speakers. Mr. Geo. Weatherston was a very agreeable and good neighbour and will be missed.

Wednesday 6

A very fine day. Vegetation is going with a rush, very warm at midday especially. I rode with Joe Stewart to Guelph to day, met him at the gravel about 9 o'clock, he had a few calls to make on his way to Guelph that delayed some, but we reached Guelph about 11 o'clock. I went straight to Surge, the optician and had my sight tested. And called again at 2 o'clock. I think the glasses will do better than the others. We got home before dark. Joe brought 100 of 5 Roses flour. I paid 3 dollars for it, got at Stewart's for 100 of 5 roses flour. I paid 25 cts. I got a bunch of papers (Mirrors) from Annie Sunter. Containing article of her mother's death, and a letter and some Memorial cards. Annie gives quite an interesting account of the illness and passing away of her mother and other news.

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Garapaya
buried to day

Mrs. Weatherston
sent dropt
dead at
Ospringe
Church to day
we hear Geo.
Armstrong
has died also

wrote letter
to Sunter
nieces
Meaford

Letter from
Mrs. Bryant
Toronto.

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the Weatherston
in their trouble
this evening

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all well.

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Annie Sunter
Meaford

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Thursday 7

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Cool east wind prevailing ~~at~~ present time. The wet weather betimes that sets in is keeping back Seeding operations some, but, for the most part, the seeding, excepting for the damp and heavier soils, is pretty well forward. I walked up to the cemetery and with Mr. Lovell, this morning from 8 to 10 o'clock - measured the ground and sowed between 16 & 20 lbs of timothy seed & clover, on the piece of land purchased as an addition to the cemetery, an acre, it had been previously started off, but being driven pretty low, the stakes were not visible on account of the land being worked up for a crop of oats, but they became visible while we were there. I have been cleaning up the garden & burning brush &c.

Sowed between 16 & 20 lbs - grass seed on the acre lately purchased for addition to cemetery

cleaning up the home garden and burning off refuse

Friday 8

Fine day, and everything is drying up nicely again. I walked over through the fields to see Dan. Talbot, he has been very poorly this some time back, he is some better to day. I was asking with reference to providing a substitute for me, if I should drop out of being a trustee for the Smallhorn property, he hardly knew what to advise but considered, at all events, there was no cause of fear of trouble.

visited Dan. Talbot who is sick, seeing concerning Smallhorn property. - house cleaning work on at present.

Mary & Maggie are very busy house cleaning these days.

Saturday 9

Beautiful morning, bright sunshine, I mailed a memorial card each, of Aunt Margaret's death, to Alex. and James Turney - and one to Alex. Springfield, ^{this a.m.} also "Mirror" papers containing obituary, having it in the garden plot. The growth is nicely on. got 50 lbs pastry flour at the mill. \$1.20, paid. Mr. Hartop thinks he can get me delivered 2 loads of manure some time next week.

mailed cards (memorial) to cousins J. & A. Turney, also Alex. Springfield 50 lbs pastry flour Ewart at mill. Boys came down

Sunday 10

Fine weather continues, the most of seeding round here is well on towards completion, and the land is in very fair condition, I walked up with Esrett this afternoon to Ewart, found them at home, had a look around the place and the stock, his 2 fat steers are good ones. the larger steer (3 years this spring) will likely weigh between 14 & 1500. the smaller one about 1100, I am staying all night at Ewart.

Douglas McEggs died last night from taken Paris green. Suicide

At Ewart all night

Monday 11

Dull and cool this morning, an ideal morning for fat cattle driving. Ewart called me up between 4 & 5 this morning, he found the mare had twin foals prematurely. we wheeled them off to the orchard, and engaged to bury them and hurried Ewart & Esrett away with the steers to Rockwood, after burying the dead foals and cleaning out the cattle - stables. I hitched "Prince" to the buggy and drove over to McKenzies, had a look around the premises before dinner, and after dinner had a walk over the farm, the Barn and Stables are good and very well arranged. the house is very good also, Miller is within 8 acres of finishing seeding and is being badly delayed with breaking a part of his Cultivator, which broke again after getting it repaired at Osprings, they are getting impatient. Ewart was home when I returned, the big steer weighed 1420. the other 1110. the former was pretty well wearied out before reaching Rockwood. big steer after dehorning \$115.15. Smaller steer \$80.80 = \$195.95. Ewart placed \$100 to my credit in the bank, and brought me back \$12.50 in cash, in all \$172.50. which with the \$7.50 he paid for coal at Guelph makes \$180.00 for rent.

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Quite a rainy day, not heavy rain fall, but constant looks as it may put back seeding operations which is already late enough. strange that a comparatively young man, so comfortably fixed financially should have done such a deed, he inherited a fortune out of his grand father's estate, he is reputed to have been worth \$25,000

Wednesday 13

Dried up again, and the land is not saturated much not so with the western part of Ontario, about Windsor and Chatham, the country is in flood and much damage done. Willie McKenzie on his return from Rockwood where he had been for a load of oats and getting them chopped this afternoon, drew up two loads of manure from Hortop and spread them on our garden lot. I helped him load. Mr. Hortop charged me a dollar for the 2 loads, very reasonable, they were not large loads.

Small
got 2 loads
of manure
from Hortop
which I paid

Thursday 14

pretty cold wind and quite a frost this morning, there is not very good growing weather just at present. Mr. Eveleigh sent along the 100 sacks of sugar by the stage this afternoon

Mr. Eveleigh sent
100 lbs sack of
sugar by stage
brost at night

Friday 15

Cool air continues, frost again last night, but the air warms up through the day with the heat of the sun, I dug a nice piece of the garden, and covered in the accumulated heap behind the hen yard, Ewart came along with the team & plow about 3 o'clock, and plowed & harrowed our garden plot. I rode up to the corner with him and paid Mr. Eveleigh for the sugar, \$4.50, the papers quote the price higher to day.

Ewart plowed
our plot this
afternoon.

Saturday 16

Cool yet at night, it was warm in the sun to day, I planted 2 rows of potatoes this evening for early use, the land is now in good condition for planting, I received word by mail to night from Chicago of the serious illness of Cousin James Curney, his niece - Ada A. Gaff writes, she says that her Uncle is not expected to recover, his heart & kidneys are both badly affected. he has only been off work about 10 or 12 days, and the doctor says he may drop off at any time, and may live 2 weeks.

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Sunday 17

Some white frost last night, I was out of bed a little early this morning and saw the grass whitened also the late plowed ground too, the sun warms up the air through the day, and a warm shower of rain should do good. James Abbott & wife drove to Eden to day to see his Aunt Bella who, we hear is very poorly, his mother went also walked down to Mc Dougals and spent awhile, writing to Cousin Ada Acuff.

Cold weather
at night, writes
to Cousin Ada
Acuff.

Monday 18

Yet cold at night, I thought I saw some white frost this morning, but it is quite warm through the day, we would be much the better of some warm rain, the fall wheat is very much winter killed and just now badly in need of rain. I have dug the garden part and Maggie & I have sowed a quantity of vegetable seeds &c to day.

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Tuesday 19

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Date.

CASH ACCOUNT February.

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Date.

Cool at night, but did ^{not} notice any frost this morning as has been the case lately. The heat & drouth is beginning to make itself felt, and if rain don't soon come, there will be a general cry out for its need, especially for the winter tilled fall wheat which is not looking good at all. The expected Strawberry ^{plants} from Meaford arrived by this afternoon mail, they are in fine condition and grand plants, 43 in number, 18¢ postage, 3 lbs weight. We have them planted to night.

Mr. Thring was killed today or yesterday by falling from his wagon while loading.

planted the Meaford Strawberry plants.

Wednesday 20

Hot and dry, a shower or two is anxiously looked for now. Field & garden are both very thirsty. I cut 7 pairs of potatoes and spotted 16 or 18 rows, and Maggie dropped them this afternoon, and we covered afterwards. The ground is rather hard and lumpy in the baked spots. Maggie & Mary are very busy with the needle these days, and have not much time to help in garden. Strawberry plants look fine.

Thursday 21

Another very hot day, the papers remark that local showers prevail wish some of them would visit this part of the country, there is a general cry out at present for rain. The land is hot & dry. I finished up the planting of the potatoes this forenoon, and in the afternoon helped the Abbotts to plant some in their garden. James Abbott was over from Erin and also helped. There is a big fire at Mr. Everts bush this afternoon, in the vicinity of Ed. McDougall's house, which it threatens. I got a sack of barley mixed with buck wheat for the hens. \$1.05.

Friday 22.

Hot & dry as usual this morning. But at about ten o'clock or perhaps a bit later it became clouded and a welcome rain began to fall and it continued till the ground was moistened considerably, a little more however would have been more satisfactory. The temperature is lowered and because of that, it won't dry up so quickly. Mary & Maggie drove to Guelph with Mr. Lovell's horse & buggy. Margaret Blake was also with them. They returned shortly before dark, and seemed satisfied with their experience. Spent quite a bit of money on dry goods. I have been digging up burdocks and clearing up corners after the rain.

Saturday 23

Cool last night, and the day opened up cooler than has prevailed for some time. But as the day advanced it got warmer. Mrs. Velli brought a peck of potatoes for me to plant for her, as her ground is all tilled up. There are 2 kinds. 1/2 peck of "Gold Coin", and 1/2 peck of "Sensation". The latter is planted in one full row, and one partially so, next to Festin's fence. The "Gold Coin" is planted mostly in a square next the hen yard, and a few on end of Strawberry patch, garden patch &c. have cut all the Burdocks to be seen round the place. Cut the lawn also.

Sunday 24

Heavy white frost this morning. But as the day advanced it became warmer and towards evening it got cloudy and rain came on gently. We are glad to see it rain, as it is needed. Maggie went from the church to McKenzie and came back at night with them. George & Mary had dinner with us, but Harold prepared supper for us. I wrote a letter to Alex. J. J. at Springfield. Our garden and lot is all planted except the tomato plants and Cabbage.

May

Monday 25

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A very nice gentle rain has fallen last night and has continued to fall this morning. Mailed letter to Alex. Springfield. Maggie McKenig came along this morning. She is staying out as she is getting a dress made by her trunk Mary & Maggie. The day turned out fine this afternoon. I planted out a dozen tomato plants for ourselves and the same for Mary. Maggie & Mary are very busy sewing these days.

mailed letter to Alex, Springfield Mass.
planted out tomatoes to day.
Maggie McKenig here getting sewing done

Tuesday 26

Very warm to day, and it looked as if a severe thunder storm had set in. Thunder rolled incessantly for a long time, and heavy and very disturbing appearing clouds prevailed along with the thunder but, after all very very little resulted from all the turmoil, a little rain but very little, and then it cleared off. John McKenig drove down to the mill with some chop, and after buying Helmar's Cutter, loaded it on his wagon with the chop and took it home. He got the cutter for 5 dollars, a cheap cutter. Helmar moved away his furniture &c. after dinner to Rock Wood Stn. and they held a social party for him at the church this evening.

thunder storm near here. very little rain here.
John McKenig at the mill got Helmar's cutter away with him.
Helmar moving off to day.
social party this evening for him.

Wednesday 27

Another very warm day, a strong breeze moderated the heat a great deal however, but the late little rain fall was also quickly dried up by it. I have not been doing anything much to day. have been rather unwell. Maggie has been at Mary's Sewing Come as usual. Mr & Mrs Shaw Lorie were over with their horse & buggy. Mrs Lorie was being fitted for a dress. Shaw came in and chatted with me awhile.

Mr Helmar sent called to bid us good by to day. Mr & Mrs Helmar are away also.
Shaw Lorie in here awhile

Thursday 28

Continues warm, and appearances for rain. I ~~swallowed across~~ got the chance of a ride with Mrs David Stewart. Went up to Josiah Royce's place, where I have long laid out to visit Mrs Royce, who has been for years such a helpless cripple from rheumatism. Josiah was away to Rockwood, but he returned about 11 a.m. Mr Royce arose between 10 & 11 and we had a very pleasant time chatting over the things of long ago. They seem to be living very comfortably. And Mr Royce and his daughter Ida bestow much of their time and attention & care to making Mr Royce comfortable and happy. poor woman! she does not rest well at night, which makes it hard & unpleasant for all concerned. Their hired man has a "gramophone" there, which Ida arranged to discourse many musical pieces, very entertainingly indeed. Mr Royce drove down to Everton, he had a little business, but I think chiefly to give me a ride home. I had a very kindly and pleasant visit indeed. Their farm seems clean & cultivated.

have been visiting - at Josiah Royce's to day had a very pleasant time indeed.
Mr Royce drove me home to Everton.
Mrs Royce is very helpless but they - make her as comfortable as possible which is more than the average

Friday 29

A welcome rain, which will do much good, the air also is cooler. I bagged up a bag of potatoes, that I thought of sending to Luelph tomorrow but which I sold to Mr Henry Cutting. Henry is up at Rufus Robertson's, but she said they wanted them. There is a report of a terrible calamity on the St. Lawrence, the S.S. "Empress of Ireland" gone down in a collision, but particulars not to hand. we will likely have them tomorrow. the loss of life is reported as heavy but is somewhat contradictory, a heavy fog is given as the cause of the collision.

had report of a terrible calamity on St. Lawrence of Empress of Ireland having collided with another ship

May & June

Saturday 30

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A very warm day, but things are nicely freshened up into the rain of Friday night, the blossom is now fully out on the apple trees, it has been falling off the Cherry & Crabs sometime. The country looks beautiful at present in its Summer dress. Henry Cutting took away his bag of potatoes and paid me \$1.20 for them. Maggie and Mary are sewing here to day, I heard they were down in price, and said I must find out for fear of overcharging Henry. But George Marshall tells me they were from \$1.25 to \$1.40 in Guelph so I allowed it to go.

Sunday 31

Weather conditions much the same, the rain has had a good effect on the appearance of things, there has been quite a turn out to day at Church, this is the first day of Mr. Helmann's leaving his old charge, and Amos Lovell has occupied the pulpit, this evening he was speaking on the political duties of the present, the elections are to come on the 29th of June.

Monday June 1

Beautiful weather, field & forest look fine at the present time. I almost sickened at the reading of the terrible tragedy of the sinking of the "Empress of Ireland" on the St. Lawrence, with the awful loss of human life, 1000 or more lives lost, she seems to have gone down in 14 minutes after being struck by the steamer "Stratford", about 30 miles below Father's point, people on board from Toronto, Galt, and other towns up this way.

Tuesday 2

Cool this morning but fine, we feared there would be frost last night, and covered the tomatoe plants, and the beans but we saw no sign of frost this morning, yet it is said there was a slight frost. I walked over through the fields to see Mr. Dan. Talbot, who, we understood, was not improving in his health, he had been outside sitting on a chair before I got there, but was then stretched on his couch & much inclined to remain there, one of the Watt family of Flora called upon him while I was there. Billy, his daughter, escorted me through the bush on my return home as she was going to the store, and showed me the near cut they travel in going to Everton. She was very kind & communicative. She says her father's trouble is hardening of the arteries, but they don't tell him.

Wednesday 3

Beautiful morning, a little warmer than has been prevailing lately. Maggie had a letter from Ella Deegan Meaford, this morning, Maggie and Mary sewing again to day at the latter's house, they have accepted some work and it keeps them busy to be up to their obligation, am hoeing & choring some that's about all.

Thursday 4

Cool last night, some say there was frost, but we did not see it, we are covering the tomatoe and other plants for fear of injury, we had a little shower which will do good. it was more than a little, it will reach the potato roots.

Friday 5

Pretty cool last night, some say frost this morning, but the days are fine, Mary & Maggie sewing here, am hoeing &c in the garden, Harold came along this evening from school. There is a run to Guelph this day. Disciples June meeting.

Country looking fine in its Summer dress. awful accident of the fate of Empress of Ireland and passengers.

Henry Cutting got a bag potatoes and paid \$1.20

Smith's acrey buried to day

first day of Helmann's leaving Amos Lovell in his place to day I hear him at night, speaking to Electors on the duty of the hour. Election Ontario Legislature soon on hand.

Sickening story of the wreck and going down of the Steamer Empress of Ireland in to day's Globe

got 2 tomatoe plants to make out a full row from Abbots

walked over to Dan. Talbot on a short visit, one of the Watt family called while I was there.

just learned to day that Smith's acrey was dead and buried last Saturday

received a letter from Bertha Spiff

Maggie and Mary sewing

cool nights covering garden plants in case of rain. down to roots

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Very fine weather. Cool a little last night but don't hear of any frost, at least to hurt, we protected our tomato plants by covering them. Mr. Abbott made me a present of seven more fine plants, which I planted carefully, and Walter & Gertrude have been at Guelph to day, called here on their return home, Edward paid me \$2.20 his share of insurance premiums.

Sunday 7

Very warm to day. a black thunder cloud passed to the north of us this afternoon, and heavy rain must have fallen towards Hillsburgh. we hear John Mattheoson's barn is buried to the ground. our folks were brought to the door at about 11 o'clock from Guelph, by the stage which I had walked up to meet them to the corner but returned home as it was getting so late.

Monday 8

A terribly hot day. the sun's rays seemed to burn. we did not get the rainfall yesterday, that other near localities got. it merely laid the dust here, but there were pools on the road at other places near. I mailed a letter and cheque to Royal Bank, Rockwood for \$4.40 to pay insurance Bill, 3rd payment, telling him to return the ap cancelled. Mr. Shaw Loe overcame with the heat to day.

Tuesday 9

Another very hot day. a little breeze which made the heat a little more tolerable, perhaps, than yesterday. we would have been the better of a little more rain on Sunday. I received a card from Mabel. Cousin James Turner's daughter saying her father is a little better than he was, he is up and around the house, but the doctor does not give encouragement to expect permanent recovery. Maggie & Mary have been steady at work at the Lath's house all day. they finished Mrs. Blakely's gown about noon, and they are finishing Laura Savely's at 10.30 to night.

Wednesday 10

Quite a bit cooler than two days just passed. and one has been able to stand it well to day. I have hoed 9 rows of the back crop of potatoes they are barely up sufficiently for hoeing but the weeds in places would soon be strong and I think it is well to check their growth. I put on a pair of their 1/2 soles on Harold's shoes after supper. he came here from school to get their toes thickened up. Maggie & Mary have been sewing again to day at Mary's. The Senate has passed the "McKenzie, Mann" Bill. I think they are wrong.

in soled and otherwise repaired pair of Harold's shoes this evening

Thursday 11

Cool at night, but turned hot through the day. Maggie sewing with Mary to day again, looked like rain, but did not come, we wish it would, it is badly needed. I have been hoeing the potatoes some to day.

Friday 12

Quite a cool turn last night, and cooler to day. we are wishing much for rain. the land is very dry. we hear Minotat Peavoy is to be operated on tomorrow for Goitre. Bella Yebbs is worse to day. Nellie & her mother is away there to night. the girls and I fixed up the graves this forenoon. and I nearly finished hoeing the potatoes this afternoon.

Saturday 13

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Cool through the night, but hot and dry through the day. I have had a busy day fixing up some of the chaises round the place that have been falling behind. I cut with the lawnmower all the lawn round the house, and finished up the hoeing of the potatoes, also hoed all the garden truck, tomatoes and other vegetables, watering in the evening, things are very dry.

Sunday 14

Cool again last night, but hot sun through the day. rain is needed very badly now, we hear that the doctors decided it would not be wise to operate on Minnie Paroy, as she is not in a fit condition to do so, in fact, they seem to think she will not long survive, Maggie at church twice to day and nothing but the home speakers Gripps & M. J. Ouellet. I took a walk down this afternoon and called on Gamble.

Monday 15

This drought, with the cold night, is very hard on the growing crops of the country, and farmers are beginning to be gloomy over the prospect, they consider the hay crop doomed unless it quickly comes, and, even in that case it can only partially restore the injury done.

Tuesday 16

Drouthy, and as cold as ever this morning, ^{last night} our tomatoes, this morning we could not see signs of frost, but, I should say there was frost to a certain extent. we rose early this morning, and, after breakfast Mary, Margaret and I walked over to Chambores and we drove up to McKenzies, getting there about ten o'clock after dinner Mary rode up to Moores, with Mr. Hortop & Mr. McQuerts, who invited them to return home with them. Nellie & Maggie McKenzie took our Maggie home this evening so I took advantage of conditions and visited at Everts on my way home, Evert plowing for turnips, his crops look fairly well through this dry spell, as also McKenzies.

Wednesday 17

Cold again last night and as dry as ever, had a letter from brother James Meaford, this morning, he gives rather a doleful account of the appearance of things up there, and seems to think that if rain doesn't soon come, there will be a famine for food. we have learned that there was quite a heavy frost this morning, George Loe saw it when walking over to the farm.

Thursday 18

A little warmer last night, no frost to be seen this morning. Maggie and Mary and Gertrude have been working here all day they have been filling and cutting out a dress for Gertrude, Maggie has got 11 chickens to day from a hen of our own, and we have them in a coop, hope they will do well, as we are rather short of hens. the rheumatism has been sore to day and I have got out much to worry.

Friday 19

Greatly overcast this morning with a slight rain, it afterwards set in to rain more and kept it till the land got saturated so as to be perceptible, but cleared off sooner than we liked. it also became colder, which kept increasing till dark. The girls and I took some flowers to the cemetery and with some snare planted on the graves.

mailed a letter to Cousin Alex. Turner yesterday

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Saturday 20

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A terribly hard frost for this time of year visited us last night and this morning our garden stuff presents a sorry appearance. we had the tomatoe plants covered but not as well protected as would liked, the potatoes and beans are badly cut & blackened

Sunday 21

Dull to day. it is a pity that yesterday was not like to day in the respect of sunshine. bright sunshine and hot. Times was not favourable conditions after such a hard frost. Harold and I were alone to day. Maggie went to McKenzies today. Maggie McKenzie was at Abbotts but she did not come in here. Harold however prepared dinner & supper for us two, he did fine.

Monday 22

An awfully hot day. in the sunshine it was hard to bear. it was some time before I could decide to go and spread gravel on the road work, but as Geo. Weatherston was anxious that I would go, I went, but it was rather too much for me. the gravel for the most part this forenoon was laid towards the mill, on and below the hill, the rest of the day from between 10 & 11 o'clock, was laid on the road immediately above the Cemetery

Tuesday 23

Another very hot day, bright sunshine mostly, an occasional obscuring for a little. Maggie rode up with George and Mary Love to Pearcy's funeral for 2 P.M. it was large. I went to the church where the cortege arrived at about 3. Mr. Helmsman officiated, and came from Bowmanville he tells me his father is very poorly. he has been very ill down at Mr. Longs, Mr. Anderson, Guelph. Mrs. Everts husband, died yesterday, at the hospital, he fell and broke his thigh while cutting grass in their house yard. he had the wheel barrow, at work at the time.

Wednesday 24

Thunder & lightning last night and heavy rain, has rained some more to day, there is now rain enough for a little while, it is now too wet to work on the land. Bella Webb died last night at 11 o'clock.

Thursday 25

Fine day, rapid growing weather, I had some potatoes to day, the land is drying again, we attended the funeral of Mr. Anderson this afternoon, between 3 & 4 P.M. before the cortege arrived (the widow, previously Mrs. Rufus Everts) was with the cortege, Mr. Ben Mitchell officiated

Friday 26

Weather fine, sowing some in the potatoe patch this morning but soon had to make ready for early dinner so as to get off to Eden to the funeral. John McKenzie had dinner with us, and I rode with him, he called round by way of Colin Kitchens, but they were from home and after waiting perhaps an hour, we left for home, and had supper in Easton. Everts also came and Maggie rode with him. There was quite a large funeral. Mr. Johnston from Acton was the undertaker. I met quite a number of old faces, John Ramsay is getting very feeble. he tells me he is 89 years old, met Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Mr. Wilson is very shaky, the result of an accident while driving on a horse power. The Cemetery is nicely arranged, but is a little out of order as they have lost the caretaker, I think he died. I was there once before, being present at the funeral of Geo. Thomas, the dentist.

Minola Pearson died this morning at 8 past 3.

Mr. Bates spent to day at church he came up from Port Perry last night

road work quite a good political meeting held in evening. I got the chair speakers were the candidates, C. L. Gordon, Alex. Stewart, and Ben. Hosking all spoke very well.

Minola Pearson hurried to day large funeral

got some rolled oats for the chickens. 45.00 Bella Webb died last night

was at the funeral of Mr. John Webb this day. Eden.