

Leap Year

1864

1st Island 1st January
1st Fine & Wind sun shining Randolph
and I crossed to Hamiltons took dinner Randolph
sent to help them to Thresh tomorrow I put out
a few bushes water rising on the marsh fired a few
shots this morning put in the bottom of the slack John H.
and Leander 2nd Randolph at Hamiltons SW wind snowing
Drifting Blowing hard frosty 3rd Allen's Birth Day 1853
cold frosty W Wind Blowing hard Blistering Blizzardy
cut a Waterhole for the cattle 4th cold Windy Gordon and
Randolph came from Hamiltons sent a bottle
of wine with Gordon to Mrs Hamilton took
a letter to me from Dan it came on the 23rd
with 2 dollars on it for his Aunt Gordon to my
Bladed knife 5th cold Windy cutting stone wood
the 8th Cham Fine Cold 7th The water is Raising near
shore drew the 2 Boats and canoe up as the water
near them 8th Hiram Ann's Birth Day 1866
Randolph and I to Summerstown Bought of
Dan Summers 2 Tickets paid for 1.50 the other
on credit 50 cents Bought needles 5 Thread 5 oil 60
Bought of P Rinckle 1 lb of Tea 25 paid
half for needles and Thread E W turned stormy
drifting Blowing snowing a awful night
Slept at Hamiltons John Went to
Concord to mill did not come back
tonight Heard (Bella Wright departed
or Mrs Anna) 9th Came home Hugh E W
Brought 2 Balls of yarn for Gordon's Sox
10th Began to draw hay from the upper field
11th Drew the Rest of the slack cleaned the pipes
E W snowing went for a load of Wood
12th Fine E W frosty Drew some wood
13th Fine E W Snowed hard F frosty

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January 25th
Burns Birth Day W Wind cold Frost cutting
in the last snow snowbirds lots of them Northern lights
merry dances to night cut a Quarter of Beef to Day
Snowing Drifting Blowing E Wind changed to West
Some hay cut a Beef head Great Banks
Snow all around 2nd Fine cold E Wind 5
8th Snowy E Wind Frosty 23rd Fine Wind & Soft
out in a Stack by hay from Back of the Barn
taking the snow off the sheds 30th E Wind Rain
out to Carruthers snow deep and Water on the
ice under the snow this 14th January Thaw got 2
Bushels of Oats from Hamilton first time
crop with a Horse heard old Mrs. W. Martin
at the front depicted wind very high to right
changed to the West Rainy 31st Rain turned fine
Wind Went to the Bush to Break Roads as
the snow is very deep Thawing parts of the
ice cold bare lots of water on the ice
1st February chopping stove Wood W Wind
Candlemas Day if the Bear dont see his
shadow it will be a fine year cloudy E Wind
giving the sun peeped a little out about 10 o'clock
but could see no shadow Went to Summerston
Bought of James a spool of Thread 5 yard
Ward got the tray of the hide from James
1st Dougall 3rd gave him a dollar for
and for the globe heard about Thomas
Jack being sued for 1,000 dollar scrapes
(Noran) hide weighed 90 lbs slept at hamilton
all night 3rd I came home from
Hamiltons Fine E Wind
4th Frosty Windy E Wind Drifting
cutting stove Wood

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Fine turned Frosty cutting stove wood with a Bushwood
on the Bank 15th Very busy & frosty. Wind and the
Frosts all Show very slow This morning the air hot
before the Door shut up greatly with this frost
16th Went to the Bush saw Frosty Fine
Wind Drew some Wood snow deep in the
Bush by feet hands in cold 17th Randolph
Went to Covington turned stormy south west N
Blistering Drifting paid Mr Long for Boots.
1st 50 got Leanders Boot Jased 10 cents sold
his Mats 1st 60 Lunch at Munklers 10
Second 2 cents got 2 pens from Monroe got
a Hide down on a load of Hay to be aquatic
got an Almanack and 6 cards from Mr
Long soon cold same chopping in the Bush
18th Cold Drawing Wood snowing Drifting
Wind changed to East began the chain on the
East side of the Barn yesterday Blistering
19th E Wind cold Drifting (Blizzardy) Weather
Weather a very cold month since it come in
as we have a Saturday Moon change 20th
E Wind cold Frosty 21st At 10 AM W Wind Frosty
Cutting hay in the Barn chopping stove wood
22nd W Wind Drifting snowing sun thaws water
23rd Fine turned stormy E Wind Drifting snowing cutting stove Wood
24th Charlie Supper's & Sam M. Dougalls Birth Day Snowy
Blowing Drifting Randolph to Mr Duncells for Tea 25th the 1st
at Hamiltons got 2 papers from Dan Sim. M. Dougall for
ashes 22 bushels 1st 76 Sold Mr. Duncan the Butcher
was dead and Long John was dead and others
Duncan the Hudson dead gave Sim. M. Dougall
the Hide to sell for me Flora Murchison
and Thomas Jack and so on)

5th 1884

Mr. Shillies, Chilcott's Island Feb 5th
Bringing the Cows E. Wind Raining hailing
Working at the stick in the ice cut the shore
cutting hay in the Barn Randolph making a hand
sleigh the horses w Barking around in this soft
Weather 6th cutting the ice around the stick
got it loose got it pried up a little but
had to leave it with the drifting E Wind
kind of thawing snowing teams going on
the spit - Wit Island Road to day 7th got
the stick out of the ice to day fine day
8th Ordons Birth Day went to the Bush
Wind Randolph crossed for the Globe it did
not come Bought Tea 25 cents Heard Richardson
and 3 men got killed on the Rail-Road Gordon
Working at Mr Pencells Hill I Summers getting
better 9th & W snowing Hailing Went to Hamiton
got a ride up to Summerstown with I Hamilton Bought
of I Summers 100 lbs of flour 3.50 on credit Bought
Ct of Tea 25 spool of Thread 5 cents paid this got
2 Buttons to be returned Seen the Rev Mr Cameron
after coming from the carnival seems to be
a very fine fellow John Hamilton drove
me home got the globe for the first one
Brought over a pair of sox for Gordon to Hamilton
got the yarn that was left back not cold
10th Randolph Hamilton Livery went to
Mr Pencells all day with fine W Wind
10th E Wind some frosty drew some wood south
of Elbow done began to cut on the North East side
12th E Wind Drifting fine Hailing to night snow
the youngest of the 3 calves got fast in the manger
not very well 13th in the bush
Gordon at Mr Pencells

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Mr Schuyler's Camerota Island Feb 14th

16th Valentine Day Rainy & Wind 15th 8th Drawing
Bod 16th Randolph crossed for the Globe 8th
ice Slipping An Indian here Lewis David
brought 50 cents at Mr Ward's 17th London here
8th and Indian passed up the ice a fine day
rained Tues 18th Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Bath Day 1853
8th Rainy Raising the stick of timber at the River
men in a cutter passed down to the little Island
their fishing 8th 13th E Wind Fine Thawing went
to the Bush 2 Indians came for ash for oars
Peter David then an Indian and a boy
came down the ice and went around
the north side A man crossed over to Frasers
in the south side looking for a friend of his named
Donald Granger heavy rain to night and high wind
20th High W Wind Rain Snowing Drifting 21st Went to
Summerstown Bought of John Summers 100 lbs flour
3rd 21st to H. Kea 30 Shts 1st Hamilton all night
Stormy to night 22nd Bought ^{Burying} ^{Burying out} the stack of stones
Broke the sleigh 23rd Randolph crossed took a
pack of the flour from Harrington Bought of
Mr Ward a Testament 10 cents paid 24th Wind
not cool 25th Randolph Went to Harrington with my
Boots to get fixed 35 cents Buttons 20 cents 2 pairs
overalls stuff 36 got a ride Back from McDougal
and he crossed over from McDougal 26th Went
to Williamstown Bought Wine and Sugar Fine
7th Ash Wednesday in Williamstown 28th in Williamstown
The stormy in Williamstown cold very stormy drifting
1st of March St Davids Day The Festival of the Welsh
Stormy The lottery at Summers to night by Professor
Boots 2nd in Williamstown 3rd Came from Williamstown
Slept at Mr. Dougall's the first time that I
ever was there Randolph at Summerstown got John
5 cents got the paper.

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Mr. Satterell, Carrington, bring th of Hare
 Went to Summerseton Bought 200 Lbs of Summers
 100 Lbs of Flour 3^{..} 50 5 Lbs Tea 25 cent Bought 2
 Spools 10 cents paid Spools West Wind Drifting Bluster
 got a Ride up from I Hamilton and he
 Drove me Down home to the Bay Tom took
 down flying flour and I left it there got 2
 Bushels of Oats from Tom to Day
 Randolph took it home got the Prize
 Anx. Giddet drew a pair of Boots John
 Summers Wife went off to Day
 5th Took in the last of the stack a very fine
 Day drew some Wood Randolph went to
 Hamiltons for the flour I left there
 Bright over a Board I promised her
 for her cheese Rose seen crows to day
 6th E Wind changed to West snowing Went to Mr. Jo
 Duguet took dinner there Randolph and I
 Charles Rose they drawing sawdust for the icehouse
 Bought 10 Wines Fine Day Making a Runner for
 the sleigh the Weasel killing our Hens wrote
 a Letter for to send tomorrow to William
 The Randolph went for the Mail yet it
 went up to Purcells posted the letter
 for William to town the storm commenced
 near morning & the houseelling snow Cows did
 not go to drink to day Stormy Drifting E W
 7th Stormy E W Drifting began the Horses
 the sticks though there is a Son in the East
 blow yet 10th kind of fine Drawing away
 snow out of the yard all the food all that
 up with snow awful Bankings of snow
 this is the worst storm we had yet
 drew some wood

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Mr. St. John Cameron Island 11th March
Wind Drifting and snowing some Hail turned soft
vent to the Bush Seen a Drove of Cattle
sinking 12th On This Day of the Month Mr. Master
of cargo to the Island (one turned to Raining Wind)
High took down the snow some drew some Drags
bearing away snow from around the Stable and
heds water coming into the stable with the
now melting and from smelling snow 13th
Breaking troughs cutting stone Wood Fine 14th Stanley's
Birth Day 1880 Mr. Hugh Munroe here Crossed to
Hamiltons with him to see the Bull he wants to buy
in Randolph crossed for the Paper Bought of John
Miller 1 lb. of Tea 50 on credit 15th The Day
Randolph went to Fort Covington to get his Boat
and Ladders I need 26 cents Bought Coat Plasters 10
and 5 cents got a Ride & from Mr. McDougall I
rofessed to Germantown took dinner with
Fidimers and he has a splendid House
the first time I was in it Bought a Repeal
Mr. Charles Craig here wanting to Buy a Cow I stopped
at Hamiltons to night 16th Came from Hamiltons
this morning good walking on the ice Minkey calved
day Ducks flying West 17th St. Patrick's the
festival of the Irish snowing hailing raining fine
Wind Mr. McDougall came to see if I had ashes
he is going with a load to Fort Covington
Randolph crossed to see Mr. Craig to tell him about
the Cow he is to come to see her 18th Princess Louise
Birth Day 1848 working the slick of Timber out of
the ice at the shore Mr. To Bouquet and John
Bony here took the big cooler I got from him
Cooking at the cattle

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Mr Donald Cameron Island 15th March
The Very Rev Mr Cameron and Mr Hamilton
have Took Down the names of the Children
Read the 8th Chapter of Acts and Prayer
Gave all the children Sunday school Papers
He seems to be a very fine Man.

Fine & Wind Drew some Woods turned to Dining in
the Evening and snowed some through the night
this is the last Day of Winter 20th This is the
First Day of Spring Snowy in the Morning & W
Snowing Drifting and Blowing Turned Fine and very
Warm The Briskly and Windle had a Battle
to 2nd But a fire in the Double Stove to Burn out
Sparks 21st Mr John Tyro and Mr Douquet here
Bought 5 Head of Cattle 75 Dollars a Fine Day
Had a Bottle of old Rye Randolph went with
them to Drive the Cattle 22nd Crooked got
a Ride from John Hamilton to F.C. on
Boat & a pair ^{older calved} Boots for Fernandez 10 30
Paid Fernandez ^{Summer price} 10 dollars
Bought a pair for Lwinna 30 Yards of Calico 80 Yards of
Overalls 1 8 Peg Pot 25 Snack 10 pipef Tobacco 5
Treat 25 John Drove me down ice soft 23rd
Running Seen Wild Geese the Boys killed
a Mrs Krait with the Dog 24th Went to
Summertown ^{near} B.C. At by John Summers
100 lbs of Flour 3rd St/haug Braces 50 Soap 35 pipef
on credit 50 2nd 2 pipef 10 pipef thus 1 Bought 10 lbs
Ward Paul 25 R.R.R. 25 Tobacco 10 Shungnails 10 lbs 3
ace handle 15 Bought of J Hamilton 100 lbs Flour 3rd
Buying Old Mrs Shella to Day Andy Cameron
Wanting to Buy the Bull 19 Dollars I want
ce old Water and slush Teams crossed t
ay

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Mr. Donald Cameron Island 25th March
Lady Day Annunciation of the Virgin Mary a Fine
Day warm Took the Sugar Hoggings to the Bus
cutting and Pine Stone Wood Wild Geese
and Ducks Plenty Blackbirds Robins came
ice opening around the Points 26th Mining & Wind Went
to go across the ice is so slushy we turned Back
using Manure cutting Stone Wood Black Ducks
and Wild Geese Plenty cant find any holes in the
ice laying on the ice John Hamilton Birth Day
876 Change in the Eclipse on the Sun Neptune in
conjunction with Venus 27th Taft a Few Fine 28th
Chopping Fine soft 29th Crooked to Hamiltons heard
John had to pay 300 Dollars (Venant Froze some
at night Randolph Boiled 12 pails of Sap 30th Fine
Jill Dougal here came to tell me he could not
take the Bush Bet that he could have all the hoggs
in him a Bottle of Syrup and a Bottle of Wine the
boys crooked with him for the Rot Randolph Leander
Fernandez he earned the Head of the Island and
ent down for me two of the Salmon River Horse and
itter and Donald John went to do Douquet took
Boat from the Mouth of Salmon River
my Bone Red 100 lbs and one of Bells Boys went up
one of the hills 10 yards Calico 80 Buttons 4 lbs 28 Basket 10
Shuckles 10 lbs Bought Smallman 6 yards Cotton 4 8 Bought
15 Burden Bag 25 2 Tin Basins 20 2 lbs Tobacco 20 Nodules
pipef of Gordon here to Day have him my vet Randolph
Brought a Hat from him 15 cents got a letter from
Leander Sharo 1st of April all sorts of it I
crooked to Summers town Wind to P.C. 45th A letter
to Narcisse Charo care of Mr. William Dubois
of no Paper Bright J Summers Paul 25 Paid this
Bought of Mr Ward 2 Doz of Herrings 50 cents Paid this
2 Chopping Wood at the Sugar Camp Fine

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Mr Tamm's Camera Island 3rd of April
 Snowing Taft 60 Trees gathered 34 Pails chopping
 Wood at the camp & This is the day that
 men was to be Coming at Regina Boiling
 and Sugared of about 2 lbs a Pail for the
 Boys Fine Sap run some Sap some Lovers
 came to the Bush to sugar off 5th Boiling
 6th Ice opening Palms Sun and Lily
 Calved a fine Day Sugared off 7th Boiling
 Killed the first snake snakes coming out
 of their holes running well 8th Boiling running
 well running over Stanley and Rovera in the
 Bush 9th On this Day of the Month I was
 Married 1862 Sugared off twice to Day 10th Boiling
 cutting Wood Blowed hard and well 11th Sugared
 Fine snowed Rain Sugared twice & Well 12th ice
 going down water high put out the Boat
 Lots of Rubbish going down Taft 16 Trees frost
 last night The frogs commenced their music
 13th Gordon and Willie ^{Ranney's hat} here 14th
 3 Men Passed up in a Boat and went
 back to Pine Isle to lay
 Fine & Wind clearing out the cookhouse
 Boys Boiling in the Bush Rely stove
 Wood 15th Sugared off 3 lbs Pineapple
 & Wind went out in the Black Boat
 16th Rained some made a gallon of
 Syrup Rovera made 2 lbs of sugar
 clearing out the cellar cutting the ice out
 of the Milk house drawing stalks of
 the Rotator filled Grenadas first
 Irish but of ^{the} Dantree swallows
 came out a Rat put a lock on
 the doorway taking away the Banking

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Mr Tamm's Camera Island April 17th
 at the Banking Teling Wood at the door pushed
 way once at the shore 18th (Our) Uncles Birth
 Day & Foggy Rainy Went to Survey town
 had Butter brought of Mr Ward Salt a
 sack 110 3 Doz of Marlin 45 lbs Powder 20 lbs
 tobacco 124 Blue 3rd thread 25 Hats 10 Bright
 100 ft of 10 ft of Cotton paid this Ward to
 John B Arrell Deceased in Winnipeg heard
 Mary Boni Peter Grants sister died about the
 10th short at Hamilton to night 19th Came
 from Hamilton Working at the Banting got
 Rapes from Dan Randolph got a peck in the
 marsh Boys gathered 15 bushels of sap & the
 20th Foggy Fine 21st Fine Calved Boiled the
 Sap a gallon of syrup heating up manure think
 that to night Windy some Grassy snow fell
 13th Trees got 6 pails of sap set some of the front marsh
 a fire near shore a brother keeping the cattle
 from the Bush Randolph shot a squirrel
 Water commencing to come in the cellar 23rd took
 way the sugar Bush Rigging as the cows
 is hard to keep from the Bush 24th
 Miller Jones all and Catherine here a
 fine day gave him a cake of sugar 25th
 St Marks Day a fine day The Steamer
 Charlotte came up Randolph went to
 Salmon River Bought on credit from Mr
 Beauchew a pair of Boots 11th Sack of flour 11.30
 pair of Boots for himself 11.10 Roveras Boots
 fixed 15 cents left his own 15 cents
 1/4 yds of Cloth 57 cents Hills and Johnstones
 light lit up to night a very fine day
 26th Wind 26th Fine came fine
 Randolph coffee oil paper Laces

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Mr Samuels Camerons Island 27th April
Mr Genie went off & Wind got down and
Tommy Rose here a fine Day 28th high Wind
keeping in the 2 Bull's raising stones and
Ploughing cold to night took away the
Banking from the shed north side
heard Thunder to night I Hamilton Set up
to night snowed through the night
Dan McLean Departed 25th crossed
with a Letter to P O for Genie
Postage 3 got Paint and oil for the Barn
Stove a Hole in the Big Boat turned
Back and took the Barn speaking to
Robinson about the Bull 30th Ploughy
Wintery Fine Day Oodensburgh
Boat caling last night to Dundee
stop at St. Georges Wharf all night
Lots of ice going down to Day 1st of
May at Phillip & St James Lots of ice going down
Leander and I went around the Island The steamer
Grenada coming across turned Back a little way
and let of steam whatever was wrong I don't know
yet The John A or Ham Calvin going down
a Raft the first this season set fires cutting
Brush & a very high Wind West Pointing
the Cupboard Door Windows 3rd cutting and grubbing
in the upper field made the fence at the Wet Hill
Let out the young Bull W Wind very high
The Mr Gathen went down with a Raft
4th Fine Randolph Went to Christies Stanley
Leander, Slavy and the other 4 went to Newell
Island Grenada went to Lancaster
with a party of masons

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Mr Tammes Cameron Island 5th May 4

Fine Day Went to The Bay with the Boat
to Fish & Heard Dr Dickinson Departed last
week 6th Fishing around the Shanty putting stones
here the water is wearing the Bank & Wind
breakers. Went down first trip 7th Fine & Wind
Rained Blew hard Went to Fort Covington 1 Boot
Smallman Flour 3 Boots 1¹/₂ 30 Fine Salt Matches 15
Doz of Cups & Saucers 80 Red stuff 15 Bought of A Tyroline
Tobacco 35 Cucumbers 5 Bought of Mr Long Hoss 2
alls 5th Pipes 2 Brush on Credit 35 got the
Strainer kettle Mended 20 3 yds of Calico 24
Worm Syrup 25 Hoarhound 1 pound Randolph
Boots 85 took dinner at Mr P. Buchanan's
old Mr Congdon Taken on the Boat
renada from Cornwall Bought of
Tyro Flask 30 Sale at Elliott's Mr
Burdos store closed got papers from
Mr Mc Cartney sailed going and coming south
wind 8th The Bohemian first trip
the Fishermen Came Rain & Wind Fine
Mr Congdon Burned to day Randolph making
Harrow 9th putting up Manure Found
the Logs around the door commenced to rain
night Boats aground Tugs lots of Tugs going
to day 10th Raining Windy & Wet ice going
down Wild Geese plenty on Plum Island 11th
Bohemian went up Leander & Huglin went
to Hamiltons Fine Windy Rained some
Philip got the Black Boat to go to
Bostells some ice going down 12th Harrowing first
planting of Potatoes Ploughed the garden and the
bean place Fine set out the calves in the
yard they went with their fish 1st time

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Mr. Pittman's Cameron Island 13rd May
 Planting Potatoes Ploughed in Drills Phillip
 to the Store took my Paper from
 the office Fine & Wind Rained to night
 Sprung the Bull Buckle out put the Ring
 in his nose John trying to screw up his cattle
 yesterday and to day to Alex's Island
 Wild Geese plenty 14th Wind South West
 Wind the Friends did not come over
 from Dundee Walter Baker's girl
 to be married to day Fine cold some
 drops of rain cutting brush in the upper
 field Fixing the Calfs fence a Race
 the Bohemian Settlement the
 Mr. Arthur took down a staff 15th
 found a stick of Oak Randolph to Charles
 Island 16th at fences 17th cutting brush 18th
 Randolph to Alex's Island and Round Bla
 Island Found a Tin stove in the water
 19th Went to Summers town Bought of
 Mr. Ward a Hopping Barrel 25 lbs of
 Dimes with John J. Summers Potato
 and fine to pins 2 got a scotched apple
 20th Planted Potatoes in the Back Garden
 Finished making the soap 21st Warm Went
 to Hamiltons to fix the Boat John
 in Cornwall 22 at the Boat Ascension
 Holy Thursday Bought of Summers Tax 10th
 Rainy Windy came home set a fire to huts
 23rd Planted Potatoes Pumpkins cucumbers etc
 the cherry tree the sounding place 24th
 Ellen's Birth Day Peopled Corn
 making Bon Fires to night
 25th Fine

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Mr. Pittman's Cameron Island 26th MAY
 Planted Corn the Barn Harrowed the Potatoes
 on 27th Fixing the Milkhouse Peter Free and
 Lehere Raking Manure cold 28th Fixing
 the Cookhouse cold North Wind Lots of ice and
 snow under the manures in the Barn yard
 Royal Oak Day or Oak Apple Day Windy
 Wind cold and fine Went to Dundee with a
 met of Butter sold to A. J. 10 cents Bought of
 700 100 wt of flour Tea 3 lb 1 Commeal 60 Tobacco 18
 the 25th Plus 3 Raisins 10 2 Packages of Soda 16 12 Boxes
 Blue 13 Saw 75 Crackers 10 hand Mr Long for Brush 35
 lbs of Nails 25 2 pair of Spectacles 50 Locks 10 Bought
 Smallman 3 yards of Calico 25 Bought 2 Tuls
 Paid to Lemay 1 dollar on the Watch got
 Reister & Bull Ring from Bill Retired
 19th Hawk 3¹/₂ st Randolph crossed to Summers
 of a Pleasur from the New Hugh Cameron
 in the office the Presbyterian art 2 Globes
 Cereals 2 cents Bought Bread for Marcus
 Alexander planted Beans cutting brush put
 shes on the Potatoes and corn a BIG
 fire somewhere up the front an Indian and
 Squaw here its James J. Mans Barn children
 lit a fire the Fosters 1st June the glorious
 21st June WOMEN'S Birth Day 1878
 22nd (CONT'D) Went to Hamilton Heard
 Bella Chesholm's Departed Buried to day
 cleaned the Boat so to paint her on the inside
 came home sheared the sheep 4th Washed
 the Wool Fine working around the Barn
 went to Cambridge with Fred George the 4th Bull Day
 the Wool 10 lbs gave 10th Frances Wife here and daughter
 1 dollar on the 15th Frances wife here and daughter
 16th Went to Summers town
 Hamiltons shearing them she
 bought 3000 ft of Thread a letter from Gord