

Tuesday Jan 12th

Sorting potatoes forenoon.
After dinner Susan wished me to accompany her up to our pond so that she could practice skating ~~so that~~ without being seen. We skated till about three o'clock and then came home where we found Miss Hylic and Maggie Green-shields who wanted to go up to skate too, so we (Susan and I) had to go back with them. We skated for about

an hour, and they departed.
ed. After tea Harry, Susan
and I went up to the mill-
pond to try it again.
There was two large fires.
and very nearly a hundred
people including about
twenty ladies. Miss W. and
Miss G. were there. I put on
Maggie's skates, and skated
with her for a while. &c. &c.

Wednesday 13th / 69

Finished sorting po-
tatoes forenoon. P. M.-
Sawing wood. Evening-
Went up to Mr Forster's
where a "Christmas Tree"
containing a present

for each one in the Sabbath
School.

I was rather late in the
season to call it an Xmas
tree but circumstances
did not permit the teachers
to have it earlier.

I got a book - title - "My
First Cruise" and a small
parcel of candy.

The tree was nicely lit
up with small wax
candles, and was loaded
down with toys of every
sort, Dolls, Books, Jumping
Jacks, Bouncing Balls, Tin
Swords, &c &c

The children were all

well pleased, and de-
parted for home about
half past nine.

There was also a surprise
party at Dr. Geroyds.

Thursday 14th
Sawing wood all day.
Pa-pu and Mamma
went to spend the
evening at Mr. Phelps,
so that I had a head-
ache from driving the
horses all the afternoon
at the sawing-machine,
but that did not hin-
der me from going
to skate where I soon
got rid of all my

aches. William was learning to skate to-night. He, however did not fare very well. for in one of the 'upsets' which every beginner is likely to get, he broke one of his skates and his watch dropped out, he not noticing it at the time.

But he soon discovered his loss and went to look for it but could not find it.

It is a valuable gold watch, so if he does not find ^{it} he'll feel 'cheap' over his first skate.

Friday 15th

Sawing wood in the forenoon.

Evening: Went to B. Class. Was not there last Friday evening as I was not aware of it having started since the Xmas holidays.

Stayed in for Prayers, after which W. R. C. F. Miss Kate Sefton Susan and I went down to skate for awhile.

William's watch was found by a young boy last night.

Saturday 16th

Went up to Mt Forest
in the evening thence
to the Factory dam
and skated till half
past nine.

There was not so many
ladies on the ice ^{as usual}
being Saturday eve-
ning.

Sunday 17th

Went to Morning Ser-
vice.

Miss Kate Sefton came
down to dinner.

Went to Sabbath
school: received 23 Cts

Collector: don't like
the office of Librarian,
very well.

It has been a most beau-
tiful day - clear, the
sky cloudless, and a
bright sunshine all day.
It is now after eight
o'clock, I think I'll go
to bed as I feel a little
tired after last week's
skating.

William, Harry, Alfred,
Susan~~arah~~ and Kate
Lepton went to hear
Mr Murray preach
to-night. Pa. Ma. George
Clarke and I are at
home.

Monday 18th 1868

Got up out of the land
of dreams at six o'clock
and routed Essey-Ann
up to make the "Buck-
wheat pancakes";

after doing full jus-
tice to them I went up
and tended my flock
after which I started
in company with
Susan for school.

I was not there any of
the last quarter.

I felt like as if I was
in jail at first, but
soon got over that.

There was about

seventy scholars there
to-day.

In the evening we went
up to skate; there was
a very large number
of people on the ice.

Tuesday 19th

The weather is beginning
to turn cold again; but
we may be thankful
for the weather we
have had: it not
having been cold for
a couple of weeks.

Went to skate at
seven o'clock and
staid for a couple

of hours;

There was not one half the number on the ice that there was last night; it is beginning to get 'played out' we have had such a long spell of it.

Wednesday 20th

Did not get up till after seven so was a few minutes late for school. I do not like to be late.

The annual missionary meeting is being this evening.

I did not attend it,
as I had to stay at home
all the rest of the fam-
ily being gone.

They have just now
came in at ten o'clock.
I think I will go to
bed.

The missionary meeting
was very well attended.
(they say)

Thursday 21st

Got up at a quarter
to five (earlier than I
intended as I did not
know what time it
was.) Studied my

lessons for awhile.

Was in good time for school.

In the evening there was a party of people went out in the country for the purpose of surprising F. W. Stevenson and to have a "jolly time of it" at his house.

Harry went up with the horses and fetched out a load.

William and Harry were all that went from here. They got home at about four o'clock in the morning.

Friday 22.

There was no Bible Class this evening on account of the ~~the~~ practicing for a concert to be held on the second of February for the good of the Church.

Saturday 23

Helped at the Sawing afternoon. I think it will be the last sawing for this winter as we have a very large heap of wood.

The ice up on our pond is very good but I had not time to skate upon it.

2. Sunday 24th
Went to School and
to Church.

Robert and Minnie, Miss
Sefton and her sister
were down to tea,
The weather is begin-
ning to get cold again.
It was rather stormy
to-day.

Monday 25th
Got up at 5 o'clock.
Oh! what a cold sharp
morning - so cold that
I did not like to face
the wind going to school
but turned my back
to it, and walked

backwards from "The
White Frame House" up
to the centre of Mt Forest
nearly a mile.

The branches which
occupy my time at
school now are:

Geometry, Algebra, Men-
suration, Geography,
Grammar, Ciphersing
Book-Keeping - Latin

^{P.S. and sparking.}
I studied for about
a month last year.

The class has not
started this year.

I don't like Geometry
very well; I have been
through the first

two books; but don't know much about it. All the rest of my studies I like very well.

The names of some of the principal scholars.
Boys: John, G. orley, Harry Coyne, William Anderson, Theodore King, Walter Campbell, David Jamieson (a sharp scholar) William Davidson, W. R. G., Forster, Robert Dumbat, Alex: Godfrey, Malcolm M^c Taggart, John Mc Gillvray, Albert Welton, Florence Watt,

Girls: Maggie Green-
shields, Kate Whelpley,
Miss Cheeseman, Susan,
Sarah Lee, Milly Spence,
Jennie Waismith, Mary
Ann Ott, Cora Watt,
Mary Campbell.

Teacher - J Garland.

Tuesday 26th

This morning, father got
up at four of the clock
and got on his 'duds'
drank a cup of tea
(had not time to drink
any more) and the mor-
ning stage came along
upon which he jump-

ed up and started for
Guelph to attend to some
money matters concerning
a couple of tolls which
he had had for the
year 1868. (He lost about
260 \$ by them)

From Guelph he is to
proceed to Homer to see
all his friends and re-
latives in that part
of the country. Cousin
Charlie is falling in
consumption: he has
to take cod-liver oil
four times a day.

We received a letter
from Sid to-day - the

first we received since
he went to Florida.

He is getting along very
well; is living with
an old planter.

Gets ^{\$}1.50⁰⁰ per day for fix-
ing up the inside of
the house; S. E. doing
the carpentering work.

He never served his time
to the trade: yet was
quite a genius at the
business.

There is a surprise party
to be at ~~dancing~~ Kyle's
to-night. William and
Alfred have gone there.

Thursday 28

Got up at 5 o'clock.

Harry and Duke started for Guelph with two loads of wheat, this morning.

Dubin (the hired man) let a back-log fall on his toe last Saturday which hurt it so much that he thought he had better go home and nurse it there: so

I have to attend to all the live stock at home.

Received an invitation to a surprise party today (The person to be sur-

surised - Dr. Dunbar) but
did not accept it as I
had a head-ache.

William received a letter
from Sam to-day; he is
getting along well;
passed an examination
last week, and was
highly complimented
on the neatness of his
book-keeping books.

Friday 29th

Got up at half past
five and fed the cattle
and horses. My head ached
a little all the morning,
but it did not hinder

me from going to school,
but the excessive heat in
the school rooms and the
day being pretty warm
caused me to feel lighter
than usual in the upper
story.

In the mensuration class
I almost fainted, but man-
aged to keep up till noon
when I ~~went~~^{came} home.

In the evening I felt too
dull and wearied like to
go to B. & class, so I went to
bed at six o'clock and
slept pretty sound till
morning.

Saturday 30th

As my head did not feel much better in the morning I did not get up till twelve o'clock (a most unusual occurrence)

Harry and Duke arrived at half past eleven A.M.

I ate but very little dinner and went to bed again at three P.M. Mamma went up to the village in the afternoon with Harry and fetched me down a couple of oranges - she is Oh! so kind to the sick.

Sunday 31st

My head ached this morning, but not so much as it did yesterday; Staid up all day but did not go to Church (would ^{have} liked to be there as there was a preacher from Fergus, who changed missions with Mr. Foster for this Sabbath.) nor to S. School.

Mr. R. C. F. and Robt. Clarke were down to tea.

It has been rather a cold day.

Read part of the 'Boy who was trained to be a Clergyman to-day.

Monday Feb. 1st

The head-ache which I have had has turned into a cold which deterred me from going to school to-day.

George & Clarke and myself felt rather lonesome (he especially, as he has been laid up for more than a week with a sore ankle, caused by his boot being too loose while skating one night) staying as prisoners in the house.

February

Tuesday Feb 2

Harry and Duncan
started with loads of
wheat to Guelph this
morning.

Father arrived last
night on the night
stage. He enjoyed his
visit very well.

When I got up and
began to speak I thought
I must have had a "bull-
frog" in my throat, this
morning but when I
tried to cough it out
lo! lo! and behold you
the fellow would not
come out, but when

'poor me' tried again
I found it was not
a 'bull-frog' but a
severe attack of hoarse-
ness which would not
permit me to speak
above a whisper; and
has not yet gave me
a permit (nine of the clock ^{p.m.})
Father, Mother, Susan and
Essey Ann, went to the
Concert ^{held} for the good
of the Church held in Evans
Hall to night. G. C. and
I would like to have
went, but circumstances
would not permit.
Has been a cold day.

Wednesday 3rd

Did not get breakfast till nine o'clock. (Susan was so late she did not go to school.) My hoarseness has been just as bad all day but to-night it begins to clear off a little.

Alf thought it to be his turn to "act invaleed" to-day; he has a bad cold and headache. He did not go up to the shop.

William has gone out to a 'surprise party' at Sam Wallace's this evening.

Thursday 4th

Had a splendid breakfast on buck-wheat pancakes and syrup.

Very cold stormy day.

Harry Duncan and Mr. Kessey came home from Fergus.

Mr. B- has come up from Homer with a load of dried-apples.

We (George and I) feel lonesome having nothing to do but read and get tired of that sticking at it constantly.

George's ankle feels a little better today.

Friday Febr'y 5th

Reading the most of the day.

Mr. Bessey went up to the village and disposed of his apples and then came down to tea.

Went up to B. Glass at six o'clock; There was no prayers or practice on account of non-attendance caused by a quadrille party which was held in Evans Hall.

Went up to St. H's for Susan who kept house while Lizzie went out visiting; while there

played a game at
croquet - our side winning.

They had an oyster
supper there but I did
not eat any of the oysters
as I do not care for them,
staid till half past
ten.

Saturday 6th

Very nice day.

Harry and Duncan
went up to get a load
ready for a start on
Monday morning.

Mamma has a bad
head-ache to day.

I have entirely recovered
from my head-ache.

Sunday 7th

Mrs L. H. Y., Mr. Garland,
Miss Sefton and Walter
White were down to
dinner.

Duke ^{drove} Miss Sefton, W. W.
Alf, Susan and I up
to S. School.

The state of the S. S.
is very prosperous just
now: over seventy child-
ren attending; the teachers
are - T. G. Smith, Mr. Orr,
Alf, W. White, Mrs. Foster,
Miss Read, Miss Sefton,
Miss Honeycomb and
Miss Hewitt.

Robert, with Miss P. J. Parkes, came down to tea.

In the evening we all drove up to Church with the exception of G. Clarke whose lameness detained him.

Monday 8th

Mt Bessey, Harry and Duncan started early this morning - Mt Bessey for Homer, Harry and Duncan with their loads of wheat for Guelph.

The sleighing is getting good again for

it has been bad for almost a month on account of the soft weather; waggons were all the go. I started to school this morning.

A person staying away for even a week falls back in the lessons very badly; but I got along very well.

Tuesday 9th

Was a very good day for snow-balling - we practised it a good deal at school to-day.

This being 'Shrove Tuesday' we had pan-cakes for tea.

Wednesday 10th

Ash Wednesday. There was service in the Church this morning but I did not attend. Went to school. Sleighing is going fast the last couple of days.

Harry and Duncan arrived from Luelph at 1/2 past 11.

Thursday 11th

Today I believe, the murderer of T D Arcey Mr. Gee who was shot last April 1868 was hanged by the neck till he was dead.

We have not heard the

particulars as to
whether he confessed
that he did the deed
or not.

The stove-pipes in the
school fell down to-
day so that the school
was dismissed from 10
till 12 o'clock.

Has been a fine day.

Friday 12th

Very soft and mild
day; sleighing about
gone. Went to B. & Class
and stayed in for
service. Mr. F. gave a
very touching sermon
from the text - What

could go not watch
with me one hour. (Mat.
thru 26th, 40) William,
Harry, Alfred and Susan
went up to a social
at Uncle Thos' in
the evening. (it was not
for the 'Church'.)

Saturday 13.
Clearing up old boxes
and drawers and
fixing books in the fore-
noon. Received a letter
from brother Sam; he
has changed his board-
ing house and intends
going to the military
school in a short time.

Sunday 14th

Has been sleeting
hard all day I thought
from the appearance of
yesterday that we would
have bare roads but it
froze hard during the
night and we will
still have sleighing.

Went to Church and
School.

Had no visitors to day
on account of the
roughness of the day.

We generally have some
of our Mt Forest friends
down on the Sabbath.

(I don't like it)

Monday 15th

Did not receive any Valentines
to day.

Went to school. It has been
a very nice day.

Received an invitation
to a party to be held at
Robert's tomorrow night in
honour of Minnie's sister,
Priscilla.

Tuesday 16th 69

Went to the party at 4 1/2
after 7. Played a couple of
games at Croquet with M.
Greenshields at first, and
then called up stairs to
play some Euchre and
listen to music.

Supper was served at 11 o'clock after which they moved the stove, writing desk, and ready-made clothing table in the shop and soon were engaged in the 'mazy dance' to the music of a melodeon, as they had not engaged a violin-player not expecting to dance. William and I left about 1/2 after 1 A.M. The rest of the party broke up about three o'clock.

There were about forty persons present. Enjoyed myself very well.

Wednesday 17

Got up at fifteen minutes after six. Went to school as usual at nine o'clock; but began to feel a little drowsy towards the latter part of the afternoon. Went over to the Canada House at noon and played a couple of games at euchre with Miss Parkes, who beat me 2 out of 3.

There is to be a surprise party at Swan's this evening. None of the family attending.

Thursday 18.

Went to school.

Mrs. Yeomans (Lily's mother) and Lizzie were down spending the afternoon with mamma; also young Sidney, & Lawrence who has grown to be a "splendid looking young man" and can walk very well.

Friday 19

Very stormy morning.

Went to school; there was not many there on account of the snow which is drifted pretty high in some

places.

Went to B. Class in the evening but after waiting till a quarter to seven Willie came down to tell us that there would not be any as Mr. Forster (who was down to Arthur village for Mr. Thomson of Elora who was to assist him in the services of the evening) - was rather tired to attend, not having got home till after four o'clock.

Mr. Thompson gave a very good sermon.

Saturday 20.

Was cutting scraps out
of newspapers for a scrap
book I intend to start
shortly.

Ginnie (J. G.'s eldest
child) was down to
spend the afternoon
with Susan.

Freezing all day.

Sunday 21-

Spent the forenoon
in reading.

Went to S. School
and to Church after-
noon. Mr. F. delivered a
very fine discourse from
Mark 8, 34.

Monday 22.

Got up at six of the clock; learned my geometry lesson for the afternoon's lesson.

When I went up to the C. House on my way to school this morning Minnie apprised me by telling me that we were to be surprised this evening by a party who wished to have a "night's fun." So we might expect a houseful of people; for whenever there is anything of the

kind going on, they
(the people of Mt F^t)
like to come down to
the 'White Frame Mansion'
the kitchen being large
and roomy for a dance
(^{dancing} it being the chief
amusement of the season)
and the other rooms
corresponding.

Well! at the appointed
time the parties came
along in pretty good
force every one with
his basket or her
basket.

They soon dispersed
themselves to the

various modes of enjoyment prepared by themselves, such as Dancing, Euchre, Croquet, Grab, Music &c &c.

At about three o'clock A.M. they departed for home evidently very well pleased with the 'night's fun'.

On counting them up afterwards we numbered about fifty couples who were present.

I enjoyed myself very well.

Tuesday 23rd

Got up at seven o'clock
but felt rather heavy
after the night's carousal.
Went to school.

Robert, Minnie and Priscilla
came down afternoon to
play a couple of games at
Euchre.

Wednesday 24th

Very cold morning.

Went to school.

I have been writing my
name upon my school
books just now (E. P. M.)

Harry is writing a letter.
Susan is practising her
music lesson.

Thursday 25.

Pretty cold day. Harry gave us a ride up to school. (like any gentleman would.)

Mr. Garland started a Physiology class in the school to-day. "Hooker's first Lessons" is the title of the Book.

Friday 26.

Another cold day.

Susan did not like the idea of going ^{to school}, so she slept till it was too late.

Went up to B. Class at six but found there was not to be any during the Lenten Season as Mr.

Forster - having arranged with the neighbouring missionaries to preach for and assist him in the Friday-evening services - cannot attend to the class.

Mr Nesbit of Rothsay was the preacher who assisted Mr F. this evening.

Saturday 27th

There is now as much, if not more snow on the ground than there was before the great thaw which gave us them couple of weeks good skating. Rough, cold day.

Sabbath-28

Went to Church at eleven;
to School at half past
two and to hear Mr. McInt-
ray (minister of the Old
Kirk of Scotland) at half
after six.

The service in the mor-
ning was beautiful and
the sermon impressive.

Monday 1st March.

To school as usual.
Went up to the village
at 1/2 after 7 to hear a
debate between the
Young Men's Literary Association
and the Temperance Society.
Subject - War v. S. Whiskey.

March

The Literary Society were the victors; their subject being 'war'.

Tuesday March 2nd

Nothing.

Wednesday 3rd

Oh what a beautiful Sugar-making-like morning! Ugh! I didn't feel like sitting in the school all day - nevertheless I did it. The snow was good for snowballing so I went in for that.

Went over to the C. House at noon, and played a couple of games at Euchre with P. J. P.

Thursday 4th

It is a true saying -
that this a changeable
country; yesterday was
a beautiful day! this
morning was awful
cold.

While we were at
breakfast one of us
happened to look
out and we saw
a heavy smoke up
in the village but
thought it issued
out of the foundry,
but when up in the
village on our way
to school we saw a

multitude of people
before Golcough's drug
store which was almost
burned to the ground.

The fire was caused by
the stovepipes.

Mt Forest buildings
are principally wood
and some of them are
in close proximity, so
that they will be apt
to be burned except more
brick or stone buildings
are put among them.

There are no fire-en-
gines in the village.

Friday March 5th

Another cold day.

Rev. Mr. Cooper of Fergus
who was expected to
be present at the
service this evening
was detained by
sickness so Mr. Foster
gave us an excellent
discourse from - Love not
the world nor the things
of the world 1st John 2nd 15;
15;

Saturday 6th

Very stormy day.

Father is just now
in bed with a pain
in his stomach - 1/2 past 7 P.M.
'an unusual occurrence.'

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Monday March

Sunday March 7

Robert, Minnie, Priscilla,
John Gibson, Robert Clarke,
and Alfred Nash (a young
boy whom Minnie is adopt-
ing, his father having left
a family of seven or eight
of them down at Homer.)
were down spending the
afternoon with us.

We - Alf, Susan and I -
went to S. School as
usual at half past two.

The School being pretty
large now and their
being a lack of teachers

just now I offered my
humble self to teach a
small class of the minor
scholar so Alf who had
a class of about a dozen^{or more}
kindly gave me half a dozen
to begin with. I must try
and learn the characters
of my young pupils so
that I may know how
to treat them - May the
Giver of all Good teach
me to attend to my duty
as a teacher should.

Went to Church in
the evening.

Rather a cold day

Monday 8th

Had a splendid breakfast of buck-wheat pancakes. Essie (the hired girl) being a good hand to make them.

Went to school at the usual hour. Very nice day.

Tuesday 9th

Beautiful morning.

Had good fun snow-balling at school.

Mamma has been out visiting among the neighbours this afternoon, Mrs. Spears and Mrs. Nightingale.

Wednesday 10

Oh! so changeable! the snow blowing and drifting enough to blind a person, while coming from school I was nearly blown away the wind was so strong. Yesterday the roads were sloppy the sun was so strong.

Thursday 11

Mamma and Papa went up to tea to Mr & Yeomans.

William, Henry, and Alf to a surprise party.

so G. Clarke, Susan, Essie, Duke and I are alone.

Am studying the 26th proposition of Geometry for to-morrow.

Friday 12th

Harry drove us up to school, the morning being pretty cold.

Went to church in the evening; the Reverend Mr. Evans of Durham village, being present. He delivered a very good sermon.

Saturday 13th

Took a dose of salts in the morning but it did not operate very well. I don't care about Physick in general, but thought it would not do me any harm - no more did it.

Sunday 14th
Stormy! Stormy! Oh!
so stormy! - in fact the
stormiest day we've
had this year.

Tom Clarke came out
from Clifford last evening.
He came to Church with
us this morning.

There was not a very
large congregation pre-
sent. After Church the
teachers of the S. S. agreed
not to hold any school
as it would be too
stormy for the children
to attend.

Mt. Forster started to go

down to his missions in
North Arthur and Arthur
villages but could not
drive through as the
drifts on the road would
not permit the horse to
get along.

Monday 15th

The Maitland Hill
had to be shovelled
out this morning
after the severe storm
of yesterday.

Tuesday 16th

Got the loan of a book
from W. R. G. Forster.
Title "Swiss Family Rob-
inson"

Wednesday 17
St Patrick's day;
also the Fair day.

Warm sun shining
all day.

R. G. Concert was
held this evening.

Thursday 18
Harry, Alfred and
Miss P. J. P. started away
this morning.

Harry and Alf are going
to spend a couple of
days in Purlinch at
an acquaintance's of
theirs - Mr Leslie and
Sam, who having fin-
ished his course in

the Commercial College
last week, and has
been down on a visit
to Homer will come
up on the train to there
and they will fetch him
home.

Priscilla is going home.

Very nice day.

Friday 19th

Went to the C. House
at noon to cover a book,
also played a couple
of games at checkers with
Cousin Charlie who is now
attending our school and
boards there. at the C. House.

Went to Church in

the evening. The Reverend Mr Cooper of Fergus - who was to have been here a couple of weeks ago, at the evening service, but was detained on account of sickness - officiated. There was not a very large congregation.

Sunday 21st
Went to S. School afternoon.
My class got along very well.

"Behold the man" was the subject of this evening's text from which Mr. F. delivered an excellent discourse.

Thursday 23-

When I awoke this morning the first thing I heard was Sam's voice, who came last night about 12 P.M. on the night stage.

On the 18th ult. I noted that Alf & Harry had went down to Pisslinch to meet Sam there, but he (Sam) having changed his mind took a trip over to Rochester to see the Miss Alleyns, so they came home without him, and he had to come on the stage.

In the afternoon
some of us scholars got
up a petition to the
Trustees of the school
asking for a couple of
holidays after Easter; they
granted them, so we will
have no school next
Monday nor Tuesday.

Friday 26th

Was busy making
spills for the trees
all day, as we intend
to make a little molasses.

Went to Church
in the evening. Mr. F
delivered an excellent

discourse suited to this
holy season of the year.

This text was taken
from the 16th Chapter and
30th verse of the book of Judges.

Sunday 28

Went to morning service
and staid in for the
Holy Communion.

There was about 40 com-
municants.

"Teach me to know thy
way aright oh my God!"

Attended my Class
afternoon, there are some
smart boys in the Class.

It has been a very

1 nice day. Lizzie and all the folks from her house were down to dinner and tea. Snow going fast.

Monday 29

Bob Clarke (who intends helping us at the Sugar making this spring) and William went up in the forenoon and tapped 50 trees but it has not been a good day as it was raining a little.

Tuesday 30

Still raining. No sugar making. Freezing in the evening.

Wednesday 3^d

Snowed about half
an inch last evening.

no sap running today.

Went to school. Fetched
ed^{my} books home as I don't
expect to go till after
sugar-making. I have
attended very regularly
since the school began
at New Years with the
exception of one week
that I had a bad cold.

Thursday 4th Apr

April 1st 1869

Did not play any
pranks nor was not play-
ed upon even though it
was "All Fools Day."

Went up to the
sugar-bush and got about
two sugar-kettles full of sap
which ran on Monday
but there has not any
run since.

We were surprised
in the evening by a party
of "Young Mt Forest" coming
down to have some fun.
5 of the Williams' 3 Porters
Rob Dunbar & H Davidson

W.R. C.F. & Gussie were
all who were present.

We played Croquet,
Carpet Balls, and a splendid
game of Forfeits. Broke
up at at 12 P.M.

Saturday 3, April
Went to Church,
yesterday evening.

It snowed about
two inches and has
been stormy all day.
Very cold for April.

No sap!

In the afternoon I
read "Gay Life in New York"
A romance By De Witt

Sunday 4

Freezing, stormy,
snowy-queer kind of wea-
ther for April. It has been
as cold as a day in mid-
winter.

Attended S. School.
Went to Church in the
evening when Mr. F.
delivered an excellent
address on the subject
of pew-renting which
was abolished at the
Vestry Meeting held last
week. The seats are
from henceforth free
to all - poor and rich.

Wednesday 7th

Very nice morning but turned cold in the afternoon; No sugar making; has been the general tenor of the past couple of days.

Maggie G— departed for home today (Monday)

Friday 9

B. Clarke and I went up to chop wood afternoon.

The B. class started this evening again as Mrs Forster had not time to teach it during Lent.

Sunday 11th
Got up at 6 o'clock.

Went to Church A.M.
and S. School P.M. Gave
my class a Catechism
piece to-day.

W. R. C. F. came down
after S.S.

Very nice spring-like
day - sap was running.

Tuesday 13th

The trees let their
sweetness flow forth
from the incisions
made in them by
the auger, so we got
about 30 pails of the
precious fluid.

Thursday 15th

The sun shone
forth very bright and
its rays caused the sap
to flow very plentifully.

About 13 o'clock I
was astonished at
seeing a large party
of the gentry of the
village marching
along through the
bush coming to help
us dispose of some of
our "Caffy".

The party was com-
posed of Mr. Murray, Mr.
Kenedy, L.H. & T.G. with
their ladies, & Mr. Laren

Charlotte Whelpley Mrs.
Dr. Geomans.

After they had made
a little taffy they began
to feel a little cold in
the lower extremities
so they moved their
quarters down to the
house and fetched
a couple of gallons
of molasses down to
their fire and there
they helped themselves
freely. Miss Reid and
Miss Welton came down
about seven, with Alf
and George Clarke.

Played Euchre & Croquet
till 1/2 past 10

Friday 16

William made
some sugar afternoon
but it got a little
burned.

I could not get
to B. C. class as I had to
help him and did
not get down from
the bush till after 9.

Sunday 17th

Went to S. School and
to Church.

Rather a dull day
day but the snow is
nearly all gone: the rain
of Friday night having
acted very effectually
upon it.

7th

Monday 19

Rained during the night so there was a good deal of water among the sap; but we gathered it and I stayed boiling till dark. When I got down home I beheld Mrs Colcluch, Mrs R. Smith, Miss Bell, Miss Waismith, Miss Watt, J. C. Wilkes, J. Kennedy (lawyer) Dr. Boyson standing around the table "digging" into taffy like good fellows. We had some good fun afterwards.

Wednesday 21

Very cold, windy to-
gether with a slight
hail: all the snow is
now gone, and the grass
and other plants are begin-
ning to show their much
wanted heads for the
farmers are 'awful' hard
up for fodder; we have
not had straw for over
a month and there
is not as much ^{hay} as
will feed the horses
during the spring
~~crop~~ work. Several of
the farmers in the
vicinity of Mt Forest have

lost as many as 6 and
one has lost 8 head of
cattle; we lost only
one.

This afternoon the
dam up at Geomans'
broke away carrying
with it all the saw
logs, and the centre butt-
ment of the bridge.

Martins bridge and
dam is also away-
loss about \$1,000.

The snow melted
away very fast on
Tuesday so that the
rivers filled up very
fast.
quickly