

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)
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Mr James Cameron Island 30th ~~Jan~~ Dec 1866 1867

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Drawing Drags

31st Last Day of the year Shot the Owl got him alive

1st of January 1868 shot 3 squi{rrrels} very stormy a Ball at John Frashers

2 cutting Hay got a Rat at the Lower Point

3 Allens Birth Day Drawing Drags angus and Angus the Blue Boy came for the sheep Got them gave Gordon and the rest 30 cents {Some words have been scratched out and cannot be read.} smallman Bushed the Road to Lanca{ster}

4th stormy Day

5th Sunday Fine Day

6th we{nt} to Summerstown seen Mr Riddle and old Donald Cameron carpenter at Davids Treat paid treat at Andrews -/7½ paid got a Ride out to Williamstown from Jimmy Grant Electi{on} time for councillors in Williamstown

7th in Williamstown

8th in Williamstown came home John Angus took me home

9th Went to Fort Covington Got a paper from John 2 Treats at Jessimas a Treat at Mac Bought 1 paper pins 2 sticks of Licquorice a paper of hee {Cut off by the page} 3 cents of Licquorice Root 1oz a Bottle at McR{aes} to Be Returned a Treat at McRaes got a Ride from John McLennans Robertson Going to the Flaxmill

10th cutting Stove Wood

11th Drawing Wood Broke the Whippetree a fine D{ay}

12th Old New Years Day cold

13th Making a Whippet{ree}

14th Drawing Drags cut a New Waterhole cut an oak in the marsh took home cedar for Brooms a very fine Day shot a squirrel

15th cutting Drags {Above it reads: Mrs Harper a Girl}

16th Drawing Drags.

17th put Poison in the hog

18th very windy Drew some Drags from the Pitt Point

2019th sunday a very fine day EEL Fishers at alexus Island

20th ~~stagness~~ Day went to Summerstown {Illegible due to mold} A Summers ½ lb Tea 1/10½ paid

Mr James Cameron Island Jany 21st 1868

Stagness Thrashed 1 Bushel of Wheat Lewis and Pete Bosell Drew 3 Load of hay a Ball at David Summers caribou's Making

22nd Thrashed a Bushel of Wheat Lewis Drew the Last Load of their hay a fine Day

23rd chopping Stove Wood {Above it reads: got a Rat}

24th at the Knees of the sleigh charlie Tupperts Birth Day

25th Drew some Wood out of the marsh Froze my Big Toe

26th Sunday Stormy cold Day

27th a Fine Day Drew a Load of Wood

28th Went to the Mill 2½ of Wheat 10 Rats to Mr Streeter 1 Pair of Boots for them Brought Mr McRae his Bottle got some Ulmanes from Mr Parker got 3 horse shoes from Dan Summers (his child died on the 17th) a very cold Day

29th Drawing Wood Filling the Bags with ashes cut a Waterhole

30th Went to Dundee with 5 Bushels of ashes 1 calveskin 3 sheep pelts to my account to Mr Baker Bought of mr Baker's ½ Barrel Fish 12/6 ½ Bushel salt 1/6 3 Quarts of Kerosene oil 22½ cents got 10 cents for Phrenologist

31st chopping in the Bush

1st of February Drawing Wood very stormy cut Down a Dry tree of Beech

2nd Drifting & Snowing

3rd Thrashed 2 Bushels of Wheat very Frosty Day

4th in the Bush cut Down a Stump of Beech

5th Thrashed 1½ of Wheat

6th Drew a Load of Wood

7th very cold stormy

8th Gordons Birth Day a Fine Day Thrashed near 1 Bushel of Wheat went to the head of the Island

9th Sunday Stormy West Wind soft

10th Thrashed the Last of the loose Wheat 20 lbs Began the Oats Thrashed 55 lbs

11th Drew some Wood snow Deep

12th cut Down a D Cut off by the page soft maple stormy

13th Went to Mill with 4 lb Wheat illegible due to mold

Mr James Cameron Island 13th Feby 1868

Mr Minkler ½ lb crackers 9 cents 3 cents of Tobacco pipe 1 cent Gave My Oats to Mr Baker 55 lbs Bought 1 lb Tea 1/3 cash 1 plug Tobacco ¼ of cut Tobacco Treat a very Stormy Day coming home got a Rug from Ritchison to put around me coming Down Salmon River got my account from Mr Baker 88 cents Left Mrs Hopkins Book at home Dombey and Sons Jim Hopkins Wife in Williamstown Dan Summers in Morriss Cut off by the page Dan Cameron came at home James McHvains? fell sick

14th St Valentine's Day a Ball at Wido Cut off by the page Summers's to night not very well a Fine Day Fixing the Flour put a Handle in Charlies old axe

15th strong east Wind and snow

Sunday 16th Fine Day Thawing Cat Killed the owl Thrashed 1½ of Oats

18th Went to the Bush snow very Deep

19th went Round to the Pitt Point chopping stove Wood

20th cleaning the cellar and up stairs chopping stove Wood a Fine Day the Cut off by the page

21st chopping stove Wood put the snow off the stack Above it reads: Thrashed 8 lbs Wheat Jack Rabbit Dead

22nd Washington's Birth Day Thrashed 1½ of oats Fine Day Frosty cut a Waterhole ice very Thick snow Deep on the ice

23rd Sunday Above it reads: Shrove Fine Day

24th St Matthias Thrashing Oats

25th Shrove Tuesday Fanning 5 Bushels

26th Ash Wednesday chopping stove W{ood} Ground the 2 axes a Fine Day

27th Breaking the {Cut off by the page} to the River

28th Gordon and I to the Bush

29th the Last of the Wheat a Bushel Left 3 sheaves for hats Last Day of February Frosty

1st of March the Fest{ival} of the Welsh St Davids Day a Fine Day but turned stormy with the change of the Moon came like a Li {Cut off by the page}

2nd Stormy

3rd Stormy Took the Bun out of the old House

4th Fine But Drifting

5th Thrashing oats

6th Finished {Cut off by the page} Fanning {Illegible due to weathering} Bushels of oats Broke the Road Thawing

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Mr James Cameron Island March 9th 1868

9th not many crossing the Salmon River is Bad

10th seen a crow for the First cutting sticks for Traps 14 of them when split

11th went to the Bush

12th this is the Day D McMaster came to the Island I went to Summerstown Bought of Mr Harper 1 Quart of Oil wick Black Thread 2 plug of Tole 1 lb shot 1 B Matches Got 2 papers and the (cheese) paper from Charlie sent a paper and an almanack to him

13th George Bosell Took a Ton of Hay 3 Loads Gave me 2½ Dollars

14th Tapt 14 Trees not running well

15th sunday

16th Tried to Go to Hopkins Turned Back with water on the Ice

17th St Francis Patrick Day in the morning First Laying of the Hens Tapt a few Trees

18th Black Birds came seen some Ducks The Empress Burnt not Good sugar weather

19th went for Hopkins Pot Got 2 lb of Pork for Nothing Tapt about 30 Trees took home 3 pails of sap made 22 Troughfs

20th went to mr Harpers Bought ½ lb Tea 2/- 8 yds of Calicoes 6/8 Hook & 8 ys spool of Thread ice Bad close to shore 1st Day of Spring

{2}1st Gathering sap Tapt some Boiling in the Bush took it home to sugar off 12 lbs made for the first

22 Sunday Livinia Birth Day Gathered Gathered some

23rd Boiling and Tapping

24th Boiling Sap Running well Tapping some yet Ice open to night at Francis Island

25th annunciation of the Virgin Mary Livinia Gordon Mary and the Baby all to the Bush

26th in the Bush

27th Boiling in the Bush

28th in the Bush

29th Sugared off Boiling some after Dark

30th all to the Bush the Rumpling Hen Killed by something

31 Sugared of Twice

1st of April all Fools Day Boiling seen a Canoe with 3 in it {Cut off by the page} set Fire Back of the Ba {Bottom of the page is illegible due to mold damage}

Mr. James Cameron Island April 3rd 1868

Taking some of the Boards off the old house run pretty well gathered 3 pails

4th Boiling and Gathering 40 pails made 2 cakes the Sugar soft

5th Sunday Palm not running very well

6th Boiling James Hopkins and pare Bone here going to Lancaster turned Back Cold Day took home a pail ½ syrup

7th in the Bush

8th Snowing

9th in the Bush

10th Good Friday in the Bush Shot 2 Black Ducks seen the Fox Tracks

11th in th in the Bush

12th Easter Sunday Lots of Eggs Fine Day But the Sun did not dance in the morning the sig{n} of a hard year

13th a Boat with 2 passed up from Lancaster made sugar 24 lbs

14th Sap Running well

15th all in the Bush Boiling Down Sugared 26 lbs

16th in the Bush very windy the cherry tr{ee} fell Down Gathered some came home yesterday ou {Cut off by the page} nannies a Lamb one of munroes a Lamb

~~16~~ 17th Boil 3 Gallons one of Munroes Sheep 2 Lambs one Dead

18th our Duncans Birth Day, very Windy time now Boiled ½ Gallon syrup

19th Low Sunday Swallows came Frost Last night Ice Going Down Found a Tick Wild onions coming up the Water Rising so {Cut off by the page} Found a nest with 9 Eggs

20th Boiling about 1 Gallon {Cut off by the page} Came I went to Mr Harpers with 23 lb Sugar 10 cents a pound Got 1 Dollar from Pat Bought of Mr Harper ½ lb Tea 2 Quart of oil -/6 1 Package of Matches -/6 ½ lb Su {Cut off by the page} 2 ½ Dollars worth of Flour Treats Bought of A Summers hats 20 cents Got 4 Papers from Charlie Heard of D Arcy McGee's Death a Villian that Shot Such a Good Man Mr Spinks went to Mont {Cut off by the page}

21st Caught a Wild Goose in the Big Trap Henry A {Cut off by the page} Lashey Lashey Got the 2 adzes round and square G{ot} Henery a Stick for Spear handles Got 3 eels from {Cut off by the page} eny

22nd at the Sturgeon Run

23rd Georges Day {Bottom of the page is too weathered to read}

Mr James Cameron Island April 24th 1868

The Brittish America began to Run Set the ashes for soap Gordon and I to the Head of the Island

25th Tapped some of the trees over running gathered 11 pails of sap Boiled it put in the cows again all munroes sheep got their Lambs but the old one

26th Sunday Snowing and a Fine Day Set Fire Last night to the Little Island Gordon and I

27th Made the Last syrup Made the Soap Lewis Christie here Gave him Fat pine Gave him 3 sticks for Paddles sticks for Brooms stick for spear Pole to Get a Basket Gave me an oak axe handle

28th Lewis Brought Fish for Pine Brought home 6 pails of sap Gordon Boiled it I went to try for eels at the Kit Kat Island {Île Kit-Kat} Found a horse shoe at the Little Island and a pipe

29th First Raft came Down came for my canoe Got it high wind {Above it reads: planted potatoes on 30th}

30th went to the Raft

1st of May set the hen to hatch yesterday Drew the oars up from the Lower point put manure out Drew away the hog pen the sheep all out

2nd Drew home the crotch for harrow set Fires Let out the Mare

3rd Mag & Feney here Got 3 EEIs

4th Jim Hopkins here the Raftman here Gave 7/3 for the Canoe I went across to Bosells at Semos at Roses took Dinner there wrote 2 Letters for Pat went to see Thomas Munroes wife and Mr McLeod Got 2 plugs from Pat

5th ^{or 4th} Mr McLeod Departed I went to William Frashers for Potatoes took Dinner Got 2 Bushels 5/-

6th Began to Plough

7th Ploughed some

8th Lashey here Got his spear Gave him a Board and Tuine for his canoe Tried for EEIs Got 12

9th Ploughed Tried for EEIs

10th Sunday Preaching on the Front J Angus there Set Fires on Pitt Point Pete Baker Willi Rose Walter Campt {Cut off by the page} ere

11th Went home with Mr Hopkins Pot hard for the Pork and Pot 8 lb {Illegible due to weathering} to Fish with {Cut off by the page}

Mr James Cameron. Island May the 12th 1868

Went to Williamstown with 2 sturgeon 2 Bottles of syrup 1 cake Mary 1 for Granny Sturgeon for Ellen and Bottle of syrup for Ellen cakes for her children currants Mr Harper moved to Lancaster these Days

13th I Came From Williamstown Got cod fish Broom Pail Got 1 Dozen of Herrings Soap Got Peices for a Quill from H Ann stopt at Mr Har{per} Bought a Bottle of Ink /2 Bought of Baker 6 Loa{ves} of Bread 2/6 came home stopt at the Lighthouse took Dinner or a snack in my canoe wind high. The Express Train Ran of the Track ice Going Down yet

14th High Wind and Rain the hen hatching in the Goose stable 14 eggs Planted some Potatoo Onions in the Garden yesterday nothing in the Ground yet Got a Cow Bell in Williamstown Ploughed at the Door

15th Sowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ of Wheat Planted some Potatoes at the {Cut off by the page} of the Wheat Set Fire on the North side of the Isl{and} in the marsh the Brittish America came Down a{nd} stopt at the Lower end of the Butternut Island The Spartan and Kingston Going Down togeth{er}

16th Planted some squash and Pumpkins amongst the Pota{toes} Gordon and I looking for Pine fixed the Gap in the Fence cut stick and made some Rails The SalaBerry Going in t{he} Salmon River the First time got aground The Bam {Cut off by the page} tried to take her off But could not Foggy this Morning The Osprey went Down Lord Elgin went Down Lord Elgin went Down Thunder Cannons roaring took Down the Plate of the Old house

17th Sunday america Trying to take the Salaberry off

18th Working at the Fence

19th at the fence

20th Went to Summerstown Bought {Cut off by the page} The Salaberry Got off Got on again the america Tried but co{uld} not take her off Mrs Munroe Went to Cornwall Brought Bottle of Maple syrup to her

21st Ascension Day or Holy Thurs{day} {Above the line it reads: Renaud took off the Salaberry} 70 lb of oats to D Baker Got 2 Bushels of Potatoes took Dinner at Emman{uel's} stopt all night Got a Bottle at Mr Bakers Left at the Door of {Cut off by the page} in the morning Bought of A Smallman $\frac{1}{2}$ lb crackers {The last line of the page is illegible due to weathering}

Mr James Cameron Island 22nd 23rd ^{23rd} of May 1868

Finished Planting Potatoes Before the Door

Sunday the 24th Raining Blowing

25th Got home the sheep sheared 3 of the sheep Fishing at night stopt all night on the Little Island above Ross's Great chopping on Christies Island

26th sheared the rest of the sheep {Fi}shing to night seen Henry Genie Fishing Marked Munroes sheep cut the Tails of all the Lambs and Marked them

27th Went to Mr Harpers {in} Lancaster Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of Potatoes $\frac{1}{3}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$ yd of Ribbon spool of Blue Thread Bought of Mr Nicholson the Baker 9 Loaves of Bread $\frac{3}{9}$ Returned John Frashers Bottle Took Dinner at Mr Harpers sailed home Tried Trowling {trolling} Got no Bites

28th Planted Potatoes and Beans at the Back Garden Tore Down the Pig Pen Planted cucumber and Melons 19 {Above it reads: hills} Melons Musk. 6. hills of Water Melons 22 hills of cucumbers Rafts went Down Highlander {Below it reads: - a gunboat} and America Towing a canons Kind Steamer Towed up By The Highlander

29th Royal Oak Day

30th Went to Lancaster with Mr Harpers Pot and 13 lb of sugar for hay for the Pot To 2 Bushels of Oats 47 cents a Bushel to $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel of Potatoes $\frac{2}{6}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tea $\frac{1}{10}$ oz with Little Jim McDougall Fixing

Sod on his Mothers Grave Dingwalls and Jim McDougall went with their Horses to Ross's Island High West Wind Met Henery in Lancaster stopt above Allen Roys in the Bay I Stopt all night at Allen Roys Seen Allen McMartin from the 8th concession

31st Whit Sunday {Pentecost} Last Day of May I came up along side shore From Allen Roys stopt at Henerys had Breakfast Lewis Bosell at home the Salaberry went Down wind high some cold Rain seen young Ducks

1st of June Planted a Few hills of Potatoes Lashey here Washing the Wool very cold

2nd I crossed Wrote a Letter to Mr J J Lynch Montreal No 1 {C}haboillez square Old Bosell Departed sent 2 papers to Charlie I got From him took the Wool to Thomas Munroes 13 lb seen Pat taking Down Hay and Wood for Mr Harper to Lancaster Andrew Summers Lent Me Postage for the Letter and paper as I Forgot my pocket Book Went Down to Bosells stopt at Roses took Tea all night at Bosells

3rd took Breakfast their and came home put the Wool in the Bags tried Trowing got none

4th Trowing put {Illegible due to weathering} hills of Potatoes Went {Illegible due to weathering} {Above it reads: got ash logs 13 Feet Long}

Mr James Cameron Island June 6th 1868

Raining Tried to catch the Mare Wind High the Dog Killed the chickens at night

7th Sunday East Wind Kingstown went Down Salaberry went Down a Good deal of crossing at Summerstown

8th Went to Summerstown Bought of A J Baker 48 lb of Flour (1 Lead pencil paid this) took home the Ram from Roses {Cut off by the page} the Lend of the Scottish Chiefs

9th Our Marys Birth Day Fi {Cut off by the page}

10th Cleaning some of the Potatoes

11th Fishing not very well

12 Gordon and I Fishing Caught a Lunge about 16 lbs w{ent} to Summerstown the Gun Boat Firing to Day anchored at Hopkins took home the Lunge

13th Fishing

14th ~~Fe~~ Thomas Davis here Gave him 3 papers a Tin Dish William Morris here and Briggs Lent {Cut off by the page} a paddle Found a Wheel Barrow on the Water

15th cutting the Weeds in the Potatoes

16th Gordon and I went to trowing Down to the Kitt Kitt Island Found a Ducks nest caught the Duck

17th Caught the Mare Drew some of the sticks around the Potatoes a Great many trowing

18th the Ever Memorable Battle of Waterloo {18 June 1815} Doctor Moxley Here Last night
{Between the lines it reads: 'took the Wool to Mrs Rose 3 Books I gave her R R Pirate' then is cut
off by the page} Went around the Island

19th Finished Weeding the Potatoes colouring these Days Mr Means and Mr Spen {Cut off by the
page} Trowing Leen Pigeons in the Bush at the Elm n {Cut off by the page}

20th Trowing caught a crow Killed one Fixing the Brush Fence the Steamer L Renaud a Pleasure
Party I can see part of the Ro {Cut off by the page} of Luke Bowens house on christies Island Heavy
Rain much wanted n {Cut off by the page} Moon comes in a Scotch Moon Tom Says But the Moon
that comes Sunday I always thought was a Scotch Moon Strawberries commencing to g{row} Ripe
Summer commences to Day Deer Flies commenced the swamp Getting Long BlackBerries in
Blossom Thorn apple trees in Blossom

21st Sunday Tom Davis here Gave him some English Papers alman{acs} Bill Morris and Briggs here
Found a Wheelbar{row} ~~on the Water~~ Lent Bill a Paddle

22nd ~~eressed~~ {Cut off by the page} Davis Birth Day

23rd John Angus started and Peter Baker {Bottom of the page is illegible due to weathering}

James Cameron Island June the 24th 1868

I crossed to Bosells got the 2 adzes got a Rope from Semo Returned Mrs Roses Book paid andrew
the Postage Brought a Bushel of oats to A J Baker 2/6 ½ Bushel of salt Matches 6 Bunches 4 Plugs
of Tobacco Got a Paper from Charlie Working at the Roads Fixing the oats and ashes in the Bags

25th Working at the cook house Started this evening Stopt at Lauries all night

26th Sold to Baker 3 Bushels of Ashes 114 lbs of Oats got 2-/2 ½ cents cash Bought Flour from
John Tyo for 2 Dollars Bought pipes from Mac John Carey Married yesterday {c}ame home the Gun
Boat at Hamiltons

27th Working at the cookhouse

Sunday 28 Tom Davis Brought some Papers

29th Dan Summers and Laurie here A Warm Day

30th at the cook House

1st of July **Dominion Day** the L Renaud a Pleasure Trip and the B America Steamers their Colours
Flying Warm

2nd Fishing set out Fires cutting the Weeds in the Potatoes

3rd Working at the cook house

4th July American Independence a Ball Last night over 500 at it at Staffords in Fort Covington
americans in Russells Beat here. Henery Genies Boy here hoed the Potatoes in the Back Garden

5th Our Johns Birth Day Emannuel here and Wife 2 of the children Gave them a string of Fish not
very well

6th Warm Weather these Days 1 of Munroes Sheep Dead a Log of the Fence Fell on its neck
skinned it put the carcass in the River Hoeing and cleaning the Potatoes took home some ashes
cleaned out the Barn East Wind turned the Long Canoe out of the Water

7th Tried Trowing got none commenced to Rain Thunder & Lightening much Wanted James Grant
here with his horses

8th Finished hoeing the Potatoes at the Lower end of the Wheat

9th Gordon and I went Trowing Down to Ross's Island Killed 3 Black snakes 1 of them a very Large
one a Monster Got a Large Pike at charlies Island or Butternut Island)

10th Fixing the canoes a very very warm Day the Warmest came yet I crossed to Summerstown
Stopt at John Hamiltons Gave me a peice of the Real Genuines {To}bacco that he Got of the Gun
Boat John Ploughing Buckwheat andrew Baker Fixing A Summers st {Cut off by the page}

Mr. James Cameron Island July 11th 1868

I crossed over got about 30 Tobacco Plants at Hamil{tons} From Margaret The Steamer L Renand a
Pleasure {Cut off by the page} Got 4 Dollars cash from James G Went and ½ lb Tea and to pay A
Summers 2/6 wk J A Treats {Above it reads: paid this} at Davids ½ lb sugar from A J Baker Jacob
Baker at Andrews Fixing the Post office for A Store for A J Baker Got 1 Doll{ar} Cash from George
Bosell Lashey here seen Mr Irons Master Painter from Cornwall the Champion {Cut off by the page}
{Dawn?} Got a Paper from Charlie from Chester no 4 St Anns Street care of Mr Rowe

12th of July Sunday Orangeman's Day Mr Smallman's Steamer passed here to Lancaster

13th Fixing in the mon {Cut off by the page} for the 12th of July Went to Lancaster Bought of Mr
Harper 3 Do{llars} Worth of Flour Sacrament in Lancaster 1 pair of Braces 1/3 Treat /3

14th Went to Bosells for Lasheys canoe Went to Dun{dee} with Ashes Rags Iron Boards Slept in
Bakers Barn

15th Bought of D Baker 9½ yds of Calico at 13 cents 1½ yds of Tweed for Gordon 1/3 a yd 3 yds of
Cotton at -/7½ yd ½ Dozen Cups sauce 1/3 plates ½ Dozen 1/6 (crackers Sugar Tobacco pipe)
Treat -/3½ Bought of Peter Buchannan 1 scythe 5½ Paid with Lumber got {Cut off by the page}
sycythe From Peter Bought Stone -/6 1 pc treat McRaes -/-½ Coming home the Wind turned me
Back from near our Island to the head of Alexis's Island in a {sq}uall

16th commenced to mow a few Rounds

17th mowing

18th mowing some put in 7 cocks the Mare Lame

Sunday 19th George Bosell & Family & Reggey here Gave them old news papers {Cut off by the page} ut one French paper to Henerys wife Berries plenty {Cut off by the page} berries

20th Mowed the Grove Finished mowing the Grove Went to Summerstown Bought of A J Baker on account of J G {James Grant} Tea 1/6 ½ lb soda /4 2 Rakes 1/4 2 Whet Stones -/8 sugar /3) (Alu {Cut off by the page} ½ lb -/3) Went up with Tom Kennedy seen Mrs Secor took {Illegible due to mold} & Toms Seen Francis the PO in A Summers {Illegible due to mold} terrible smoke Ashes Falling got 2 {Cut off by the page}

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James Cameron Island July 25th 1868

Mowing Down on the Bank to the appletrees Mrs Bowen and Mrs Mayville here for Berries

Sunday 26th a Boatload in the Berries

27th eat cucumbers {p}utting in 28 cocks Mowed some

28th The Earthquake Mowing

29th Mowing spreading making cocks

30th Raining some Mowing went to Fish Kept in Molly all Day Heard one of those Big Plouers this is the earliest year I ever seen him come

31st Molly her calf

1st of August or Lammas Day Raining mowing People in the Berries

Sunday

Monday 3rd Putting in 30 cocks thats 26 to Day on the Westside about 4 on the East side

4th mowing and Raking got piece of Pine on the 3rd George Bosell here gave me 7/6 cash not agoing to take the hay only offered me 5 Dollars for it

5th Went around the Island to Galerneau and July and Mrs Mayville for Berries Raking on the Lower Point cut some of the Wheat eat the First new Potatoes a very Large Raft went down counted 24 cabins on it

6th Randolphs Birth Day put in 2 cocks on the west side and 25 on the east side tried some of the squashes Cutting the rest of the Wheat put in a Load

7th put in all the Wheat but the raking got a plug of Tobacco from Lashley a very warm Day ~~8th~~ Got a stick of Elm

8th Looking for the sheep Found a Tobacco pouch Belonging to the Indians Mr Oxly here Lent him my canoe to cross Raining Thunder and Lightning Mowing some

9th Sunday Windy rain

10th Mr Oxly here mowing went to Bakers Bought 07/-/ worth of Flour & plug of Tobacco got the Balance of what was coming from A J Baker James Grants account got a paper From Charlie

11th Went to Dundee raining stopt at Dan Summers's took Dinner Bought of Baker Ropes -/6 Tobacco -/9 2 spools of Thread Bought of Norman 2 Bunches of matches

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Mr James Cameron Island August 12th 1868

Mowing Raking the Wheat put in 14 coc{ks}

13th Mowing at Lower Point

14th put in 20 coc{ks} very Windy Lashey took his Bed here he went to Fish at cornwall

15th Mowing choke {Cut off by the page} and Hazelnuts good Raining

16th William Rose charlie and Willie Roy here Gave Charlie 2 Rings for scythes took over the ya {Cut off by the page} 11 skains {skeins; a length of yarn or thread?}

17th mowing in the upper Field Went to Williamstown got a Tow up from the scow

18th in Williamstown the Lacrosse in martintown William Boys Beat them

19th Killed a sheep a {Cut off by the page} James Hugh and I

20th came home

21st I went to A J Baker with the Wooll Bought 50 lb of Flour 10 lb oatmeal ½ Powder 2 lb shot ½ lb Ginger Worm Pills a Treat 10 cents paid Tom Davis he{re} Fixing the chairs

22nd The Lacross play in Lancaster not decided put in 24 cocks of h{ay}

23rd sunday Mr McGillis Donald McDonald and John James here William McLeod Andrew J Baker J Grant & Emmanu{el} here Mr Rosseau and Paushaius B {Cut off by the page} here

24th Mowing in the upper Field

25th went to the head of the Island Mowing Mr adolphus Rosseau here got the Timber paid me took Dinner

26th putting in and Gathering 36 cocks

26th Let the Ma {Cut off by the page} Go made 18 cocks mowing

27th Gathering

28th stormy

29th 3 Ducks Leo and Mrs Morris and Laflesh here

Sunday 30th went to a J Bakers Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tea $\frac{1}{2}$ lb starch veal casteroil - $7\frac{1}{2}$ 1 Quart Whiskey w
{Cut off by the page} 2-~~11~~- $\frac{3}{3}$ Laflesh Bought 2 Quarts they went off

31st shot a Duck

1st of Sept Mowing started for cornwall stopt at George Renshaws all night George a Bee cutting
hay

2nd Got on Board the L Renaud $\frac{1}{3}$ fare to cornall sold the wooll $33\frac{1}{3}$ - 35 lb got 24c stopt at
Angus Cameron all night

Mr James Cameron Island 2nd of Sept 1868

Bought of Kewin where Duncan Munroes is 2 yds of Cotton $4\frac{1}{2}$ 11 yds of Ticking $\frac{6}{9}$ Flannel $\frac{1}{10}\frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds of Cloth $\frac{11}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tea $\frac{1}{3}$ calico 2/- Liquor 5/- flour 15 lb 4 Dollars

3rd came Down on the Brittish america Fare $\frac{1}{3}$ Got over with George Renshaws from
Summerstown Lent Kenneth McDonell $\frac{2}{6}$ at Summers treat 20 cents Treat at Bakers 10 cents 1
for matches took Dinner at Thomas Munroe Races in Lancaster yesterday Renaud Left my Bag
{a}nd forgot to Leave the Flour

4th came home

5th Mowing

6th Sunday John Angus came Lent him Book North American Indians gave him a song Book went
to Renshaws Got the Flour

7th Raining

8th Went to Lancaster Bought of Mr Harper Boots $3\frac{3}{4}$ salt 2/- $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon oil 7/- paid Treats $\frac{2}{6}$ pipe
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tobacco/2 Got a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Tea for Livina from Pat $\frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ soda -/6 paid pat 5/- I owed him Box of
caps -/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb shot -/6

9th Mowing

10th put in a Load of hay 5 cocks old Mr Morris Birth Day

11th put in 25 cocks the Barn Door came Down 7 cocks on the stable Loft of this

12th put in 12 cocks 8 cocks on the Stable Loft Fixing up the Barn Door a Job Raining

Sunday 13th Windy went to the head of the Island the osprey went up

14th Livinia and Hugh Ann went to Dundee Bought 7 Dozen Eggs Bought Batting Matches Pins Book 2 yds shirting sweetys stopt at Laurie all night

15th came home Went to Hamiltons Island Henery put them across to our Island cut some marsh hay Before the Door

16th mowing

17th went for the canoe to Hamiltons Island caught the sheep

18th Commenced to mow in the Back marsh 49 Races in Lancaster

19th Dan Summers here Gathered 55 cocks in Back Marsh 6 in Front marsh

{The following page of entries is written on a smaller piece of loose paper that has been inserted into the diary overtop of a page that begins with 11 July 1868}

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 20th 1868

Sunday 20th Raining I put up the stone

21st St Mathew Day mowed some in Back marsh Dan Summers came for Laurie Gave them Potatoes squashes pumpkins

22 put in 40 cocks of Marsh Hay Dan Summers went to Lancaster stopt here all night the Baley {bailee} Randolph very sick the cattle all on the inside now

23rd took in 2 Bushels of Potatoes Raining 22nd 1st Day of Fall

24th Caught Thomas Munroes sheep took it and the sheep Pelt over stopt and Renshaws Island to help them Drawing cocks got some apples from J Hamilton Antwine on a Barge Captain Dan McDougall and I Butchered the sheep at Thomas took supper there Bought of A J Baker 20 Worm Lozenges 1/- 1 Plug of Tobacco -/2 a Raffle at David Summers of a heifer Lashey came here to stop

25th crossed with Lashey for the canoe a Great Fire and smoke somewhere {Above it reads: a Fire at Jim Buchannans} about Jim Buchannans place Raining East Wind

26th Lashey to cornwall Mowing in the Front marsh went to the Little Island southside shot a Duck took in about 10 Bushels of Potatoes the Baby and Hugh Ann very sick a Raft Going Down

27th Gordon Mary Summers and Laurie to Ross's Island & Charlies for a ½ Dozen of Herrings from them Gave them a Kettle of Potatoes

28th Mowing in the Front marsh made the new Tick and put the Feathers in it

29th St Michalmas Day shot 3 Ducks

30th Made {Cut off by the page} of cocks in Front Marsh 38 in the Back Marsh 28 Drew in Load Fine hay Mrs J Hopkins a Boy on the 27th

Mr James Cameron Island Oct the 1st 1868

Went to Dundee took Mrs Hopkins Book home stopt all night at Dan Summers

2nd Came home seen a Mink before Mavilles on the opposite side of the River

3rd Began the Marsh ð Stack put 45 cocks in it to Day

4th Wild Geese came set traps

5th Mowing in the Marsh Began the Potatoes

6th Lifting the Potatoes Thunder

7.th Lost My Knife

8th Made some cock of hay high Wind

9th Lashey to Lancaster

10th Hugh Anns Birth Day James Grant took away the Big Horse Ronald and Thomas Munroe along w{ith} him had a stimulation with them at the he{ad} of the Island

11th John Angus Came very high Wind Lashey could not cross Gave him a Letter to put in the Fort Covington PO for John

12th John Angus crossed I thrashed a Floor of Wheat

13th setting Traps for Muskrats

14th Mr Lynch came up the Boat and other sundry articles him and I Went to Bakers Bought 1 Gallon Whiskey ½ lb Tea Tobacco pipes matches

15th Mr Lynch and I to Regis stopt at Ed Plumador hotel Bought {Cut off by the page} Butter 1 Knife a hooker came home

16th 17th 18th {Cut off by the page} for Canadian or Blue clay

19th Killed a Weath {Cut off by the page} Went to Kitt Kit Island Hunters Came to the Lit{tle} Island

20th went to Bakers Mr Lynch stopt on hamiltons Island Bought 1 Quart Whiskey Tobacco snowed to night

21st Crossed with Mr Lynch to Renshaws wharf he got on salsberry I stopt all night at Renshaws wi{th} the storm

22nd came home snowing East W{ind} took in about 2 pails of Water

23rd {Illegible due to mold} for Mrs Rose she was engaged seen henery at B {Illegible due to mold} him to take his Mother over Bought {Illegible due to mold} Gallon Whiskey ½ lb T{ea} the {Illegible due to mold}

Mr James Cameron Island 24th of October 1868

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day Mrs Bosell here Laurie and Dan Summers came

25th My Birth Day I crossed with Mrs Bosell Gave her a pail of Milk some squashes red pepper heard charlie Rose had a young son to Day Dan Summers went off Laurie stopt Emmanuel and Laflesh here Emmanuel took his spear

26th Cutting Wood

27th Went to Fort Covington

28th chopping Wood

29th doing a Little or nothing

30th chopping

31st Went to Bakers took 5 Rats ½ lb Tea 1 Quart of Oil Hallow Eve {Halloween} high wind and Rain

1st of Nov All Saints Day

2nd Thrashing Dan Summers came

3rd Pete Bosell after the WheelBarrow and Fork Lashey took away his Bed

4th I went to mill 1½ of Wheat T Davis here Last night and the Mayhews here Tom Brought me some Sarsapi^{er}lla {Sarsaparilla} took 4 Rats 1 calfskin 1 sheepskin to Mr Streeter 2,,40 Got Livinias Boots mended By Douple 50 cents got Tea Fixed 10 cents Bought of James Cameron ½ lb Tea ½ lb Tobacco hoarhound {horehound} Candy Got 2 newspapers from John Camerons came home

5th Chopping Stove Wood

6th chopping Wood

7th Our Ellens Birth Day

8th 9 10th 11th 12th 13th stars shooting Great Walter child died

14th I crossed helping Walter to Dig the Grave Tom Kennedy Kenneth stopt at Wake all night Bought of A J Baker oil Matches

15 I came home Walters child Buried to Day

16th Let out the Rams

17th the Trees bad with icicles Great Destruction on Fruit and Forest trees

18th Set Fire to the Front Marsh

19th Killed the Bull Lashey took away his traps {Cut off by the page} turne Bosell aground above the Light house {Illegible due to mold} the Meat

21st Went to Bakers

22 {Last line of the page is illegible due to weathering}

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 27 1868

James Grant took away the young Horse Peter and Thomas Munroe with him I started for Williamst{own} Brought a hide to A McLennan got the Money for it Left my Boat with him till I would come from Williamstown Gave Mr Harper 14 lb Tallow Walked up to Williamstown

28th in Williamstown

29th in Williamstown

30th I started for home from Williamstown Bought of Ellen Tea Tobacco. Paten Paul Castor oil sweetys Bottle of Mollases Tape Bought of Mr Harper 8 yds Calico 1/- a yd Lining Thread 3 Treats 3 Quarts of Oil Bought of Mr Nicholson 3 Loaves Bread 1/- This is St Andrews The Festival of the Scotch sailed home North Wind Left or Forgot my Bag The calf Died got hurted on the slippery ice The America went up Johnstons Lights up yet no Light in Mr Hills on the 1st of December

1st of December skinned the calf no boats a Going

2n. Thrashing Cutting Wood

3 Cutting Wood

4th Taking home a Canoe of Wood I crossed stopt all night Thomas Munroes Rob Jack and Bill McLeod argument at David got a Letter from Charlie

5 came home got Pay from A J Baker for James Grant 7/6 paid A J Baker for Whiskey I got on the 22nd of October Bought 2 lb Rice {Cut off by the page} Pipe Treat paid Treats at Davids paid

6th Sunday Dan Summers here for the Ram for James Hopkins got it Gave him some meat

7th Stormy East Wind and snow Broke on the stack

8th Cut a Waterhole for the first hard West Wind

9th Thrashed {Word is blotted out} ice Made out to the Rushes very cold

10th {Whalen?} not hung to Day chopping {Illegible due to mold}

{Illegible due to mold} cold West Wind

13 Sunday {Illegible due to mold}

Mr James Cameron Island December 15 1868

Went to Fort Covington Left my Canoe at Hopkins no Letter stopt at Les's all night Bought Tobacco Mat{ches} Treat A Lynoc crossed the River from Mr Smarts Left charlies Letter with Mr Streeter a treat at Big hall 3 coppers of crackers at Dreus

6th Came home got Loan of a Book from Mrs Hopk{ins} the Knight of St Johns I got Back my shipwre{cks} and Disasters at Sea

17th Thrashed 40 lb Wheat

18th Thrashing

19th Tanning Ice took across to christies

20th Stormy East Wind

21st Went to try the ice its Bad turned Back Got a Rat

22nd the Ice Broke up

23rd Fine Day commenced to storm

24th Ice took a very cold cold

25 Christmas Day I crossed got Christmas at John Hamiltons and also at Walter Bakers took Dinner there

26th I crossed got a Ride up and Down from John Hamilton Bought of A J Baker 50 lb of Flour on Credit 1/4 Tea Tobacco 1 plug got the Loan of Hamiltons hand sleigh to take home the Flour

27 Sunday Stormy Day

28th Norman M{c}Donald died took home the hand sleigh {Above it reads: 28 Horses crossed} Brought G Renshaw 16 lb Beef George in Lancaster stopt with George all night papering the Post office with A J Baker

29th came home Our Angus's Birth Day

30th put the stack in the Barn

31st a Fine Day Chopping Last Day of the Year

1st of January 1869 New Years Day Stormy East Wind

2 chopping

3rd Allens Birth Day

4th Drew the Boat up from the River cut a Waterhole Went to the Bush cut a White ash tree

5th cutting

6th Put the Boat up on the Boards in the Barn

7th Went to Williamstown Brought cherries sage {Cut off by the page} away a Treat from Tom Summers Left my cain {Illegible due to weathering} got a Ride out from Donald F McLennan {Illegible due to weathering} me he had a D {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island 8th January 1869

8th Hugh Anns Birth Day 1866) in Williamston Got some Worm Lozenges from James Burtons

9th in Williamstown James Ferguson Bushs sale Raining

10th came home got a Ride from John Dingwalls son to the Front a Great Bazaar in Williamstown all this week got 2/6 from Dan for Gordon sweetys Dan went to Montreal Last night John Angus got the Bag from Pat I left at Mr Harpers

11th chopping some in the Bush

12th writing stormy some

13th choppin Ash in the Bush about a Load

14th crossed to the Post office put a Letter in for Charlie postage -/9 got a paper Lent it to William McLeod Got a Letter from A Summers from Chicago Bought of A J Baker ¼ Tea 1 plug of Tobacco 2 papers of Matches 1/9 Great crossing the Road Bushed yesterday ice not very thick about 5 inches promised semo some hay

15th putting the marsh hay to the west side of the Barn Began to cut the Fine hay on the East side Filled 3½ Bags with ashes Gordon and I on the Pitt Point cutting a Load of Wood a very fine Day took home a cedar Broom

16th Horses got in at Jacobs Island

17th Sunday cold hard Frost tonight

18th very Frosty East Wind Semo came Drew a Load of Wood Went to Mill 3 bushels of Wheat 5½ of Ashes 1 Rat 1 Calfskin Bought of David Baker ½ lb Tea 1/3 ¼ lb Tea -/9 spool Thread -/33 hauls of Black Thread -/6 cash 36 cents a Treat 5 cent 120 cents from Mr Streeter 20 cents to Grange for Fixing Teapot ½ lb crackers from George Drew {Cut off by the page} 2 cents of hoarhound candy at Mr Congdons got 4 almanacks a paper from John Semo Traded his horse Bought of A J Baker Treat -/6 Bottle 1/3 -/1 of sweetys went to See Mrs Munroe Gave Semo some hay

19th a Fine Day Making Ley for the soap Weighing the Flour 120 lbs

20th Finished the soap Making a handle for the 3 prong Fork stormy eas{t wind}

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