

**Franklin McMillan (1885-1966)**  
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April 7th (Monday) arrived home in Hamilton at 750 this morning after being in Cal. {California} since Dec 3rd. Grandpa Boniface was at the station to meet us. we took street car to 94 Grosvenor, and had a big blow out of a feed, feeling pretty tired after being on the train since Thursday night at 650 pm 3 days and 4 nights. Called up Ida who took us out to Burlington to see all the folks. found them all fairly well, but Grandpa who was not very well. John & Smith have all the Cabbages transplanted and nearly all the Tomatoes. and they all look very good. B.S Hicks & Ida drove us back to Hamilton at night.

April 8th. Took street car up to James St. and got our Auto License No. 87.140 cost \$14.00 also papers to make out Income reports on. took bus out at 1130. had dinner at Johns and started cleaning up house. went to station and got our trunks. Mr Geo Alton never even saw them nor examined them. went back on 7 oclock bus to Hamilton as we left Charlotte & Doris there.

April 9th went up on street car again this morning. met Geo Wilshire on the car. yesterday morning. he is some big stout fellow now. Bot a new mattress for our bed at \$15.00 also a Linoleum for the Dining Room \$16.25 and wall paper for Dining Room \$3.88 got car fixed up, also cleaning house. weather damp & cold. have a cold already, drove into city again tonight

April 10th. moved out to Burl. this a.m all went down and had dinner with grandpa. he is not very well. weather is cold & cloudy. strong west wind. makes me shiver when I go out. have a bad cough already.

April 11th Ground frozen this morning. cool all day but pretty fair. started work about 10 oclock stuck it out till about 4 oclock trimming cherry trees.

April 12th. Milder & partly cloudy. trimming trees all day. Will loose a lot of trees girdled by mice in old Raspberry patch. plum trees 10 year old girdled never saw such large trees done before. some 4 and 5 inchs through. must be 25 girdled all around and 50 more part way

April 13th Sunday. Fine in the morning but a few showers in the after noon.

April 14th. Fine but a little cool. transplanted 20 sashes sweet peppers & 12 sashes hot peppers. not very good very small plants and very poor catch. all invited to have supper at Geo Hammond's. had a nice time.

April 15th. Cool with north & east winds. finished transplanting peppers. 12 sashes more. Bot two ounces Snowball Cauliflower for \$6.00 at S.B. went into Ham. {Hamilton} to see about Truck License. under new Road regulations we can only get 1 ton License on 34 by 4½ tires. 1½ tons on 35 by 5 inches and if we want two ton will have to get 36 x 6 in tires & new wheels on. cost about \$235, and if we change to 35 by 5. will cost \$80.00 for two new ones

April 16th. Pruning in the morning went to Hamilton got two 35" x 5" tires on Truck. also some greasing done. cost \$83.59. also License, no. 12 692. cost \$25.00, had to take off spare tire also cab door and tools out to get weight under 3700 lbs. weighed 3640. weather cold & cloudy strong east winds.

April 17th. burning old Berry bushes along the road started raining about 9 o'clock. put second coat of paint on Dining Room floor, and worked all the afternoon on Income Tax papers.

April 18th Good Friday. Rained all day, till about 6 o'clock at night. Had Grandpa and Grandma B. out for the day, also Grandpa Mac for dinner.

April 19th. Clear with strong west winds. trimming cherry trees in the morning unloading 3rd car of manure in the afternoon to make more hotbeds for transplanting

April 24th. Men uncovering strawberries. tried my hand at Bridge grafting. some. job hope it saves the trees fine & mild.

April 25th. Finished bridge grafting also finished uncovering strawberries. settled duty with Geo Alton for trees \$8.98.

April 26th. Weather fine & bright but cold east wind. Paid Grandpa's income tax for 1923. \$117.42. also took my own and Johns in nothing to pay Bot two bags Cobbler Potatoes at 285 {\$2.85} / bag late ones \$1.85 from Stevens & Solomons making hot beds to transplant tomatoes in. Man started ploughing rye under for strawberries & trees.

April 27th. Sunday. Fine & warm. had John & family up for supper.

April 28th. Transplanted 60 sashes of John Bauer tomatoes - (6000 plants)

April 29th Trees arrived today \$3.39 freight on them arrived in good shape and look alright. Transplanted 74 sashes tomatoes. and done a lot of watering. Jerry started work this a.m.

April 30th. Planted 5 bags potatoes and also planted trees on my place. Row 1.2.5.6. York State prunes (40) trees Row 3 & 4 are Shropshire Damson (15). Man ploughing by Henry Manns for Cabbages all stopped by rain at half past three. it had been drizzling since 11 o'clock this morning

May 1st. planted 150 cherry trees on Johns. place and filled up my (part) Blackberry patch. weather cold & windy.

May 2nd. started planting strawberries. worked all day at sprayer. when some thing went wrong about 530. and smashed the engine all up. Got 3bbls {barrels} Lime Sulphur 100 lbs Lead and two gallons Black Leaf 40. for pears. weather still cold.

May 3rd. Planting strawberries. weather very cold East Rain Winds all day. started raining hard, at 5 o'clock. some thunder and lightning.

May 4th Sunday fair and cold.

May 5th. Planting strawberries all day. very cold west winds

May 6th. still planting strawberries weather very cold. with east wind. some rain last night. Brought sprayer back, worked all the afternoon but still refuses to go. Bot ½ ton of Nitrate of Soda. \$35.00.

May 7th. Worked all morning at sprayer. then too much wind to spray in the afternoon. Finished planting strawberries about 3½ or 4 acres.

May 8th. Cloudy & East wind. this morning. got 1½ tanks on pears and stopped by rain. The mixture for Pear Paylla is. about 16. gals Lime Sulphur and about 4/5 of a quart of Black Leaf 40 per tank used as Dormant Spray as late as possible rained heavy all day

May 9th. nothing doing rained all last night and all day. ground very wet now.

May 10th. Worked at hotbeds weeding peppers and transplanting tomatoes. weather fine & bright but cool east wind

May 11th Sunday, cool and cloudy. east wind. went to the city for tea.

May 12th. Cold east wind & cloudy. Cleaning brush out of Johns Orchard stopped by rain at 10 oclock and still raining tonight worked at greasing & oiling truck & car all day

May 13th. Started planting out Cabbages. ground very wet. but cabbage getting big. so have got to put them out. had a few more showers again today.

May 14th. Planting Cabbages stopped at 4 oclock. has been raining since noon. have 8000 plants out now. shipped one bskt {basket} asparagus. to Toronto first this year Sold at \$4.00

May 15th. Rained all morning again cleared up at noon transplanted the last of our tomatoes in Cabbage beds. have 200 sashes in all

May 16th. Finished planting Cabbages down at old place. very wet yet also Hoeing old strawberry patch. Have about 10 000 Cabbages. will likely be cheap this year as they where dear last year

May 17th. Fine & warm with heavy southwest wind. Hoeing old strawberry patch. looks like rain at night

May 18th Sunday. looks like a rainy day. rained all night and still raining at 10 oclock this morning. another big shower at noon. and very cold tonight

May 19th. Very cold this morning we had a light frost. Hoeing strawberries yet

May 20th. Cold yet. Hoeing strawberries

May 21st. Heavy white frost this morning. froze ice. a very few strawberry blossoms out on old bed strawberries but all out are frozen. plum trees also nearly all out in blossom may have frozen them all. Sowed 2 ozs Cauliflower and 4 ozs Copenhagen Cabbage seeds. also Hoed Early Cabbages not doing very well. put out when the ground was very wet. Hoeing this afternoon with fur lined coat and leather gloves on and nearly frozen.

May 22nd. Men hoeing SBerries {strawberries} I was cutting back Black berries. they are either badly frozen or diseased as they are dead at the tops.

May 23rd. Frost again this morning this makes four or five mornings that there has been frost this week. the Asparagus about all frozen. but warmer tonight and cloudy looks like rain for the Holiday  
May 24th.

May 24th. Rained all night and part of this morning balance of the day. very cold with strong west winds. Sour cherries nearly all out in blossom now. do not look like much chance of them setting this kind of weather. have our furnace going this evening.

May 25th. Sunday. Very cold with strong west winds & cloudy a couple of heavy showers in the afternoon. with some thunder. wind. hail etc.

May 26th. Man ploughing at Grandpa's. rest of us digging away from trees in Johns. ground wet and cold we here reported that 50% of strawberry blossoms & buds frozen. notice some of ours frozen. but do not think that many.

May 27th. Milder today, sowed carrots. drill did not work good. one of the brushes gone. started sowing half way past Onion hole. in drill. Sowed 1¼ lbs seed. went over past Hickory tree. about 64 rows. Looks like rain again tonight.

May 28th. Hoed, cultivated and put 150 lbs nitrate of Soda on Cabbages. they are not doing very well

May 29th Cool and cloudy again today. planted 5 sashes. Hubbard squashes and 1 sash Marrows. about 100 boxes to the sash. want to plant them in Hotbed grounds.

May 30 marking ground for Tomatoes. very heavy west wind & very cold we shipped 6 bskt {basket} Grass on May 28th Sold at \$3.50 per bskt in Toronto.

May 31st. a little warmer today. but some claim white frost this morning a lot of people worked all night. covering tomato plants with baskets and burning straw. but we have none out yet. Spent the whole day watering in the hotbeds and dusting for blight.

June 1st. Sunday. Fine and warm this morning covered hot beds again tonight.

June 2nd. Warmer today started planting Tomatoes out Large piece next Kerrs. 6500 John Bauer plants. also planted 4 ozs Cumberland Cucumber seeds. Looks like showers tonight

June 3rd Planting tomatoes all day. have in all 13 400 plants out now. weather good for planting. not too warm. and mostly cloudy and started to shower just at 6 oclock tonight.

June 4th. Planting tomatoes all day planted 20 000 plants in three days weather was grand for planting not very warm and mostly cloudy

June 5th. Fine & warm today planted out about 4500 Cauliflowers in the morning and 5000 peppers in the afternoon.

June 6th Finished planting peppers. had, 3 sashes Allans sweets & 5 sashes Neapolitan & 2 Large sashes Neapolitan, & 10 Large sashes 4 small of Ruby King, and 8 sashes (Large) and 12 small sashes Hot Peppers, in all 250 Peppers in small sashes 275 Peppers in Large sashes about 11 500 all together.

June 7th. Digging around trees in old orchard and pileing up frames & sashes

June 8th. Sunday. Raining this morning and cold. Had Mrs & Mr Geo Hammond for tea. cleared up cool tonight.

June 9th. Finished digging around trees in old orchard, and put nitrate of Soda on tomatoes.

June 10th. Cool yet. put nitrate of Soda on Cabbages second time. also some on peppers and took dirt of 220 Sashes in hotbed yard.

June 11th. started spraying pear trees. got 2 tanks on and machine out of order for the rest of the day weather cool & cloudy.

June 12th. Spraying got 6 tanks on. spraying pears with 4/5 qt nicotine 5 1/3 lbs lead 3 gals Lime Sulphur.

June 13th. Raining this morning nothing doing. Fine in the afternoon spraying. men hoeing new Strawberries

June 14th. Spraying apples 5 1/3 lbs Lead, 3 1/2 gals. Lime Sulphur. seems to be loads of apples. plums and cherries, but very few pears.

June 15th. Sunday. Fine but not very warm Had Grandpa & Grandma B. out for the day. also {Ormie?} & Mrs Bush called. also. Addie Vettor & wife & babe. and Mrs Vettor. called in from Kitchener

June 16th. Spray machine on the punk again today. had Elmer Hall to fix it had to put new gear wheel on. some of the parts wore out. only got 4 tanks on.

June 17th. Got seven tanks on today. one more tank to finish. taking about 30 tanks to do this time.

June 18th. Finished cleaning up hot bed ground

June 19th. Started cultivating carrots. & planted hot bed ground with Vegetable Marrows & Hubbard Squashes. had six hundred hills planted in berry Boxes.

June 20. Cultivating & weeding carrots.

June 21st. Have a bad cold. did not get up till afternoon weather getting warmer

June 22nd. Sunday. Received a message from Lost Angelas. Deans wife died suddenly yesterday. Sent a night letter back tonight.

June 23rd. Had a heavy rain early this morning. with a Little thunder will do a lot of good. Planted Cauliflowers this afternoon.

June 24th. Planting Cabbages in the morning. Hoeing early Cabbages after dinner and sowed cucumbers again. did not come up first time.

June 25th. Finished planting out Late Cabbages. must have 10 000. weather showery and warm.

June 26. Picked first strawberries 45 crates sold 15 at \$5.00 shipped 30 to Toronto sold at 21 to 25 cents.

June 27th. Getting Indian house and and Berry shanties fixed up.

June 28. Picked 63 crates SBerries this morning sold 28 here at \$5.00 and crates back. shipped balance to Toronto sold at, 20 at 25¢ 5 @ 23¢ 3 @ 22¢ makes 108 crates total picked to this Sat. night first week, expected Indians from London today waited all the afternoon at Hamilton Station none arrived.

June 29. Rained all Sat. afternoon Sunday. cool with heavy west wind.

June 30th. Monday picked 150 crates SBerries till 130 pm. had a shower at 2 oclock. took 55 crates to Toronto by Truck sold 54 at \$4 00 and 41 at 12 cents.

July 1st. Cool. with a few sprinkles of rain picked 198 crates SBerries had to ship 178 to Toronto on Commission no orders no sales. and all gone to pieces in Toronto selling 8 to 10 cents in Toronto this morning. we done good yesterday by selling

July 2nd. only picked 76 crates today weather cold berries selling 8 cts.

July 3. Picked 179 crates berries today mostly sold around 8 cents.

July 4 Picked 151 crates to 230 p.m. quite. no sale sent 60 crates to Toronto by truck. Sold 42 at 10¢ 10 @ 9¢ 8 @ 8½¢.

July 5th. Saturday a little warmer picked 105 crates today for Lin Scott at 7¢. makes 859 this week. or. 967 crates to date.

July 6th Sunday cool, clouded up at night looks like rain. Had Lillie & Mr. Tyler called in. with Hicks. we went down to the beach for supper

July 7th. Had our berry pickers out here at 520 this morning had a light shower. stopped picking for a few minutes sent 53 crates to Toronto Sold 8 & 9¢ at 8.30. 108 crates at 1.30 to Uptons. Sold 25 to Peddlar at \$2 00. shipped 83 north. total 269 crates and stopped before 4 p.m. by heavy rain.

July 8th. Picked 236 crates today. price about the same had to ship 41 crates on commission Sold 6 to 7cts

July 9th. Stopped picking at 2 oclock. no Sales. Sold 61 at \$7 50 a crate 40 crates north at 6½. 108 to Cannerns at 6½¢. Very warm. making berries soft.

July 10th. Picked 239 today 108 crates to Cannerns. 131 crates up north at \$1.75 a crate also 20 crates Cabbages at \$1 00 a crate

July 11. Picked 203 crates today weather very warm, berries will soon be done.

July 12th Picked a few berries till 10 oclock. 44 crates. picked 1200 crates this week. total up to date 2167 crates

July 13th Cool & windy had picnic with Hicks, Longs and Harris. at Dundas Park.

July 14 strawberries slowing up. picked 134 crates only. sold 48 to Cannerns balance up north at \$1.75. Picked 22 bskt {basket} Richmond cherries at 60¢

July 15th. Picked 103 crates SBerries today. and 21 bschts cherries (Sweets & Richmonds)

July 16. Picked 77 crates SBerries today and 30 Richmond cherries 60¢ Sprayed cherries today took 6 tanks put in 5½ lbs lead & 3½ gals Lime Sulphur.

July 17 Very cool this morning. picked 59 crates SBerries. cutting lots of Cabbages about 30 crates today selling at 75 cents also picked 21 bschts Green Peppers sold in Toronto at 90¢ & \$1.00

July 18. only picked 10 crates SBerries and 38 bschts Cherries Sours selling at 50¢ 11 qt. sprayed Bartlett pears with 3 gals Lime Sulphur & about 4/5 qt nicotine and started spraying apples.

July 19. Finished spraying apples took 6 tanks seems to be a fair crop of apples. weather very cool, especially at nights. Picked 383 crates SBerries this week. Total to date 2550 crates.

July 20. Sunday Fine & cool. went down home and also down to the beach for tea.

July 21st. Picked 160 bschts Richmond cherries Sold up north at 50¢ also cut 50 crates cabbages at 75¢ crate and 12 quarts Rasps for the first.

July 22. Warm today a couple of thunder showers went around north of here picked 129 bscht cherries at 50¢, and cut a few Cabbages.

July 23. Very warm. picked 13 crates strawberries \$1.85 26 crates Cabbages 75¢ 86 cherries at 50¢

July 24. Very warm again today and very dry we need rain very bad picked 101 bschts Richmond cherries and 4 crates Raspberries also picked one bscht tomatoes Sold in Toronto @ \$3 00

July 25. Had a nice rain last night. Finished picking Richmond cherries had 629 bschts. and 16 bschts Sweet cherries. also started picking Montmorency's, 102 bschts today. total cherries to date. 747 bschts {747 bschts is circled with an arrow pointing to previous page}, also cut 34 crates Cabbages today at 75¢, Richmonds sold mostly at 50¢, Montmorency's a few 65¢ but mostly 60¢

July 26. Sat. picked 26 bschts cherries for Concilla Barrie, and we all went to Burlington to the Drummers Snack procession and Races. and Soft Ball game between Burlington and Acton girls Burlington won. Score 12 to 10

July 27 Sunday. Fine and moderately warm had Grandpa Mac up all day.

July 28th. Picked 10 crates Raspberries sold in Toronto at 18 and 20 cts also cut 50 crates Cabbages at 75 cts and 120 bschts cherries at 60 and 65 mostly 65¢

July 29th. Picked 217 cherries today. also cut 6 crates Cauliflowers but not very good.

July 30th Showery this morning not so many pickers, picked 185 bschts cherries and a few Cabbage 18 crates.

July 31st ordered from Marchmont 5 Cars Berry covering manure start shipping Oct 15th 2 cars Green shipping Oct 1st 4 cars Hotbed shipping Feby 15 had a big rain last night with thunder & lightning very heavy the rain will do a lot of good. Cold & cloudy this morning. Picked 121 bscht Cherries after dinner

Aug 1st. Fair & Cool nearly all cherry orders cancelled only picked 69 bscht cherries 5 bschts No 1 tomatoes at \$2.50 2 bscht Culls shipped to Toronto.

Aug 2 Sat, only picked 26 bsks Cherries today. Sprayed old cherry orchard again today trying to hold them on for awhile. Have 1517 bsks cherries picked to date. and 29 crates Rasps.

Aug 3 Sunday Fair & cool.

Aug 4th. Up at 430 am Shipped 20 crates Cabbages and 10 cherries on early train picked 2.25 bsks cherries today sold all north at 60 and 65¢

Aug 6th Big rain at 5 o'clock picked 115 cherries and 10 crates Rasps some Cauliflowers & cabbages. very warm

Aug 6 Big storm in the night again. every pretty wet now. picked 129 cherries 18 bskt tomatoes No 1 sold at \$125 {\$1.25} north. No 2's sold in Toronto at. {blank} also some Caul, and 21 crates Cabbages. had another big thunder storm rain and wind at 7. P.M.

Aug 7. Orders very light today only shipped 62 bskt Cherries. 10 bsks toms. 3 Cabb. 21 peppers 7 crates Rasps.

Aug 8 orders worse today only picked 68 cherries today and 16 No 1 tomatoes and 11 No 2's tomatoes, a very poor crop and sample. to date 21 16 bsks cherries picked shipped 12 cherries to Toronto \$100 to 125 {\$1.00 to \$1.25} sold at 40 and 50¢

Aug 9. Saturday no orders. got two loads of orange crates from Hamilton.

Aug 10. Had another heavy shower in the night. motored up to Ted Irelands, and spent the afternoon and evening had a good time

Aug 11 not many cherry orders only got rid of 83 bsks 7 crates cauliflowers at \$150 {\$1.50} 7 crates Cabbages 75¢ 18 doz Cabb. 60¢ doz in Sacks also picked first two crates Lawtons sold at 20¢ box very poor crop also 4 crates Rasps. and 58 No1 Tomatoes and 35 No 2's. Sold at 30¢

Aug 12 not very many orders shipped 45 toms north at 40¢ and 73 No 2's to Toronto Sold at 30¢ also 57 cherries to Montreal sold at 60¢

Aug 13th Showery in the night and today only picked about 60 tomatoes half of them No 2's, sold in Toronto at 25¢ to 35¢ also Shipped 57 cherries to montreal Sold 10 at 85¢ 47 at 65¢ and 20 bskt Peppers. Peppers Sold at 75¢ and Cherries at 10 at 85¢ 47 at 65¢ and shipped 10 crates Cauliflowers to Toronto Sold at \$200 {\$2.00} crate and 18 sweet peppers to Toronto sold at. {blank}

Aug 14. Had a few orders cherries at 50¢, sold McSmith 94 at 55¢ picked in all 161 bsks shipped 60 No 1 tomatoes 40¢ and 52 No 2's to Toronto cut 11 crates Cauliflower and 12 crates Cabbages Picked first plums Willards 15 bsks sold 65 and 70¢

Aug 15. Shipped 19 crates Cauliflowers to Toronto sold at \$2 25 & \$2 50 a crate 100 bskt cherries to Smith at 55¢. 103 tomatoes north at 40¢. 4 crates Lawton berries \$5.00 a crate Some apples at 30¢ 9. Cauliflowers \$125 & \$150 {\$1.25 & \$1.50} 8 Willard plums 70¢ 8 Red Junes at 50¢

Aug 16 to date picked 2619 baskets cherries picked 100 bsks Red June plums at 50¢ and 10 crates Cauliflowers at \$125 {\$1.25} for Ross Hart.

Aug 17th Sunday. Cold and cloudy. did not go out any place



Aug 18th Flooded with orders today, only filled about half of Tomato orders worked till 930 at night. Shipped 169 bsks tomatoes at 35¢. 145 bsks Cherries at 50¢ and a few at 60¢. 58 bsks apples at 30¢ 91 bsks plums at 50¢ + 60¢ 3 peppers at 50 & 60¢ 15 Cauliflower \$1.50 crate 7 Cabbages 75¢ crate 2 Marrows 100 {\$1.00} crate total 466 bsks 24 crates.

Aug 19th. Picked 147 plums today 68 tomatoes. some Cabbages Cauliflowers and 113 bsks cherries.

Aug 20. Had a big day today picked 200 plums for Hart 212 for Smith at 40¢ (Abundance and Red June) also 25 for North. 101 bsks Cherries. 30 apples 12 crates Cabb & Cauliflowers 9 crates Lawton Berries at 20¢ total 568 x 11 qts. 21 crates. got done at 930 P.M.

Aug 21st busy as usual cherries. tomatoes, apples, plums, Caul. etc. also took 33 bus {bushels} tomatoes to Canning Coy {Company}.

Aug 22. Finished picking cherries. 83 bsks total 3168 bsks this year. picked 245 bsks toms. today at 35¢

Aug 23. Warm today picked 150. Abundance plums 40¢ and 50 Hamper apples astrachan \$1 00 yellow transparent 75¢ - for Lin Scott.

Aug 24. Fine and warm home all day tired out.

Aug 25. Had another big day nine oclock now. and just done. Picked 310 bsks tomatoes 35¢ 83 plums 50¢ 14 cukes 50¢ 8 peppers 50¢ 5 crates Lawtons. 28 crates Caul. 9 cabbages. 18 Hamper apples \$1.00. First 2 bsks Red peppers today \$150 {\$1.50} bskt.

Aug 26. not quiet so busy today. Picked 176 bsks tomatos 35¢. 20 Hamper apples at \$1.00. also shipped sweet 40¢ & red peppers \$1.00 to Toronto & montreal. Sold at 30¢ in Montreal. also 4 boxs marrows.

Aug 27. orders very light only tomatoes and could only pick 69 bsks. and

Sept 5th. Very cold with a few cold showers. had a pretty busy day, on orders north. 195 bsks tomatoes 30¢ 134 bsks plums 30 & 40¢ 19 bsks pears 60¢ 22 bsks Pickling cukes 40¢ to 75¢ 7 Red peppers \$75 {\$0.75} and \$100 {\$1.00}. 7 Green peppers 35¢. 8 crates Cauliflowers \$150 {\$1.50}. 2 bags Cabbages 50¢ total 384 bsks 8 crates 2 bags

Sept 6th Every thing going flat. sold scott 130 Burbank plums at 24¢.

Sept 7th Sunday. fine and moderately warm.

Sept 8th. Monday not much doing only about 200 bsks orders and a few Cabbages & Cauliflowers. Bert Rupert, refused to pick tomatoes. so got fired. showery part of day.

Sept 9. not very many orders shipped 80 bskt Burbank plums to Toronto sold 40¢ & 45¢ sold N.P.G. 25 peppers at 35¢ Ross Hart 1/2 ton Cabbages \$12 per ton.

Sept 10th. Very few orders sent 160 bsks plums to Toronto and 47 bsks Green peppers sold at Plums {blank} Peppers. Weather very cold & raw with a few showers people wearing over coats.

Sept 11. Busy today shipped 70 plums & {?}1 {number obscured due to crease in page} bsks Green peppers to Toronto at noon sold at {blank}. Shipped North 125 toms, 95 plums, 10 peppers. 6 crates

Cauliflower 2 bags Cabbage & 53 bsks plums to Hart. Total picked 404 bsks. Had a white frost this morning. you could slide on Station platform, when I was at 6 o'clock train but done no damage.

Sept 12th. Not so many orders today due at 4 o'clock have some big orders tomorrow. picked plums tonight for tomorrow.

Sept 13th. Sold Scott 181 Burbank plums @ 27¢ and Ross Hart. 51 Burbank 25¢ 25 {Blue?} plums 27¢ 25 cukes 22½¢ 50 peppers 35¢ 35 Crab apples 35¢ 10 crates \$1.10 Cauliflowers total 367 bsks 10 crates.

Sept 13th {Date circled} Have sold this season up till tonight 3088 baskets of plums

Sept 14. Sunday Cool & cloudy. had Hicks & Will Bells family call. in. They found the body of the nurse who was missing from Ironsides (down the lane). she was in the Pond disappeared on Sept 4th.

Sept 15th. Busy again today picked 285 bskt plums 101 bskt tomatoes 31 bsks peppers. total 417 bsks and 12 crates Cauliflower and 3 bags Cabbages

Sept 16. not so many orders today. 190 bsks north 6 crates Cauliflowers 7 boxes cabbages. also Sent 39 bsks Green Gages to Toronto sold at, 35¢ & 40¢

Sept 17. Picked 251 plums today (total 333 bsks 10 crates Cauliflowers and 4 crates Cabbages. Weather fine & moderately warm.

Sept 18 not many orders today only 97 plums & 68 bsks tomatoes 2 peppers 6 Cauliflowers

Sept 19. only picked 63 plums today & 79 tomatoes shipped 22 x 6 Red peppers to Toronto Sold at 50¢ picked a load of Tomatoes for Cannery. also shipped 30 bsks Bartlett pears at 60¢ and a few Cabbages & Cauliflowers

Sept 20. Started ploughing Tomato patch. not much done. Showery all day. fixed bushel boxes and ladders ready to pick apples. Burlington Fair today and yesterday a very bad day for it today. Bay City won for Second year in M.O. League Baltimore won International for the 6th time in succession.

Sept 21st Sunday cloudy and cool.

Sept 22nd A few showers in the morning. had quite a few orders today. plums. pears. Cauliflowers. etc.

Sept 23rd picked 13 barrels Colvert Apples & 1 Barrel Holland pippin Sold at \$2.50 per bbl {barrel}. also some pears & 77 bsks plums.

Sept 24th. Weather fine & clear and not very warm. picked 91 plums today and 79 bskt tomatoes 31 pears. & 21 Red peppers for Ross Hart at \$1.00 bskt 12 bags Carrots at 90¢ 1200 lbs Cabbages at \$9 00 per ton (averaged at 40¢ per dozen

Sept 25. not very many orders. 85 plums. 46 toms. 29 pears. also shipped 50 peppers to Toronto Sold at Greens' 35 & 40 Red \$1 00. also some Flemish Beauty & Windfall pears to Toronto Sold at 20 & 30¢ and a few Large yellow plums sold at. 20¢.

Sept 26th Very few orders today. 21 plums. 37 tomatoes 11 peppers. 12 pears. 7 caul, & 4 crates Cabbages weather fine. went to Ham. and got 170 orange & lemon boxes. also took 30 bus {bushels} Tomatoes to Canning Factory at 40¢

Sept 27 Weather grand went to Hamilton with Geo Chapman (this is his last day), and got two more loads orange & lemon boxes. got about 420 in the three loads cost about 6¢ each. only had one. order today 10 bsks tomatoes.

Sept 28th. Sunday. Started raining about noon. and raining yet tonight.

Sept 27th. Have picked 4318 bsks plums to date

Sept 29th. Rained all night and up until noon today only shipped 48 plums. Reine Claude selling at 50¢ Finished up on Bartlett pears only had 46 bsks today. 8 crates Cauliflower 1 crate Cabbages & 7 bskt peppers.

Sept 30th. Took a load of Cabbage up to Ross Hart this morning 3240 lbs at \$9 per ton. also 10 crates Cauliflowers at \$1 00 9 Red peppers 75¢ 30 sweet green peppers. 30¢ 52 monarch plums at 25¢. started raining at noon and rained all afternoon. and still raining at bed time. only had a few orders north

Oct 1 Very cold, cleared up during the night and very strong west winds. shipped 109 bsks monarch plums to Toronto. Sold 25 & 30¢ also 42 bsks Reine Claude & Blues North, and 60 toms. 8 pears 4 caul 2 peppers 7 cukes.

Oct 2nd. only one order north 22 bsks pears to Sinclair & Co. (Sheldon & Howell). Shipped 93 plums Sold 25 & 30¢ 20 peppers 30 & 40¢ to Toronto started picking Snow apples weather fine & warm.

Oct 3 Fine & warm. not many orders. 26 pears 20 toms 25 plums & 4 crates Cauliflowers Will Mac came down yesterday for a few days. Washington won the penant in American League and New York in National

Oct 4th. Sat. picked 56 bsks pears for Ross Hart at 40¢ and picked a few apples John & Jerry hoeing strawberries.

Oct 5 Sunday. Fine & warm had a thunder shower about 8 oclock at night was down at John's for dinner & supper. Will & Grandpa & Fred & Hattie was there.

Oct 6th. not very many orders finished on Duchess & Howell pears, 63 bsks. also 10 crates Cauliflowers a few Cabbages & peppers. Started picking Cranberry pippin apples. apples hard to sell have none sold yet.

Oct 7 only shipped afew bsks north started Kieffer pears 12 bsks 30¢ 5 toms 4 peppers & 2 caul, also Ross Hart aload of Cabbages \$9 per ton, and 10 bbls Snow apples 6 Holland pippins 2 cranberry pippins.

Oct 8. Picking cranberry pippin apples. one tree had 38½ bushels on it. only 3 or 4 small orders up north. Have a car of mixed apples sold to. D. S. Litster 180 barrels at \$2.50 per bbl. weather fine.

Oct 9th. A very heavy white frost this morning but done no damage, only shipped 13 bsks up north. picked & packed 32 bbls apples.

Oct 10th Packing & picking Greening & Wagner apples frost again this morning drew in squash & Marrows, had about 1200 Hubbard Squash off hot bed ground. all nice ones, will have some job selling them all

Oct 11. Picking & packing apples. sold Hart 26 plums 25¢ 81 Green peppers 28¢ 3 Reds 60¢ 4150 lbs Cabb. \$9 per ton. Washington won World Series in 7 games. won last game 12 innings score 4 to 3.

Oct 12th. Home all day Lillie sick in bed with a cold weather was grand.

Oct 13th. shipped 63 bsks pears Kieffers at 25¢ 10 Caul. 75¢ a few peppers etc.

Oct 14th. Shipped 5 bbls cranberry pippins at \$2 50. 12½ doz cabb 40¢ doz Sold Hart 10 doz squash at \$1.00 - also picking & packing apples and Jerry ploughing. Have picked 4811 {this amount is circled} bsks plums to date.

Oct 15. Picking & packing apples all day.

Oct 16th. Finished picking & packing Litsters apples loaded car of 190 barrels after supper done at 10 oclock.

Oct 17 Picking & packing apples no orders for any thing else shipped 10 bbls to Hanna & Co. Weather grand for the past two weeks.

Oct 18. Picking & packing Greening apples weather fine.

Oct 19 Sunday. Fine and a little cooler.

Oct 20th Frost this morning froze the flowers for the first time this season. Picking Baldwin apples.

Oct 21st. Picking & packing apples. cold and cloudy frost again this morning was down last night to hear John's Radio.

Oct 22. Picking & packing Spys & Wagners. Jerry ploughing yet. weather fine but cool nights & mornings.

Oct 23rd. Packing Wagner apples all day weather fine & warm Election day for O.T.A. or Government control. had a radio put into day. reports of voteing at 9.30. Wet 40 000 majority. mostly from Toronto & Hamilton.

Oct 24th. Unloading car of manure 44 tons 400 lbs. and another car in this afternoon. had to leave truck at Virtue's water pump leaking water into oil.

Oct 25. Unloading manure all day weather fine.

Oct 26. Sunday fine & warm. Mr & Mrs Boniface out for the day

Oct 27th. Finished car of manure. and started picking apples again.

Oct 28. picking & packing apples and loaded car of apples for CW Sharpe Burks Falls 140 bbls

Oct 29th. Cloudy & foggy picked & packed 37 bbls Spy apples.

Oct 30 Still picking & packing apples weather fine

Oct 31st. Finished picking & packing apples had 560 bbls all together Sold 50 bbls Spys at \$3 50 Balance at \$2 50 bbl. loaded last car of apples after supper tonight 181 bbls

Nov 1st. Mild & very windy. got Sugar Beets & Corn Stalks in. went to Hamilton at night to get some Boots & underwear. also to look at some Radio's not satisfied with the Westinghouse.

Nov 2nd. Cold & cloudy started furnace going. Henry Sheppherds boy buried today. Killed Friday by a Auto near his home.

Nov 3rd. Monday. pulling Carrots & getting 1st load ready for Hamilton Market. very cold & cloudy.

Nov 4th. up at 4 oclock to go to market, sold out at noon but every thing very cheap. Large Cauliflowers 60¢ doz Large Cabbages 30 & 40¢ doz Peppers 25¢ Carrots 30 to 40¢, Sold 2 or 3 loads Carrots at 30¢ Hubbard Squash 50 to \$150 {\$1.50} doz

Nov 5th. ~~Went~~ Went to Hamilton with two loads of carrots weather a little warmer

Nov 6th. at market again today weather fine Sold out but every thing cheap.

Nov 7th. took two more loads into Hamilton turning cold tonight and very heavy wind.

Nov 8th Finished carrots two more loads to Hamilton today. had 385 bushels in all sold mostly at 30¢ and a few bushels at 40 cents. very cold drew Cauliflowers into the barn.

Nov 9th. Cool & cloudy. Battery on Atwater Kent gone dead. last night after 6 days. Had

Nov 10th Grandma & Grandpa. B. out today Thanksgiving Day. worked all day digging potatoes in the morning & getting load ready for market in the afternoon. Heavy frost this morning ground frozen hard.

Nov 11th. at market today. Sold out about noon Cauliflowers 50 & 60 cents crate Cabbages 30¢ @ 40 doz Peppers 25¢ bskt squash 50 & \$100 {\$1.00} doz

Nov 12. Shipped some peppers & pears to Toronto. and got ready for market.

Nov 13th. Went to market again prices about the Same. and very hard to sell. got home about three oclock.

Nov 14th. Rained some in the night & cold & cloudy today. getting ready for market again.

Nov 15 Saturday left at 2.30 for market. got the last stand under the shed. market very slow did not get home until 5 oclock

Nov 16th Sunday turning colder, had Harry Simms & Stan Blair over. went home at midnight their car frozen up had to heat water. also drained my car & truck Radiator taps frozen then. very cold.

Nov 17. Every thing frozen solid in the barn also too hard to plough, getting load ready for market, squash & Cauliflowers.

Nov 18th. Went to market this morning. very cold every thing frozen and hard to sell, got home at 3 oclock.

Nov 19th. not quiet so cold. took a load of squash into Hamilton.

Nov 20th. Went to market again weather was fine. guess this will be the last this season have nothing left only Cabbages and they are not worth very much. 30 & 40¢ doz.

Nov 21. Cleaning up. & shipped 57 bsks Kieffer pears to Toronto sold at, {blank}

Nov 22nd. Cleaning up & burning old blackberry bushes. Hamilton Rugby team lost game in Semi-finals against Queens of Kingston score 11 to 1

Nov 23rd. Sunday. Had Grandpa & Grandma B. out for the day. cold & rainy.

Nov 24th. Started unloading 3rd car of manure & covering strawberries

Nov 25th Finished car of manure. weather very cold & windy with snow flurries

Nov 26th We think we heard England on the Radio last night, there are trials each night this week between United States & England between hours of 11 and 12 o'clock. Unloading another car of manure this afternoon.

Nov 27 another car of manure in covering strawberries

Nov 28th. Still another car in. Keeping us busy unloading & covering strawberries. heard some more music between 11 and 12 o'clock when the test was on for hearing the old country

Nov 29th. Still another car of manure in today this is the last one it makes seven cars this fall. heard some one talking foreign language on radio between 11 and 12 when the test was on. also had a fine loud concert from Atlanta Ga. Also Dallas, Texas, went to bed about 2 o'clock.

Nov 30th. Sunday. fair & very, Cold was down to Leo. Hammonds for supper.

Dec 1st. Frozen up this morning. drawing the last of the manure 7 cars this fall.

Dec 2nd. Cold yet to much frost to plough nearly all the farmers have a lot of ploughing to do yet, it has been so dry, that it was too hard to plough on the clay land. putting manure into. Raspberries & Blackberries. today.

Dec 3rd. very cold & cloudy drawing stumps from Geo Thomas' at Mt Nemo it is some tough job. and a long drive nearly 10 miles

Dec 4th. Fine & clear and very cold ground frozen solid. still drawing stumps. could not be a better time to get them out. when the ground is frozen.

Dec 5th. drawing stumps yet. have got 8 loads now, that is all he has. weather milder, raining this afternoon, got 16 bus {bushels} wheat for \$20.00 from John {Snoke?} up near Thomas', having good time listening in on the Radio. got a surprise to night. had a concert on the steamer Leviathan on the Atlantic Ocean {tick marked here} it was pretty good, in New York Harbor

Dec 6th. Cold & cloudy did not do much, but getting things straightened up for the winter, Smith & John building new front steps for Grandpa.

Dec 7th. Sunday. cloudy & cool. Had Grandpa up for dinner. Radio very poor tonight, went to bed early.

Dec 8th. mild today some rain last night & this morning, but turning colder tonight Heard the Hockey Game over the Radio from Springfield. Boston & Canadians of Montreal Montreal won 4 to 3 Smith and I sat up till 150 a.m. in the morning. and lots still on then.

Dec 9th. Heavy west winds and very cold this morning. Had Mr & Mrs Geo Hammond up. to hear our Radio it was very good tonight, especially the. Ever Ready Club at New York.

Dec 10th. cool with some snow. ground now covered had Mr & Mrs King down Radio not quite so good but managed to get some good stuff. arrived in Pasadena a year ago last night. some difference from here. working in the barn. fixing crates weather not so cold.

Dec 11th. Still working in the Barn. Smith & John Cutting wood for Grandpa. weather a little milder & snowing. Radio fine tonight. Had Dallas & Fort Worth, Texas, Atlanta Georgia, Kansas City Missouri, Louisville Kentucky, Hastings Nebraska, Boston, and lots of other distant places.

Dec 12th. some more snow tonight, but milder. working in the barn again.

Dec 13th. Milder this morning, but turning very cold at noon with snow flurries and frozen up again tonight with heavy west winds, still working in the barn

Dec 14th. Sunday. cloudy & very cold. with some snow flurries only 5 froze zero this morning they say

Dec 15th. Very cold again this morning. worked in the barn fixing boxes & crates. I guess we are about done work. will not need Smith now regular guess he will have a hard time finding any work this winter

Dec 16th. A little milder Cloudy & looks like rain. Ida & Byron took Charlotte & Doris into see Santa Claus guess they had a big time. they all stopped for supper. Radio was no good, because they stayed also Mr Stuart across the road

Dec 17th. Cloudy again getting cooler this afternoon, reported that it is 57 below zero out in Alberta yesterday

Dec 18th. Cold & cloudy east winds. light rain & sleet all day. getting still colder out west reported 62 below in Alberta this morning

Dec 19th Still raining this morning & freezing on to every thing. getting very icy. turning cold tonight

Dec 20th. Very cold only about 8 from zero. drove John & Grandpa up to see the christmas market it was not very large too cold I guess. Bought 3 Geese at 23 cts lb, weighed 15 lbs each

Sunday Dec 21 Still very cold with some Snow on the ground, 2 below zero in Toronto. so it must have been below here.

Dec 22. Very cold yet, drove down town Christmas shopping and to the station for some parcels from Toronto.

Dec 23rd. A Little milder with some more snow. went up to Hamilton with some presents, also with the rollers of the Washing Machine.

Dec 24th. working around the house and putting on Storm doors getting colder again, fixed up our first Christmas Tree tonight some job

Dec 25th. Very cold below zero I guess. Charlotte & Doris had a big time. with the Christmas Tree. Went down to Johns for dinner & supper John drove us home in the cutter, dandy sleighing. but snow not very deep very cold tonight sure haveing a real winter.

Dec 26th. Cold with strong west winds. but not as cold as yesterday.

Dec 27th. Colder again today guess it will be below zero tonight.

Dec 28. Sunday. Clear and very cold 6 to 10 below zero. as low as 10 & 12 below in Toronto on Saturday. and Sunday.

Dec 29. Cloudy and not quiet so cold today 4 above zero this morning

Dec 30. Milder today & cloudy all day, but did not thaw any.

Total Receipts (Goods) for 1924 Season (Gross)

Page 1	Receipts	\$1356.81
" 2	"	1415.21
" 3	"	2365.44
" 4	"	1797.04
" 5	"	1569.44
" 6	"	1040.47
" 7	"	1534.36
" 8	"	1549.72



" 9	"	<u>1086.15</u>
		\$13714.64

Total Net Receipts

J. A.	\$2300	
A D.	\$2300	
Frank	<u>\$2300</u>	
	\$6900	<u>\$6900.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$6814.64

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