

August

Sunday 3

1913

Somewhat overcast to day and looked much like rain for a long time, it came at last and a smart shower for a short while dampened the ground considerably, but the land is so very dry that the effect seems to be soon lost, it will freshen up things however, and, perhaps we get another shower soon.

Dan Stewart and his daughter from Manitota called on us, yesterday morning there was a disastrous fire at Erin Village, in which Archie Stephens store was burned out, we hear a portion of his stock was saved and had \$2,000, insurance, Kenneth McDougall called on us today

Monday 4

The weather is very fine to day, and temperature 72 is different than 90. had a telegram from Alex Spj'd. Mass. stating that he and Annie intend coming tomorrow to see mother, Annie's sister went off on the stage auto this morning, I fitted up the crossing over the ditch to day, in front of the house on the street.

Tuesday 5

Cool last night and this forenoon, but became close and warmer later on. Mr. Garbut went off again on the stage this morning, Alex and Annie came along this evening. They hired a very nice horse and buggy at Rockwood, at the dominion hotel, and intend keeping it as long as they are here, Alex looks very fat and heavy, Annie on the other hand seems to be thinner but both are fairly well.

Wednesday 6

A fine day, had a little shower in the afternoon, but it did not last long. we were devoutly wishing for more rain. Alex and I took a run up to Ewart's to day, (afternoon) Ewart took his boys to Rockwood, they weighed nearly 1500 lbs making \$147- odds. \$9.90 the price. Alex and Annie sleep at Mary's at night, Mr. Bryant sticks to her post well, she is reliable, and kind.

Thursday 7

A fine day, not over hot, but very dry, I drove up to Hillsburg this forenoon, and took Annie up to Ewart's. The 2 boys, Everett & Harold drove down this morning for a whiff of trees and took Alex up on returning, I reached Hillsburg about one P.M. the road across by 17 side road was rough and stoney and we did not make as good time as in returning by Clat town on the new road. I called for Alex & Annie but they came later on and I drove home. Harold was with me to Hill's. Mother is not very well tonight.

Friday 8

Another fine day, pretty close and, hot in the sunshine, there were indications of rain this morning, but the sky cleared off again, and the hot & dry held on again. Alex & Annie started for home, and made for Guelph, via Rockwood, for the 2.35 P.M. train. they became sorry however, at starting away quite so soon from us, and after going to Guelph they hired a automobile at Bolton and came back, they all felt better that he did so, Mother included. Ewart was down to the mill this evening, not feeling good at taking of Harold suddenly.

Saturday 9

Rain, and lots of it this morning, this is the first rain of consequence for a long time, it came on through the night with thunder & lightning, and lasted up to about noon today, we find the rain has gone down 5 or 6 inches, it will do an immense amount of good, I went with Alex this afternoon awhile to try to catch some fish, but as Ewart & Geo. Dore came along soon after I gave up my rod and they caught quite a few, received a short letter from Jennie, Edmonton, Willie is not very well, Mother, I think, is not holding her own very good, to me she seems sinking.

August

Sunday 10

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A great storm of thunder & lightning last night and some heavy rain, the land has got the best soaking since the early spring time. Alex and Annie sat up with Mother till midnight, and then retired to Mary's to rest, Maggie & Mary sat up till morning. I was up awhile during the storm quite a number of visitors called to enquire for Mother today.

Monday 11

Quite cold this morning, it is said there was frost this morning, but it soon warmed up through the day and it became very pleasant. Ewart drove down about 11 a.m. for Alex. to go up a fishing this afternoon, he & Annie & I drove up to the grave yard first for perhaps $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. and had a look round the cemetery, they had fair luck fishing getting about 40 or over clubs, but they are nice eating for all. Mother keeps about her usual, although weaker, I think, she does not take nourishment.

Tuesday 12

Very cool this morning, but no frost to be seen, cool also all day. the late rain will do a lot of good to the roots, Alex. and Annie started off for home this morning by stage to Guelph, they expect to leave there for Hamilton after one P.M. and from Hamilton to Buffalo at 4 something, Hannah Stephens and Alice McKeown came among us today, Mother is very weak, sent a card to Lewis Dunbar this morning.

Wednesday 13

Weather fine, Dan, Simons and I went up to Ewart's this morning to repair the back of the barn, Mr. Simons drove us up in their rig, and we reached there about 10 o'clock. we prepared a basswood stick we took out of the stone piggery and placed it in where the girt had rotted out in the side of the barn behind, we then fitted the scantling in their place and spiked them, had it completed about 4 o'clock and I drove Prince to Rockwood for galvanized iron to finish it up with.

Thursday 14

Another fine day, but the sun shone out very hot and the heat was oppressive where we were working, I drove up to Ewart's with Dan. Simon and started shortly after 7 o'clock A.M. and fixed up the back of the Barn, and other points also, taking us till near 5 o'clock to finish up, I am glad the job is over, as it has been long on the way. Mother has not been so well today, and very low & weak tonight, but the back of my right hand badly last night, and it has been very sore since.

Friday 15

Another very hot day, and very little breeze, the heat is very oppressive, Mother must feel it so, she passed a very bad time yesterday, had diarrhoea, which made it hard on her attendants, Mary has had her hand hurt somewhat similar to the injury to mine, excepting that it did not break the skin of hers, and did not bleed, as did mine, and it is all the worse for it, paid Dan Simons three dollars for his work at the barn.

Saturday 16

Great heat again today, have not looked at the thermometer for some time but it spoken of as having reached 94 in the shade during this heated term, Mother feels the heat very oppressive, L.A. Abbott sat up with Mother last night, it is wonderful how her vitality holds out, while taking no nourishment to keep up her strength.

great electric storm last night, with rain.

Mrs. H. Ewart sat up last night with Mother, and went home this morning. Sent cards to Edmonton, Georgetown, and Alex. at Ewart's fishing.

Alex. and Annie started off for home this morning by stage to Guelph. Hannah Stephens and Alice McKeown sent card to Meaford.

paid \$2.00 for galvanized iron to fix the shed & barn. Miss Agg. hurried the day, I think, on Monday last.

Dan Simon & I drove up to Ewart's this morning and finished the job at the Barn piggery.

paid Dan Simons for his work at the farm barn.

L.A. Abbott sat up to night with Mother, the heat very oppressive.

Mrs. Westhouse Mrs. Hells daughter did this night.

Extreme restlessness was had in the house is here a little rest very as we Miss ill. Quite some night in the Harro Cool is the Harro and Men's Ewart And Larn present in to he m (I think he is here Margatella with at very of the the g and yester home She ha quiet Bryan Toronto no do both mothe blocks

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THURSDAY 17

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Extremely hot and close to day. Mother passed a very uneasy and restless night last night, there was very little breeze and her room was very close and hot. Maggie and Mary were alone with her and had a hard job attending to her. She called for much moving and turning in bed. There has been a good many calls this evening. Mr. Mary Louell is here to sit up to night, & sleep all the time on the stretcher in the parlor. I cannot understand what mother says which makes me of little use to help.

Mother feels
the heat very
oppressive

Mrs Mary
Louell helping
to night also
Johnny till
midnight

Monday 18

A little better breeze but still very hot. Mother was easier and more restful last night, but is in a very weak condition. She became very restless towards night however, and we found it necessary to phone the doctor as we found the Catheter or a like instrument would be required to give relief. Miss Grendel is staying to night to assist. Mr. Phadra's little 4 year old boy is seriously ill. Horst's 2 boy is also ill. Ewart here awhile this evening. He finished cutting today.

mailed card
each to Albany
Springfield
and the Connel
Toronto this
morning

and the Dr
last night
for mother
Miss Grendel
here last night

Tuesday 19

Quite a change in temperature this morning. Think there must have been rain somewhere through the night, as it is very cool this morning. The doctor came at mid night and gave mother great relief. using an instrument to draw away the water. She went to sleep afterwards and enjoyed her rest she so much needed, and those in attendance also were ready for at rest from the ever returning calls from her. Harold and Ervatt are unwell with the diarrhea which is prevalent.

had the doctor
last night

Wednesday 20

Cool and fine, excepting that rain is needed badly. The dust is the prevailing feature when the wind rises. Little Harry Horst is to travel to the hospital to be operated on for appendicitis and the Mr. Phadra's little fellow is considered to have Spinal Meningitis, which is a most serious and dangerous ailment. Ewart and Johnny down here this evening, Johnny through harvest yesterday.

Little Harry
Horst's operation
on for appendicitis
Mr. Phadra's
little boy ill

And Ewart pretty well through to day. H.A. abt. here in night.

Thursday 21

Turned very close and warm to day, indications of rain are present. John McKenzie got John Simons on helping him to haul in to day, they cleared the front field and 2 loads behind, hope he may get the balance in all right. Ewart finished last night (I think). made out check for ten dollars to H. H. Hortop, he paid the cash. he is much concerned about his boy, who is at the hospital and has been operated on for Appendicitis. they were rather long in operating. Margaret Blawley sat up last night. Mother is restless these nights. Bella is with us all the time and is not very well. Mrs Bryant is also with us, she does not like to leave us under the circumstances, although wanted at home.

Friday 22

Sky overcast this morning, and it was not long before a very heavy down pour of rain followed, raining less or more the most of the time until finishing up with a heavy dash on in the afternoon. the ground has got a fair soaking, it will be good for the pasture and roots. John McKenzie got in 12 loads of grain altogether, 8 loads yesterday with John Simons. Mrs Bryant told me to day she would be going home to morrow, gave me a present of a silver handkerchief, and others as well. She has been a good friend to us under our present trouble, mother was quiet last night.

Saturday 23

Pretty cold last night, and has kept cool all day. Mrs Bryant went off on the stage to Guelph this morning, she expects to go to Toronto from Guelph on the 3 P.M. train. She has been a true friend to us and no doubt, we will miss her much. the 2 sick boys, Hortop & McPhedran are both some better, the former considered most out of danger. Bella not very well. mother uneasy and uncomfortable, have finished the sawing of the cedar blocks for short stove. letter from Annie Sinter. Says her father's sympathies are with us.

Check for ten dollars to H. H. Hortop

Ewart finished harvest last night.

Margaret Blawley sat up last night

Sent cards to Edmontons and Meaford

heavy rain to day. a great Boon

John McKenzie got nice lot in the barn yesterday

Went from Mrs Bryant

Mrs Bryant away from home this morning

Sick boys improving. Hortop & McPhedran finished the cedar blocks sawing for the stove.

Letter from Annie Sinter

August

Sunday 2nd

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Quite a stiff frost last night and the morning was very cold. The heat of the sun warmed up everything pretty soon, the big leaves of the squashes were blackened by the frost. I counted 32 squashes, 20 of which are a good size. I paid around the house pretty close to day, both Mary & Maggie also, Mother seems perceptibly weaker to day.

Monday 1st

The hardest frost this season so far, was this morning, and it was colder than usual for a time. It was this forenoon I noticed the leaves of the squashes so much blackened. I split the cedar blocks all up to day and piled them all away for kindling, also cleared up yard and horse stable. Mary & Maggie washed to day. Ewart helped John McKenzie to draw in to day, they have done now all to about 4 loads oats. Mother is weaker to night than usual, her pulse is very weak. Mailed a letter to Jessie Marshall, Galt, and sent card to Mrs Bryant. Mother very weak.

Tuesday 2nd

Cold moderated considerably although yet cool, the weather has been fine to day but a shower that fell through the night, stoped the drawing in of any grain that is out in the harvest field. It was generally fit to haul this afternoon however. Ewart was here this morning and paid me nineteen dollars being the balance of the unpaid rent. The bulk of which he paid on the 1st of June, inst. \$6.50, for Cement, Coffey's work to was taken into the account and I paid the rent was estimated at \$180.⁰⁰, which, I fear, cannot be continued as we cannot live upon it, Robert Jettin gets 3 dollars an acre for no better farm, which would give us \$225.⁰⁰ for 75 acres, and there is

Wednesday 2nd

Milder this morning, but yet cool, the sun shone out warm through the day however. Ewart drove Eggett to Rockwood to see the doctor as it hasn't been thought he has been very well for some time the doctor could not discern anything much wrong with him however we are all staying around home. Bella, Maggie, Mary & I, mother is so restless & uneasy and withal very weak, that she keeps so long in that low condition without partaking of little, or any, nourishment. Seems marvellous, we sent cards each to Mrs Bryant, brother James Senter, Annie Senter, Grimsby, Mabel Moore.

Thursday 2nd

Continues mild and considerable rain has fallen. got intimation to attend a meeting of the board of health this afternoon, but as mother seemed to be so weak and miserable I decided not to leave home and phoned to Rockwood to that effect, also phoned to Esleigh & Lovell that I would not require either of their outfits. Lovell thought it possible they might be requiring theirs. So Esleigh promised his if they did.

Friday 2nd

Cooler, and cleared up fine, Sunshine and windy, the little harvest grain that is out yet will get nicely dried. I see by the papers that rain & storms have prevailed lately in the north west. doing considerable damage to the crops, mother has been easier to day, and has been taking a little nourishment very little however.

Saturday 3rd

Quite a fall of rain last night again, the late showers are making quite a change in the appearance of the landscape, the grass that was yellow and withering, is now freshened up and green, even the potato tops are greener. Mrs Ewart was here last night, not much change in mother's condition. Mary called to Robertson through the night, George took a bad spell

got a bag of wheat for the hens #1.25.
received a letter from Mrs Bryant this evening
sent a card to her this morning

a card each sent to Sons Alex & Willie
settled with Ewart for rent and my A for cement &c.

cards each sent to Mrs Bryant, James Senter, Annie Senter, Grimsby, Mabel Moore

cards sent to Mrs Bryant, our bill & Alex. Allen, Mr. Boyd and Mabel Moore
received a pair shoes for Herald

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August & September

Sunday 31

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^{AUGUST} Weather very fine and mild, ^{THURSDAY 26} sunshine and warm. The landscape looks fine, fresh and green, caused greatly by the recent showers. we have had quite a few callers to day. Maggie sat up alone last night, Mother was very restless through the night, a little easier to day.

Monday. Sep. 1

Very dull this morning, and we expected it might rain but, after a little sprinkling, it cleared to a fine day, very warm, especially in the afternoon, I repaired a woman's shoe, and ² mended Ewart's gaiters, and partially heeled them. received a letter from Cousin Jessie Marshall, Galt, she has lately had a spell of sickness, but is better again, I sent a letter lately to her and this is a reply. Mathew has been rather restless and uneasy last night and to day, G. A. Abbott sat up last night.

Tuesday 2

Very warm and pleasant weather to day, bright sunshine, Dougald Robertson, this forenoon, put in a cement foundation on the east side of Abbott's poultryhouse, and afternoon he came to us and we prepared for our walk from little gate to the verandah, and got the under layer all done, and have it ready for finishing tomorrow. ^{FRIDAY 27} John, P. Colton died at 7 P.M. to day.

John Colton
died this
afternoon

Wednesday 3

Warm and close to day, a little rain last night and this evening there was quite a little shower. Dougald Robertson came along this morning and finished the front door walk to the house, just as we had done a shower came on, and we had to hurry and cover it as the rain was making holes in ^{the} house. I paid Dougald a dollar for the job, he was only charging 75¢, but I thought the other little enough. received a card from Jennie Edmiston, all fairly well.

Thursday 4

Quite cool this morning, haven't heard of any frost though, have been wheeling the gravel on to the entrance to the back yard there was about half of the load left over the cement work, and I have been using it for the approaches to the house. we hear that John Tolton of Galt is dead, and is to be buried in Everton Cemetery tomorrow

Friday 5

Very fine day, a little cool at night, but the Sunshine is hot through the day. The remains of John Tolton from Galt arrived here about 1.45 P.M. his brother William drove down from Walden to attend the funeral, he left his horse & buggy at Halsman's and had his dinner with us. Mr. Halsman drove away somewhere Mr. Tolton drove up to Leonard McDougals, likely to stay all night. There were very few from round here at the funeral, about 1/2 a doz. riggs chiefly from Guelph way, with their own relations & church folks. one of the latter made a short address from a few new testament passages, and ended with the "Lord's Prayer".

Saturday 6

Very hot to day in the Sunshine, but pleasant weather, cooler nights I have cut some poles to make a culvert into our back yard from the street about 4 P.M. another took a decided change for the worse, we were somewhat alarmed at her appearance, thinking the end was at hand. She recovered again however considerably, and resumed her ordinary condition apparently. She is now very weak however, and may take another bad turn any time. G. & A. Abbott sits up to night, Charles generally hard to wait on, very uneasy

John Tolton's remains have arrived in Everton City to day about 1.45

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September

Sunday 7

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A very warm and close day, very hot sunshine. Mr. Hellman has gone to Georgetown, he is officiating at the funeral of Mr. Miller, who is being buried at Georgetown. They were to lift at 1.30 P.M. Ewart and Johnny were here this morning, Bella came along yesterday again, she is not very well, I had a walk up among the tombstones this afternoon.

John Miller of 4th Ave, E. and 3rd St. buried to day at Georgetown

Monday 8

Continues very fine weather, but everything is getting very dry, we are all longing for rain. Mother took a very bad turn just after dinner to day, she rapidly became very distressed and uneasy, so much so that the girls & Mr. A. Gibbott were kept constantly moving her, in order to bring her ease, we at last telephoned the doctor to come, and he gave her a preparation which put her off to sleep, from which she didn't wake, and we were all so glad that she obtained relief from the terrible suffering she was enduring, and she gradually became weaker until about a quarter to one in the night when she gently passed away, so ended the life of my dearest friend on earth, who had on all occasions where duty seemed to call for her help, was ever ready with heart and hands to give that needed help cheerfully. It mattered not whether rich or poor, when duty called. A poor woman, she had many trials and bereavements in the bringing up and caring for her own large family but she never faltered from following the path of duty, or acting the part of a ministering angel on all occasions of necessity, if her strength was equal to the task.

Tuesday 9

Very cool to day, and it looks as if we might have frost to night. Ewart & Johnny drove to Acton and engaged Holmes the undertaker to provide the outfit for the funeral, he & his father drove up with the Casket & rough box, and embalmed the body, and placed it in the Casket. We got a telegram from Mr. Spg. that he was sorry but he could not possibly get away. Mother looked very natural in the narrow house, and it is placed on the undertaker's stands in the parlour, a beautiful floral pillow, from the family is placed on the top of the Casket.

dear Mother's death took place last night at 12.45

Wednesday 10

An awfully hard frost last night, and much of the flowers & potatoe vines, Squash vines &c are blackened. The undertaker came along this afternoon and brought the plate and put it on, we have all been preparing things for tomorrow's gathering. Johnny & Ewart & John McKenzie have arranged for their several dresses, Johnny had to drive to Mr. Heads for the Certificate of the death, and comes home by way of Rockwood to get a part of those coming on the train, while Ewart and John McKenzie is expected to bring the rest. Mary & I addressed 26 Cards yesterday morning to acquaintances & friends with the announcement of mother's death, and tomorrow funeral.

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September

Thursday 11

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Another hard frost again last night, things have got a scorching, and I fear the tomatoes, flowers we will be done for, we borrowed some plants from George Jettin, and set them on chairs on the lawn on side of the house next to Abbotts, also borrowed a lot of chairs, 2 dozen or so of the church lot, and a quantity from Abbotts, our Mary, Robertson girls, Mr. Helmsman made a very appropriate discourse, as well as reading a number of passages of scripture, and dilating thereon, the principal text being Christ's words, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." James Abbott led the singing, and Nettie played the organ. The cortege started for the cemetery about 3 o'clock. and there certainly was a large gathering at the cemetery. The pall bearers were Ewart, our Johnny, John McKenzie, George Dore, Walter Moore, Willie McKenzie. The friends from Guelph were Mrs. David & Andrew Cotton, David Cotton and another gentleman Mr. John McKinnon and others with her, Duncan Stewart brought Annie Dunster & her sister Margaret from Grimsby. Ewart, met at the station, Mrs. James Early, and Mrs. D. Webster, and Mrs. Ben. Galloway, and Walter and Mabel Moore, Walter rode up with Johnny, all but Mr. Early returned by the 6:16 P.M. train John McKenzie & Ewart taking them down. 5:00 ended the last act in the parting of our dearest beloved earthly friend, she had many friends, but no enemies.

Friday 12

Cool, but not nearly so much so as these last 2 nights I hardly think there was any frost, I carried back all the plants we borrowed from George Jettin, and replaced the things in her house & stable, I paid Henry Cutting 2 dollars this morning and one at night, making 3 dollars, he could not make change this morning, Hannah Stephens visited us this afternoon and I saw her off on the stage for home at 4 o'clock.

Saturday 13

Another hard frost last night, I am afraid our tomatoes will be all spoiled, wish they had been covered last night. Mary & Maggie went to Guelph to day, Jennie Powell drove in with her horse & buggy and they accompanied her, got a coat costing 8 dollars, and a dress to, Mary also had purchases, when they arrived at Lovell's corner and they were about starting to walk home, Mr. Eveleigh, who had just unhitched his horse after a drive, persisted in hitching on again and driving them down, and would not be gainsaid, I brought in 30 squashes to the stable, and carried the frozen pines to the compost heap, and to night have covered the tomatoes with old newspapers. Bella and I have been alone at home. She is not at all well, I fear the old trouble is the cause, a letter from Margaret Lloyd, says she had made preparations to come to the funeral, but too late for the right train, she invites me to visit her.

Sunday 14

Very cold, and quite a hard frost last night. Bella and Maggie went to church both forenoon and night. Bella went home after leaving meeting at night, I have spent rather a lonesome day, this is the first Sunday in 58 years that I had not the privilege of speaking or writing to my dear Margaret, who has proved an affectionate and dutiful wife and mother.

September

Monday 15

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Quite a heavy frost again last night, the corn is mostly bleached white with the frequent freezing, this is the third change freezing on consecutive nights, we had the tomatoes covered again last night, as the night before, with papers, but we should have done it sooner, as a quantity of them is hurt by the frost, we lifted & housed them to day, they are mostly too green however, as well as frozen, I took in our corn cobs, also pulled the stalks and put them in stable loft. we also lifted the seed onions and laid them on a board to ripen & dry. Maggie accompanied George Lore & Mary to a operatic entertainment at the school house this evening under the auspices of the Literary Society, mailed a letter each to Willie & Alex.

Tuesday 16

Not much change in the weather, we have been hoping that rain would follow these frosts, but nothing yet and it is greatly needed, Everett tells me they are very scarce of water, the creek up there has ceased to run. Everett down at the mill, got 100 lbs wheat for the hens.

Wednesday 17

Very dull this morning and looking like rain. Maggie McKenzies came this morning she wanted some squashes as they are going to thresh, I rode home with her, and paid a pleasant visit, quite a heavy rain came on this afternoon while I was there, John is getting his barn ready for threshing Bella drove me home in the buggy. She is not very well.

Thursday 18

Fine day, cool this forenoon, became warmer towards night, Everett & Bertie and the boys drove down this evening the boys are remaining over night, they like to stay here the times, I prepared more poles for our culvert in front of the house, whole soled Marys shoes to day. the boys went to school from here this morning, they enjoyed their visit here last night, Maggie was at Marys all day sewing, both of us had our dinner & supper there.

Friday 19

A most pleasant day, neither too hot or too warm, I have been working at the culvert to day, after getting more poles cut and carried, I got 3, 4 feet lengths for crossing the ditch, and other 2 long ones, have it about ready for covering, Maggie was with Mary sewing again to day word had just come that Peter Stewards brother in law had been shot & killed also other two, one killed the other still alive.

Saturday 20

Dull nearly day, the forenoon passed off without rain and though we had a great desire for rain we almost despaired of getting any to day, in this however we were agreeably disappointed, as a good rain fell this afternoon, we had not as good a fall in a long time, I was intending to work at the culvert this afternoon but unfortunately broke my axe handle, so had to get it fixed again, and I spent a good while in cutting more poles that I found was necessary, Everett & Harold walked down this afternoon.

Looking after garden stuff
a operatic entertainment at the school house to night
Maggie went with Geo. Lore and Mary -
received letter from Auntie Margaret Meakin
mailed letter each to Willie & Alex.
got a hundred lbs wheat for the hens \$1.50
H. Hays cashed \$5 dollar check

September

Sunday 21

1913

^{SEPTEMBER} Dull day and quite cool, passed off however with out rain, more rain would be quite acceptable as the land has not been moistened enough yet, I have been very dull and lonesome all day and not inclined to read as much as usual, the boys returned home this afternoon, I wrote a long letter to Sister Bessie this evening which I intend to add to, and mail it in the morning

Monday 22

Another dull day, brightened up a little this afternoon we expected rain again, but it held off, Cool this P. M. brought up 2 poles for the Culvert, Maggie helped carry one of them, and I covered the ditch with the poles, pinning them together with harrow pins on each side, and covered the top with Shingle shavings, so as to keep the earth from falling through, have now to fill up the approaches received a letter from Jeannie, Edmonton, they had not received my letter when they wrote, Willie showed his horse at Fort Saskatchewan, and took first prize.

Tuesday 23

Cool and overcast for the most part all day, calm - however and not unpleasant, excepting it may be the cause of increasing my rheumatic pains some, had a nice sympathying letter from Brother James, in which he expresses great and affectionate regard for the memory of dear Mother, he thinks she lived her life for others more than for herself, and it pleases me to find she was so appreciated, I finished the bridge in front of house to day.

Wednesday 24

A very fine day. Maggie McKenzie drove down with the buggy to take her Aunt Maggie up to their house for a visit to day I thought I had better go along too, and I plowed in their front field in the afternoon, John finished the covering on the bad roof of his stable got a 100 lb bag of Royal House hold flour at Hortop's. yet to pay

Thursday 25

A most beautiful day, warmer than yesterday, John and Bella Webb & Willie drove up from Eden to day, Ewart & Gertie and the boys came along to night the boys are staying over night, they brought us a basket of crab apples mixed with Salma's, Maggie & Mary are making a dress for Mrs. Blavaly these days.

Friday 26

Dull and threatening for a rainy day, excepting a little in the forenoon however, it passed off again without much falling. Nettie Abbott & her cousin Willie Webb went over to Erin with the stage this afternoon to their theatrical effort, "McComphins hired man". I paid Mr. Hortop 3 dollars for the 100 lb flour & 50¢ for the Cedar poles I cut out of his bush, by check written some days ago.

Saturday 27

Beautiful weather to day, Sunshine and warm John Webb has finished taking up Abbott's potatoes and has dug the garden all over besides, he is a hard worker, I got a couple of short boards from Mr. Weatherston, (his lady down the old house near Mary's), to make the bottom for a potato bin in Mary's cellar, that I am making.

looked like more rain but none fell Maggie twice at meeting. the boys returned home

Weather dull & cool, no rain for all carried poles for Culvert and completed it, all except filling in the approaches mailed letter to Sister Bessie B. Co. received letter from Jeannie Edmonton

received a letter from brother James this afternoon

rheumatism had in my leg can't do much

received a letter from L. D. Baxter Sunday Sep 21st at McKenzie's Maggie & I

the Webb family up from Eden at Abbots

Ewart & Gertie & boys here to night

Nettie Abbott and Willie Webb over to Erin entertainment

paid Mr. Hortop 3 dollars for flour and 50¢ for poles. check

making potatoe bin at Mary's

John Webb finished potato digging at Abbots

Sep. & Oct

Sunday 28

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~~SEPTEMBER~~ ~~MONDAY~~ ~~29~~
 Fine weather continues, Maggie went to McKenzie's from the church, and came back to church again at night before coming home. Bella is very poorly she seems to be getting weaker as time passes. They had a great number of visitors to day. Garfield McKinnon and his mother among the rest, Colin Kitchen & wife & child, I wrote a letter to Aunt Margaret, Meaford. which I intend to mail tomorrow -

Monday 29

Another ideal day of ideal weather, I dug up 2 rows of potatoes this morning, and then finished up the bin in the, ~~Loe's~~ cellar before dinner. And Maggie & I dug and bagged 12 sacks of potatoes and I wheeled them to the windows, when Maggie and I put them all down in cellar before coming home at night. I had a lame back & legs with rheumatism I suppose, but stuck at it for all. we took in 12 rows of potatoes, & there are yet 8 rows to do.

Tuesday 30

The beautiful weather yet continues, and we have so far taken advantage of it to take up our potatoes and get them safely housed. Maggie helped me to day again and we finished taking them up and put them into our own cellar, we estimate there are sixteen bags, likely by weight, altogether, and they seem of fine quality.

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Wednesday 1

Another very fine day. I have rated & forked all the potatoes to the, and burned them all up this afternoon. Robert Royce brought us a big load of coal, (Chestnut) \$3.00, a 8 dollar deliverable, = \$21.20 which I paid by check on Bank at Rockwood. Maggie planted 3 double rows of Strawberries this afternoon, we dug the patch yesterday, after finishing the potatoes.

Thursday 2

Dull and threatening rain this morning, and a little fell this forenoon, and it did not clear up much this afternoon, although it did not rain of any account. John McKenzie drove along this morning, Ewart was also down. Maggie went with John, and I rode with Ewart to the town line, and I rode on with John and we staid there all day. Bella has taken to her bed this week, she is very weak. I plowed 6 rounds in his long furrow by the south of his house while he watered his stock, also picked nearly a bag of fallen apples for ourselves, and others for them.

Friday 3

Dull again this morning and we thought Rockwood Show was doomed for a bad day again, it cleared up however to a fine afternoon and the show turned out to be a good one. Maggie went to it along with George Lovace, I moved the stove wood, piling it up at the end of the stable, Maggie tells me there was a good attendance at the show, Ewart and Gerlie, and the boys were there. Willie Horst got 1st prize for Austin McCallum driver.

Saturday 4

Weather cleared up again and no rain, the ground is getting back to its old dry state again. the country stands much need for rain, the wells are drying up & pastures are getting very dry, and stock must suffer now. I have been clearing up the yard of the maple wood, &c, received a letter from Alex. Springfield

mailed letter to Aunt Margaret Meaford

Andrew Richardson killed this afternoon on E.P.R. track

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WEDNESDAY

Dull and threatening rain this forenoon, and afternoon there was a little fall of rain, but nothing like what is needed. Saw Pierce Harsell off on the stage to Luelph this morning, he says he slept very well last night. Mary came over and prepared our breakfast for us. I repaired Willie McKenzies shoes to day, his mother is very weak & quiet to day, he drove here this evening and took his Aunt Mary with him, I did not feel well and did not go. Ewart was along here to night.

Sunday 12

Some rain this evening, but not at all what is needed. I had dinner with the Robertson women. And Mary came home towards evening and we had our supper together. Bella has been very quiet to day. had a number of visitors. Mr & Mrs James Black, Archie & Hannah Stephens were there. Bella Hindley, Mr Baptist & our Maggie there to night.

Monday 13

Fine weather to day. Cool, but pleasant. Edna Robertson drove down this morning to take us up. They thought Bella was about passing away. She rallied again however, at first she did not seem to recognize us. L. A. Abbott went up with Mr Welsman, who kindly drove up. This evening Willie Sutton & wife, and our Mary, set up all night, seem a change for the worse. Mary & I up there over night.

Tuesday 14

Cool at night, but beautiful & pleasant weather. Mary and I up at McKenzies all day. Willie drove down late to night for L. A. Abbott, who went home again last night. Bella has not rallied to day, and her breathing has been very laboured. She has hardly spoken any at all to day. all of us up to night, and poor Bella expired at about 3 o'clock. Ewart drove home at about one o'clock, the Kitchens, and Baldies were there till about 2.

Wednesday 15

Weather continues fine & pleasant, this morning we are all up and doing. poor Bella is now no more, and we have been sending off a lot of post cards announcing her death. The funeral to take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. They are getting the undertaker from Erin to come out to day. Maggie and I came home this morning. Willie McKenzies came down in evening with Mary and took back back Maggie.

Thursday 16

Another fine day, dull and somewhat threatening rain in the forenoon, but it did not rain and we were anxious it would. Willie McKenzies drove down this afternoon and settled where to dig the grave for his mother, and gave Henry Cutting the job. Willie paid him \$2.50 cash in hand, \$3 is his price to all but he reduced to John as he has had hard times so long. we got a telegram from Alex. that he can't come. John McKenzies is quite ill at present, severe pain across his bowels.

(Erin Show day.)

Friday 17

Very dull and raw this forenoon, and commenced to spit rain about noon, or a little afterwards, and from about 2 o'clock a brisk rain fell. I got Mr Lovells mare & buggy and drove Mary and Nettie over to McKenzies, this afternoon, returning about 5 o'clock. Willie McKenzies drove to Luelph to day. Nancy Curran came out with the stage.

little fall of rain.

Pierce Harsell away to Luelph this morning. Bella very weak to day.

had dinner with the Robertson women.

A lot of visitors at McKenzies.

Edna Robertson drove down to take Mary & I up to McKenzies.

Bella whose L. A. Abbott also there Mr Welsman took her there.

our dear Bella died this morning about three o'clock.

a large number of visitors at McKenzies to day.

McKenzies have without the mother.

Sent off a lot of cards this morning.

getting the undertaker there to day.

Maggie & I came home to day.

Willie McKenzies drove down & settled on spot for the grave, paid Henry Cutting to dig the grave.

John McKenzies very unwell.

Sent away other 3 cards.

John McKenzies & cutting getting ready for the funeral.

Maggie is up at McKenzies, drove there this afternoon.

Henry Cutting is digging the grave.

Willie McKenzies to Luelph to day. Supplies for tomorrow, quite a rain this P.M.

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very dull and cloudy all day, and quite cold and unpleasant, but fortunately no rain came on, although we had fears of it coming on. Ewart came along with the buggy this morning, and drove Mary & I up as far as Douglass Robertson's gate, and turned to go home from there, as it was getting too late to go all the way round, and we walked on to Mr. Kenzie's. A good many had gathered, as it was about 11 o'clock, and dinner was prepared and partaken of by the friends from a distance. Stanley Stewart drove to Greenwood to meet the train with the democrat, but Mabel and Walter Moore were the only parties he met, and Roy Hindley, took them to the train in the C. & N. evening. Many friends, acquaintances and neighbors gathered before the house (2 o'clock) for lifting. Among them the 2 Ministers, Messrs. Helaman, and Mr. Lindsay, (Presbyterian) who held a short service before lifting at very little after 2 o'clock. John McKenzie himself has been very poorly these few days back, and we were afraid he would not be able to go with the funeral, he went however, and stood it out not so badly after all. The funeral was very large and the people filled the church, so it is said, Dr. Abbott and Ben Collop were over from Erin, Abbott led the singing for the congregation, also sang in the choir the special hymn, "They are going down they carry the casket" was laid in front of the pulpit, and when service was over the remains of our dear one was exposed to view, and first those on South Side of the church passed round and viewed the body, and those on other side did so in like manner, before lifting at about 4.30 o'clock, it was about 5 o'clock before we had the fire on at home, and Maggie hurried up the bed, and Roy Hindley drove off with Mabel & Walter to catch the train quite a number of John McKenzie's friends and relations were present at the funeral, among them, were Gilbert McBarthur and Mrs. McBarthur, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Sutton, and Sam Thomas, Guelph, Colin Kitchener & wife & son, and others from Nasogauea. Bella Rossell and her brother in law George Rossell, Beamsville, and her son Albert & wife, from Guelph. There were R. L. McKinnon, Mrs. John Currie, Mrs. Wesley McLean, Rob. Jester, Rob. McWilliams the Pall Bearers were, John McKenzie's 3 brothers in law, Colin Kitchener, Mr. Sutton, & Mr. Usherwood, our Ewart and Johnny & Geo. Jones. Willie McKenzie has had a very busy time getting and keeping things in shape, his father being laid up the work and outside management devolved principally on him, he had to go to Guelph yesterday for things connected with the funeral. Henry Cutting had the principal work of the grave done yesterday and everything ready this forenoon.

our dear Bella McKenzie laid to rest to day

Sunday 19

A gaily, cold and unpleasant day, the weather has decidedly changed into summer appearance, I walked up to the cemetery to see how things were fixed up, and found everything right. The people all left as soon as the casket was lowered, there were a great many people standing round during the short service and the air was very raw and cold, so it was announced that the grave would be filled in when the company dispersed.

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Monday 20

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Quite a fall of snow last night, and the ground is whitened up like winter, although the snow was soft and watery it held on surprisingly till about the middle of the afternoon, the air being cold and cloudy was supposed to be the cause. Ewart drove down in the buggy this morning, and again down with a quilt of sheep and rolled out afternoon, he left a pair of shoes to mend for Errett, and a shoe for himself, which I did for him in time to take them home with him, he helped me up with a pole from the bush.

Tuesday 21

Very cold last night, not perhaps, so frosty, as a raw cold air that also prevailed all day. Maggie and I helped Mary this forenoon to change her stoves and clean and set up the stove pipes again. I split up a quantity of the big hardwood blocks for heating purposes. Had a letter from Alex. Spigis, also one for Maggie McKenzie. "My Care." Willie McKenzie was with us quite awhile this evening.

Wednesday 22

The raw cold air still holds sway all day, but there has been a drying wind which makes it more bearable. Maggie washed to day, and the clothes dried out finely this afternoon. I took up the carrots and beets this afternoon, and Maggie put them in boxes and put them in the cellar.

Thursday 23

Come rain through the night, and the morning and forenoon up to about noon was without rain, and even a drying wind prevailed. I split the knotty & heavy blocks for the heating stove before dinner, used the 2 old axes to do it, and afternoon I placed them all in the wood house. Ewart and Gertie & boys were down this forenoon, Gertie was getting fitted for a new dress. and the boys were free from school on account of the teachers' Convention being held. Maggie rode over to McKenzie's last night by stage. John McKenzie brought her home this evening. Had dinner with Mary. alone at supper. Mary at Mr. Boull's this afternoon.

Friday 24

A very dull day and raining moderately about all the time it is a splendid thing for the country, the rain comes so moderately that it does not run much away after falling, but is taken into the ground, most every body is willing to stay under cover as it is too wet nearly all the time to be exposed to it. I have been content to stay in the house, feeling muggy and lonesome.

Saturday 25

The weather has cleared up fairly well and it has become some cooler. The rain has made the ground moister, and this afternoon I hoed a large portion of the garden to kill and uproot the weeds. Ewart & Gertie & the boys were down this evening. Ewart has had luck with one of his hogs she had 12 pigs and now has only 2, and one of them, he thinks, will die. Had a letter from Jennie, Edmonton to day. They seem to be well.

Sunday 26

Fair weather again, and though cool, not cold. Mr. Stewart (Effie) has been with us to day. She seems fairly well. She went with Maggie twice to church to day. quite a turn out to the church to night. Mr. Helmsman's turn to speak on immersion came to night, the methodist had his say 2 weeks ago. and Helmsman's reply was to night.

Snow fall which is long in melting

Ewart down twice to day

Shoe mending pole from the Bush

received a letter from Alex. Spigis here to night

Mary changing stoves & pipes

raw cold weather

took up the carrots & beets and put them in the cellar

Split up knotty blocks for heating stove

Ewart, Gertie & the boys

Maggie over at McKenzie's to day John brought her home this evening

dull and rainy which is very welcome

the rain has been steady

weather cleared off again

hoed the weeds up in garden & potatoe land

letter from Jennie Edmonton

Mrs. David Stewart sent to church with Maggie

Helmsman on immersion versus infant baptism

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A rainy day, not heavy but pretty constant, it will do good during a spell the rain let up a while, I finished the hoeing of the weeds in the lot, that had a persistent weed with the yellow flower and seedy branches, became too plentiful after the potatoes were lifted, and I have taken the trouble to hoe them out, the land is getting moister now, Mr David Stewart is with us

John E. Turney buried today, died last Saturday

Mrs David Stewart sent here

Tuesday 28

Weather drier again, but continues dull and cloudy I got 50 lbs ~~pastry~~ flour at the mill, I gave him a check for 10 dollars which he cashed, and kept the price of the flour out, \$1.85, I gathered all the weeds and piled them on the manure heap. Threatened rain so that Auntie Effie did not venture out to visit, gave Jimmie Duffals an empty barrel for our apples, took up the cabbage to day. 14 head

50 lbs pastry flour Hostops gave cheque for 10 dollars

gathered weeds and piled them on manure heap took in Cabbage

Wednesday 29

Drizzling rain a good part of the day, and the sky dull and lowering, it is rather unpleasant weather, especially for taking up and housing turnips, which people are busy at.

William Kilgour hurt Automobile accident

~~OCTOBER~~
I have been finishing up the hoeing of the weeds in the lot, hanging up the cabbage & stuff a shoring, the mill is largely patronized this damp time, Harold is down with us this evening, Willie Kilgour is seriously injured by collision with train, with Auto in crossing at Shaw Station seem to think there is small chance for his recovery

putting away vegetables for winter

Thursday 30

Continues cloudy and dull, but no rain worth mentioning very raw & cold & snow threatening, George Weatherston is trying to finish up the housing of his turnips for fear of snow, they bare a fine crop, Mrs Stewart is away to Nova Scotia this afternoon I have cleaned up the lot, ready for plowing now, it is now hoed all over and pretty clean of weeds, Mary is helping Maggie with sewing.

farmers busy housing their roots.

Mrs David Stewart away down to Blacks

Friday 31st (Halloween)

Hardest yet of the season Hard frost last night and quite cold to day, I mailed a letter to grand daughter Bertha Dunter, Spfld, this morning giving some account of the sickness & death of our two dear ones. Bertha's mother was ~~desirous of~~ getting an account of Bella's sickness & death, funeral &c this has been a very pleasant day, although somewhat cold. Mary has been sewing here all day, I have not done much of anything to day, there is considerable to do yet, among the farmers, in taking up turnips, the weather has been backward, this has been a good day, but the ground hard in morning

mailed letter Bertha Spfld

not done much to day, hear that Willie Kilgour is doing well, glad of it.

weather backward for housing roots &c

Saturday, October 1

Frost again last night and this morning but not so hard as yesterday, Ewart finished taking in his turnips to day, he had a busy day with them, he and the boys were down this evening, and the boys staid with us, I haven't been well to day, rather stiff and sore from rheumatism I presume.

Ewart finished housing his turnips to day, not so very well just now.

Rheumatism I think

Sunday 2

A very fine day, bright sunshine and not so cold as of late, the Boys attended S. School and after dinner the three of us walked up to the farm, Ewart was at home and we had a walk around, Gerie was at Osprey, but came home later on, I am staying all night at Ewart's had a pleasant evening with good music

went up to Ewart's this afternoon with the boys staying all night.

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~~OCTOBER~~ I was up in good time this morning up at Ewart's. Ewart was off to Coffey's Thrashing at 6.30 a.m., he harness the horses for me and after breakfast I took the team to the back field and loaded on the plow &c, and the boys went to school with me while I drove to Ewarton, I took 2 bags of grain to chop, first to the mill, and then plowed our garden lot, getting done at 12 o'clock, after dinner got the chop and took home it, and the plow to Ewarton, and walked back home arriving about 5 o'clock after waiting at Louell's corner to see the boys. Maggie & Mary put on the storm windows today, got a letter from James Turney announcing the death of Cousin Mr. John E. Turney.

Tuesday 4

Weather rather disagreeable today, the air was damp & cold the most of the day. I shovelled out the course for carrying off the water on the low part of our garden, John McKenzie and Maggie were down here and had dinner with us. John was at the mill, I got about 3 lbs. of grain, flour for powder 60¢ worth. I spent quite a while with the tractor, practising for the plowing match tomorrow. Ewart was also there.

Wednesday 5

A much finer day than yesterday, bright sunshine all day, and warmer. John Grievous called on us this forenoon and had quite a long chat, but would not stay for dinner, after dinner I walked over to the plowing match. There was a large gathering of people there, but not so large a match as has been sometimes held. Willie McKenzie did fairly well, he got 3rd prize in his class, 6.00, he had Ewart's Bertie & Prince, and he cleaned out the last furrow and the mould furrow with Prince alone. The 2 Maggies, and Bertie and Mary & Nettie Abbott went over.

Thursday 6

A beautiful day, frost last night with ice thicker than a penny piece, it has much the look of Indian Summer. It is milder this evening, have not done much today. Mr. Frank Holmes called today, and I gave him a cheque on Rockwood Bank for seventy five dollars. I got no receipt and have been thinking I should have gotten one. Maggie was present when I gave it to him, took off the screen doors and put on the storm doors this afternoon.

Friday 7

Milder this morning, and the weather beautiful. John McKenzie & Maggie drove along this morning on their way to Guelph, and our Maggie accompanied them. Bertie also came down to see about a dress that Mary is making for her. John McKenzie has not been very well for some time, and he wished to see Dr. Stewart, but he wasn't at home, they were late in getting home to night, had a good deal of chopping to do at the dry goods store, looks like rain to night.

Saturday 8

Rained last night quite a bit, and a good deal of rain has fallen today, it will do a great deal of good, it is very much required throughout the country, wells &c are low, and winter will soon be here, Ewart is plowing sod and says it is very dry, got our barrel of apples and paid \$1.50. James Duffield

at Ewart's last night. Ewart at Coffey's Thrashing. I got Ewart's team & took 2 bags grain to chop for Ewart and plowed our garden lot.

got letter from Cousin James Turney, telling of the death of Mr. J. E. Turney. put on storm windows today.

Shovelling out water course in garden.

John McKenzie and Maggie here to dinner.

Willie McKenzie practising for plowing tomorrow. Ewart there too.

John Grievous a short visit.

after dinner went over to the plowing match at Rob. Talbot's an interesting time there.

Willie McKenzie got 3rd prize among the advanced plowmen, his first effort.

paid Holmes by cheque for Cash &c. undertaken the funeral.

took off the screen doors and put on the storm doors today.

John McKenzie and 2 Maggies to Guelph today.

John McKenzie not well these times. wanted to see Dr. Stewart but he wasn't at home.

got barrel of apples \$1.50 paid for wheat & chop for hens \$2.00 paid.

Ewart at mill brought hen feed up from mill.

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A very rainy day, it is just what is needed, moderately cold, a little snow fell in the early part of the day, but it turned to rain, and fell constantly and fairly heavy. Maggie attended the forenoon meeting, there was no meeting at night, it was too wet, and a high wind prevailed afternoon and night. I wrote a letter to Aunt Isabel this evening, very high wind this afternoon.

Monday 10

Snow & rain again to day, and frost set in towards night, it is rather a bad turn of the weather for the provincial plowing match, near Toronto, Ed. Atton and Willie Gray are away to it, I half-soled a pair of Boots for Maggie McKenzie, and also my gaiters, that I bought of Geo. Marshall this spring, half-soled & heeled them, Willie McKenzie called here awhile to night, Mailed letter to Aunt Isabel this morning, Maggie helped Mary to sew to day.

Tuesday 11

Froze up this morning though not very hard, the weather has become passable again, the newspapers give an account of a terrible storm that has prevailed on the great lakes Sunday and yesterday, the loss to shipping and human life has been very bad, one vessel has turned completely over and so far as is known, with all on board, the report to night is that the plowman at the match to day down by Toronto, has come off to day and that Will Gray has taken 3rd prize, and that Ed. Atton took nothing, so the scales have turned.

Wednesday 12

Weather improved to day, a little cold, but pleasant, have not done much to day, have not felt very well, walked up to the corner this afternoon and heard of the result of the plowing match, as stated above, Errett and Harold are with us to night, Maggie has attended a church meeting this afternoon at Helmsmans, and off again to another meeting to night at the Church, Mary & her had a constant day at sewing yesterday.

Thursday 13

A very foggy dark morning up to 9 o'clock or later, a little rain had fallen early, the afternoon cleared up fine with bright sunshine and mild temperature, a great change from the terrible experiences from tempestuous weather last and Monday, it is harrowing to read of the suffering that must have been endured on the great lakes during the time of the storm, the newspapers give the account of 21 ships & boats wrecked and about 200 lives lost, thought to be three and a half millions of dollars loss of property, Maggie and Mary have been sewing together to day over at Mary's, Errett and Harold were all night with us, went to school this morning.

Friday 14

A fine day, Sunshine and pleasant, though a little cool, I changed it up to Ewart's this morning, rode up to the corner with Mrs. Hartopp, from there up to Mrs. Theessers with Robert Scott, tax collector, I had the corner post at back North corner of Robert Scott's & us, and Alap, Mr. Millan, there were 3 to witness, Mr. Peavoy, James & Charlie Duffield, Mr. Peavoy pulled out the old rotten stake and the new stake was driven in the hole thus left in view of all of us, I was present at the placing of the stake when John Millan, L.S. Furrer placed the stake, I bagged a bag of fallen apples at James Duffield's, he should not charge me for them, Ewart drove home in buggy with the apples, Ewart finished his plowing to day.

rainy day, unpleasant weather.

wrote a letter to Aunt Isabel this evening.

bought dolls worth sugar 18 lbs. mackerel

Atton & Gray away to match

half-soled pair boots for Maggie McKenzie

half-soled & heeled Will McKenzie's boots

accounts of a terrible storm which prevailed on the great lakes yesterday and Sunday, with loss of life and shipping.

Willie Gray and Ed. Atton sent word of what they have done

a meeting at Helmsmans also at Church this evening, Maggie in attendance

Mary & Maggie sewing steady

received a letter from Aunt Mary McKenzie about weather

awful account of suffering on the lakes result of the storm

Mary & Maggie sewing together

at Ewart's

changed it there, set a new corner stake at back North corner of Dymouths

had it witnessed by 3 neighbors

got a bag of fallen apples and brought them home

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MONDAY 15

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Another very fine day, milder than yesterday, Emert and Gertie and Harold drove to Guelph to day. Harold was getting suit of clothes, both boys here to night, have been fixing things up a bit. Sorted the fallen apples and carried & placed them in cellar, cleaned up the hen house, put away about 4 barrow loads hen manure and other debris, cut up plum tree top into stove wood &c. terrible accounts coming to hand, the result of the awful storm on Lake Huron last Sunday.

Emert, Gertie and Harold drove to Guelph to day, getting away putting away apples, and cleaning up. &c. awful account of storm week ago.

Sunday 16

Weather continues fairly fine, very different from the awful storm of a week ago when so many ships with their crews went to the bottom in the "Great Lakes", Harold & Errett were with us last night, and attended Sunday school this morning, after dinner Mary & Maggie & I accompanied by the boys visited the Cemetery, there we met Mr & Mrs McGloof (Piggy Usherwood) and had a friendly hours meeting, the boys rode home with John & Mrs Campbell, town line. I went with the rest to hear Mr. Helmsman speaking temperance at the Church this evening. There is a movement on foot to have the local option by law repealed, and a petition out to that effect and Mr. Helmsman takes up the gauntlet against it.

Harold and Errett here to day.

A visit to the Cemetery met friends there.

went to church this evening a discourse on temperance

Monday 17

Nice weather continues, the Automobile ran to day as the stage, the other Mail Carrier started to day also on the R.R. route, so the farmers will have their mail carried to their doors. Mary & Maggie are sewing for Maggie McKenzie to day, making a dress and outside Coat, she rode on the stage both ways, Maggie McKenzie coming back Wednesday.

Automobile

out to day as stage. the other mail routes first day

Examined Council meets to day.

Tuesday 18

Very dull to day, drizzling rain some, the post office inspector was here this forenoon, John Matthe brought him up this way, the "Rural Mail" carrier is here for the 2nd time since starting. Mary & Maggie are sewing again over at Mary's house, the petition got up by the anti local option party did not materialize, and, I understand, no action was taken by the Council regarding it yesterday.

post office inspector at Marshall's to day

The anti local option did nothing yesterday

Wednesday 19

Rained all night, so they say, and this morning it is pouring it is a good thing for the country as the wells are still very low. Maggie McKenzie rode over on the stage this morning, the old coach is out again for the first time this fall, it is painted anew and looks spruce. Maggie McKenzie and her 2 aunts have been very busy to day over at Mary's, I had my dinner with them over there.

Maggie McKenzie came over on the newly painted stage this morning

Thursday 20

A very fine day, more like a genial spring day than present state. I have chopped down all the plum trees at the back of hen house, they are loaded with black knot and are good. The Jester Brothers have been clearing the bottom of their fence and I have helped.

Willie McKenzie

Kenzie and Maggie Kenzie red good made this evening

Friday 21

Very dull and hazy this morning and forenoon, cleared up afternoon and rained fine, John McKenzie had dinner with us and took Maggie home, her clothes are about made, Mary went to Rockwood with George this afternoon. I intend going to Guelph tomorrow with John McKenzie, we burned off top of plum tree top and other roots, and George Jester the "Henry" black house, this afternoon John McKenzie not well.

Mr. Jester cashed a cheque for ten dollars

Mary & Geo. Lorne to Rockwood

John McKenzie came for Maggie burned off debris this afternoon

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THURSDAY 21

A very mild morning and forenoon, and fair all day up at Quelpk to between 4 & 5 P.M., when a heavy rain cloud passed over, which left a lot of water, the wells I would think ought to be getting a good supply of water now. I met John McKenjin by arrangement up at Lovell's corner this morning about 9.30, and rode to Quelpk with him, he was seeing the doctor, I had some leather to get for repairing pumps and some shoe findings, also had eye glasses changed to mother's frames, and other sundries, 1/2 soles for H. McKenjin, & amounting in all to \$4.⁰⁰

to day with John McKenjin got leather for pumps and other sundries. Errett & Harold here this P.M.

Sunday 23

Dull and overcast to day, colder this afternoon, Maggie went from meeting here at S.S. with Stanley Stewart, Mary & Geo. Loe had dinner with us, they all went to the night meeting, and I wrote a letter to Auntie Margaret Senter, Meaford, during the interval. The Boys left here for home about 4 o'clock, going through the fields to the gravel.

The 2 boys here at S.S. wrote a letter to Aunt Margaret, Meaford had tea with George & Mary

Monday 24

A turn colder, with a little snow this morning, I took the chance of a ride up to Ewart's this morning with Ab. Young and I took the leather purchased at Quelpk on Saturday and put a new plunger in each of his pumps (well pumps) and they seem to work fairly well, the one at the house was not so good as that in the barn, I think they may both do fairly well after awhile, I mailed my letter to Auntie Margaret this morning.

Chanced it up to Ewart's this morning with Ab. Young put new plungers in both pumps

Tuesday 25

The cold has increased, but the weather is fine for this time of the year. I carried the poles & small trees of the black knotted-plum trees round to the house yard, and after filing the buck saw, I started to cut them up, Willie & Maggie McKenjin were here this evening to attend their literary meeting, Willie left his shoes to 1/2 sole

I have been clearing up the yard & brought poles the poles to cut took load of debris to the dump

Wednesday 26

A little cold, but very good and pleasant weather for time of the year, I cut up into short blocks the poles I carried into the yard yesterday, and piled them in back yard, about 3/4 cord of them, have them nearly finished, Maggie sewing with Mary

I've been clearing up the yard & brought poles the poles to cut took load of debris to the dump

Thursday 27

Pretty hard frost last night, and cold to day, finished the cutting the poles, and gathered the chips &c and put them in wood house, this forenoon, half soled and otherwise repaired John McKenjin's Boots this afternoon Maggie with Mary all day sewing, Errett & Harold down practicing for entertainment

Cleaned up the yard of chips &c & soled & reeled John McKenjin's Boots

Friday 28

Milder to day, the frost has given way this afternoon a good deal, although somewhat raw & cold, it is wonderfully open weather for this day of the year, I have repaired Maggie's cloth topped boots to day, and put on a pair of whole soles on them, the boys went from here to school in the morning, but did not return at evening.

Shoe men to day Boys to school this morning from here

Saturday 29

A very fine day for this time of the year, mild and pleasant although overcast, I half soled a pair of shoes for Errett, this afternoon, Ewart & Gertie were here this evening, the Boys too, they are staying all night, the frost is coming out of the ground again there was not much frost.

half soled Errett's shoes Ewart and Gertie & boys here this evening frost coming out.

Sunday 30

A little rain this morning, the day has been lowering and overcast, it keeps dull but little or no rain, it quite mild the boys returned home about 4 o'clock, John McKenjin here this evening, his father is worse better, no meeting here to night.

very mild weather Boys went home this afternoon

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Very mild and beautiful weather, still somewhat overcast, but quite springlike and unlike the cold & frosty weather usually looked for at this time of the year. George Jester & brother William with Dan Simons have dug the post holes, planted the posts - and stretched the wiring on the posts, nearly if not altogether completing the job of fencing between us to day. I have put on 3 or 4 wheelbarrow loads of soil to bank the cistern top inside the post. Seems to freeze the pump, and top of cistern in winter time. Mailed letter to James.

Mailed letter to Geo. Jester built fence to day I banked for our cistern Mrs Pearson here this ship Maggie sewing at Mary's to day

Tuesday 2

Mild weather continues to day, but it is very dull and overcast, and no sunshine. Maggie has been sewing with Mary all day. I raked & cleaned up our house yard and wheeled the rubbish to the dump, after dinner I half soled another pair of boots for Eratt. Harold came here from school this evening.

Maggie sewing at Mary's all day raked and cleaned up the yard, & soled another pair shoes for Eratt took a load debris to dump

Wednesday 3

Weather continues fine & mild, but not much sun shine, I drove to Rockwood this afternoon and attended meeting of the B. O. Health. Mr Head phoned to me this morning to see if I could attend at 3 P.M. I replied yes. So I got Mr. Couvels mare and buggy, paid him 50¢ on returning, we wound up the 4 years business, the expenses were heavy, totaling \$319.50. Farries \$135.00 Dr. McCullough \$98.25, McNab \$10.00 Head \$11.50. Sinter \$11.50 Stewart's drug bill \$45.25, Hearst's room \$3.00 Peals twice \$5.00. Mr McNab cashed my check \$11.50. and I left the resolution of the Board with the amounts for the others to be called for by the Treasurer, I bought 100 lb of sugar \$4.80 from Long Rockwood.

drove to Rockwood to meeting of Board of Health furnished up the years bus. mch. cost is heavy this year \$319.50 all charges made to the Board who drew on amount. got a 100 lbs Sugar at Long paid \$4.80 for it.

Thursday 4

Beautiful weather for this time of the year, getting a little cooler, but very pleasant, I chanced a ride up by Eratt's this morning with Hiram Swackhamer to see Ewart about taking down Harold to the doctor, who thinks he had better take him down, he is continually hacking & coughing with some throat obstruction. Ewart brought me home after dinner and took Harold to Rockwood, the doctor does not seem to think there is anything serious, and gave medicine and prescribed for him, he would like to see him again soon.

beautiful weather continues, went up to Eratt's this morning Ewart drove to Rockwood with Harold to doctor doctor thinks there is nothing very serious gave him medicine

Friday 5

WEDNESDAY 20

(203-79)

A colder turn to day, but a very pleasant day, more sunshine than has been prevailing for some time, Harold was all night with us, he went to school this morning and seemed a little better. Maggie gave him a dose of Ecodric oil yesterday and thinks that may have done him good he begins now to take the doctor's medicine. I got a bag of ground oats for the hoes to day, and 80 lbs wheat and a paper bag of bran also for them in all \$2.30. I also gave 10¢ to H. Horton for the privilege of chopping a tree for a post for a clothes line. I chopped it this afternoon and peeled them, it made 2.

Harold away to school to day, he is a little better. hen feed from mill cost \$3.30. Chopped a small tree (pole) gave him 10¢ for it. peeled it

Saturday 6

A harder frost last night than for some time back, but the day was fine and melted the hard ground again. I got the help of Young David Robertson to bring up the poles from Horton's bush and I made them the proper length and planted them in the lawn for supporting the clothes line, also cut some at the plum trees which are all to come down, they are rotten with black knot. Better from Meaford than from elsewhere. Another Alex worse, very near

frost harder carried 2 poles up from bush planted them in lawn to support clothes line, wood from Meaford, Alex worse.

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Sunday 7

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^{WEDNESDAY}
Quite a change to colder temperature, the wind is very chilly to day. and it is quite frosty soon after sundown. The may have wintry weather now soon. by newspaper accounts a great storm has prevailed in Denver, Colorado, and the snow fell to the depth of 29 inches, blocking all traffic for a time. we had a visit of Ewart & Gertie this afternoon, Errett & Harold were here last night. Errett went up home with his papa this evening

Monday 8

Hard frost and a slight fall of snow last night, the wind was very high this forenoon, which made the cold greater. received a card from Annie Meaford, intimating that her father was worse and has been confined to bed since last Tuesday, he does not seem to suffer much, but is very weak. I cut down the balany of the plum trees on the lawn by the south back of house and placed the brush on flower land for burning. Maggie & I laid away the Cabbage, squashes, & apples in the cellar. Maggie is at a Concert at Osprey tonight, Maggie McKenzies came for her Harold & Errett here to night.

Tuesday 9

Hard frost last night and to day has been quite cold. the weather however for this time of the year is considered moderate and fine. Maggie was a little late in returning home. She stayed all night at McKenzies, and Maggie McKenzie drove her here in the buggy. They were well pleased with the Concert last night. Harold went to school this morning, but Errett was sick and did not go. John McKenzie was at the mill and called about R.D. Kerr also. Ewart here to night to see about Errett who is some better, had a short letter from Mrs. Acuff Louisville about her mothers death.

Wednesday 10

Frosty last night again but not very hard, the day has been quite moderately cold and pleasant. I paid a visit to the Senior Weatherstones. Mr. Weatherston has not been well this some time back, but is some better now. I cut up the plum tree wood into short stove wood this afternoon. Revills are running both stages to Guelph to day & yesterday, Auto & horses. Errett to School to day.

Thursday 11

Pretty sharp frost this morning, but a very pleasant day followed. really the weather is very fine for this time of the year. I walked up to the corner this morning and met John McKenzie and in about 12 hours waiting we both rode to Guelph with Vic & Luggie. I think we reached Guelph between 10 & 11 o'clock. the road was in grand shape, and we had a beautiful ride to town. There was a great crowd there. John had Chares to sell for Ewart, which he sold to Hales for 20¢ a piece. The show was a most remarkable thing to see, every department seemed interesting. the black Champion Steer 2 years & 1 month old weighing 1470 lbs. which carried off the Sweep Stake in Chicago was there, and was a great drawing card, also the Champion weather lamb, the sheep and hogs were fine, also the cattle & horses in fact, every thing was splendid. The horses were simply magnificent, dairy cows grand, also the poultry. The show of grain and potatoes was held in the old city hall and was beautiful. I think I went through the whole business but was very tired in the doing of it. I spent a long time trying to get my Spectacles changed with Savage, but he was so busy that I failed to get them fixed, and we started for home about 6 o'clock.

Pattie Abbott picked a nice bouquet of Stock to day. Summer like

Ewart & Gertie here on visit this afternoon

a little snow last night.

Wind very high & strong

Laying away Cabbage, apples

squashes &c in the cellar

Maggie away to Osprey Concert

Sent report of R. O. Heath to the Reeve

Maggie came home this morning

John McKenzie and R. D. Kerr called to day

Letter from Cousin M. Acuff

letting of her mothers death

Had nice Christmas cheer at Weatherstones. Short bread and home made wine. Revills running both stages to Guelph.

Cutting up plum tree tops for stove wood.

Went to Guelph for stock show to day. Certainly a great sight.

great turn out of people.

Went in with John McKenzie

It is thought this show this time eclipses all others that has been held.

Champion Steer a great drawing card. also

Champion weather lamb, both of Chicago

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MONDAY 25

(308-67)

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A very fine day, milder than yesterday, a nice breeze prevailing which has induced me to burn off the blackberry tops of the plum trees, this afternoon. I made a clean job of them and cut the stronger part of the branches into stove wood. It is ideal weather for the Guelph fat stock show, which will be done to day.

Saturday 13

Mary went to Guelph day by stage show at Guelph finishes up to day

Mary came home to day from Guelph

visitors to day, Aunt Effie, McKenzie, Stanley Stewart

fine weather prevails

card from Annie Sumner her father very weak

fine weather prevailing all the time

the Boys here have their Pa and Ma, going to Minnosa S.S. entertainment

mild weather prevailing

Boys practicing for entertainment

Ewart at the mill 15 bags chopping

card from Nellie Cocher saying Aunt Isabella Nixon is very low

wrote a reply to her

also wrote to Alex - Springfield

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Another fine day, this will let the people away from Guelph with their exhibits, likely they would be pretty well through with a lot of it last night, Mary returned from Guelph this evening, she came by the Auto which ran later than the horse, right, but left Mary up at the corner.

Sunday 14

The fine weather continues, although it has been dull and cloudy a part of the day. Willie & Maggie McKenzie have been here this afternoon, also Aunt Effie to dinner with them, and the McKenzies and Stanley Stewart for tea, Errett went home this evening, but Harold stayed.

Monday 15

TUESDAY 26

(309-66)

Another fine day has to be added to the long term of fine weather that has prevailed during this month and a large share of November, it is frosty, to be sure at night, but only moderately so, and the days less so, there is no snow on the ground, which has been the feature, pretty much, up to the present time, had a card from Annie Sumner saying there is no particular change in the condition of her father, he does not seem to suffer much, which is a great blessing, but he is perceptibly weaker, on account of not taking nourishment he takes only a little milk, she thinks the end is not far off.

Tuesday 16

Somewhat of a dull day, clouded considerably, but very moderate in temperature, it is really astonishing to see such fine weather persistently prevailing all along at so late a date in the season. Maggie has been at Maria's helping her to sew the most of the day, the boys came here from school, as their Pa & Ma are going to Minnosa to attend a S.S. entertainment.

Wednesday 17

WEDNESDAY 27

(310-65)

Heavy frost this morning, and kept dull the most of the day, the air was raw and chilly, but was inclined to be soft withal, it was wonderfully mild weather for this day of the year. Maggie was helping Mary to sew the greater part of the day, the Boys got out of school at 3 P.M. and went to the practice at the church, they are to have a rehearsal to morrow night, Ewart had 10 bags of chop this afternoon at the mill also word from Mayford.

Thursday 18

Quite a turn colder this morning, and kept it up all day, it has been feeling more like winter, bare ground however, we have got a card from Nellie Cocher saying that Aunt Isabella Nixon is very low and is not expected to last long now, I wrote a letter to her this evening, also to Alex Spig'ed. Maggie has been helping to fix up for the entertainment to morrow night, and they have been holding a rehearsal to night at the church, Maggie and the boys attended, and many more.

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THURSDAY 23

(301-64)

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Continues colder, but very pleasant weather, very uncommon to have such a long spell of such fine weather at this time of the year. A busy time is being spent in preparation for the entertainment to night at the church. The doors were opened about 7 o'clock, and the church was filled up full about 8. About 8.30 the Program was set going, and was held out till 11.20 or so. It was quite interesting the musical part. The children opened the Ball by singing well the opening song. recitation followed. And Mr. Ireland from Guelph and his sister handed some beautiful pieces. They were encored every time and cheerfully responded they were up, I think, 4 or 5 times. On the last time they were encored that they returned twice after. Saturday 20 Aunt Isabel was on

Another beautiful day. Cool but moderate. The auto has carried the mail pretty regularly for a good while now and still at it to day. It was a little past 5 before they reached here to night, and they lit up for the first time. Before leaving for Erin. I chopped down the balance of the plum trees this afternoon and trimmed them up, ready to burn on the first opportunity.

Sunday 21 Moderately cold to day, but very pleasant excepting there has been very little sunshine. There was but little frost last night. Some nights in the past the water in the pans for the hens was frozen hard, but there was barely a skim on top last night. Maggie went from church to Mr. King's, and George & Mary had dinner here. I had tea over there. The boys walked away for home about 4 P.M. I walked with them to Bovelli's Corner. Mr. Bovell is unwell, I called there for 1/2 an hour.

Monday 22

The open/moderate weather continues, no snow whatever on the ground and the wheels are running as smoothly as in midsummer. The auto for the mails resumed work some time ago, and is now daily running. I have cut up into stove wood the balance of the plum tree wood and hope to have it piled up tomorrow. The papers are predicting snow pretty soon, and I would like to be ready for it. Ewart & family here at Mary's this evening.

Tuesday 23

Overcast this morning and so much like a oncome that I hurried up and piled the stove wood cut from the plum tree top and wheeled a barrow load of the coal ashes to the dump. and gathered up the tools etc and laid them rest. It was ~~was~~ did so as the snow began to fall about 11 o'clock, and by about 4 P.M. there could not be less than 4 or 5 inches of snow on the ground. It certainly was a very great and sudden fall for so snowless a season. Mary has been helping Mary to day. They are making shirts. Received letter from Kirkton letting us know that Aunt Isabel is being hurried to day. They wrote it last Saturday. On same day I wrote to them. Isabel died (we understood) last ~~last~~ Saturday night at 7.10 P.M. we were trying to arrange for some of us to attend the funeral when word of her death arrived.

Wednesday 24

The ground has quite a nice covering of snow to day. But it hasn't the appearance that it will stay long. The snow does not waste fast, but it has been soft this afternoon. The runners have been out, but the wheels are better for a load. Had a card from Mary Stewart, Grimsby. and one from Bertha saying there was no particular change in the condition of her father. Maggie and Mary have been sewing this afternoon here and preparing Christmas gifts for the morrow's distribution.

S. S. entertain ment to night. Did not go to church great atten dance, and good program.

Card from Meaford saying Uncle Albert much the same. Chopped the last of the plum trees had from black knot.

Aunt Isabel died this Saturday Evg at 7.10.

Maggie at church and Mr. King's. Mary sick heavy cold. Boys away home this evening.

finished cutting the second lot of plum tree wood. Ewart & family here to night.

overcast but nice weather.

Auntie Isabel buried to day.

piling up the top stone. Mary was this forenoon snow fall this afternoon.

received funeral card from Kirkton. Aunt Isabel's death.

quite a covering of snow for about the first of any consequence.

a card, with view of Grimsby from Mary Stewart. Also one from Bertha saying no change in her father's condition.

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Thursday 23

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^{NOVEMBER} Christmas day. Weather moderately ^{WEDNESDAY} cold. the ground is a little covering of snow, almost the first of the season. Ewart & family were with us this forenoon, and the boys received their Christmas gifts joyously. The McKenzies were here also this evening and got their. Maggie and I accompanied George & Mary to the farm home, and had our Christmas dinner. Shaw & I had a great chat over old times, Shaw, with myself, could call up many pleasant memories.

Christmas dinner at Senior house pleasant & happy memories recalled
Ewart & family Boys got their gifts McKenzies also here this evening

Friday 26

Last night the frost was pretty keen, and it has been cold all day. I notice the thermometer has likely been about 10 above zero. Mary got a telephone message from Luther that Robt. Greives, died this forenoon, and asking her to let the friends know, I walked down to Mr. Everts, and let him know the funeral takes place on next Monday. Mary is letting others know. I have written a letter to the friends at Edmonton, to night. The Methodists are having an entertainment to night. Maggie there.

Robert Greives Luther died this CO. M.

Saturday 27

Very keen frost last night. Thermometer showed between 4 & 5 degrees below zero, that is the lowest point reached with us this season. I sewed rips in Gertie's shoes and otherwise repaired them. Errett & Harold walked down here this afternoon. I mailed a letter to Edmonton this morning also one to Annie Suter Meaford. received a letter from brother James.

hardest frost of the season of last night repairing Gertie's shoes. mailed letter received a letter from brother James

Sunday 28

Frost somewhat relaxed, but yet pretty cold. The little snow isn't of any use for making sleighing, the roads are quite bare of snow although there is a little on the sides, mixed with the dry earth. kept the house pretty much today, took a walk up to Coal Corner.

Boys went home to night

Monday 29

Weather much as yesterday, we hear the old council is elected by acclamation. Ewart is down with a load of chop this afternoon. the Boys walked down to stay a few days. Mr. Everts and Geo. Gustin have returned from Luther's funeral. I got some wheat & buckwheat for hens 90¢ and oat chop 1.45.

have feed \$2.35

Tuesday 30

A little milder, but no one had a card from Annie Meaford saying there is no particular change in the condition of her father. She thinks perhaps he takes a little more nourishment, but he is very quiet, and sleeps a great deal. our hens are doing a little better. got 3 eggs today. cleaning and writing up the family record to day. quite a job to hunt up the dates.

a card from Annie Suter saying there is little change in her father's condition a letter from Melba Cook giving particulars of Aunt Isabella's death & burial

Wednesday 31

Wind raw and cold to day. Threatning an oncome but nothing has come of it yet, although it has been threatening this some time back. I attended the funeral of Joseph Maud. Son of the late Henry Maud, he has been long an inmate of the Hamilton Asylum for the insane. it is said he was 57 years old. the school meeting was held to day, a small gathering had to drive down here to get the 7th Man to form quorum. Geo. Marshall retires. he says he is tired of it, has been a trustee, 13 years.

Joseph Maud buried this afternoon here in Everton (Henry's son)

School meeting badly attended