

James Cameron (1824-1912)
1867 Diary
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1st of January New Years Day 1867

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Drawing Wood put out some Bushes Between this and Francis Island a Ball at Mr David Summers to night a Great party at it too

2nd I crossed to Summerstown the upper Point Road 2 treats at Mr Harpers paid this Treat at Davids not paid 2/6 {2 shillings, 6 pence} Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 lb Tea no paid 2 pence worth of Pens {illegible quantity} Matches paid Andrew Baker on the Boshure skinning the Ram put it out put Poison on it {written between the lines is the following } Allens Birth Day the 3rd

4th Bushing the Road to Alexis Island put Few Bushes at upper Point Road

5th East Wind Storming Old christmas Day old style

Sunday Stormy some seen a Man crossing over the Way of christees

7th The council in Williamstown I went to Salmon River Took Dinner & supper and slept all night at Hopkins got a Ride up and Down from Jim took 11 Rats to Mr Street {illegible quantity} cents 2,,20 cents to my account Bought a pair of Boots 3=50 cents Bought of David Baker 3 1/2 stripeed shirting 30 cents 1,,5 cents 4 yds Cotton 25 cents 1,, 2yds of 1 Kind 30 cents 60 2yds another Kind 30 cents 60 lb Tea cheapest 2/6 Treat 1/ cut Down 2 oak Trees on the Bank ---ning {front part of word town off} Down Peter Buchannan and George Drew and Luke --oked on the ice with horse and cutter

8th The baby Hughanns Birth Day a year old to Day came Down from {illegible word} cold morning it is covering my mits with Leather

9th chopping Stove Wood

10th Drawing home wood

11th Drawing Wood

== James Cameron Island== {Top line of this page molded away, likely the 12th}

Old New Years Day cutting stove wood not very {word torn off}

13th Sunday the White owl eating a Loon near the poi {likely point} I went to see it and Got the Head he carried the Body of the Loon away when he seen me coming

14th Bushed the Road to Francis Island Down on the Little Island south side and on the Little Island north side a very Frosty night to night

15th a Fortunate Day cutting Fire Wood in the Bush very Frosty Day not much Wind Livinia Making Mary a Dress

16th East Wind Drawing Wood turned cold to night

17th East Wind Stormy Day Drifting and snowing some towards evening Grinding the axe Fixing the Damper of the stove

18th cutting Hay in the Barn cutting stove wood made a handle for the Pitchfork very cold to {Day?} the airhole Before the Door shutting up very much these cold Days

19th chopping stove Wood

20th Sunday a Fine Day East Wind turning cold towards evening cold night

21st St Agness East Wind cold stormy Drifting snow around the cattel shoveling snow Took in the Beef Barrel to Thaw some Broke the Big carving Knife Reading the Most Noted Pirates storm ceased at evening great snow Banks

22nd Breaking Roads in the Bush as Deep took 3 logs of Wood home West Wind snowing some cutting hay on the mow shovelling snow all round stables and Barn

23rd Went to Williamstown Got ride out From James Summers Received a Letter from my old Friend Charles Tupper and 2 newspapers

24th got a Ride Home from Angus the Races in Salmon Stopt at Henerys coming home

25th Braking the Roads took home a Load of Wood seen a Fox

26th Stormy Ga-- {rest of word torn of, maybe Gave} Gordon and Mary a Ride

27th Sunday Stormy from the West

28th Semo came to thrash Thrashing the Buckwheat George & Luke came to thrash Left Semo to thrash all the {word torn off}

29th Semo thrashing I went to Mr Harpers Bought 1 Box of Worm {page torn} 1/3 paid Treat - /6 -/1 for Maple sugar -/1/2 for pipe storm {likely stormy}

James Cameron Island January 30 1867

Very Frosty Day Semo and I Fanning Buckwheat {19} Bushels commenced to thrash the Pease

31st George gave Semo 2 of Buckwheat took what was coming to him home Semo Fanned 1/2 Bushel of Pease to take home to his children to night

1st of February Semo went to Mill 4 Bushels of Buckwheat for Me and 1 Bushel of Corn took 2 Bushels of Buckwheat for himself Gave him the Horse to take his Flour home this is the First time for the Horse to cross as yet {means to cross on ice} Fanning the Pease gordon and I put them once through the Mill soft Day to Day

2nd Semo and I put the pease through again 7.5 Bushels a very poor yeild the Pease all thrashed cold East Wind Semo went home gave him some Boot Legs and some yarn Semo here 5 Days this Week for George thats S/4 1/2 for Semos Board George to Pay for him Commenced to snow Drift and Hail and Rain tonight high Wind Found 8 eggs in the Barn all good

Sunday 3rd stormy Raining hailing

4th a Fine Day slippery walking crust Bad for Deers

5th Semo came commenced Wheat Thrashed 1 1/2 Fanned it went home 1/2 Day 1/3 for his Board thats 10/7 1/2 for his Board Gave Semo some Tobacco a stormy Day East Wind and snow

6th Tom Davis came from Hopkins

7th I went to Mill with 1 1/2 of Wheat 2 Bushels of Buckwheat Bought of Congdon -/1 of Licquorice Bought of Buchanan -/1/2 of sweetys paid Mr Briggs 25 cents in Minglers store for carding of Wool Bought of Congdon 1/2 lb of soda 10 cents got 2 almanacks Bought Bakers crackers 3 cents worth paid

8th Gordons Birth Day and a Fine Day it is Went to Dundee gave to my account to Baker 6 1/2 of ashes at -/10 5/5 15 Bottles at -/3 3/9 Bought 1/2 lb Tea Green 1/3 To Mr Streeter 1 hide and 2 pelts the hide 4 & 25 or 3 & 25 c am not sure 40 cents each for the pelts thats 80 cents to my accounts in at Bills at the Distillery 9th Raining broke the Road in the Bay took home {word illegible} bags of wood and Broon {Scottish term for the colour brown} Cedar 1 of the sheep sick

James Cameron Island Feby 10 1867

Some cold and Frosty

11th seen the Fox Back of wo {wood?} Hoase {Horse?} up through the Bush cut a Load of Woods

12th one of Thomas Munroes sheep Died i skinned her wool to Mr Harpers Bought 5 yds of Cotton Heard that Alexander McDonald Angus's son on the Point was Dead Kenneth got a Letter to that effect A Summers in Ogdensburgh Duncan McDougall and I stopt at Peter Grants took supper then Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 Gallon of Oil 1/3 paid this

13th Thawoing Raining I went to Mr Harpers with 105 lb of Pease 3/9 a Bushel comes to 6/6 3/4 {6 shillings 6 & 3/4 pence} Got a Treat of Rum

14th St Valentines Day a Ball to night at Mr David Summers a Fine Day it is thawing and Freezing to night which will make good travelling seen Ducks in the air hole before the Door

15th Cold Day Molby had her calf

16th Raining soft

17th Sunday Windy Bill and Emmanuel here came on the Ice from Lancaster took Dinner had a Team Heard from them that Murdoch McDonald was taken Prisoner to Montreal

18th James Hugh's Birth Day Henery Bosell and antw—{illegible} Here going to Fish Eels over at christees a cutter passed Down Lancaster and a Double cutter went up from Lancaster the Door turned storms from the east

19th very w--{illegible} these Days put a Handle in my axe a job to take old one out

20th went to the Bush got very unwell chopped Load chopped some stove wood very very soar my {illegible} Found an egg in the Barn East Wind very cold to Day d--{illegible} not very well

22nd Washingtons Birth Day Luke Bower {last letter unclear} here for Georges Pease got his 2 Bushels Got some sticks for to make shafts Drawing Wood crust cutting the Mares feet

23rd cold some Fine Day

24th Sunday Raining in the Morning turned Fine

25th {fishing?} Henery up 2 Move Fishing Eels at Christees cutting stove wood Looking at the Boison {Poison?}

James Cameron Island Feby

Went to Williamston stopt for Angus at the store got on the Boshure sent a Letter and 3 papers to Charlie in chester England 2 Treats at Davids seen Robert McKillop Bought of D Munroe 1 Bottle of Poison 1/3 not paid Bought of Mr Harper 5 cents worth of sweets called at Francis Laplante about the Rent at Kenneths got a Cornwall paper Got a Witness from A Summers wife seen Archy Fraser for the First time I seen him since a very long time

27th came from Williamstown Got a Ride From Andrew Sullivan Tinsmith to A Cameron had a Treat -/6 Bought of Mr Harper 1 Gallon of Syrup not paid very unwell Got from Doctor Shaver 1 viol of stuff 4 powders I am to take 1 Teaspoonfull before meals the powders to Keep the Bowels in Order it works on the same system as the stuff in the viol

28th very very unwell put out Poison snap {snass?} went to it Gave her Milk and Molasses Good Going on the ice getting some Eggs these warm days

1st of March St Davids Day the Festival of the Welsh strong East Wind Hail Rain & Fine Cold comes in Like a Lion

2nd Fanning some Hay seed a Fine Day {between this line and next is the following:} heard a crow

Sunday 3rd a Find Day seen the Fox coming to the Island a strange {illegible}--ra or Hound going all through the Island he is after the fox the Fox crossed Back the Dog did not get him

4th Monday very very unwell took in 3 eggs they Freeze cut {off/of little/cattle?} Wood

5th went to see the poison Srove {Shrove} Tuesday {today?} very Fine Day a Weather Breeder I suppose {drew} 2 small Loads of Wood Broke on the stack of Marsh hay at the East End of the Barn took in 3 eggs Ian Hopkins Drawing from alexes Island sleighs going the ice to Lancaster

6th Ash Wednesday not very well

7th some stormy

8 a Fine Day drew some Wood

9th Went to Dundee a stormy Day Bought of D Baker 10 yds of calico 20 cents 10/- 1 lb Tea 2/6 {pot or bot?} an axe seen Lis and her young son

10th got a ride home From Bill Snap {Snass?} eat the Poison and kicled {killed?}

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Cut Some ash for Troughs Drew them home Went ot Henerys Semos a Fine Day Water on the ice

12th On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster first came to the Island stor--{illegible} made 9 Troughs to Day Ground the axes

13th cut a Waterhole very unwell The Races in Salmon River commences to day Sand Burns Sale to Day

14th not very well to day Races to Day took home a Load of Wood Gordon in the Bush

15th Made 3 Troughs split a Few Rails A Good many going the ice to Day the Races to Day Mended the 2 sleighs for Gordon cutting stove Wood

16th Drew 3 small Loads of Wood very unwell Cut my wrist cutting sugar the knife slipped the sugar is the only thing that Relieves me of the {pain?} Looking at the Poison a Mink crossed the Island

Sunday St Patrick's Day Stormy ugly Weather to Day very unwell

19th Henerys 2 Boys came to chop chopped and I Gave them an Order one Mr Harper for 3/9 took por--{illegible} of Limbs My sleigh Broke {In between this line and last was written:} Kenneth a Fight Wild Geese c—{page torn}

20th First Day of Spring {page torn} Went to get Livinia Boots fixed Bought of Mr Harper 1 bo-- {page torn} 1/- Matches 5 cents paid this sent charlies Letter Back to {page torn} postage -/7 1/2 got a paper from charlie with 3 songs in it 2 1/ {page torn} got a paper from Mr Harper took Down a Frenchman na--{named?} Jøulliaa with a Load of Flour put him on the Road {page torn}

Robert Bruces Birth Day 22nd Livinia Birth Day {page torn} Went for her Boots to Isacc Blondeaus paid 2/6 cold {page torn}

Wind 23rd Gordon and I Lifting the Troufs cut Down some trees at the ca-{illegible} Tapt 1 small Tree

24th a Fortunate Day Sunday Bill & Emmanuel M{page torn} Fishing Eels ice about 3 Feet thick Before the Door Brought 2 Dz {Dozen?} Herring a Great many Fishing Eels at Alexis Island Pat & Mr H-{page torn} went to St Regis {a native reserve}

25th Fixing the sleigh Went to Mr Harpers for Pot Bought 1/2 lb soda -/3 Treat -/3/ 1/2 for sweetys paid this P{page torn} Tom Kennedy a Rod of iron Mr David Summers poorly the Doctor att--{page torn} old Mr McLeod poorly annunciation of the virgin Mary to Day

26th some troufs to the Bush 12 new ones crust not good Fixed 100 spoils ta--{tapped?} 5 trees I went to Hopkins for the Pot im--{page torn} fetch {illegible} Bad with a Boil on his hand.

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Up around the trees {page torn} tapped {illegible} to see if could scate did not forget that yet
 Fixing the Dipper and the Longhanded pan with Lead

28th Went {sac?} Mr Hopkins with the Handsleigh for the Pot a very fine Day Tapt over 50
 trees a good sap Day Made a Fire in the Bush for the First

29th gathered and Tapt some putting out Troughs

30th got 22 pails in the Pots 11 pails in the Barrels to night a Great many going across the
 ice to Day

31st the sap is running well to Day Gathering and Boiling a little about 60 pails gathered
 altogether now eelfishers over at christees Livinia Gordon Mary Hughann {his wife and
 children} all to the Bush this afternoon March Went out LIke Lamb

1st of April all Fools Day all of us in the Bush Began to Rain had to come home and sugar off
 about 22 lbs emptied the Rain Water out of the Troughs {page torn}-n a Horse and cutter
 coming up the ice from Lancaster Great many eelfishers Down at the Big Bay

2nd Boiling in Bush Brought home to sugar off 9 lbs a small Jar of syrup Blackbrids Raining
 Bad sugar Weather

3rd Gathering sap 45 {in between lines is written:} Killed a snake

4th Seen a hole coming in the ice south side Boiling {page torn}

Bush took it home to sugar off about 20 lbs {Raining?} the birds came and grass Birds Found
 a Hen commencing to {word illegible} put her off of them Ducks and Wild Geese plenty Let
 out {word illegible} Began to Wean the calve 7 Weeks old now snowing Raining

6th commencing to open the ice at Francis Island {word illegible}-es came swallows I thought
 I seen them night hawks {word illegilbe}-d cleaning the Troughs Tapt 6 Trees Gathered 27
 pails and {page torn} not able to chop Wood to make a Fire I am so unwell cows playing the
 Devil in the Bush at sap and spoils snakes plenty

7th Gathered 2 Barrels of sap Boiling in the Bush 38 Pails commenced to Rain

9th 5 years to day Married Boiling in the 26 pails

10th Boiled 16 pails {illegible}—rd Loons Skinning the Black sheep of Mrs Munroes {word missing} unwell Gathered 3 1/2 Pails the Fox on the Island seen a {word illegible} cross 1 Deer the Buck

13th all of us in the Bush

14th Gathered 2 Barrels

{in between lines is written:} Black sheep on 15th 15th Boiling in the Bush Lots of {words blackened with mold}

16th Cleaning the Troughs our nannie a Lamb

18th our Duncans Birth Day 2 Lambs Dead out in the stack of oats Put out a canoe {words missing} Lambs

Mr James Cameron Island April 20th

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Gordon and I Boiling 16 pails Grya on the {illegible} Laid out Easter Sunday the Sun Dont {illegible} this morning all this month in the sugar {word illegible} I wrote the Days of the month all I was doing on a sheet {?} and it got Blotted So I am at a loss of † S{rest of word illegible}

28th First Steamer went Down

29th Gathered some {likely sap} for vinegar as Oscar and Lis here stopt all nigh

30th {word?} Potatoes St Helen {a steamer} and a Propeller went Down

1st of May Heavy snow On the {word illegible} went to Hopkins with the Pot { illegible } a pail of c Wheat

8th - 9th Oscar and Lis to thrash Trashed 9 1/2 Bushels & I Gave him {illegible}

On the 15th Pat and Thomas Munroe here D--- {word missing, perhaps 'Down'} to Salmon River Lashey me 100 lbs of B{rest of word illegible} P Buchannan to my account

21st {page folded}

22nd Set a hen to hatch

23rd Shearing the {word illegible, likely sheep}

24th Queen's Birth Day

25th caught 21 Perch Planted pottatoes squashes and pumkins Bob and Ann here

27th Harrowing

28th {Fishing?} {illegible word} and I planted cucumbers

29th Fixing Lane Fr{rest of word blotted out with ink}se Sowe of Wheat

30th Oscar Ascension Day Renaud & Sallaberry went {word illegible}

31 William and Lashey fishing Perch took his canoe to Make

1st of June Gordon and I taking {page ripped} ashore

2nd of June Mr Harper Mr Spinks Munroe Pat Brought me a Letter from Dan Weth

3 put out manure

4th Ploughing Willian helping make a Round or 2 Planted 1 Bushel of seed

5th planted corn

6th sent a Letter to Dan to {word illegible}

7th Mr Laduke here sold him {piece/pine?} \$3 Drawing Wood

5th **Our Marys Birth Day**

10th fixing in Bags

11th Washing some of the wool

12th Lasky {illegible}

13th hoeing and plowing Finished plowing Bob {illegible sentence, badly worn}

Mr James Cameron Island June 16th 1867

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Emmanuel here Ian Hopkins here from Wilk{something illegible} a pig

17th Semo planted his potatoes and Beans Fixed the Pitt Point Fence

18th The Eves memorable Battle of Watterloo Mr Kimb{rest of word disappears} here Last night

19th K Hiram Stephen Grant Hohnback here to night Donald McDonald here

20th I went to Williamstown 25 lb Wool Fish Potatoes Fork Sugar letter newspaper Gun Barrel J Dinsle Manguin {name?} Killed Last night by the Cars corpus christee

21st came home got a Pig

22nd Our {Dons?} Birth Day Went to Mr Harpers stopt at Roses got a paper from Ian Nicholson paid for the Postage of the Letter. A Pleasure trip on the Sallabery

Sunday Semos 2 Boys here for Fish

24th took home {?} the ashes from the Bush StrawBerries We{?} Planted some Beans hoeing

25th Henery {Genie?}on here stopt all night

26th a Raft calling to me {missing part of word}sons

27th Took the Raftsmen to Mr Harpers {words missing} me 5/- paid D Munroe 1/3 I owed him for ---ison {likely poison} a Treat at Davids paid seen Old D Cameron ---penter

28th hoeing at the Milk house

29th Went {hill/kill?} Wheat Stopt at D Summers took dinner a Treat 15 cents Bought of D Baker {words illegible} of Flannel 6 yd Cotton 2yds shirting 7 yds at 200 {words illegible} Powder to 23 1/2 lbs Rags 1 Sturgeon Bought of {Duncan?} McDonald Swanton Lime -/6 paid this Bought of D Summers 1 Pair of Boots 4 Dollars {or}-ve 2/6 Cash Canada Money America at Christees {word missing} raft

Sunday June the 30th after strawberries

1 July Our **New Dominion Day** shooting bred the pig

2nd Lashey and henery fishing {illegible} washing

3rd Got a Sturgeon Mr Laduke gave me \$3Dollars put in the Wheat sta{words illegible}barn
put in the pigs

4th July American {last line of entries is illegible}

Mr James Cameron July 6th 1867

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Fanning

7th christees house Burnt Picking {Strawberries?} Livinia Gordon Mary Hughann and myself
in the {illegible} field

8th Hoeing Potatoes

9th Hoeing

10th hoeing

11th at B{word illegible}

12th Orangemens Day Mr Baker and B{word illegible} here from Lancaster Gave the children
17 1/2 I went to Mr Harpers Bought Tea Soda Broom Pa{illegible} Bought of A Summers
Bread

13th Fixing the Ashes {illegible} the Bags Lashey took away his Barrell Simos {word illegible}
hoeing of Potatoes

Sunday 14th Mrs Summers {Mrs?} Munroe Mrs Spinks Mrs Harper Eliza hamilton and the
children Pat Thomas Mr Spinks Pete Baker

15th Went to Salmon {word illegible, likely 'River'} 1 1/2 Wheat 2 of Provender {dry food, as
hay or oats, for livestock} 53 lb I owe 26 slaves {he likely meant staves; he sometimes

doesn't cross his Ts} my {word illegible} to D Summers Bought of Conc Dan pink Boots -/10
20 lb salt at Bakers

16th Got a Spoon and {word illegible} from A Smallman

17th Commenced {word illegible but likely 'Mowing'}

18th Mowing

19th Mowing

20th made 2 coils of Hay got a Lunge

21st Ian Hopkins and Family here Bossy a calf

22nd Went to Emmanuel's for Mag Gordon and {word illegible} 2 pikes trowing

23rd Gathering and Raking {word illegible but likely 'hay'}

24th Mowing

25th fixing the mow Dug some Baits {word illegible} Mr Daly

26th at the Tent at the PicNic {word illegible likely Gordon} and I George Bosel here for a
Peice of h{rest of word illegible}

27th Taking care of their Tent a very wrest{rest of word illegible}

28th Herrick and Daly here

29th George here M{rest of word illegible}

30th George and all the Family Gathering put in first Hay

31 Cart Wheel Broke I went to Semos Get one from Semo

1st of August Lavnia {word illegible} George Making his stack brought the {wheat?} over

2nd **Marys Birth Day**

3rd Mowing Road to the Lower Point Caught 23 Pirch

Mag and I picking Berries {words illegible}

5th Went {illegible} Bought {words illegible for rest of this line and a subsequent line at the bottom of the page that are moldy and ragged}

Mr James Cameron Island Augst 8, 1867

Went for Mrs Rose took Dinner at V Munroe's with Malcour Bought of Mr Harper 1 Quart of High Wines

9th Went home with Mrs Rose Lashey came John Angus Came Fishing at night 2 Boats came Loaded with PicNickers about 20 of them all in the Old house

10th Mowing at the Lower Point

11th Lisana Laflesh here Bordon and John Angus Fishing

12th John Angus and I mowing

13th Raining

14th Emmanuel here for Mag Gave her a Dollar for her time here mowing Back of the Barn

15th 16 put in 3 loads

17th D Summers and Laurue and her Mother here John Angus and I cross to Mr Harper Bought 6/3 worth of Flour Gave 1/3 for to help Mrs Mangum 1/2 lb Tea a French {word illegible, maybe 'hunters'} here all night

18th Fishing over at christees an Indian came to sleep in the Barn

19 A I Baker here {According to the census another son, Randolph, was born this day}

20th Duck hunting commences {words illegible} Baker passed up put in the Wheat before {words illegible} door

21st Jo Gaarneau here wrote a Letter for him Les Laduke Making the stack at the East End of the Barn 55 cocks in it

22nd Crossed with I {or J} A {words illegible} got a Letter for Pat Got a paper from Charlie Semo paper to him

15

23rd Cut the Wheat Lower Peice found the sheep hurted Mr Spencer here all night Left some Pine

24th Killed the sheep Went to Williamstown with it

25 Came home Allen and James Hugh picking nuts

26th {words illegible} feed with them Got 2 pigs from Henery to {words illegible} a mess of Potatotes put in the wheat {illegible}ll but Raking it

27 Thrased a Litle Wheat

{'28' likely} Working at the hay

29 at the hay

30th at hay

31st Went to mill Bought of Baker cotton {words illegible} tea Bought of Norman a Basket 19 paid got 10 cents from Laurue paid this stopd at Lis all night

1st September came home {words illegible}

2nd Mowing

3rd Dans Birth Day

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 13th

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Tomatoes Western Berries Ripe Hazelnuts good an Eclipse this evening made 6 cocks of hay on the Lower Point

14th Mowed some9 chickens

16th at Hay

17 18 19 20th at hay

21st Fishing Lost a {line?} Barge aground at the square Island

22nd Sunday

23rd at {word illegible} and Potatoes

24th 25 Finished the Potatoes

26th cutting Marsh hay in the Back mars Getting Ready to go to Salmon River stopt at Lis's all night

27th Took 8 Bushels of Ashes {word illegible} salt saleratus cotton Wick Matches Paid Norman {word illegible} the Basket -/9 speaking to Mr Gillis about the Timber Mr Gillis here a Good Breeze {word illegible} home Bought of Robert 1 lb Powder 2 lbs shot Lamp {word illegible} 8lbs Lime from Norman -/8 paid this

28th cut some Marsh hay

29th Raining

30th Wild Geese came {word illegible} ice in the canoes

1st October Drawing in hay {word illegible} the stable Loft Drew some Wood

2nd set the trap for the Wild Geese shot a Duck

3rd a Fortunate {word illegible} Fixing the stove Semos Boys thrashing Beans {word illegible} the Beets and carrots

4th Semos taking up his {word illegible} 6 1/2 Bushels

5th Raining

6th Gathering nuts

7th Went Ross's Island

8 Got a Letter from John a paper {word illegible} Dan and a paper from Charlie took away the horses

9th Went to F Covington Bought of H {Baker?} 1 peice of Rope 15 cents 2 Treats pair of Boots paid a {word illegible} 1yd cloth 5/- 8 yds Calico 1"44 5yd Calico 5/- 1yds Linen 12 1/2 Cents {word illegible} Laurue 10 cents 3 cents to p P 1 for pipe stopt at {Bills?} Got a pipe from Laflesh

10th **Hugh Anns** {words illegible but likely Birth Day} the Fair in Williamstown Killed the sheep

11 {word illegible} very unwell

12 Raining shot the Big White {Owl?}

Sunday 13th French hunters stauling {stauking, stealing?} my Big Fox

14th the Russels here for the Fox got 25 cents

15th Gordon and I to Charlies Island for butternuts stopt all night

16th Came home got 3 rats Mrs J T Lynch here stopt all night

17th the sticks to {the rest of sentence is lost as the bottom of the page is molded and ragged}

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 20th 1867

Sunday 21st Went to mill with 3 Bushels of Provender Bought of Mr Baker 5 yds Cotton paid this Got Lost coming home

22nd thrashed 50 lb Wheat

23rd Thrashed 18 lb William Lavelette {word illegible} here to teell me about the Parcel come yesterday

24th Our Hughs Birth Day

25th My Birth Day Went to Dundee stopt at Jessimas all night 10 cents paid 25 cents on the Parcel 5 cents Candy carding 5 lb Wool 30 cents Duty Brittish Port 3 cents Bought of Baker 4 lb Tea 1/3 Treat 10 cents crackers 5 cents Bottle to Be Returned came Down to Old Moms {Hoffmorns?} Place turned Back Wrote a Letter to Mr Lynch

{word illegible perhaps '26th'} and Mr Lynch here and Man sent a Letter John Got a Dollar in the Letter i Got from him

Sunday 27th Mr Lynch here Gave me 2 1/2 Dollars {word missing} the Bush

28th Went to Hopkins Bought {word missing} stick for 4 Dollars went to Dundee I bought the 3 sticks from Robert for 15 Dollars Bought 2 lb crackers 1/2 lb Tea 1/2 lb Tobacco 3 pipes {word illegible} 4 peices down

29th went to Bosells then to Laneas Bought 4 lbs Pork 2/6 Bread Crackers 5 cents of salts Bottle Whiskey 1/3 Bottle to Be Returned took the Elm {word illegible}d pine out of the Rushes Mr Lynch got a Ducking wet

30th I am very unwell Mr Lynch went to ---arts Bay EEI Fishers coming to Fish Races in Lancaster

31st I set Fire to the Brush heap it is Hallow Eve cracking nuts

1st November All Saints Day not very well Bad with cold 2 Mr {word illegible}ch went to Henerys for the stick stormy Day wets wind {?} Took the staves to the River

3rd Bub P Laflesh very rainy east Wind

4th Bub P Laflesh Thrashing {all?} wheat for me Lynch Made the steps

5th Guy Fawkes King the Porch

6th Working at the {words illegible}

7th porch Ellens Birth Day Bought pair {words illegible} shirt {words illegible} tobacco 2/ {roed illegible} 1 pound

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 9 1867

Bought in Lancaster Pork Coffe Bread sugar setting fire in the Oakfield Burnt some of the cocks of Marsh hay 2 men came up to hunt on the little Island here at night playing cards

Sunday 10th Mr Lynch And me in the Woods Transplanted 2 Trees Mr Lynch and Man started off Gave me 4 Dollars Left me his adze and crowbar Great Fires in the Marshes set Fire to the Marsh before the Door

11th Fixing the stable

12th went to Summerstown sent a Letter to Mary and Johns Letter in is paid the Postage Bought of Mr Harper 1/2 Gal oils teapot 2/- a Treat at Mr Summers -/6 paid all this

13th Drawing Wood

14th Drew some hay covering the sheds

15th Let out the Rams snowing to night East Wind stormy East Wind and snow Jim Hopkins taking the cattle from Alexis Island

17th Salaberry {likely a steamer} went Down

18th Killed the hog

19th Drawing wood Boats a Going

20th cold

21st On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Departed

22nd Drawing Wood Fine Day

23rd a Great many Propellers coming up after being Froze in the Canal 5 or 6 of them went up Gave him 2 Dollars and 2 Dollars from James Grant 1/2 lb Tea Treat at Thomas Munroes signing Walter Baker Papers Got 2 papers from Charlie

24th came home from Thomas Munroes ottawa and ospr {word illegible, another steamer?} went Down Light in the Light house yet Lots Ducks and Wild Geese water very low

25th cutting stove Wood

26th Banking the east end of the ho{word illegible}

27th Whitewashing

28th Fixing canoe & Fishing Eels

29th Went to Mr Harpers Bought 5/- worth of flour 1 package of matches -/7 1/2 Treat of 1/2 Dozen of Envelopes -/3 wrote {missing word} Pat

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Mr James Cameron Island Lake St Francis Nov 29th 1867

Old Duncan McDougall's Wife Departed yesterday the 28th Married 60 years Alexander Hamilton went of Bought of A Summers 4 lb of Barley 18 cents Wild Geese Plenty and Ducks Raining

30th St Andrews Day {font for former is larger and bolder} stormy Windy cold and Frosty

1st of December a Propeller went up Boats Done Running a very cold Day

2nd skinned the calf

3rd Thrashing Wheat

4th Drawing Wood

5 a cold time

6th cold Day

7th Drawing Livinia cut her Finger with the Drawing Knife

8th Sunday

9th Fixing the Stable Door

10th Drew some wood

11th Broke on the stack cold time Hens Freezing

12th to night the Ice took across from here to Frashers Point

13th Went around the Island very very Frosty

14th I crossed to Summerstown Bought 1 lb Tea Broom cotton Wick treat Got 1/3 from Pat sent a paper to charlie Got 2 from him

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Sunday Wrote a Letter to John and charlie

16th Went to Dundee and Fort Covington Bushed the Road from the head of the Island to Hopkins Little Island took Dinner at Hopkins put the Letter for charlie in the Dundee P.O -/7 1/2 paid put Johns Letter in F Covington PO 3 cents 1/2 worth of Candy. Bought of G Streeter pair of Boots for Gordon 2 Dollars paid a Treat at Normans -/6 Bought of D Baker 8 yds of cotton 5/- 3 yards at -/6 1/6 1 lb Tobacco 1/5 paid this got a Ride down from Bill took supper there came to Hopkins slept all night got 2 Books from Mary Ann

17th came home

18th Thrashing some {written above this:} ~~the~~ Earthquake this morning

19th Drawing Drags { in agriculture this is a harrow-like instrument that is dragged along the earth to level it for seeding or spreads manure; in hunting one drags a scent of another animal along the ground}

20th Got Ready to go to Williamstown Turned Back Put out a Few Bushes at the head of the island

21st Went to Harpers Bought 1 lb Soap -/6 Treat /3 1/2 paid andrew for a Treat 15 cents crackers a -/1 ~~illegible word stroked out~~ {word illegible} of Hopkins home for the Rain took my Wheat to mill first Horse here on the ice

22nd First Day of Winter Jim came with the Wheat him and the 2 children Reading Handy Andy Lent Jim the Disasters and Shipwrecks at Sea {a book}

23 chopping stove Wood {written above:} Angus McGloughlin Died

24 Bosells Drew 2 loads of their stack Lent George the hems christmas eve

25th christmas Day stormy cold John Angus McGloughlin Buried

26th Drawing Drags

27th Raining made my Leather Mits

28th Went to Summers town Bought of A Summers 1/4 lb Spice 2 oz of Sesma {?} 2 pipes
Bought of Mr Harper comb -/5 1 worth of sweetys 1/2 Saleratus {baking powder} 1/3 stopt
with Pat all night Hired the School master McDermid to teach on the front wanting L55
James Hopkins across with a horse promised Charlie Rose the Ram

29th {word illegible} Birth Day took Thomas Munros

+{last 2 lines on page are ragged and moldy} howie slept

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30 Dec 67 Drawing Drags

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

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