

**The Diaries**  
of  
**Thomas Alexander Loghrin**  
1895, 1900 to 1934

**A Synopsis**  
by  
his grandson  
Thomas Francis Loghrin  
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The Loghrin Farm, 109 acres, Lot 9, Concession 8, Gore of Downie. Aerial photo, 1945.



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## Preface

Tom Loghrin's diaries were written over a span of more than 30 years at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although they have been cherished and protected in the ensuing years, their nature makes the information within difficult to access. That information is too important to ignore; this synopsis is an attempt to make the highlights of Tom's records more readily available.

The story begins in 1895 when Tom was in his teens. Then, five years later, he bought 109 acres in Downie Township and settled into the routine of farming. He married Fanny, the girl across the road, and together they raised their family. It wasn't an easy life but they did have good times mixed with the bad.

The main characters in his story are his family and neighbours many of whom lived nearby in Downie Township or Stratford. The lives of the Loghrins, Monteiths and Jeffreys were intertwined and mutually supportive. The neighbours: Schellenbergers, Richardsons, Dempseys, Lawtons, Murrays, Cardwells and so many more were mentioned almost daily. On many occasions they came together in bees to get the farm work done. Although threshing is the best known of these co-operative events, the diary entries reveal several others.

It has been a challenge to decide what should be included in the synopsis. Tom made a daily, often lengthy, entry for more than three decades. Many of those entries are mundane; e.g., he *did chores* almost every day of his adult life! Hopefully, enough of the daily and seasonally repetitive tasks are included in the synopsis to give an understanding of what it took to operate the farm more than a century ago. Family and neighbourhood events have all been included and, where possible, explanatory footnotes have been added. The additional explanatory information has been gleaned from census, cemetery and family records. *Memories of Downie, Vol. 1 & 2* was particularly useful. However, the diary records contradict two statements in *Memories of Downie*. First, the transition from horse drawn vehicles to the automobile was anything but abrupt. The buggy, democrat, cutter and sleigh remained in use for all of Tom's life, long after the first car was purchased in 1918. Second, Tom attended Business College for a time in 1895 but did not attend the Ontario Agricultural College (O.A.C.) as did his brother, Sam.

Absorbing and understanding the story may be helped by visiting [www.wikitree.com/wiki/Loghrin-3](http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Loghrin-3) ; that is Tom's page on WikiTree which lists all of his family members. Information on the Loghrin website, [www.loghrin.info](http://www.loghrin.info) , may also be helpful.

The conventions used are not unusual; for instance, three dots (...) simply mean that Tom wrote more for that day than is included in this synopsis. Brackets surround information that has been added for clarification. The glossary lists a few terms and idioms that are unusual or not commonly used today. The bookmarks may aid in keeping family members and neighbours sorted as you read.

Of course, each of you as a reader will have a unique approach. If you choose to study the entries in detail, you will be transported back to a very different time. If you don't have time to examine the details, the text boxes and highlights will tell you a shorter story.

Those in my generation who have already gone: Ann (Jorna) Loghrin, Alex Loghrin and Wendy (Steele) Loghrin have often been in my thoughts. Ann and Bill restored the writing desk pictured on page 69; Alex always liked to chat about family history; Wendy had much interest in the diaries and carefully stored them. My work is dedicated to them and to my Grandpa Tom whom I've come to know, at least a little, through this work.

Tom Loghrin, 2018

## The Family Circle

Not all are included.

Fanny Monteith “Mother” + Alex Loghrin

1. Sam Loghrin + Jessie Scholz  
Fritz/Sam Loghrin  
Rad Loghrin
2. **Tom Loghrin** + Fanny Holmes  
Alex Loghrin + Ethel Weeks  
Nelson Loghrin + Mae McEwen  
Frances  
Reta  
Marjorie “Peg/Peggy”...  
Elaine  
Bill  
Helen Loghrin  
William Loghrin “Willie”  
Donald Loghrin  
Harry Loghrin “Little Harry”

Wm. Jeffrey Jr. + Winnifred Houghton

3. Marguerite Jeffrey “Rita” + Roy Perry

Fanny M. + Wm. Jeffrey Jr. “The Boss” or “Mr. J”

4. Jane Jeffrey “Janie/Jenny”+ Alfred Grey
5. Wm. Jeffrey “Willie” + Kathleen Thistle  
Don Jeffrey  
Margaret Jeffrey “Peggy”  
Wm. Jeffrey “Little Bill”  
Alex Jeffrey  
Ken Jeffrey  
Elizabeth Jeffrey  
Isabel Jeffrey...
6. Don Jeffrey
7. Anne Jeffrey “Annie” + John Sheppard
8. Ken Jeffrey + Dorothy Richardson “Dot”

### Tom’s Aunts, Uncles & a few 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins

Father, Alex Loghrin’s siblings:

Eliza Loghrin + James Hanna  
Annie Hanna...

Wm. Loghrin + Sarah McAree  
Maud Loghrin...

Mary Loghrin + George Keith

Alex Keith + Jeannie Hunter

Bill Keith + Mary Sinclair, Emma Draper

James Loghrin + Matilda Armstrong “Tilley”

Annie Loghrin

Martha Loghrin...

Mother, Frances Monteith’s siblings:

Elizabeth Monteith + John C. Monteith

Jane Monteith + W. N. Robertson

Wm. Robertson “Willie”...

Nelson Monteith + Ida Lupton...

Maud Monteith

Lou Monteith + Robt. Simpson

Willie Neson Monteith + Elsie Ben

Margaret Monteith + Ed Murray

Hazel Monteith + Fred McKay

Ruth Monteith & Roy Packham

Grace Monteith & Archie Skinner

Howard Monteith...

Step-father, Wm. Jeffrey Jr’s siblings:

Andrew John Jeffrey “A. J.” + Mauretta Neelon

Elizabeth Jeffrey + Wm. Preston

Donald Jeffrey + Francoise Jarboe

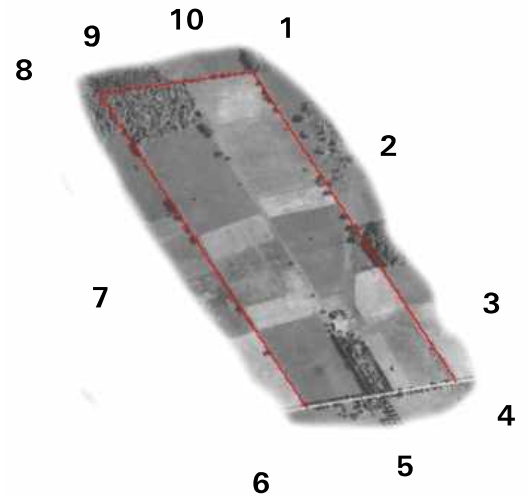
Duncan Jeffrey “Dunk” + Jessie McFadden

Herbert Jeffrey “Bert” + Edna Yeomans...

## The Neighbourhood

Dates are approximate.

1. Harry Monteith + Maggie Monteith to 1917  
Simon Rae + Louise Dunsmore to 1918  
Norman + Samuel Monteith to 1922  
Percy Lupton ➔
2. John N. Monteith + Matt Monteith to ~1914  
Art Monteith + Ella Koch ➔  
Allan Monteith  
Elva Monteith
3. John Dempsey + Lorenza to to 1925  
Hubert Dempsey  
Wm. Dempsey + Annie Holmes ➔  
Jack Dempsey  
Robert Dempsey  
Billie Demspey...  
James Dempsey  
Margaret Dempsey
4. Dick Blakeman to 1906  
Phineas Cardwell + Ruby Jackson  
Bob Cardwell ➔
5. Joe Richardson + Sarah Hall to 1920  
Ellen Holmes to 1909 + Fanny Holmes to 1903  
Bill Schellenberger 1920 ➔



6. Jackson Morrow to 1904  
Sandy Frame + Jean to 1928  
Murray Frame  
Christina Frame  
McPherson Frame  
Allan Frame  
Ed Murray + Margaret Monteith to 1933
7. Chris Schellenberger + Elizabeth Metz  
Ella Schellenberger  
Bill Schellenberger  
Lydia Schellenberger + Art Horman  
John A. Schellenberger  
Annie Schellenberger + John Jeffrey  
Alfred Schellenberger  
Edna Schellenberger
8. George Lawton to 1914  
Ernest Lawton to 1922  
Bert Scott ➔
9. George Lawton to 1914  
Ernest Lawton to 1922  
Bert Scott ➔
10. Wm. McKay ➔

## The Early Years: Getting Established

Tom was born Feb. 5, 1878 in Eramosa Township, Wellington County, on a farm near the Loghrin homestead where his great grandfather, William, had settled in 1826. Tom was almost two years younger than his brother, Sam. Three months after he was born his father, Alex, was killed in a tragic accident. Following that, his mother and the boys moved to Stratford to live with her parents, Sam and Annie Monteith. In 1890, Fanny married William Jeffrey and they lived in Stratford.

In the first part of 1895 Tom usually *went to work at the store* (A. Jeffrey & Co. Hardware) five and a half days a week. He also often *lit a fire in the chicken house*. In his leisure time he did many things: *went for a ride on horseback, went to the rink at night; went to dancing class; took up the Oxford minuett [sic] and stayed in & read a book*. Much of the time activities were with friends and his brother, Sam: (target) *shot against Sam at noon, went sleigh riding with Scottie on a fine moonlight night, went for walk with Ted & Eike, went with Waugh to the Y.M.C.A., played crocinole in the evening with Ned, Scottie and Sam, with Scott played poker till 11:00 o'clock and Ned called at the store and asked me to come down to Mrs. Bosworth's to play billiardette*. He often *went to church* on Sunday morning and sometimes *went to Methodist church at night with H. Grant*. His pattern of life was a little different to the modern day in that he frequently *had a shave* in the evening before going to bed.

### January, 1895

- 1 Tues. Got up at 9 o'clock. Went down the river with F. Povas; lit a fire; shot a butcher bird (Northern Shrike)...
- 7 Mon. Election day ...won money from Bert; bet on Davidson<sup>1</sup>; he got in by 342 majority. Maud Loghrin<sup>2</sup> came in on the evening train (from Guelph); Sam went to station.
- 10 Thurs. Mrs. Houghton<sup>3</sup> from Toronto stayed for tea. Boss<sup>4</sup> drove her to station.
- 15 Tues. ...A. McMullen called for me in evening, went to the room 28<sup>th</sup> (Battalion) & did a little gun exercise...
- 17 Thurs. Went to work, bet 25¢ with Bert & Beckford on hockey match. Some friends were up for tea - Bert, Mrs. Preston<sup>5</sup>, F. Pinch, Don. ...hockey match between London & Stratford. We won 2 to 1.
- 21 Mon. Sam went back to O. A. C. (Ontario Agricultural College) ...Maud, Ted & I played crocinole in the evening.
- 31 Thurs. ...Boss got a new horse, Rock, from St. Thomas.

### February, 1895

- 5 Tues. Coldest day for many years, 27 below zero during the night, my (17<sup>th</sup>) birthday. Worked in the store all day, lit a fire in the chicken house, went to bed early.
- 6 Wed. Went to work, extremely cold, kept me busy keeping up the fires, could not get the store above 48 degrees.
- 16 Sat. ...Beckford drove Mr. A. J.<sup>6</sup> up to the waterworks to see the engine that jumped the track.
- 17 Sun. Lovely morning. Frank Woods & I went up to see the engine; went to waterworks after...
- 20 Wed. ...cleaned rifle...
- 23 Sat. Went to work; snowing; stock taking in full swing; worked till 11 p.m.<sup>7</sup>
- 25 Mon. ...Waugh & I went to a young Liberal Concert; had a good time...

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<sup>1</sup> Wm. Davidson served as mayor of Stratford in 1895 and 96; he succeeded J. C. Monteith, Tom's uncle and brother-in-law to his mother, Fanny. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>2</sup> Maud was Tom & Sam's first cousin, daughter of their uncle Wm. Loghrin and Aunt Sarah McAree; Maud was about 4 years older than Tom.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Houghton was Wm. Jeffrey Jr's first mother-in-law; mother of his first wife, Winnifred.

<sup>4</sup> Tom referred to his step father, William Jeffrey Jr., as "The Boss" throughout the 1895 diary but, in later years, he referred to him as Mr. Jeffrey or Mr. J.

<sup>5</sup> This was Wm. Jeffrey Jr's sister, Elizabeth Jeffrey, she married William Preston.

<sup>6</sup> This is Andrew Jeffrey, Wm. Jeffrey Jr.'s younger brother.

<sup>7</sup> This entry is unusual; Tom normally worked until 10 or 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

March, 1895

- 2 Sat. ... Sam came home with his head tied up<sup>1</sup>; I went down to station to get his trunk; got home at 10:00 pm.
- 3 Sun. Went to church<sup>2</sup>; lovely morn; Mr. Preston was there. ...attended Y.M.C.A. meeting with Waugh in pm...
- 21 Thurs. ...Sam joined the 28<sup>th</sup> (Battalion) and went down to the mess rooms.
- 24 Sun. ...went down the river with Ike & Bolivar; sailed down on pieces of ice; saw a muskrat & 2 ducks. Went to Methodist church with C. Scott; preached against dancing.
- 27 Wed. ...Uncle Nelson (Monteith) was in at the assizes, came up for dinner. ...to Ants? in evening, Harry Monteith was there.

April, 1895

- 1 Mon. Ice storm, went to work. Started to save eggs for hatching. Stayed in and read in evening.
- 8 Mon. Raining, went to work. Got invite to Sholtz shine of 19th...
- 9 Tues. ...sold rooster to H. Pethick for ½ doll. Spring horse show. Went over to Kings & played euchre.
- 10 Wed. ... Mr. A. J. Jeffrey went for a drive. Stayed in and read "Mexican Bill the Cowboy Detective".
- 18 Thurs. ...drew money out of Building Society (\$18.25), gave mother \$20.00.

With spring came changes in Tom's life. He no longer went to work at the store; instead, he became a farmhand in April: *went out to the farm, burned trees in the morning, went to bush and lit a fire to boil syrup, buried the dead horse, piled brush, rolled the far field, picked stones, harrowed and spread manure*. Tom did not work on the farm every day as he had done in the hardware store. Later in May he did jobs at home: *cutting and rolling the lawn, went downtown with laundry, sawed wood, cut the weeds and beat carpets*. His leisure activities also changed to include: *lacrosse, cricket, shinny, baseball, bicycle club, tennis and football*. Generally, it seems that those leisure activities took up more of his time as summer came on.

- 19 Fri. Sholtz shine postponed on account of Mr. Sholtz being sick. ...Mrs. Pinch and Fannie<sup>3</sup> were over.
- 23 Tues. ...rode out to the farm<sup>4</sup> on wheel (bicycle) in 25 min., noticed tack in hind tire...
- 24 Wed. Sam drove out in the evening to get his military suit.
- 25 Thurs. ...rode in(to) town in 20 mins. I went to drill shed and drilled; organized football club, W. Turner captain.
- 26 Fri. Lovely morning, rode out in morning & shot crow; piled brush, picked stones, oiled roller, went to bush & took down sap pails; did some fishing, burned brush in evening.
- 29 Mon. Lovely morning, cleaned out chicken house. Rode up to Mitchell in the afternoon (on bicycle?), 1 hr & 10 min, round trip in 2 hrs 35 min. Went down to flats in evening.

May, 1895

- 1 Wed. Lovely morning, carried out plaster, burnt brush, bought fishing pole. Went down and played lacrosse in evening. Went to Woods' and stayed all night.
- 3 Fri. Rained in morning. Went downtown; got a tie (15¢) for the shine, got Bert's gloves, had a bath in afternoon. Sam came in, went to shine (at Sholtz's). Had a good time, got home at 4 o'clock, 20 dances.
- 4 Sat. ...felt tired... went down and played football in the afternoon...
- 6 Mon. ...cut lawn. Went down to W. N. Robertson's, their boy<sup>5</sup> was born. Carpenters were upstairs. Got 2 oranges

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<sup>1</sup> What happened to Sam? Was this the cause of his interruption in attending O.A.C.?

<sup>2</sup> St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

<sup>3</sup> An examination of census, marriage and death records revealed that "Mrs. Pinch" or "Aunt Pinch" is Martha Nelson born ~1835 in Ireland. She married Daniel Pinch who was born ~1837 in England. Their daughter, Frances Jane Katherine Pinch was born on Dec. 19, 1872 in Canada. The family lived in Exeter, Ontario in 1881; Martha and Katherine continued to live there in 1891. Martha was an aunt to Tom's mother; i.e. a sister-in-law of Sam Monteith.

<sup>4</sup> Was this the Monteith farm?

<sup>5</sup> The little boy was William Nelson Robertson, Tom's first cousin; Mrs. Robertson was Jane Anne Monteith, a younger sister of Tom's mother, Fannie. Her husband was a renowned amateur cyclist; did he get Tom interested in the sport?



- at Barkers. Rained in the afternoon.
- 11 Sat. ...sawed wood...intended playing cricket, rained. Sold 25¢ worth of eggs. Sam came in from country.
- 14 Tues. Heavy frost spoiled fruit. Snowing, cut wood, cleaned up shed... Grant & Scott came over, played cards.
- 21 Tues. ...went to Prof. Alexander's lecture with mother, Jennie's<sup>1</sup> birthday.

Tom took a trip to visit his Loghrin relatives in Wellington County during the last week of May. He was able to see all his remaining aunts and uncles on his father's side: *Eliza & James Hanna, Sarah (McAree) Loghrin, Mary & George Keith and Matilda (Armstrong) Loghrin* as well as some of his first cousins.

- 22 Wed. Thought I would ride to Guelph as the wind was in the right direction... 3½ hours for the whole trip. Stayed at Aunt Sahers<sup>2</sup> [sic].
- 23 Thurs. Sam came in on morning train. Maud<sup>3</sup> went down to meet him, I went and had a shave. Had dinner at Aunt Sahers, went and got a washer for my wheel. Rode to Uncle George's<sup>4</sup> in the afternoon; they were not at home. Sam and Maud arrived in the evening. Alex<sup>5</sup> and I went to the station.
- 24 Fri. Aunt Mary and Uncle George got home about 3 o'clock that morning. Got up at 8 o'clock. Alex, Sam and I went fishing, not much luck...
- 25 Sat. I went up to Elora & from there went to Guelph on a ticket that Sam had, got my bicycle fixed (60¢) and got home in time for tea. Played authors<sup>6</sup> after tea.
- 26 Sun. Went to church...went for a walk with Martha<sup>7</sup> and Aunt Mary after dinner... rained in evening... Sang a few hymns and went to bed.
- 27 Mon. Drove Martha home in time for school... went to Hanna's<sup>8</sup>, had dinner; got back to Aunt Tilley's<sup>9</sup> for tea...
- 28 Tues. Sam, Alex & I drove to Eramosa, had dinner at Dontys. Took a look over the farm<sup>10</sup>...
- 29 Wed. ...went shooting ground hogs, the shot was too fine. Got a shot at one but it went down its hole. Played authors in the afternoon. Sam drove Annie<sup>11</sup> home in evening; Alex & I played football.
- 30 Thurs. I rode home. Started at 7:20 and got home at 4 o'clock. Too warm to ride fast... wind direct in face. Drilled in evening with guns.
- 31 Fri. Chatell hanged at 8:04½ a.m., did not go down, died in 11 min. Cut lawn in morning, ...played cricket...

In June Tom continued to do chores around home and to play and watch many sports but, as the month went on, more entries mentioned military activities such as: *drilled in the evening, went down to mess room & got a tunic, got up early went down to drillshed, etc.*

<sup>1</sup> Jane was Tom's half sister; she was born in 1891 so this was her fourth birthday.

<sup>2</sup> Sarah (McAree) Loghrin lived in Guelph after her husband, William Loghrin's death in 1874.

<sup>3</sup> Maud was Sarah (McAree) Loghrin's daughter; she had visited Tom & Sam in Stratford in January.

<sup>4</sup> George Keith married Mary Loghrin, a sister of Tom's father.

<sup>5</sup> Alex Keith, George & Mary's eldest child and Tom's first cousin, was 2 years older than Tom.

<sup>6</sup> "Authors", based on prominent writers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is a card game for 3 to 5 people. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>7</sup> Martha, another of Tom's first cousins, was the daughter of James Loghrin and Matilda "Tilley" Armstrong; prior to James' death, they lived on the Loghrin homestead in Eramosa Twsp. At this time in 1895 she may have been living in Fergus.

<sup>8</sup> Eliza Loghrin, Tom's aunt, married James Hanna; they farmed in Garafraxa Township near Fergus.

<sup>9</sup> Martha's mother was Matilda "Tilley" (Armstrong) Loghrin.

<sup>10</sup> Presumably, the farm was the Loghrin homestead in Eramosa Township.

<sup>11</sup> This is likely Aunt Tilley's second oldest daughter but it could be another first cousin, Annie Hanna, who was Aunt Eliza and Uncle James Hanna's daughter.

June, 1895

- 17 Mon. Read "Moondyne Joe" in morning, caught a green butterfly...
- 23 Sun. Got up. Boss went out for a drive. I went for a walk, went to church, went out to bush with Waugh. In afternoon caught butterflies, Nelson was in for tea...
- 25 Tues. Got up at 4:30...went to London, walked about 1½ miles, joined fusiliers, marched to barracks and dismissed.
- 26 Wed. Got up at 5 o'clock. Cleaned up went out to drill. Did not feel well; did not drill in morning. G. King fainted. Went downtown in evening. Got home at 9 o'clock.
- 27 Thurs. Went to Butts. Made 3<sup>rd</sup> highest score of our section: Sam 1<sup>st</sup>, W. Davis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Made 13 at 100 yds & 10 at 200...
- 28 Fri. Was room orderly, drilled all day. Stayed in in the evening. Was mess orderly.
- 29 Sat. Drilled all day, took up the shooting exercises... went down to London in evening<sup>1</sup>...
- 30 Sun. Went to church on the grounds in morning. Went to English church in evening with Sgt. McMullen. Went down to river Thames...

And then, the militia activity got serious...

July, 1895

- 1 Mon. Got up at 5 o'clock. ... started for Chatham; took sick on the train; did not get to drill 'til afternoon... Went to grounds & had sham battle. Saw fireworks; came home at 2 o'clock.
- 2 Tues. Drilled in morning, felt very tough. Sam had sore eye, inspection in the afternoon... Madill got the guardhouse.
- 3 Wed. Drilled... inspection. Lent Sam 25¢.
- 5 Fri. ... in morning washing out rooms. W. Davis on guard. Went to street parade in afternoon.
- 10 Wed. Hoed the weeds out of the front border. Rode out to Chowen, did intend a ride to Innes'. Wheel gave out; took it to Kalbfleish, charge 75¢. Played lacrosse in evening.
- 11 Thurs. Drove mother out to Nelson's, had dinner. Got back at 2 o'clock. Drilled in evening.
- 12 Fri. Rode out to Innes', called at Dempsey's but did not see him. Called at Green's; saw his Dorking, not very good. Rounds has 21 chicks; Innes 15 chicks. Made some arrangements about show. Got caught in rain coming home.
- 15 Mon. Prepared for camping; wrote out list of what we needed to take...
- 20 Sat. Rained all night. Started out in morning. ...put up tent... Sam came out, went fishing, stayed all night.

His normal routine resumed in Stratford...

Over the next couple of weeks, Tom spent a lot of time at camp *fishing* and *swimming* but he also went back and forth to Stratford to participate in his many other activities such as *baseball* and *football*. Many friends and family in addition to those mentioned below visited the camp: *Sam, Stiff?, W. Scott, G. King, W. Ireland, Ted, Lucas, and Ray*.

- 22 Mon. Came in with Ireland. Went to military garden party; Sam was in uniform.
- 23 Tues. Went up to Woods for alarm clock; stayed with the Smith crowd for dinner...
- 25 Thurs. Mrs. Scott & Mr. Alexander came out to visit us, did not stay for tea. Brought bananas & cake...
- 27 Sat. Rained all night, Lucas got soaked. Stayed in and read, went in for swim, played football, lit campfire...
- 29 Sun. ... A. J. Jeffrey & Charles were out, brought cake & jam.
- 31 Wed. Rode out to camp in morning, took bread & tobacco. Scott came out in afternoon...

August, 1895

- 6 Tues. Could not get horse; Boss was away. ... went shooting with Charley, shot a kingfisher.
- 7 Wed. Charles & I drove out to camp<sup>2</sup> ... caught 10 trout... Workmans were out. H. Grant & I played poker.
- 8 Thurs. ... Mrs. Robb was here for dinner & tea. I went shooting, shot a meadowlark, 2 kingfishers & some other birds. Went up and umpired baseball match in the evening.
- 10 Sat. Went downtown in morning, bought pair of chickens...

<sup>1</sup> How much of this militia activity was in London?

<sup>2</sup> This is Tom's last mention of camp; he does not say where it was.

- 13 Tues. Went to school... did lessons in evening<sup>1</sup>.  
 16 Fri. ... played tennis on the flats. Sam came in, went to Woods' shine, had a fun time.  
 19 Mon. Went downtown in morning & got some tobacco. Drove mother out to Monteith's in the afternoon. Andrew (Monteith?) just came home from camping.  
 20 Tues. ...Drove mother out to Kastnerville<sup>2</sup> in afternoon; went up to play ball in evening.  
 21 Wed. ...Drove mother out to No. 4 School and back, saw part of baseball match.  
 22 Thurs. Started to put floor in summer house. Boss & mother went for a drive.  
 31 Sat. Went downtown in morning, rained, went to Uncle John's<sup>3</sup> place. Went out shooting with Grant's pistol.
- September, 1895
- 2 Mon. Went & played tennis, beat B. Smith and played a set with Gordon. Went to Butt's had a keg of beer... had a good time. Played football, went downtown.  
 3 Tues. Went down to Business College, was there all day. Played football & went down to the mess rooms. Came home, did lessons. Sent back broken bicycle spring.

Tom went to school (Business College) and *did lessons* in the evening until Christmas. There was still time to *load cartridges, go shooting*, and carry on with many other activities.

- 13 Fri. Went to school, had an exam in spelling and book keeping. Cut lawn and raked it...  
 14 Sat. Went out to Lakes<sup>4</sup> at 5:30, misty morning, shot a grebe duck. Got home at 7:30. ...played tennis, baseball in afternoon.  
 26 Thurs. Went to school, went to Fair Grounds at noon, saw chickens... went up to Fair in evening with Woods. Paid 15¢, had a fair time!  
 30 Mon. Went to school but the place was too cold... cleaned out chicken house.
- October, 1895
- 18 Fri. Went to school. Writing & Shorthand exams...  
 26 Sat. ...went shooting with Sam. ...shot an owl 58 in. across wings...  
 31 Thurs. Went to school... Boss, Mack & crowd went out to Gadshill Halloween. Did not go out. Did lessons.
- November, 1895
- 7 Thurs. ...nasty day, studied for shorthand exam in evening.  
 8 Fri. Went to school. Could not do much of the shorthand and could not do my arithmetic...  
 18 Mon. Went to school, did not know lessons. Got cartridges. Did lessons in evening.  
 27 Wed. Jos. Hobson's<sup>5</sup> funeral. Sam stayed down at Dr's. Did lessons in evening.  
 29 Fri. Went to school, correspondence exam, got 49%. Had a bath, went out... had a good time, danced 12 dances. Played cards, had no luck. Got home st 5 o'clock.
- December, 1895
- 2 Mon. Went to school, did not know spelling. Sam & Dunk (Jeffrey) went for drive. I came home & did lessons.  
 15 Sun. Boss got a new horse... went to Methodist church in evening.  
 18 Wed. Was sick all day with pain in neck. Boss went to Toronto, Sam & Ted went down to Bosworth's and played billiardette.  
 19 Thurs. Got up, felt better; did not go to school. Sam & I played cards, I won 3 to 5 games. Sam went for drive with new horse. I did lessons.  
 21 Sat. Stayed in bed all day with sore neck. Rained all day.

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<sup>1</sup> There is no further mention of Business School in August but he did attend regularly beginning in September.

<sup>2</sup> Kastnerville was a small village east of Sebringville and west of Stratford. From *Memories of Downie*.

<sup>3</sup> John C. Monteith married Fannie Monteith Jeffrey's older sister, Elizabeth.

<sup>4</sup> Presumably, this would be the Little Lakes, east of Stratford.

<sup>5</sup> Joseph, about 23 years old, was Tom's second cousin, a grandson of James Loghrin and Betsy Armstrong.

- 23 Mon. Stayed in bed. Mother went downtown...
- 25 Wed. Christmas; sunshine in morning. Sam & Boss went for a drive. I stayed in. Boss went to Sebringville in afternoon. Sam & Stiff went for walk. Ike & Bolivar were over, went downtown, got cartridges.

Tom continued to feel ill as he finished the year of 1895 with comments such as: *stayed in all day, went to Ike's store to get a dose of salts, did not go to church at all, and read book & went to bed early.*

- 31 Tues. Got up at 9 o'clock, felt not very good. Had shave and bath and went to bed. Got up, went to shine, danced about six dances. Got home at 2 o'clock.

No diaries exist for 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899. Did Tom go "walkabout"? The following entries for 1899 are at the beginning of his diary for 1900.

May, 1899

- 10 Sam Loghrin married to Jessie Sholtz.

August, 1899

- 22 From Tom's Uncle Nelson Monteith's diary: *Tom Loghrin left for Manitoba (to work the harvest?)*

December, 1899

- 1 Bought farm from Matthew Monteith<sup>1</sup> for fifty six hundred dollars, seller holds right to live and feed his stock 'till 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1900. Bought Reinecker's steers for \$45.

- 27 Fanny Pinch was married to Dr. Bothwell<sup>2</sup>.

Undated entry, 1899

Estate settled. J. C. Monteith charged \$1675<sup>3</sup> for services in regard to Estate<sup>4</sup>. Sam cashed all securities with interest. Borrowed \$500 from Sam @ 4% for 1 year.

January, 1900

- 1 Mon. New Years Day. Got up, did chores, removed coal out of sleigh. Watered steers. Started to town, got a ride to school with Wm. Ballantyne, (from there) walked to Hesson's and got a ride in town. Had dinner, went to rink in afternoon, not very many there. Came to Ford Raglan's, played pool for 10¢ a game. Went home (Jeffrey's). Went to Ball at 9 o'clock with Peter Stewart, had several drinks had a good time. Went up Caledonia Street danced 22 dances, cost \$1.25 got home at 4:15 a.m. Jubille (sp?) Orchestra, had a good time.
- 2 Tues. Snow Blizzard. Got up at 12 o'clock, had dinner. Went downtown, got a seven inch elbow at Jeffrey's (store) also 3 lengths stovepipe ... Cashed check for interest on B. M. T.<sup>5</sup> stock, \$22.50; got 70¢ interest on



From Bill Keith's collection. Inscribed:  
"With Compliments From Sam and Jessie  
Loghrin, Stratford Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1900"

<sup>1</sup> Matthew Monteith was Tom's mother's first cousin.

<sup>2</sup> Census and marriage records indicate that Frances Catherine Pinch married John Alexander Bothwell; they lived in Stratford with their daughters, Muriel and Margaret Ruth and mother-in-law, Martha Pinch. John was a dentist.

<sup>3</sup> Should there be a decimal point to make it read \$16.75?

<sup>4</sup> Tom's father, Alex, died shortly after Tom was born in 1878. Executors for his estate were James Loghrin (Alex's brother), John C. Monteith (Fannie's brother-in-law) and Alex Keith (Alex's brother-in-law). James L. died in 1882 so presumably J. C. M. and Alex K. did the estate work. Alex and Fannie Loghrin's farm in Eramosa Township sold in 1899 for \$5900. See more details on Alex Loghrin's page in the Loghrin family tree.

<sup>5</sup> British Mortgage and Trust Company

deposits in B. M. T., deposited fifteen dollars making total \$240. Bought a pair of boots, \$2.00; also a diary at Shavers, 40¢; pen ink, 10¢; bread 10¢. Got a ride out with Dunlop who brought wood to the house; Hubert Dempsey came out with us. Good sleighing. Split wood at the house. Stayed at Mr. Monteith's<sup>1</sup> all night.



- 3 Wed. Got up at 8:15 a.m., lit fire at Monteith's. Milked three cows & walked over to farm. Dug out gateway and cleaned horse stable in morning. Harnessed horses, set up coal stove, drew out manure from Matt's stock, hauled turnips from barn to house. Did chores after tea, Matt washed dishes, cut out facing for my mitts, also darned them. House very warm.

Tom's life was busy. He went back and forth frequently among the Monteith farm(s), his farm and his Jeffrey home in Stratford on weekends; however, as time went on, he stayed more at his place. Also, there was almost daily interaction with his neighbours: *the Monteiths* on the Embro Road, *Chris Schellenberger* next door to the west and *Joe Richardson* across the road. His jobs at home on the farm included: *spread pea straw, trimmed up three trees ready for sawing, sawed cord wood in morning, split wood at house, piled wood and brush, hauled four loads of straw into barn, cleaned out horse stable, hauled manure, lit coal stove, harnessed up Old Charley, cleaned up seventeen bags of oats in the afternoon, piled lumber after breakfast and trimmed up some old apple trees.*

- 4 Thurs. ...harnessed team, started for Tavistock at 9 o'clock. Met Uncle Nelson in swamp, gave J. Baker a ride to Fairview. Got to Tavistock at 11:30, had turnips (loaded) on at 12, had dinner at Frier's. Came home, met Art Wilson with load of basswood and also Doug? Carr with maple logs...
- 5 Fri. ...Bob Baker came over and took Matt's team... Went over to Con MacNamara's and found that he sold his steers... Went over to Jeffrey and got four ducks, paid him one dollar. From there went to Jack Burk, saw his steers, wanted \$20 a piece for five steers and heifers...
- 6 Sat. ... J. Richardson's friend the yankee was over in John Monteith's bush shooting...
- 7 Sun. ...raining in morning... took a walk over to Monteith's, saw Alf & Sam. Got (news) paper at Uncle Nelson's, talked about building a driving shed 36x22. Snow going away fast...
- 8 Mon. ...put rope on Matt's cow and took her to Matt Dunsmore who was killing five head in one day. Met his brother, Jack, from the North West... Went up to Fairview & called at Cottenton's [sic]. Played cards with Chas. Bell...Sam Robb and wife were there...
- 10 Wed. Got up at 6 o'clock... started for sale at 9 o'clock... drew \$50 (from) B. M. T. C. Got groceries (at) Walsh Bros. \$1.00... had dinner with mother. Got to sale at 2 o'clock, got Grey Cow \$39.00 less discount \$1.75 = \$37.25. Led her home by Harmony, long walk, started at five, got home at 9 o'clock. Scott & Matt here. Bright moonlight night, had plenty to drink at sale, old rye, had headache in evening.
- 11 Thurs. ...went to bush, sawed a couple of hours, saw got tight (lost its set)...Scottie whitewashed cow stable... over to Monteith's and got saw set. Nelson in swamp sawing logs... did chores... went over & played cards at Joe Richardson's<sup>2</sup> and got butter, 50¢...
- 13 Sat. ...split wood that Chas, Scott & I sawed... went over to Monteith's to figure on driving shed...
- 14 Sun. ... Joe Richardson brought over a jar of milk... went over to Joe's, hitched up and drove over to Salvanni's [sic] ...stayed for supper. Looked over his stables, very fine... Came home, very mild out.
- 17 Wed. ... Norman Monteith came over and borrowed sleigh to haul wood...
- 18 Thurs. ... Matt wanted to borrow \$20 on machinery<sup>3</sup>. Scott & I played cards in evening, he accused me of cheating.
- 19 Fri. ...Went over to Chris Schellenberger's, had a chat... Matt & I had a row about feeding stock. I wanted to go to city, he refused to feed my stock. He went over to Baker's; then to John Monteith's. ...I had supper and went over to Nelson's. He hauled all logs to the mill and advised me to seed down front field to barley.
- 20 Sat. ...Matt consented to feed my stock over Sunday, had shave, dressed up and went over to Embro Road. Got a

<sup>1</sup> This is unusually formal; which of the Monteiths might this have been?

<sup>2</sup> Joe Richardson farmed across the road from Tom's place and is mentioned many times in his diaries.

<sup>3</sup> Tom purchased some of Matt Monteith's machinery when Matt moved out in April.

- ride to City with Wm. Ballantyne in sleigh... Saw Jack Dunn about (wagon) rack; J. Morris about waggon; Lawson about harness, \$30 double set... had supper...went down saw Dunk Jeffrey in store...
- 21 Sun. ...went to church, Aunt Jane (Robertson) was there... went for walk around Grange St. & Daly Terrace... had supper, went to Knox church in evening...
- 22 Mon. Started to walk out... walked all the way with the exception of a short ride with Andy Gibson to Hyslop's... had dinner, measured line fence between Chris & I in afternoon. Made it 178 rods to bush...
- 27 Sat. ...Alf Monteith came over... I had a shave... went over to Joe Richardson's. We went into City, Fannie Holmes<sup>1</sup>, Joe & I... Went home (Jeffrey's) had supper, went downtown...
- 28 Sun. ...had breakfast and took a bath, stayed home with the (Jeffrey) children, Sacrament Sunday. ...had dinner and started to walk out to the farm, got a ride with May Corbett... Got out at 4:30 p.m. Alma Lupton was there, stayed for tea; he stayed all night. I went up to Johnny Monteith's, came home, lit coal stove... bed at 11...
- 30 Tues. ... very stormy & cold. Matt did chores at noon ...ran out of coal and house was very cold.
- 31 Wed. ... Alf's saw did not work very good. Took my saw over to Chris and got it sharpened... very high wind...
- February, 1900
- 1 Thurs. ...Joe Richardson ... wanted a hand to cut straw ... cut all day. Sharpened knives at noon and cut till 5 o'clock. Dan Mack & Chas Gilliard came down at night, played pedro & euchre till 12 o'clock. Had lunch and got home at 12:30 a.m.
- 4 Sun. ...went to church (from Jeffrey's), saw Jessie Venor. Had dinner, saw Sam, ... advised me to sell 10 shares of B. M. T. Co. Had supper, went to Knox church, saw Waugh & Scott...
- 5 Mon. ...saw Hesson about team, offered him \$176, he held out for \$177<sup>2</sup>. Walked all the way out to Allan Dunsmore's, got a ride with Babcock to Nelson's, had dinner... came over (home) shovelled out two gates, did chores... I went over to Fairview, got mail... Got cookbook & "Life of Christ".
- 8 Thurs. ...Andrew Hesson brought over No. 2 cow... went over to Joe Richardson's in evening. Matt got his team's teeth filed \$1.00.
- 9 Fri. ... over to Chris Schellenberger's, had a chat. (He) seemed very put out about not buying team from him... Went over to Fairview, got two invitations to dances and tobacco.
- 10 Sat. ... saw Willie Monteith about hay. Paid \$100 on team, \$35 in full on cow. Got team shod in front... had supper & answered invitation to dance... Sam & I rode out on Hesson's front bob of sleigh ...put team in cow stable.
- 13 Tues. ...over to Joe's for breakfast. We killed three hogs, cut them up and made sausage. Joe had bottle of whiskey; Chris & I drank it all. I started to City at 3:30 pm, walked all the way, had shave at Jake's and went to Tilley's. Played cards and danced. Went home with Miss Powell, very cold. Home at 2 o'clock.
- 14 Wed. ...walked out, got here at 10:30... went to Willie Monteith's for jag of hay... got a boy to help put it in stable. Had supper... got dressed and went to ball at 8:30. Had a swell time, cost 75¢, beer 35¢, danced 6 & sat out 2 with Lizzie Barton. Got home at 3 am.
- 15 Thurs. ... up at 7 o'clock... to Willie's and got another jag of hay, lost bowl of my pipe on way out. Dropped in at J. C. M's (Monteith's) and signed off stock to mother... put off load of hay. Felt tough, had a sleep from 5 to 9... had supper and went back to bed at 11 o'clock.
- 16 Fri. ... harnessed up team and got my sleighs at Harmony, cost \$25...
- 17 Sat. ... Got \$100 from mother for Toronto Stock. Drove out to farm after dinner, put sleigh box together..
- 21 Wed. ... went to City, got a leather halter & pair of mitts. Hired Mrs. Brown<sup>3</sup>. Came out and got a set of wiffletrees ... had supper at Nelson's. Saw Bob Dunlop, Bessie Varner staying there, very stormy & wild.
- 22 Thurs. ... Matt, Edd Clifford, Joe & I went to James Clyne's wake; got home at 1 a.m.
- 24 Sat. ... harnessed team, Matt & I went to Jack Thistle's and got 37 posts; I took 20 & he took 17...
- 25 Sun. ... very stormy. Didn't go off the farm. Could not see the barn any time during the day. Burned the last of the coal...
- 28 Wed. ... Grey cow calved, a nice steer calf, had breakfast, milked cow... Drove to City, put team in at (Jeffrey) house, had dinner. Drew \$60 at B. M. T. Co. ... home at five... heaviest snow of year.

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<sup>1</sup> Fannie married Tom in Mar., 1903; this is the first time he mentioned her name in the diary.

<sup>2</sup> Although he doesn't say so in this entry; Tom did buy the team.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Brown seems to have been a house cleaner and may have worked for Harry Monteith and Joe Richardson as well as Tom and others in the neighbourhood.

March, 1900

- 1 Thurs. ...Went over to Allan Dunsmore's, started for City at 6:30 p.m. Put (horse?) up at Mansion (House), went up to Albion. Had a few drinks with Peter Steward... to Hockey Match, Stratford won 10 to 3... then to Mansion, had a few drinks. Stayed with Allan all night.
- 8 Thurs. ...left at one o'clock for Kelly's sale. Bought hens and one guinea hen at 27¢ each and a waggon box for \$6.25. Everything went well. Came home with Hall boys by Reinecker's...
- 9 Fri. ...Hitched up and went to Tavistock. Got seed drill home safe... put drill in driving shed, all hens in...
- 10 Sat. ...Bought binder and truck waggon from Massey Harris people at \$130.00 for binder & fifty for truck<sup>1</sup>...
- 11 Sun. ...Joe Richardson & man were over and stayed till noon. Had dinner. Sam and wife drove out and Uncle Nelson came over on snowshoes... had lunch and they left at 5:30...
- 12 Mon. ...stopped at Sholtz', saw Tom Sanderson<sup>2</sup> about coming out (to work on the farm). Said he would let me know Wednesday.
- 14 Wed. ... Paid A. J. Jeffrey \$35.00 on account. Paid him \$2 I borrowed at the Welch sale; he wanted to take straw for it.
- 15 Thurs. ...Tom (Sanderson) and I went and got a half ton of hay from Willie Monteith...
- 16 Fri. ...Hepburn sent out tables, chairs, bed, mattress, etc. We put them in their places...
- 19 Mon. Tom (S.) brought out his cow. Allan Dunsmore got jag of pea straw... Helped Joe Richardson load 6 pigs; he got \$5.10 for them. He went to freight shed and got my waggon for me. I put team up at (Jeffrey) house... saw the Beacon maid, walked down to corner with her, came home had dinner. Hitched the team, went to Sanderson's and then got lumber. Got very wet. Called at Nelson's and got clean socks. Got home at 5:30, put waggon inside... Tom did chores, went to bed early.
- 20 Tues. ...started outhouse, also worked at stairway into cellar...
- 23 Fri. ...drew out balance of manure. Tom & I ... took roof off old barn...
- 25 Sun. ...breakfast at (Jeffrey) home, went to our own church. Aunt Jane (Robertson) was there... got Uncle Nelson to come for dinner and got a ride out to his place. Aunt Jane and Dr. W. N. Robertson came out...
- 26 Mon. Up at 5:30... to city and got Harry Pepper & boy, got things at Jeffrey's Hardware. Got home for dinner. He worked on west room and finished at night...
- 27 Tues. ...E. W. Tanton was out in the interest of the church debt, subscribed \$10.00 to be paid May, 1901. Also William McKay the assessor. Harry Pepper done at 3 o'clock, drove him in and got groceries...
- 29 Thurs. ... Tom hauled two loads of furniture for Matt and I cleaned house... I built outhouse and helped Harry to load mower and cultivator... Dan Neale and Jackson Morrow came in evening... played euchre...
- 30 Fri. ...to city... saw Mrs. Brown, said she could come out Tuesday... Matt took away hens and cattle... Tom & I went to Fairview in evening, got two weeks mail...
- 31 Sat. ... I built fence down to creek from barn... changed pictures in bedroom to sitting room, had shave.

April, 1900

- 2 Mon. ...We worked on hen house and old stable all day... put siding on north of driving shed...
- 3 Tues. ... Alf Monteith over on his way to Jim Cline's sale. He bought a horse \$30. I backed his note. I bought mower \$17.50, harrows \$7.00, hay rack \$2.55, gravel box \$1.60, shovel, spade, snow shovel, box of bolts, etc. total less discount \$29.55 paid cash. Had supper at Joe Richardson's, borrowed \$30 from him...
- 7 Sat. ...went up to Mrs. Brown's; she did not want to come out on account of not being notified. I took home 6 bags (of) seed peas and transferred \$3.75 worth of B. M. T. stock to J. C. M. (Monteith)...
- 11 Wed. ... Put window blinds on four windows.
- 14 Sat. ... Alex Keith and Sam came out with Uncle Nelson; they came over and had supper and stayed all night...
- 15 Sun. ... Alex and Sam started for town at 8 o'clock. I took stroll back to Morris' sugar bush with Joe...
- 16 Mon. ...Went to Bill Innis', had dinner, got two settings of White Rocks and also 50 bu. seed oats at Calders @28¢ = \$14.00. Paid him cash... Herron cattle buyer looked at calf...
- 17 Tues. ...got ride to city with Bill Innis. Saw horse show. Got 60 lbs. timothy & clover. Got ride home with Joe Richardson's hired man...
- 18 Wed. ...sawed logs at house till 3 o'clock. Tom took harrows to Joe's and got them sharpened. I walked to city, got suit, got laundry and shave. Went home (Jeffrey's) and got dressed, met Peter Stewart at barber shop. Went to

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<sup>1</sup> The "truck" was a set of wheels to haul the binder.

<sup>2</sup> Tom Sanderson did become Tom Loghrin's hired man.



- dance, had a good time, could not dance on account of sore toe. Home (Jeffrey's) at 3 a.m.
- 19 Thurs. ...up at 8 o'clock, Dr. W. N. (Robertson) there... got ride out to farm with Bob Daly...
- 20 Fri. ...dug 12 post holes and mixed grass seed...drove posts in lane and seeded 5 acres...
- 21 Sat. ... Paid Allan Dunsmore \$7.70 for 2 pigs at Clyne's sale; paid Wm. Monteith \$4.00 for 15 bu. oats; got plough, Jim Dow \$12.00; paid Marshall 2 bu. clover \$4.00; 2 bu. timothy \$1.80; bought Jim Monteith's horse; sum 87.50.
- 23 Mon. ...went to city, got horse from Jim M.; got cultivator \$31.00; paid James Dow \$12.00 on plough. Had dinner at (Jeffrey) house... gave Tom \$6 on wages...

May, 1900

- 3 Thurs. ...I went to Jim McLeod's to see about cattle, went to Fairview and got tobacco.

Field work and seeding were the main activities: *finished cultivating back field, sowed 5 bags oats on 6 acres, finished at 7 o'clock, Tom cross harrowed in evening, got up at 5 o'clock & finished seeding No. 1 (field) cultivated balance, Tom harrowed seeding, got Joe's roller, Tom hauled stones, I rolled and took it (back) to Joe's & brought over disc harrow, harrowed till noon, sowed greenfeed, disc harrowed No. 3 field for peas, I sowed balance of oats and three acres of peas, and I planted gooseberry.*

- 4 Fri. ...set hen on 13 duck eggs<sup>1</sup>...Hesson's cow calved, steer calf...
- 5 Sat. ...got a guinea hen at Flannigan's 25¢. Mrs. Brown went to city with Mrs. Douglas...
- 6 Sun. ... I went over to Joe Richardson's for tea. Miss Clarke & Moffet of Mitchell<sup>2</sup> there...
- 7 Mon. ...I finished fence across creek... Mrs Brown papering her room. Mrs. Robb here.
- 8 Tues. ...Tom whitewashed cellar, built fence across lane at bush. I planted 20 maple trees around garden...
- 12 Sat. Up at 5 o'clock, went to city. Got tea kettle soldered, also coal oil can... Changed clock at Welsh's jewellery store. Janie<sup>3</sup> sick at house (Jeffrey's).
- 13 Sun. ... Uncle Nelson over for dinner... Mrs. Hall over, also Mrs. Holmes & girl (Fannie?) I let horses on grass...
- 16 Wed. ...Went to city, got 55 trees from Dan Dempsey & 10 plum trees \$10.75. Got 4 lbs of mangel seed, 9 lbs. Of turnip seed, carrots, beets, onions...
- 17 Thurs. Up at 5:30, cultivated ground for mangels. Uncle Nelson & I planted evergreens and 10 plum trees. Tom got mangel seeder from Nelson and we sowed 22 rows, 2 (of) carrots. I took it back in evening, Sam fishing...
- 19 Sat. ...Tom went to Art Wilson's got 6 bags of potatoes & 2 bags of oats at Dempsey's. Eddy Jeffrey<sup>4</sup> over...
- 20 Sun. ...Took walk back (to) back of farm with Tom... Slept in afternoon. Dressed at 4 o'clock, went to city, had supper with Sam, went to Knox Church. Home at 11 o'clock.
- 21 Mon. ...dug foundations of drive shed.
- 22 Tues. ...erected outhouse. Sowed 2 rows of potatoes in evening, watered trees...
- 25 Fri. ...Tom put stone in (driving shed) foundation; he cultivated, disc harrowed corn ground...
- 29 Tues. Up at 5 o'clock. Fox at chickens, did not get any. I ploughed turnip ground... went to Monteith's, got gun and mail.
- 30 Wed. ... Tom & I set posts... I built fence around the barnyard... Went to Joe's in evening. Tom spread pea straw.
- June, 1900
- 5 Tues. ...I got 58 bundles of shingles... Relief of Pretoria<sup>5</sup> soldiers went to camp. Joe & I went to Pat Payton's in evening.
- 8 Fri. ...I went over to Joe's, got 1 doz. tomatoes, 15 cabbage & 10 cauliflower... planted them in morning...
- 9 Sat. ...Tom drew 2 loads gravel statue labor in morning. I went to city. Fanny Holmes went in with me. I drew one

<sup>1</sup> Tom repeated this procedure several times in May; always with 13 duck eggs!

<sup>2</sup> Nellie Holmes, Joe's housekeeper, and her daughter, Fannie, had previously lived in Mitchell. Were these Fannie's friends?

<sup>3</sup> Jane Jeffrey was Tom's sister; she was eight years old at this time.

<sup>4</sup> Edward Neelon Jeffrey was the eldest son of A. J. (Andy) Jeffrey, Tom's uncle; Eddy was 13 years old at this time.

<sup>5</sup> The British took Pretoria on June 5<sup>th</sup>; the Boer War continued for two more years. From *Wikipedia*.



- load gravel and finished Statue Labor<sup>1</sup>. Tom cut thistles, sowed sunflowers.
- 10 Sun. ...I went to St. Andrew's, had dinner at (Jeffrey) house, went for walk to cemetery in afternoon... over to Joe Richardson's in evening.
- 12 Tues. ...scuffled mangels... Tom took grey cow to bull at Dempsey's...
- 14 Wed. ...Tom cut thistles. Tom & I hauled 4 loads manure in afternoon. I went to St. Pauls picnic in evening...
- 22 Fri. We drew out 9 loads manure in No. 1... Made trough for grindstone in afternoon. Lucy horse sick.
- 25 Mon. Up at 5:30. I took a load (of) rails to mother's and got binder at freight shed. Had dinner at Sholtz house...
- 27 Wed. ...Went to Harrington, got 290 tile<sup>2</sup> 4" and 25 5"...set up binder... I thinned mangels...

Tom Sanderson was Tom's full time hired man in 1900 but he also hired others to help when needed: *Paid \$1.80 to Jack Welsh and drove him to city, Dan Mac here, and Jack Morrow came over we finished peas, etc.*

#### July, 1900

- 2 Mon. ...Cut headlands for hay in afternoon and filled in (tile) drains in evening...
- 3 Tues. ... 11 guineas out of 15 eggs. Very warm, cloudy in evening.
- 5 Thurs. I went to Nelson's for (hay) rake. Tom ploughing; I cut clover... Got cheque for \$13.57 on B. M. T. Co.
- 6 Fri. ...sharpened knives on mower, I cut clover, mower did not cut... I got Joe's rake, would not work.
- 7 Sat. ...Tom raked, we cocked up hay in morning. Drew in three loads of hay in afternoon.
- 12 Thurs. ...Sam, Jess & Lizzie (Scholz) out for tea. We fixed mower...
- 18 Wed. Uncle Nelson and Andy (Monteith) over, built 2 stacks... started cutting wheat...
- 21 Sat. I cut wheat (all day), Tom shocked, binder worked well. Sam ... cradled wheat around trees...
- 25 Wed. ...gang ploughed till 4 o'clock. Went to city, got 50 lbs. twine. Went to dance in park, good time...
- 26 Thurs. ...cut barley and shocked it... Alf Monteith over in evening.
- 27 Fri. Finished stooking barley, drew in two loads of wheat in morning and seven in afternoon. Mother & Aunt Jane (Robertson) & children out in evening...
- 28 Sat. Drew in 4 loads wheat in morning and 5 in afternoon. Sam & Jessie came out in afternoon, stayed for tea...

#### August, 1900

- 1 Wed. ...Drew in 2 loads barley and 1 of wheat. Got keg of beer in evening... Ed Jeffrey ... came over.
- 2 Thurs. ...got apples at Nelson's; had wash in creek. Mrs. Hall brought mail.
- 5 Sun. Up at 8 o'clock, went over to see Chris, had dinner there... had supper, went over to see Joe... Mrs. Brown at Harry's (Monteith).
- 7 Tues. I hauled stone to masons<sup>3</sup>... Sam Radcliff<sup>4</sup> and Sam Loghrin came out...
- 8 Wed. ...They finished stonework. We drew stones off wheat ground...
- 10 Fri. ...Went to George Green's, saw the threshers, here on Tuesday. W. Jeffrey here for dinner; paid him \$10.00 on acct.
- 11 Sat. ...Cut oats, binder would not go too good. Raised shed in evening, 12 hands, beer 4 gallons.
- 14 Tues. Threshed. Started at 7 and at 2 p.m. 350 bus. wheat. Chris built stack...
- 15 Wed. ...I went to Chris' threshing, home at 7 o'clock. Finished harvesting<sup>5</sup>...
- 18 Sat. We drew in 3 loads of oats in the morning and 4 loads peas in aft. Mrs. Radcliffe (Bel) & Jess came out... Mrs. Holmes and Fanny here. Gave Tom \$5 on wages.
- 20 Mon. ...put binder, seeder & cultivator in shed. Took in load of hay from stack. Joe putting up windmill.
- 22 Wed. I ploughed for wheat. Tom dug 4 postholes. Carpenters made doors for shed. I went to Joe's in evening.
- 24 Fri. Bill Dunn here pointing up stonework... Drew in 5 loads oats... Sam, Jess & Maud came out in evening...
- 25 Sat. Finished oats, 25 loads in all. Rained in evening. Sam here for dinner & supper...

<sup>1</sup> Was this a reference to road work required by the municipality?

<sup>2</sup> This is the first of several loads of clay tile that Tom hauled home over a couple of weeks.

<sup>3</sup> What were they working on? Perhaps it was the foundation for the driving shed.

<sup>4</sup> Sam Radcliffe married Isabel Scholz, Jessie's sister, and became Sam Loghrin's brother-in-law.

<sup>5</sup> Although Tom made this entry, he and Tom S. continued to haul in loads of oats and peas so perhaps he meant that the wheat harvest was finished.

- 27 Mon. I took 2 bags chop to city, got Sam's horse shod... Paid Bill Dunn \$25.50. Rained in afternoon.
- 28 Tues. I harrowed wheat ground... Andy Dunlop & Jack Robb over in evening. Willie Jeffrey out.
- September, 1900
- 6 Thurs. Tom ploughed pea land... I sowed wheat in afternoon. Tom worked Joe Welsh's horse... Dan Mac threshing.
- 7 Fri. ... Tom rolled. I finished seeding upper half of far field... Miss Moffet and Fanny Holmes over in evening.
- 8 Sat. I finished seeding back field at noon. Tom gang ploughed behind barn. I drove Fannie Holmes & friend to city in afternoon, home at 12 o'clock. Tom got tomatoes at Dempsey's.
- 9 Sun. ... Sam and Teddy Smith came out, took walk back to bush. Had supper...
- 14 Fri. I went to city with chop & potatoes. Got lumber for hen house; Don Jeffrey<sup>1</sup> came out with me.
- 15 Sat. ...I worked on hen house & fence all day. Joe Richardson over. Willie Schellenberger brought mail. I went over to see cattle at Nelson's, decided to take them...
- 16 Sun. I did chores. Don & I took walk back to Lawton's house for dinner. Sam Monteith here. I took Don to city in afternoon, went to Knox church, called at Scholz', cold and windy.
- 18 Tues. ...Nelson Monteith came over and we went to Conservative meeting in St. Pauls in evening. Selected delegates to convention in St. Mary's...
- 20 Thurs. ...went to St. Mary's in afternoon. At convention Wm. Pridham<sup>2</sup> unanimously nominated for S. Perth...
- 22 Sat. Put implements in shed and fixed horse stable door. Went to city... Had supper at Scholz', heard political speaking in rink. Home at 2 o'clock.
- 24 Mon. Tom & I shocked corn all day. Herb Baker & Andrew Tilly over shooting squirrels... had squirrel for supper... Tom McEwen got one load stone.
- 26 Wed. I loaded up a load of rails for mother; Tom took them in and got fanning mill. Tom rode horse at Fair and got second. I helped Nelson with corn in morning, went to Fair in afternoon... had dance at Scholz' in evening. Home at 3 a. m.
- 29 Sat. ...we cleaned eighteen bags of wheat... I went to Nelson's threshing in afternoon... Tom piled rails.

The Fall threshing season got underway and Tom helped many of his neighbours: *to Joe's threshing in morning, to Harry's (Monteith) threshing, to Nelson's threshing, at Dempsey's threshing, to Jackson's threshing, and threshed all day at Chris'.*

- 30 Sun. ... Tom gathered mushrooms... had supper at mother's, took walk with Miss Rankin in evening...
- October, 1900
- 1 Mon. ...I took 40½ bu. wheat to city, got 63¢, Total \$25.50. Paid Massey Harris note \$60.00. Got window frames for shed. Cashed cheques for \$180.50 at Bnk. Montreal for B. M. T. Co. stock, 5 shares.
- 9 Tues. Tom & I took up 12 bags potatoes in morning; Tom took 5 in afternoon making a total of 40 bags...
- 10 Wed. ...I went to Nelson's, picked Baldwin apples<sup>3</sup>. Went in with Matt for bread & tobacco...
- 11 Thurs. Tom ploughed in No. 2 with Sam & Doll... I took Lucy to city and got her eye dressed 50¢...
- 12 Fri. ... I fixed place for mangels, we pulled and took in three loads in afternoon...
- 13 Sat. ...Joe & Fanny home from Detroit. Mrs. Holmes & Fanny over in evening... cut tops of carrots after tea.
- 17 Wed. Tom ploughed all day. I glazed glass in house and driving shed, went back to Lawton's in evening...
- 21 Sun. I went to Will Ballantyne's funeral at 12:30 with A. Dunlop...
- November, 1900
- 1 Thurs. ...Tom cleaned 6 bags peas. Chris & I went to Alf Dixon's sale. I bought red cow...calves in April \$26.00, also butter making articles 50¢.
- 3 Sat. ...sent in with Chris for bread & tobacco. Went to Conservative meeting in evening at No. 4 (school)...
- 4 Sun. ...went to McEwen's funeral...

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<sup>1</sup> This was Tom's little brother; he was six years old.

<sup>2</sup> Pridham had represented South Perth in the House of Commons from 1892 to 1896 but he was unsuccessful in his bid to be re-elected in 1900. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>3</sup> Nelson Monteith's orchard was renowned in the community.

- 5 Mon. ...drew in 2 loads turnips. Snow storm in afternoon... Allan Dunsmore at Nelson's getting rifle for match.
- 6 Tues. ...Went to shooting match, made 10pts., was in Alf Morrow's side...
- 7 Wed. ...went to vote... to city with Jim Monteith. McLaren elected by over 200. Erb in S. Perth, 20 majority.
- 9 Fri. Tom churned, got seven lbs butter. I pared apples for apple butter... Joe R., Dick (Welsh), Chris & I played cards.
- 10 Sat. ...to city. Paid Mrs. Brown \$30 cash and Tom \$4.70 on account... Went to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" with Willie Monteith.
- 20 Tues. ... Tom got wood rack from Dick Clyne, took wood to Waugh's... I put door on chicken house...
- 26 Mon. ...loaded pigs, one of mine & three of Joe's...got \$5.25 per cwt., mine weighed 220 lbs. Supper at Joe's...
- 28 Wed. Tom & I finished drawing greenfeed and hay from stack... Fanny & Mrs. Holmes drove Sam to Jim McEwen's... Joe Richardson & I went to McEwen's. Home at 6 a. m.

December, 1900

- 5 Wed. ...I went to Robb's and bought steer from him for \$17. Jim McEwen, Frank Dunseith & Joe R. here in evening, played cards.
- 8 Sat. ...Paid taxes \$29.52. Drew \$28.00 at B. M. T. Co. Got butter from Mrs. Holmes...
- 11 Tues. Tom drove pig over to Joe's and we butchered and made sausage. Home at 2 in morning. Jack Metz & Henry Snider there in evening. Played cards. Mrs. Morrow & Jack there.
- 15 Sat. I finished churning (butter). Tom salted hams and we took load of wheat to city. ...Norman & Art Monteith here.
- 19 Wed. I put tin on chicken house. Tom drew straw and put it in the chicken house... Sam out in evening...
- 22 Sat. ...got Christmas presents from mother at Scholz'. Did chores...
- 23 Sun. ... Allan Dunsmore, Dunlop & Rigly (here) in afternoon. Sam & Sam Radcliffe out in evening. I went to Joe Richardson's in evening.
- 24 Mon. ...Started for Hesson dance... had a good time, big crowd. Drove Frank Salkled home, home at 3:30 a.m.
- 27 Thurs. ...went to Jackson's killed bull first and pig at noon, had bottle... Fanny Holmes came in evening...
- 29 Sat. ...to city... drove Fannie Holmes down to Romeo? ward... Had dinner at mother's. Brought home keg for Joe Richardson.

In 1901 Tom settled into the routine of farming but was it profitable? In the diary are some figures that suggest a loss for the year: *Total Amt. Sold off Farm including Grain & Poultry less cost of steers & hog = \$569.00. Amount paid out including machinery, wages, hogs, cattle = \$726.15.* These figures could be misleading as the machinery cost may have been a capital investment.

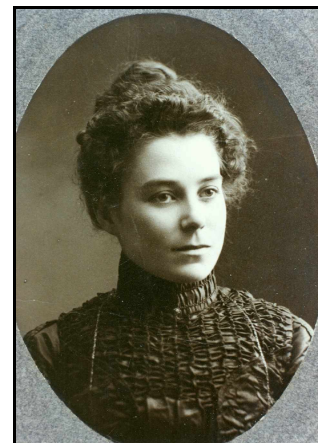
January, 1901

- 1 Tues. I drove to city, stormy & cold, had dinner at mother's... Went to Bachelors' Ball in evening, had 20 numbers. Miss Abey & Dewar of London and Whitling? & Laidlaw of Seaforth there. 250 present, home at 4 a. m. Beer 45¢, Dance \$1.50, Shave 10¢.
- 2 Wed. ...slept all afternoon, very stormy, went to Joe's. Bill Hosford & I beat Joe & Develin? playing pedro...
- 4 Fri. Hawk took hen from hen house. Earl Delevin? & I went after him, did not get a shot at him...
- 5 Sat. I drove Fanny Holmes to city, cold... Had supper at Joe's, stayed till 10 o'clock.

Of course, Tom continued all the usual farm activities during the winter: *filled sixteen bags for chop, fixed place for pigs, took load of rails to mother, saw Jim McLeod about pigs & got promise of a pair, churned & printed seven lbs of butter, cut down two apple trees, split wood, sawed logs all day, greased harness, cleaned up 13 bags of oats, hauled 10 loads of manure in morning, drew two loads of stone for James McEwen, cut straw (from the stack) in the afternoon, repaired halter for Lucy, went down to swamp and got 27 posts, cleaned up barn floor and granary in afternoon, etc.*

- 7 Mon. ...went to vote, stayed and heard result of poll. Had supper with Allan Dunsmore...

- 9 Wed. ...Dan Mac & Jack Clifford came down in evening. Tom & I went to Joe's. Jim McEwen, Chris & wife and Joe's sister there. Had a good time, home at 6 a.m.
- 10 Thurs. I slept till 2 p.m... over to Nelson's, had supper. Anniversary seven years married...
- 11 Fri. ...Sharpened saw at noon, sawed all afternoon. Joe & Fred Winkler over in evening... played euchre with Chris, Joe & Fred. Fanny there.
- 13 Sun. ...Sam & Jess out in evening... went to Joe's. Rec'd 50¢ from W. Schellenberger for fowl.
- 16 Wed. Joe... wanted me to go on a fox hunt. Went over and Frank, Develin, Earl, Jim, Winkler, Joe & I went down to Fairview swamp; I shot a squirrel in Sam Robb's barn... went down to Jim McEwen's, drove Fannie<sup>1</sup> down, had a good time. Mr. & Mrs. Hill there. Home at 7 a.m., cold.
- 19 Sat. ...had dinner at (Jeffrey) house. Bought cutter from Mike Pigeon. Paid A. J. Jeffrey \$11.87...
- 24 Thurs. ... I shaved and put bells on the cutter. Fannie & I went to theatre, heard Marks Co. play "A Soldier's Sweetheart". Had lunch at Stone House (Scholz), home at 2 a.m.
- 26 Sat. ...to city at 2 o'clock. Went to Marks Bros. Co. Show. They played "The Irish Detective", no good. Home at 2:30 a.m. Drove Fannie out...



*Fannie Holmes at 19 years of age. Photo from Don and Wendy Loghrin's collection*

#### February, 1901

- 3 Sun. ... Joe Richardson gets word of the death of his brother and goes north. ...went to Joe's in evening...
- 4 Mon. ...Tom came out and did chores in evening. I had supper at Joe's. Home at 9 o'clock.
- 5 Tues. ...scrubbed kitchen after dinner... had headache and bad cold... (My Birthday)
- 10 Sun. I did chores. Tom Cooney came over in morning. Fanny invited me over in afternoon. Sam came out and Jess stayed over there. Billie Hill out also. I went over for tea and stayed late.
- 11 Mon. ...got bull at Norman Monteith's, John home from States. Jimmie Stewart came out, wanted job \$8.00 mon.
- 13 Wed. ...Edna Schellenberger came over and got a pair of guinea hens. Gave me 10¢...
- 20 Wed. ...cleaned out box stall. Lit fire in bedroom, roads badly drifted. Read in evening.
- 21 Thurs. ...cleaned out horse stable, had dinner and read in afternoon, stormy and cold.
- 28 Thurs. ...Riley, Joe & I went in with sleigh in evening. Joe & I went to hockey match between Juniors & Peterborough, Juniors won 7 - 0...Beer 10¢, hockey 25¢...

#### March, 1901

- 2 Sat. Did chores, harnessed team and went to Thistle's and got 23 posts... to Nelson's and had supper...
- 3 Sun. ... Sam came out... Joe came over and asked us for tea... Jess stayed over there... I came home at 11 p.m.
- 4 Mon. ...to city with 8 bags of chop... had supper with John Hill, 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of their wedding...
- 6 Wed. ...Sam came out and cleaned and weighed steers: grey one 1260 lbs, Red one 1150 lbs...

Routines changed when spring arrived. Mrs. Brown resumed her work: *got Mrs. B.'s things and got load of furniture for Mrs. Brown.* Tom Sanderson was no longer his steady hired man although he did come to help occasionally. Tom may have had some trouble finding a replacement: *Saw Frank Vanstone, could not hire anybody.* Several men came to help: *Riley, Jack Morrow, Art, and Andy.*

- 9 Sat. ...went to city with Joe, Mrs. Holmes and Fanny. Took clock in and got it repaired at Welsh's... Tom Sanderson came out with Chris, they went to Dick Morris'. I stayed with Fanny. Hired Mrs. Brown for summer. Beer 15¢, Bread 25¢, Bottle for Joe 90¢, Tobacco 25¢.
- 14 Thurs. ...Frank Salkled & Art Wilson here at noon for subscriptions for Fred Dunsmore just returned from S. Africa. Gave them \$1.00. Jack Morrow here in evening.
- 15 Fri. ...to school in evening to concert for Fred Dunsmore. Good time, drove Mrs. McLeod...
- 18 Mon. ...had supper at Scholz'. Mrs. (Mathilde) Craig there. Mild & raining...
- 26 Tues. ...had dinner early and went to sale... stopped at Halfway (House) on way back. Dick Clyne, Hill, Morrow,

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<sup>1</sup> Was this Tom and Fannie's first date?

Waldie & Richardson there. Came home at 8 p.m. Did chores, went to bed early. Beer 25¢

29 Fri. ...Bought 2 steers from J. Monteith for \$55.00. Gave him \$5<sup>1</sup>.

April, 1901

5 Fri. ...Sam Radcliffe & Sam came out and we went to bush... They tapped birch trees; they went in early. I went to Nelson's on Sam's horse.

8 Mon. ...Andy & I sawed all day... Agent for Whittlaupher's? pea harvester & rack here. Chris boiling sap.

9 Tues. ...Paid John Monteith \$50.00 steers.

17 Wed. Cattle went away. Got up at 4 o'clock, Jackson along at 5 a.m., he drove cattle to Wm. McKay's. I took hogs to Allan Dunsmore's and ducks to Nelson's...

18 Thurs. ...John Carr here grafting... I got lid for churn made at Joe's.

23 Tues. Andy & I started fence across to Schellenberger's, built 13 panels...

25 Thurs. ...worked on rail fence in back field. Carr finished grafting, put on 180 grafts @ 3¢ each...

28 Sun. ...mare got kicked. Joe Richardson came over and we washed it with creoline. Had supper at Joe's.

By the end of April seeding was underway and Tom planted a variety of crops as he had done in 1900: *timothy, clover, peas, oats, barley, potatoes, mangels and turnips*. He continued to develop the orchard with the grafting and planting: *14 apple trees, 2 cherry trees and 4 pear trees*. The poultry flock also had to be replenished: *got 2 settings of ducks at Monteith's*.

May, 1901

2 Thurs. Raining in morning. ...Austin Dempsey here to get guinea eggs.

4 Sat. Andy cultivated No. 3 for oats... to city, got calf at Jeffrey's... Fanny Holmes came out with me.

5 Sun. Andy & I did chores. I read in morning ...went to see Fanny in evening. Mrs. Brown at Harry's...

9 Thurs. ...Hauled out manure in afternoon. Team ran over to Joe Richardson's, broke reach of waggon and knocked Andy down.

12 Sun. I did chores and went to St. Andrew's Church, showery all day. Had dinner at (Jeffrey) house... Went to see Fanny in evening... Bob Hall there...

13 Mon. I ploughed sod in morning, cultivated, harrowed, picked stones in p.m... Mrs. Brown whitewashing.

17 Fri. ...hauled out manure on potato & turnip ground. Andy did not turn up...

18 Sat. ...Harry Pepper came... told me about Andy leaving... supper at mother's, drove her to Wm. Hepburn's.

20 Mon. ...Matt & Alf (Monteith) fixing fence between waterway<sup>2</sup>... Dixon cow calved, red steer calf...

22 Wed. ... Matt, Alf, Harry & Nelson over and we staked off fence. I went to see Fannie.

27 Mon. ... cultivated, harrowed & drilled in potatoes... Sam, John Hill, & Jess out in evening. Jess at Joe's.

29 Wed. I finished ploughing turnip ground... Geo. Utler? Here for job, stood him off.

30 Thurs. Rained all day. Slept in morning. Piled some manure... went to see Fanny in evening.

June, 1901

1 Sat. ... to city... had dinner at (Jeffrey) house... got pigs from Allan Dunsmore. Sam sick with measles...

2 Sun. ...slept in morning... Went to see Fanny in evening.

3 Mon. ... John Carr here drilling stones. I took hogs in 3 weighed 530 lbs @ 7¢ = \$37.00. Paid my note for cutter \$13.00, Paid Marshall \$14.00, Paid Lawson in full \$4.50 = \$31.50. Lunch 10¢, Scuffler point 30¢.

4 Tues. John Carr got up at 5 o'clock and blew up stone... He dug post holes... Paid Carr for blasting \$1.20...

7 Fri. ...Jack Robb out, engaged him at 21 a mo. for three mo. Jess drove him out.

9 Sun. Chris' cattle in, I put them out and fixed fence after breakfast... I went to Scholz' in evening. Drove Fanny out at 12:00 p.m. Cold, frost touched potatoes.

19 Wed. ...Took Fanny Holmes to picnic after dinner, had a pleasant time. Home at 10 o'clock. Picnic 25¢.

21 Fri. Jack digging around stones. I ... went to city... Saw Ringling Bros. Circus parade - very good...

27 Thurs. Jack finished spreading straw around stack... took Fannie to Waldie's barn dance in evening...

July, 1901

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<sup>1</sup> It was common practice for Tom to make a down payment and pay the balance later.

<sup>2</sup> The waterway was a right-of-way for cattle on the Monteith farm to access water on Tom's farm; it was finally reunited with the farm in 1984.

- 6 Sat. ...put paris green on potatoes, racked & cocked hay in evening. Went to Metz' and got 8 pigs \$22½...
- 7 Sun. ...went to Dempsey's and got mail... had supper with Mrs. & Fanny Holmes... showery.
- 8 Mon. Thinned turnips in morning, hauled in 3 loads clover after dinner and cut 3 acres timothy in evening...
- 12 Fri. ...I went to Orange Celebration in afternoon and Leo Royal Cadet? in evening. Show 50¢, Beer 20¢...
- 19 Fri. I cut wheat all day, lovely & warm, John stooking... Mrs. Brown picking berries.
- 26 Fri. ...I went to Harry's (Monteith) threshing... Jack spread manure... Bruce Mayberry out looking for a job.
- 30 Tues. I went to Chris' threshing. Got through at 2 o'clock. Came to me, started at 3 p.m. (finished wheat threshing) 8 p.m. Machine moved to Alma Lupton. Sam & Sam Radcliffe out in evening. Mrs. Douglas & Lizzie helping Mrs. Brown.

August, 1901

- 4 Sun. Jack did chores, I got breakfast... slept in afternoon, went to see Fanny in evening. Mrs. Brown away.
- 7 Wed. ...cut oats...binder went wrong; Joe Richardson fixed it. Mrs. Wm. Smith of Detroit here and son... Willie Jeffrey out.
- 8 Thurs. I started to cut oats... drove Mrs. Smith in home (Jeffrey's) at noon... Went to see Fanny.

*Went to see Fanny, went across road and/or went over to Joe's became an increasingly common entry!*

- 12 Mon. Bruce Mayberry came over in morning and we hauled in oats... Janie Jeffrey here...
- 14 Wed. ...Jack gang ploughing and harrowing. Sam brought out mother.
- 16 Fri. We finished drawing out manure on wheat ground...Sam out and took mother, Jane & Kenneth<sup>1</sup> home.
- 24 Sat. Jack gang ploughed all day... I finished setting posts at road... Drove Willie Jeffrey & Jack in (to city)...
- 27 Tues. ...one hog 220 lbs @ 7¢ = \$15.40... Mrs. (Bel) Radcliffe, Jess & Fanny here at tea time...
- 28 Wed. ...finished cutting peas... Sam Radcliffe & Sam here in evening and got chickens @ 25¢ each. J. C. M.<sup>2</sup> nominated by acclamation.

September, 1901

- 1 Sun. I went to St. Andrew's Church... had dinner at mother's... Chas. Scott home... Sam & Jess out in evening, drove me in to go to Toronto.
- 2 Mon. Up at 6 o'clock, caught the 7 o'clock train for Toronto. Met Dick Blakeman and Art Wilson... got here at 11 o'clock. Had dinner and went to grounds, saw fireworks. Got bed at James & Spadina? St...
- 3 Tues. Took morning train for Buffalo. Got boarding house at Houghton's, had dinner and went to Pan American<sup>3</sup>, stayed for fireworks...
- 4 Wed. Went around city and took noon train for Toronto, stayed at Niagara, got to Toronto at 7 p.m. Went to Princess Theatre, saw "Way Dam Cas??", very good. Took 11 o'clock train... got to mother's at 3:30 a.m.
- 5 Thurs. John Lattimore dead, went to hospital... Got ride with Joe Dunsmore, ploughed for wheat after dinner. Total expenses \$11.75. Went to see Fanny.
- 9 Mon. ...I harrowed with Sam horse... Mrs B., Fanny & Mrs. Holmes went picking elderberries.
- 14 Sat. I went to Nelson's threshing, was in mow, threshed all day, finished at dark... brought home plums.
- 20 Fri. Ploughed in morning and went to Geo. Wood dance in evening. Had supper at Sam's...
- 22 Sun. ...Sam & Jess out, went back to bush... Pat Payton here for supper. Tom Sanderson out also...
- 28 Sat. I went to Joe's threshing... threshed my pea stack; 53 bags or about 110 bus. Raining in evening.
- 30 Mon. I threshed, started at 8 a.m., finished me at 3:30. Went to Chris' and threshed peas...

October, 1901

- 9 Wed. Fixed mangel bin in morning. Drove to fair in afternoon... had supper at mother's.
- 13 Sun. Found Sanderson heifer dead on stack. George Redford here to see about work in evening...
- 14 Mon. Drew heifer out of stack... Put wire on fence at house. Drew heifer back to bush in afternoon.
- 16 Wed. Ernest & I pulled mangels... McAulay? here drunk... I went to Will McAulay's dance in evening, had a good

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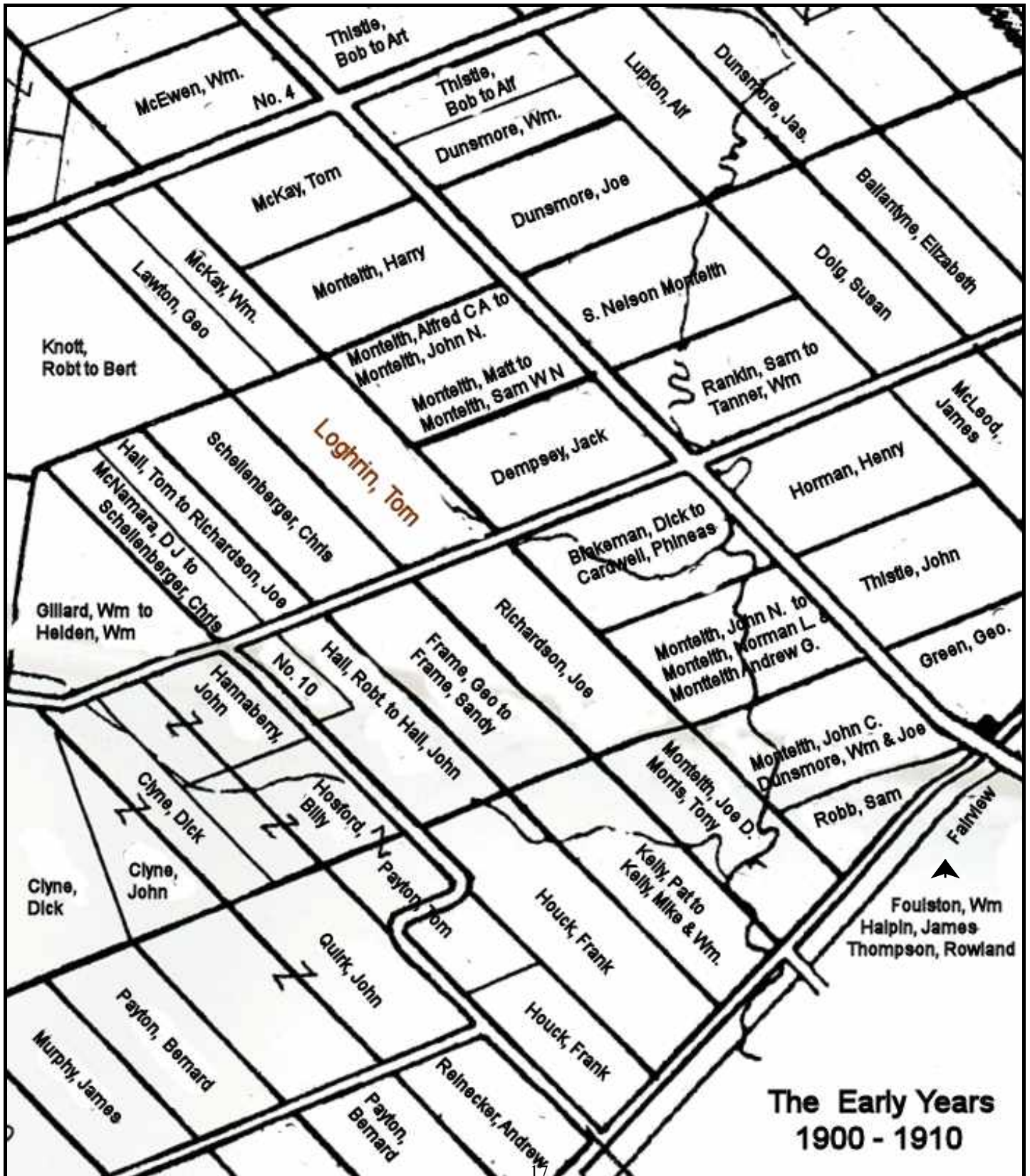
<sup>1</sup> Jane jeffrey was 10 yrs. old; Kenneth Jeffrey was just a year old. They were Tom's half siblings.

<sup>2</sup> John C. Monteith was elected MPP representing N. Perth in May, 1902. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>3</sup> The Pan American Exposition ran in Buffalo from May 1 to Nov. 2, 1901. From *Wikipedia*.



20 Sun. I went to Nelson's for dinner. Sam & John Hill out in afternoon, got hickory nuts.  
22 Tues. Finished potatoes 40 bags. Ernest pulling turnips... Sheriff here with summons of juror...  
23 Wed. ...Ernest finished cutting off turnips. I went to see Fanny; Joe at Pan American (Exposition).  
November, 1901  
3 Sun. Went to church in morning. Uncle Nelson over, had dinner at mother's. Called in at Nelson's and got a



- crook of apple butter. Went to see Fanny in evening.
- 10 Sun. ...I had shave. Fanny Holmes and I went for walk to Joe's & I had supper with Fanny and Mrs. Holmes...
- 16 Sat. I did some carpenter work in house in morning; went to city in afternoon...
- 24 Sun. ...I went to Uncle Nelson's for supper... Joe & Riley went to Pat Clyne's wake...
- 25 Mon. Pat Clyne buried. Soft during day, turned cold at night...
- 28 Thurs. Thanksgiving ...drove Fanny to the city in evening. Had dinner at Scholz', home at 12:30.

#### December, 1901

- 1 Sun. ...I did chores and went to Joe's. Fanny and I went to Tavistock for drive, home at 1:30, mild evening.
- 9 Mon. I put fence around stack and went to Fairview. Hired Sam Robb for a few days...  
snowing hard.
- 10 Tues. Sam Robb drove in (to city) in morning with cutter. I had dinner at (Jeffrey) home, went to court in afternoon, got out at 4 o'clock. Sam & I went for walk in evening. Beer 20¢.
- 11 Wed. Got up and went to court: Shore & Stratford Condage Co. Trial on all day. I went to play "The Queen of China"... in evening. Candy 15¢, Show 35¢.
- 12 Thurs. ...to court, last day. Shore got paid... home. Bruce Mayberry here. Rec'd for Juror \$6.60...
- 20 Fri. I paid Sam Robb \$3.70 for wages. Worked around barn... Joe butchering, cold & frosty.
- 25 Wed. ...to city. Had dinner at home (Jeffrey's). Aunt Jane (Robertson), Uncle Nelson & family there...
- 27 Fri. ...to city after dinner with 21 bags of oats. Went to Downie dance in evening. Dance \$1.00...  
Paid Hutchinson threshing \$14.00, 54 bus 4 lbs oats @40¢ = \$21.64.
- 29 Mon. ...to city with five hogs. 950 lbs @ \$6.10 cwt. = \$57.95, docked 35¢ on small hog. Rec'd \$57.60...

Jury duty

Total Expenditures for year 1902 = \$709.55

Total Received for year 1902 = \$684.64

Farm activities continued with the usual chores: *cleaned stove pipes, drew manure, split wood, fixed sleigh, etc.*

#### January, 1902

- 5 Sun. Took a drive to Sam Robb's in afternoon... Went to Joe's in evening; Lizzie Moffat there.
- 6 Mon. ...Dan Mac & I drove over and voted at school: Ballantye, Murray, Bradshaw and McKay elected.
- 9 Thurs. ...finished hauling manure, 44 loads in all. Willie Schellenberger over to ask a hand to haul blocking for barn. Lenord [sic] McEwen & girl here in evening..
- 10 Fri. ...up at 6 a.m. drew two loads of blocking from Henry King's near Tavistock. Had dinner at Chris'...
- 16 Thurs. ...Willie (Schellenberger) came over and invited me... played cards. Dan, Joe & Metz there. Miss Clarke, Moffat, Mrs. (Holmes) & Fanny. Came home with Metz at 12 o'clock, good time.

#### February, 1902

- 1 Sat. I cleaned stables out in morning. Mild. Paid Jackson Morrow (hired man) in full \$23.30...
- 9 Sun. Cold and stormy. Stayed in and read all day. Went to see Fanny in evening.
- 10 Mon. ...sawed wood with Jackson. Went to Gillard's dance in evening, had good time. Home at 5 a.m.
- 17 Mon. ...Tom Sanderson came out (from city) with me... Paid Mrs. Brown \$25.00 wages.
- 24 Mon. ...drew up ash log... rock elm... brought home rafters, 31 in all. Very mild...

#### March, 1902

- 9 Sun. ...Sam & Dr. Craig out in afternoon... went to Nelson's for supper. Alf Lupton & wife there.
- 12 Wed. Cleaned stables, full of water. Split wood and worked around barn. Showery all day and evening.
- 14 Fri. ...John Hunt here in morning and dehorned 16 head cattle... lovely spring day.
- 15 Sat. ...Dan came down and we went to city. Attended meeting Conservatives... had supper at mother's...
- 21 Fri. I drew up balance of logs in morning - broke doubletrees. Sawed rails balance of day...
- 22 Sun. ...Dempseys gathering sap... I went to church with Fanny.
- 25 Tues. I went to Dempsey's and saw Jack. He came over and looked at mare... Dick Blakeman came up and we went to Gillard's. Got two settings eggs...
- 31 Mon. Chris over to get stone boat. I helped Jackson to load hogs. Sawed wood with bucksaw. John Schellenberger & boy over in afternoon, snowing... Mrs. Brown away.

#### April, 1902

- 4 Fri. I hired (Jim) Ash in morning at \$20 a month for 6 mos., starts on Tuesday. Put load of rails on...



11 Thurs. Jim finished posts in second field, 29 in all... Mrs. Hall here in evening. Mrs. Brown set hen in granary.  
 20 Sun. ...Sam out... Andy Monteith over. Sam, Fanny & I drove to city... Dolly foaled while I was away.  
 21 Mon. ...I got Chris in afternoon and cut hogs and got colt (with white star) to suck...  
 22 Tues. I went to city with Jack Dempsey... Jim cultivating in 3<sup>rd</sup> field... Mrs. Brown at Morrow's.  
 23 Wed. ...Mrs. Brown went away. Dray came for furniture. Jim's father here all night...  
 26 Sat. Went to Wm. Thistle's funeral... Jim hauling stones...

May, 1902

1 Thurs. Jim & I hauled into barn 2 loads straw. Jim digging foundation for hog pen...  
 4 Sun. Willie Jeffrey & I drove to city, had supper at mother's. Came home at 11 p.m.  
 5 Mon. Jim & I got jag of hay from Chris \$3.00. Jim gang ploughed and left at noon. Paid him \$5.00 on wages...  
 11 Sun. Lovely day... Had dinner and supper at Nelson's, got mangel seed. Hubert Dempsey came over with me...  
 15 Thurs. I drew 2 loads of sand and got stuck several times, broke harness. Took Hesson cow to Dempsey's<sup>1</sup>...  
 16 Fri. I hauled... sand... Had supper at Nelson's. Harry (Monteith) there shearing sheep...  
 22 Thurs. I took mares to Wm. McKay's horse, Leading Article. Doll to Leading Article...  
 25 Sun. Rained nearly all day, I slept. Cattle broke into Dempsey's. I went to see Fanny in evening.  
 28 Wed. I went to city with plough & harrows. Ploughed Latimore property... dinner at Scholz... home 7:30.  
 30 Fri. ...Angus McDermot here for load rails, order from W. F. Sholtz. Hauled out 3 loads manure.

June, 1902

5 Thurs. ...Lucy (bred) to Leading Article... worked on turnip ground all day...  
 8 Sun. Dan & Chris over in morning. I went to (Samuel) Morrow's funeral with them... I went to see Fanny...  
 9 Mon. I went to Chris' all day. Moved barn off stone work and part way  
 broke one of sills... had beer. Home at 9:30 p.m...  
 10 Tues. Raining in the morning... we finished moving the barn...  
 11 Wed. ...finished blocking up barn, 35 men there...  
 17 Tues. I worked on mangels. Lizzie Scholz and mother out... stayed for tea... Paid mother \$1.50 strawberries.  
 24 Tues. I scuffled corn & part of mangels... Fanny & I went to Shepherd's, did not see him...

A project at Chris Schellenberger's

July, 1902

1 Tues. I cut and set two posts for hay sling. Alf Monteith over, had chat... thinned turnips and cut thistles...  
 3 Thurs. ...We tried to take heifer to bull but failed. I cut my finger. Fanny washed and dressed it...  
 4 Fri. Tom & I hauled out 10 loads manure... Willie  
 Jeffrey got mail at Dempsey's...  
 7 Mon. ...broke casting (on mower)... repairs 20¢...  
 10 Thurs. ...Tom thinning turnips. I went to Lawton's  
 (barn?) raising in afternoon. Tom raked and cocked hay. Mother, Jess & youngsters out... to Joe's in evening.  
 27 Sun. Tom & I drove to city. I went to church in morning. Had dinner and supper at Bill Hill's. Church 5¢.

Tom Sanderson returned to work as Tom's hired man.

August, 1902

3 Sun. Lovely morning. Alf Monteith over... Bill Dunn here, took job of hog pen, complete \$50.00. Fanny & I went to Ed Dingman's in evening.  
 6 Wed. Tom ploughing all day. I built fence around stack. Dunn hewing timber. Dr. W. N. Robertson drove mother and children out. I drove her (home) in evening... cold.  
 10 Sun. Sam Young, Chas. Wilson and Norman Monteith here. Sam & Sam Radcliffe out in afternoon..  
 21 Thurs. I went to city for siding and collar ties. Started cutting (with binder), broke knotter in afternoon...  
 22 Fri. ...to city for binder repairs: bill hook \$1.00, casting 10¢. Cut oats in afternoon...  
 25 Mon. ...Finished cutting oats in evening ...lovely warm day. Bill (Dunn) put rafters up.  
 28 Thurs. Tom & I drew in oats... Joe & Chris stacking. Fanny went to Prescott.

September, 1902

2 Tues. Tom hauling manure. I fixed bin for oats... Took Bill Dunn & Bob to Half Way (House); (he) finished. Beer 25¢, Tobacco 10¢...  
 3 Wed. ...I raked wheat... Mother, Don & Kenneth out...  
 11 Thurs. Joe finished (threshing) at 8:30. Started mine at 9 a.m. Threshed big stack... Mary Weir out cooking dinner and supper.

<sup>1</sup> Jack Dempsey kept a bull; Tom took most of his cows there.

13 Sat. Threshed from 8 o'clock to 12 less time fixing machine - 20 minutes. Total 15 hours...

October, 1902 (See Appendix I)

1 Wed. I cut corn in morning; went to Fair in afternoon. Cold and damp. Had supper at Scholz, Blakeman also. ...to theatre in evening "Wireless Telephone". Paid Massey Harris note \$61.50, Fair 35¢, Watch repair \$1.50.

3 Fri. I ploughed in morning. Mike Omara? ...ploughed in afternoon. Mother, Jane, Willie & Don came out...

7 Tues. I ploughed sod in back field. Mike painting and glazing, shocked some corn in the afternoon...

22 Wed. Mike & I put on load of rails. I went to city. Load fell off at Blakeman's...

November, 1902

7 Fri. I topped turnips all day... Mother, Aunt Jane (Robertson), Willie and Don came out in afternoon, stayed for tea. Jackson Morrow over in evening.

13 Thurs. I went to Harry's (Monteith) threshing... stayed all day. Threshed barley, oats and wheat...

16 Sun. I washed dishes, did chores. Had supper at Dempsey's. Went to see Fanny in evening<sup>1</sup>.

20 Thurs. ... Mother, Jess & Kenneth out for dinner and supper. Ball in evening \$1.00, home at 5 a.m.

December, 1902

4 Thurs. I cleaned stables & split wood. Jack Dempsey over asking for threshing... very cold.

13 Sat. Very stormy, did chores and read in evening. Heavy snowfall.

17 Wed. ... W. Schellenberger & Morrow collecting for present school teacher 25¢... Subscription to Herald \$1.00.

22 Mon. ...Sam gave me two tickets for Harmony Church opening. Gave them to Dempseys. Read in evening.

24 Wed. I cleaned stables... Jack Dempsey came over and invited me to Christmas dinner... stormy in evening.

25 Thurs. ...had dinner at mother's, Uncle Nelson and family there... got mitts from Sam, shirts from mother!

26 Fri. ...very cold all day. Went to see Fanny in evening. Got necktie...

Total received for the year, 1903 = \$710.19

Total paid out for the year, 1903 = \$664.05

January, 1903

1 Thurs. Sam came out in morning. We drove steers to Richardson's (scale). Blakeman's Wild 990 (lbs); Blakeman's No. 2 1048, Red Pedigree 1030; Hesson's 1040; Robb's 1090; Rodger & heifer 1940<sup>2</sup>

2 Fri. ...Willie (Schellenberger) & John Metz came over and stuck pig... Chris killed 2 hogs and yearling heifer...

3 Sat. ...Chris came over in morning and cut up pig, brought mail... cheque for \$5.40 interest on B.M.T. stock.

The winter farming routines were well established: *cleaned stables and put it on the land, put up 20 bags chop in the afternoon, chored all day, hauled mangels from house, took some rails to mother, drew two loads turnips from pit, split wood in shed, picked over potatoes, salted meat, cleaned grain,* However, there was no mention of churning and pressing butter this winter; instead Tom *bought butter from Chris.*

5 Mon. Took Chris (Schellenberger) and Jackson (Morrow) to vote in morning... Went to hear Whitney & Foy? Opera in evening. Took in meat to mother, very cold.

16 Fri. ...Mother came out at noon and cleaned up. I went to hockey match in evening, Stratford & Woodstock...

27 Tues. ...Tom Sanderson<sup>3</sup> came out in evening, got bread at Joe's 25¢. January thaw.

February, 1903

8 Sun. I got mail at Chris'. He sick with blood poison. Very stormy all day. Stayed in & read in evening.

12 Thurs. ...went to Ingram's sale... Bought sow Lansworth \$31.00, gave note. Went to Literary ... in evening.

13 Fri. ...went to Chris', he was very ill, dangerous. Got sow home, she got out on way...

21 Sat. I went to city in afternoon, got medicine for Schellenbergers. Don Jeffrey came out with me.

22 Sun. Mother and Sam came out ...stayed for tea, stormy... I went to see Fanny.

<sup>1</sup> This is the first mention of Fanny since she went to Prescott at the end of August.

<sup>2</sup> Tom often named his cattle for the person from whom they were purchased.

<sup>3</sup> This marked Tom Sanderson's return to work as hired man for a short period.

25 Wed. ...went to Bill Dunn's sale... bought 6 hens \$2.50. ...got mail.

March, 1903

2 Mon. Jackson & I went in with cattle... my heifer weighed 940 lbs @ 4¢ = \$37.60. Overcoat \$7.50, Ring \$4.00, License \$2.00, Gloves \$1.00... to Joe's in evening. Mother and Mary Weir came and cleaned up the house...

3 Tues. I went to St. Marys in morning, saw Rev. Taylor. Chored in afternoon, went to bed early. Neck tie 25¢...

4 Wed. Sam came out in morning, brought out calf. We did chores, put up chop...

Ingram came with furniture.

Fanny and I went to St. Marys in Easson's hack, got married by Rev. Taylor. Saw Pat Payton. Came home & had supper. Sam & I did the chores. They went home at 10

p.m. Dunlop came shivaree, gave \$1.40.

Minister \$5.00, Candy 40¢, Drinks 35¢, Cigars 15¢

7 Sat. Rained nearly all day. Mrs. Holmes over in afternoon.

9 Mon. ...Fanny went to Joe's and he brought over trunk... John Robb and Art Monteith here in evening...

11 Wed. ...went to Rankin's in afternoon, mild & soft. Sam & Jess out in evening, brought presents.

12 Thurs. ...Roads bad. Fanny went to Joe's. Got silverware at Sholtz'. Pitcher china 40¢...

13 Fri. ...Fannie went to Joe's, churned 4 lbs butter... I killed muskrat in evening.

15 Sun. ...Had litter of 11 pigs... Fanny & I went o church in city in evening, moonlight, east wind.

16 Mon. ...Went to Dunk Jeffrey's sale; bought roller... Frank Richardson and daughter here...

17 Tues. ...Frank & Joe Richardson sent presents: bedroom suite, clock & dishes... Geo. Green here... assessor.

23 Mon. I drew mangels & turnips in afternoon, cold. Had man here looking for oak and rock elm...

27 Fri. John Hurl came at noon and we dehorned 12 head, castrated two. John Schellenberger<sup>1</sup> brought mail...

30 Mon. ...to Sam Rankin's, got a ½ ton of hay. Fannie had bad cold. Willie & Austin Dempsey<sup>2</sup> came and took away guinea...

April, 1903

The spring work began: ploughed, rolled back hay field, weighed clover seed, set hen with 13 eggs, cultivated 4 acres at back, got barley from W. Dunsmore, sowed 1 acre barley in front of house, gang ploughed, Fanny rolled in evening, got seed oats from Rankin, Willie Schellenberger came and harrowed, ploughed for flax, got turnip seeder at Bob Hall's, drew four loads of gravel, etc.

6 Mon. ...I went to Schellenberger's bee, six saws, rained in evening. Fannie went to Joe's in afternoon.

7 Tues. ...Went to city... supper at Sam's... (Bought) 3 horse attachment Massey Harris Co, charged.

9 Thurs. Put three horse attachment on cultivator. Put harrow teeth in... threw straw off stack...

13 Mon. Reta, Jane, Willie & Don<sup>3</sup> out. Girls went home... Jess Ridley here asking us to spend the evening at their home.

14 Tues. Rained all day... Willie and Don here. Took down partition in hog pen in afternoon...

28 Tues. ... Aunt Pinch, Mother and children out in afternoon...

30 Thurs. Ezra Schellenberger<sup>4</sup> came over and gang ploughed in morning... Fanny & I made hen coop...

May, 1903

3 Sun. Rained during day. Jack Hall here for dinner. I went back to try and see foxes in morning.

6 Wed. ...Aunt Lizzie<sup>5</sup> and (her daughter) Minnie here. I went to Jack Thistle's in evening.

12 Tues. ... sowed 3½ acres of oats... Bob Hall and Bill Hosford fixing culvert...

17 Sun. Fanny & I went to Dempseys for afternoon. Willie Monteith there. Stayed for supper.

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<sup>1</sup> John was Chris's eight year old son; they lived on the farm adjacent to and west of the Loghrins.

<sup>2</sup> The Dempsey boys lived on the east side of the Loghrin farm.

<sup>3</sup> These are four of Tom's younger Jeffrey siblings; technically, Reta is a stepsister.

<sup>4</sup> Esra, 19 years old, was John Schellenberger's son and lived in Fullarton township; he was probably Chris' nephew. From the 1901 Census of Canada.

<sup>5</sup> Aunt Lizzie was Elizabeth Gibson Monteith, wife of John C. Monteith.

- 20 Wed. ...I went to Neil Meadows' (barn) raising. Got duck and eggs at Nelson's.
- 21 Thurs. ...stretched (fence) wire in the afternoon, light rain in the evening. Mrs. H. stayed all night.
- 30 Sat. John & Annie Schellenberger over for eggs, hatching. Fanny & I planted potatoes...
- June, 1903
- 11 Thurs. I built fence, cold all day. Fanny planted onions & corn. Mrs. H. over in evening.
- 13 Sat. Cleaned out pig pen... rained all day. Circus Ringling Bros. in city.
- 23 Mon. ...Jack Hall... Nelson and Dunlop came and we put in cement. Rained nearly all day...
- 24 Tues. Nelson, Dunlop & Hall here putting in cement, used all cement we had, nearly finished...
- 27 Sat. I went to Monteith's (barn) raising all day. Fanny there in afternoon. Over 100 for supper...
- 28 Sun. Fanny & I went to St. Andrew's in morning, dinner at mother's. Church 25¢. Butter to mother 5lbs - 85¢
- July, 1903
- 4 Sat. Tried to plough sod in morning, too hard. Fanny & I went to city in afternoon. Shave & haircut 25¢...
- 5 Sun. Sam & Jess out in afternoon, picked berries, stayed for tea. Lovely night.
- 7 Tues. Sharpened knives in morning. Raked, cut and cocked. Fanny raked in evening... lovely day.
- 10 Fri. John & I built round stack in morning; he worked at roots this afternoon. I cut four acres in front field. Fanny went to the city...
- 11 Sat. ...Fanny & I put paris green on potatoes in afternoon. I scuffled in evening. Don Jeffrey came over in evening.
- 15 Wed. ...Fanny & mother (Mrs. Holmes) & Don (Jeffrey) picking berries. I cut hay in the evening.
- 21 Tues. ...cut wheat. Binder not working well... borrowed Dempsey's spring for binder.
- 22 Wed. ...to city, got binder repairs. I shocked wheat... Schellenberger's bull broke in, serviced Hesson cow.
- 25 Sat. I worked in mangels all day. Indian baby died. Paid Carr \$10.75
- 29 Wed. ...Salvenus Richardson here. Got hay rack to move Indians (family). Fanny away in evening. Raining.
- 30 Thurs. I gang ploughed in morning, cut barley in afternoon. Went to Blakeman's driving shed raising...
- August, 1903
- 9 Sun. Willie (Jeffrey) & I went to Lawton's for berries. I went to Bob Hall's in the afternoon.
- 12 Wed. I cut 3 acres oats in morning... shocked 3 acres. Alf Monteith very low.
- 13 Thurs. Cut oats across the creek... Fanny drove the binder... lovely day.
- 14 Fri. I hauled straw manure... all day to back field... Willie helped. Got news from Sam in Switzerland<sup>1</sup>.
- 18 Tues. Started at 7:20 a.m. Threshed one hour, broke down. Dan Morris went to city and got repairs. Started at 4 o'clock and threshed out, 3 hrs @ \$1.40 = \$4.25. Paid cash. 225 bus wheat, 300 bus barley estimate.
- 21 Fri. Jack Hall came and Fanny drove binder. Hayes girls here... Bill Jeffrey, mother & kids out in afternoon...
- 25 Tues. Heavy thunderstorm during night; Alma Lupton's barn & contents burned... to Nelson's threshing in p.m.
- September, 1903
- 1 Tues. ...I ploughed sod for wheat all day. Dr. Robertson out to see Morrow's child...
- 2 Wed. I rolled and harrowed in morning... Sam & Jessie out for tea. Warm. Bedroom furniture \$12.50.
- 7 Mon. Hall and Willie Dempsey here. Drew in two loads oats... rained... Alfred Monteith died Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 Tues. ...Sam & Jess came out. We went to Alf Monteith's funeral. Jess & Fanny went to Tavistock...
- 9 Wed. I ploughed & spread manure... John Wilson here looking for job. Fanny & I cut peas in afternoon.
- 24 Thurs. ...Nelson came over and wanted hand for corn. Agent here for lightning rods from St. Marys...
- 27 Sun. ...Sam, Jess & Ken (Jeffrey) out, cold wind. We went to Lawton's, saw fox.
- 30 Wed. I finished potatoes... took 7 bags to mother... Mother, Jessie & kids out...
- October, 1903
- 4 Sun. I went for short walk in morning... Nelson & kids over in Lawton's. Got hickory nuts. Lovely day.
- 5 Mon. Went to Harry (Monteith's) threshing...saw mink in river at Horman's,
- 6 Tues. I ploughed in morning... to Alma Lupton's barn raising in afternoon, was on winning side J. Hyslop's...
- 7 Wed. ...struck out and finished with walking plough. Ploughed with sulky in afternoon. Got mushrooms...
- 10 Thurs. ...I ploughed... Sow came in, had 9 (piglets), killed one...
- 28 Wed. Lovely day. Ploughed all day with walking plough. Sam, Jess and Jeffrey boys out in evening.

John Carr returned as hired man.

Tom did the usual neighbourhood round of threshing.

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this letter is featured in the appendix on the Loghrin Family website, [www.loghrin.info](http://www.loghrin.info).

29 Thurs. Don & Willie (Jeffrey)<sup>1</sup> and I topped turnips in the morning. Dug pit and drew in 8 loads in the afternoon. Went coon hunting in the evening, did not see any. Lovely moonlight, mild.

31 Sat. Finished turnips, covered pit and put up ten bags oats. Made taffy, Halloween.

November, 1903

1 Sun. Boys & I went to Lawton's... Sam & Jessie came out and took boys. Paid boys 50¢. Lovely moonlight...

10 Tues. I hauled five loads manure in morning and four in afternoon. Mother, Aunt Jane and Kenneth out... cold.

17 Tues. I ploughed in morning... told us about John Hartigan's<sup>2</sup> funeral... put partition in bedroom...

24 Tues. ...Mrs. Holmes & Fanny cleaning house, scraped paper off kitchen. Fanny whitewashing, cold.

27 Fri. Finished cleaning out where sow was. Mrs. Holmes helping Fanny to paper... snowing.

30 Mon. I cut wood in morning. Fanny put door on cupboard under stairs... Fanny brought over sewing machine and cider... Snowing and mild evening.

December, 1903

5 Sat. I worked in hog pen; finished putting upstairs in... Hired John Robb to do chores.

7 Mon. John Robb came in morning... Mrs. Dempsey and Willie here... Hazel Morrow very low...

8 Tues. ...attended court; got through at 2 p.m. Rec'd as Juror - \$2.60...

12 Sat. John & I started drawing in hay stack; quit at noon, too stormy... Paid taxes \$45.93...

14 Mon. Very stormy all day. Fred Hill and Verner out about Mr. Sholtz death<sup>3</sup>...

16 Wed. Did chores. Joe came over and heard of Bob Hall's death. Joe & I went to Hall's in evening...

25 Fri. Joe came over and Fanny went over (there). I did up chores and went over for dinner... had pleasant time. Came home at 8 p.m., did chores. Went over and slept over there, very cold.

January, 1904

9 Sat. I went for Mrs. Holmes at 1 a.m. Got Mrs. Schellenberger and went for Dr. Rankin. Got nurse at A. Dunsmore's. Stormy & mild. Baby born at 4 a.m. Dr. here at 5 a.m...

10 Sun. Mrs. Holmes stayed all night, went to Joe's in evening. I went over and had supper. Jim & Kate McEwen here in evening.

Alexander Thomas Loghrin born

11 Mon. I got rack at Chris' and we took in five hogs 1170 lbs @ 5¢ = \$57.50. Dr. Rankin here in evening.

13 Wed. I went to city in morning, had dinner at Mother's. Got prescription from Dr. Rankin... Drugs 75¢. Joe & Mrs. Holmes came in evening... Joe & I went to Fairview, got mail...

19 Tues. ...Mrs. Holmes over in afternoon; Jim Richardson over.

20 Wed. ...to city in afternoon, got cradle... Very mild... wet snow.

23 Sat. I hitched team, tried to break road to pit, crust too strong. Mrs. Holmes came over in afternoon and I drove Fanny & baby and Miss Grant (the nurse) to Joe's...

Fanny & the baby stayed at Joe's until the end of April. During that time Tom often had dinner and/or supper there.

27 Wed. Cold and bright... I went to St. Pauls & telegraphed for Dr. Rankin; he came at 12 p.m. Telegraphing 32¢.

28 Thurs. ...took sow to Johnston's, got her served. Went to Joe's in evening, baby better.

29 Fri. ...went to Joe's for supper. Lovely moonlight. Baby not so well. Paid Miss Grant \$12.00.

31 Sun. Willie and John Schellenberger over in morning, brought mail... baby not much better.

February, 1904

3 Wed. Very stormy all day, not feeling well... Joe went to city, got medicine.

10 Wed. Fanny came over in the morning... I went to city... roads very bad... had supper at Joe's.

15 Mon. Chimney on fire in morning, cold and stormy. Cleaned pipes in afternoon. Coldest day so far.

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<sup>1</sup> The Jeffrey boys helped Tom until Sunday.

<sup>2</sup> In the 1901 Census John, 53 years old, was listed as a boarder with John F. Scholz and family in Stratford.

<sup>3</sup> This was John Fredrick (Frank) Scholz, Jessie Scholz Loghrin's father; he died on Dec. 13, 1903 and is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford, Ontario. From *Find A Grave*, Memorial Id. #150027380.

16 Tues. Went to Bob Hall's sale. Did not buy anything... had supper at Joe's. Jim Richardson there.

23 Tues. ...loaded hogs, broke Chris' whiffle tree... put Jackson's on, went to city. Mrs Dempsey here in afternoon; I sent her to Joe's.

25 Thurs. I cleaned up 18 bags of chop. Fanny came over in evening. I went over and stayed all night...

March, 1904

2 Wed. ...Fanny & I and boy drove to city...went to Dr. Rankin's. Medicine \$1.60. Had supper at mother's...

9 Wed. ...Fanny and boy over in afternoon. I went to Dempsey's; he and boys came over...

11 Fri. Chored. Jim Richardson & Bob Ballantyne here... we all went to George Hill's in evening. Had a good time. Home at 5 a.m., had a sore face...

21 Mon. Fanny over at 10:00 a.m., did some sewing. Dick Blakeman came over... we sawed wood. Fanny came over and told me about Hazel Morrow's death.

22 Tues. ...Joe & I went to Hazel Morrow's funeral... drizzling rain. Cutter broke...

23 Wed. I got load roots at pit in morning... had supper at Sam's... lovely night.

27 Sun. ...went to Joe's had supper. Miss McPherson there also. Walked home with her.

31 Thurs. ...went to Joe's in evening. Had dance, about 40 (people) there. Home at 5 a.m.

April, 1904

1 Fri. ...Blakeman came and we sawed wood... Sam Loghrin & Alex Keith out in afternoon. Snow going fast...

6 Wed. I got Joe's rack, went to Tom Hall's and got 8 pigs... Had dinner at Hall's. Willie Jeffrey out... Joe & I went to Frame's in evening, played cards. D. J. there.

8 Fri.. Fanny over in morning. I took 6 bags to Horman's to chop. Had dinner at John Monteith's. Bought rooster from Art (Monteith). Willie & I cleaned peas in afternoon.

13 Wed. ...Hill cattle buyer here... offered 4¼¢... Drew in 4 loads turnips. Fanny & baby over in evening...

18 Mon. ...sold cattle \$4.35/cwt, to go Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Nelson, Dempsey and Joe also sold...

22 Fri. Put straw in pig pen... Fred Baker's funeral. Lovely day.

23 Sat. I took down rail fence all day... I got setting eggs from Frame, set two hens...Went to Joe's... Mrs. Holmes articles for baby - \$1.92.

25 Mon. Billy Pearce & I took cattle out at 7 a.m. Hubert Dempsey helped drive... 6800 lbs @ 4.35 = \$295.80.

28 Thurs. Willie & I went to bush to build fence, saw Chris (Schellenberger's) house burning, went and worked till noon. House burned to ground...

29 Fri. ...Colonel Smith here with two English men. Miss McPherson here for supper. We all went to Joe's...

May, 1904

3 Tues. ...fixed fence at waterway... got baby carriage. Mrs. Holmes over house cleaning. Joe came with subscription for Chris; I gave \$3.00.

9 Mon. I cultivated with three horses till 4 p.m. Roland Thompson came... dug 10 post holes... Lucy mare to Willie Rae's horse.

11 Wed. ...cattle got out of yard. Aunt Jane (Robertson) here in afternoon. Roland dug 22 post holes...

16 Mon. ...to city, got 35 evergreens and 27 apple trees... Sam & Janie Jeffrey out in evening.

23 Mon. Dolly mare foaled over creek, mare colt by Leading Article; Roland & I drew her over on sleigh...

27 Fri. ...put ten rows mangels in afternoon. Lawton's cattle got in my bush. Mrs. H. over in evening.

29 Sun. Mrs. H. over, Fanny & I went to St. Andrew's Sacrament Sunday. Mother kept boy... Church 5¢.

June, 1904

4 Sat. Roland & I set posts on Dempsey's line, dug end posts, set posts to road in evening... John Dempsey here...

5 Sun. Fanny & I went to Nelson's, had supper. Called at Dempsey's on way home, very warm, high wind...

6 Mon. Roland here early... Dempseys & I put wire on line fence, took all day...

7 Tues. J. N. Monteith came with Roland, staked out line fence of waterway... I planted potatoes, Empire State...

14 Tues. ...I harrowed peas... drew off big stones. Colt got caught in barb wire. Mrs. H. over in evening.

19 Sun. Joe over... we fixed his fence. Had dinner there... I caught 13 trout in Morris' Creek.

July, 1904

1 Fri. ...went to (barn) raising at Clyne's, was on losing side... good time dance... Fanny & I went up in evening...

8 Fri. ...Joe over. Went to Geo. Green's (barn) raising in afternoon... Peter Smith ...paid him \$1.00 for insurance.

- 16 Sat. I cut some hay, levelled mow... total 15 loads in north mow. Garry's time 11 days, Alf 6, Nel<sup>1</sup> 1½.  
 20 Wed. Drew in balance of clover behind barn and some out of orchard. Garry mowing... I levelled mow.  
 25 Mon. ...moulded potatoes & cut with scythe around trees. Mother & Kenneth out for tea. Lovely day.

August, 1904

- 7 Sun. Killed mink in morning. John Richardson family at Joe's. Slept in afternoon.  
 12 Fri. Threshed one load barley for Joe... started (here) at 8:45 a.m. and threshed for 4 hours, 180 bags...  
 15 Mon. I gang ploughed all day... Fanny & Mrs. Holmes in Tavistock. Baby clothing 60¢... shirt 50¢...  
 23 Tues. ...cut oats... Transferred Latimer property to Sam for \$225.00; gave him fresh note for \$285.00.  
 24 Wed. I cut oats in morning... broke binder... Pearce went to city, got repairs... Fanny drove to McLeod's in p.m.  
 25 Thurs. ...Nelson McLeod here, shocked in afternoon and evening. Mrs. H. here whitewashing. Pd. McLeod \$1  
 31 Wed. Garry & I drew in three loads oats... Nelson over in afternoon. I went to Mary Rae's funeral and Fanny drove Rob Thistle home.

September, 1904

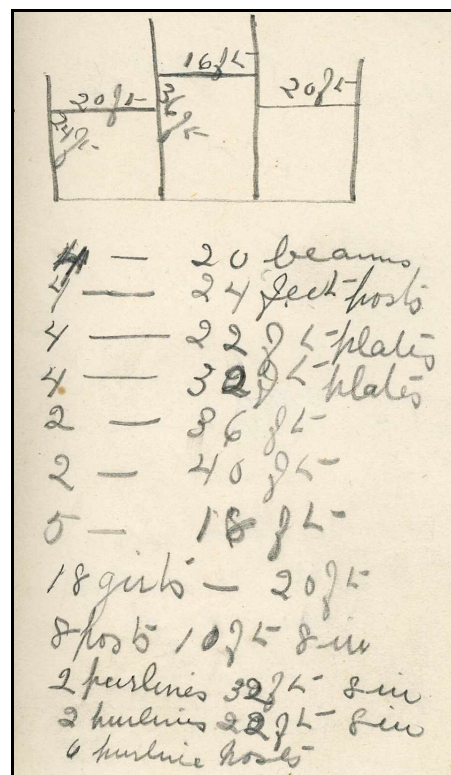
- 6 Tues. Jim McLeod and two boys here drawing in oats. Finished, put all in barn. Lovely day.  
 7 Wed. I went to Dempsey's threshing all day; did not quite finish. Chris Bernard's outfit.  
 13 Tues. ...finished cutting peas. D. J. Mac here in evening. Joe drove Mrs. Holmes over. Garry went home.  
 14 Wed. Joe & I went to London Fair... went to Grand Theatre in evening. Missed train... home on 6:30 a.m. train.  
 21 Wed. Threshed all day... finished oats at 7 p.m. Very dirty. About 7 hours. Threshing \$15.00 unpaid.  
 22 Thurs. Finished threshing peas at 11:00 a.m. moved to D.J.'s... I went to Nelson's in afternoon cutting corn...  
 26 Mon. I went to Frame's threshing.. Lovely day. Chris' house nearly finished. Joe packing up for Manitoba.

October, 1904

- 2 Sun. Don, Willie (Jeffrey) & I went for walk to Lawton's... salted cattle on Joe's fifty. Went back to Clyne's swamp in evening.  
 3 Mon. Don & Willie went home in morning. I went for Jim McLeod's boys, finished potatoes, 25 bags in all...  
 6 Thurs. I drove to Harry's, helped him fill his silo all day... Fanny went to city: making suit & pants \$7.50...  
 9 Sun. I looked for mushrooms in morning. Frank Richardson here all day. Salted cattle in afternoon.  
 21 Fri. Ploughed with big plough in morning. Went to St. Pauls in evening, political meeting with Nelson & John Dempsey...  
 24 Mon. I helped Frank to load hogs in morning. Sid Hayes came over. I ploughed ...very cold...  
 29 Sat. I went to city with 35 bags oats = \$29.10. Got apples, 11 bags, at Sid Hayes...

November, 1904

- 2 Wed. (McLeod) boys and I took in 15 loads turnips... Paid boys \$1.50 in full for turnips.  
 10 Thurs. Put manure around the house and put double windows on... Fanny & Mrs. H. to Tavistock. Cold wind...  
 17 Thurs. I split wood in morning. Went to Chris' threshing in afternoon. Stayed at Joe's all night.  
 20 Sun. Joe & Frank here for dinner. Miss McPherson here for supper... Dempsey boys over and Monteith boys. George Young here from States.  
 26 Sat. ... Mrs. Holmes over. John Schellenberger here for mail... he went to Fairview. Willie Hall<sup>2</sup> dead.  
 28 Mon. ...Joe & I went to Willie Hall's funeral. Fanny and Mrs. Holmes to Hall's in morning.



Tom's sketch and materials list for a large addition to the barn.

<sup>1</sup> The 1901 census shows the McLeod family as Jim and Caroline with children: Edith 12, Alf 11, Garfield 9, Nelson 8, George 7 and Wilfred 4. "Garry" worked for Tom for most of the summer.

<sup>2</sup> Willie, the son of John and Elizabeth Hall, was 13 years old. Tom and Joe Richardson walked over to Hall's the following evening.

December, 1904

- 7 Wed. ...Lawton & son here looking at my mare, 2 yr. old. Paid Metz 75¢ service for sow.
- 12 Mon. Chored. Mended bags... Went to city... got baby's sleigh at mother's...
- 14 Wed. I cleaned stables in morning. Fanny & I went to city... supper at W. N. Robertson's home at 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Tues. Very stormy all day. Fit handle in axe. Went to Matt's and Nelson's, got axe sharpened. Roads drifted.
- 26 Mon. Fanny & I went to Mother's for dinner. Nelson, wife & family there... ice storm, very disagreeable.
- 29 Thurs. I hauled out logs in the afternoon and brought up load of wood. Made a reach for sleigh in morning.

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The big project for 1905 was a large addition to the barn.

- Jan 10 *Andy Dunlop & I went to Murray's... brought home two sticks 32 ft. plates.*
- Jan 12 *Baker & I went to Murray's, brought home two logs, perline 32 ft & plate 32 ft.*
- Jan 13 *Baker & I made trip to Harrington with four logs. Lampman charges 1½¢ a running ft. (for sawing?)*
- Jan 16 *Baker & I took four beech logs to Harrington for rafters, made 34.*
- Jan 18 *Skidded square timber in yard. Went to Harrington in afternoon; finished bringing home square timber.*
- Jan 19 *I sawed down soft maple and elm. Loaded two beeches. Took them to Keller's.*
- Jan 23 *Bob Baker and I took in three soft maple logs for rafters and two elm in afternoon.*
- Feb 3 *I went over to Harry (Monteith's); made deal on five beech trees.*
- Feb 28 *I went to mill; got load of joists; left some in Harry's bush.*
- Mar 3 *Loaded log in Harry's and took it to mill; brought home load of joists.*
- Mar 9 *I got Joe's cutter and went to ask hands for hewing timber.*
- Mar 10 *Andy Monteith, Dunlop & I in a.m.; Harry Monteith & Lupton boys in p.m.; finished hewing but one stick.*
- Mar 16 *Joe & I went to Murray's and loaded two big logs... went to Harrington... brought home four sticks timber.*
- Mar 17 *Went to Horman's in afternoon; took out 8 girts.*
- Apr 6 *... then to Murray's... paid him in full for timber \$33.00.*
- Apr 11 *John Dempsey, Dick Blakeman, Dunlop, Joe, Harry & I hewed two sticks in my bush ... two at home.*
- May 10 *Framers worked all day.*
- May 11 *Harry (Ford) & I went to Hannaberry's, got 16 girts. Framers here all day.*
- May 13 *I helped men cut joists and rafters.*
- May 15 *Rankin's gang here in morning. I went to look for masons.*
- May 19 *McDonald masons from Embro here.*
- May 26 *Got 1200 ft hemlock siding @ \$17.00, charged at Bennock's. Harry went to Harrington, got load of elm.*
- June 2 *(Dick and Jack) Clifford's gang came and we drew in big stones.*
- June 5 *I got up at 3:30 a.m.; went for lime, got 43 bus. @ 22¢ = \$9.45.*
- June 6 *We took irons to Joe's and he made them for door frames; he came over and made window sash.*
- June 8 *Got 56 bunches of shingles and four 3 x 10 pine for windows.*
- June 9 *Harry and I drew stones all day to masons.*
- June 12 *Brought home 39 bunches of 5XXXXX shingles.*
- June 13 *Clifford's gang here all day, finished at 7 p.m. Paid Clifford \$21.00.*
- June 17 *Chris, Dunlop, Harry & I went for lumber: 2900 ft sheathing; 1280 ft of 2 in. hemlock.*
- June 24 *Harry and I went to John Hannaberry's, got 3 girts in morning and four after dinner.*
- June 28 *Harry and I hewed timber all day.*
- July 1 *I put up big tent. Went to Ridley's & got some elm for pins. Harry to Fairview for pike poles.*
- July 3 *Rankin's gang here all day. I asked 43 hands to raising in afternoon.*
- July 4 *I asked hands around Fairview in morning and around St. Pauls and St. Marys road in evening.*
- July 5 *I went to city; got dishes, etc. Raised in afternoon 150 men here; 40 women. Finished all but plates and rafters.*
- July 6 *Finished putting up barn at noon, about 50 men here. I returned dishes; got jack at Duncan Myers.*
- July 7 *Dennis's, Harry and I sheathing barn all day. Rankin's time - 36 days = \$72.00.*
- July 8 *Harry and I helped framers all day.*
- July 13 *Harry and I helped Rankin sheathing all day. Finished sheathing.*
- July 14 *Harry and I drew up shingles and worked in barn laying floor. Hay track hangers and bolts \$1.60.*



July 18 *Sager came... shingled and put up hay track.*  
 July 22 *We put (hay) car on track; did not work too well.*  
 July 31 *Frost and man here for dinner; gave him job lightning rodding barn for \$27.00.*  
 Aug 2 *Frost finished rodding barn. Gave (him) note for \$27.00 for six months, due in February.*  
 Aug 10 *Clifford and Moore started pointing and plastering.*  
 Aug 14 *Ratz here from Tavistock to put on eaves troughs.*  
 Aug 24 *Tinsmiths from Tavistock here all day. Put 325 ft of trough on. Finished in evening.*  
 Sept 6 *Peter Smith here. Raised my insurance (coverage) on barn \$1300 making \$3050.00 all total.*  
 Sept 28 *I worked in barn levelling.*  
 Oct 1 *Paid John Hannaberry \$7.20 in full for girls.*  
 Oct 24 *Bill Dunn and Bob here putting doors on.*  
 Nov 14 *I nailed up windows in barn, painted sash and barn doors. Snowing and freezing hard.*  
 Nov 27 *Jack Clifford here, finished pointing wall.*  
 Dec 21 *Put in windows in afternoon in barn.*  
 Dec 31 *Expenditures in connection with barn \$770.13.*

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As the barn was being constructed in 1905, regular farm activities continued.

#### January, 1905

- 2 Mon. I trimmed beech trees in my bush, very mild. Joe & I went to vote... elected McKay, Bradshaw, Hyslop. Ballantyne reeve.  
 9 Mon. ... Joe, Frank, Tom Hall and Andy Dunlop brought mad steer from Harry (Monteith's)...  
 17 Tues. ...Gave 25¢ to shoe horse. Dunlop & Joe at Knott's sale. Lovely moonlight night.  
 22 Sun. I did Joe's chores noon & night. Jim McLeod and wife down for afternoon. Fanny & Alex over to Joes's.  
 25 Wed. ...Got Joe's cutter drove to No. 4 and voted. Nelson<sup>1</sup> elected by 47 majority... government defeated...  
 31 Tues. I took in four beech logs... Keller's shut down, putting in new engine. Very cold in evening...

#### February, 1905

- 8 Wed. ...put up 10 bags chop and five of oats. Alf McLeod and sister Edith came...  
 10 Fri. Sam & I hitched up colt with Lucy mare and drove around yard... I made shelf to pantry.  
 19 Sun. Mrs. Holmes over... Edith came at noon. I took walk to Nelson's in afternoon... stayed for supper.  
 20 Mon. ...broke road to Harry's. I took pump out, cleaned well... Fanny & I beat Joe & Riley (at cards).  
 25 Sat. I sewed harness all day, mild day. Mrs. Holmes over. Willie Schellenberger brought mail.  
 27 Mon. Bowes man came and put in pump \$6.00... John Murray here from Zorra. Saw fox in Dempsey's.

#### March, 1905

- 1 Wed. ...Went to Burnett's? sale... paid threshing \$15.00. Brought home harrows for Joe. Got butter at Frame's.  
 3 Fri. Joe came over and got stock rack to move Sylvinius (Richardson) out.  
 20 Mon. John Murray here in morning. I paid him \$25.00 on account timber. Went down to fix hill ice in p.m...  
 21 Tues. ...Joe went to St. Pauls and telegraphed to Fraser. I went for Mrs. McLeod. Baby born at 20 minutes past eleven p.m.  
 22 Wed. ...Sam Loghrin in Toronto at the opening of Parliament..  
 23 Thurs. ... to Nelson's in afternoon. They gathering sap, had supper there...  
 29 Wed. ...went to Joe's and helped him patch roof of barn... Miss McPherson here.<sup>2</sup>

Nelson Samuel Loghrin born

#### April, 1905

- 6 Thurs. I went to Freeman to see about girl... got bushel of potatoes at Sam Robb's...  
 9 Sun. Willie Jeffrey and I took walk. Jim Richardson and wife here in afternoon. Miss McPherson here also.

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Nelson Monteith, a Conservative MLA, was Minister of Agriculture from 1905 to 1908. The Conservatives, led by Sir James P. Whitney, defeated the Liberals who had held power for 34 years. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>2</sup> Miss McPherson was there most days and sometimes overnight following Nelson's birth.

Service for horse \$13.00.

10 Mon. ...raining, showers all day. Henry Ford<sup>1</sup> here to hire in afternoon.

11 Tues. ...I got broadaxe at Jim McLeod's... Gave Dempsey 75¢ for ticket to Nelson's banquet at Tavistock.

13 Thurs. ...Sam horse tramped on steer calf at noon. Paid Ford for two days work \$2.00...

14 Fri. I mixed clover and timothy in morning... (Joe & I) went to Tavistock in evening to (Nelson's) banquet...

21 Fri. I went to Harry's bush and split wood... robbed cow's nest, got 5 eggs...

22 Sat. I took (our son) Alex to Joe's. Fanny & I went to city in morning, home at 5 o'clock.

25 Tues. ...Willie Jeffrey, Ethel Monteith, Reta (Jeffrey) and Janey (Jeffrey) here in afternoon...

26 Wed. Henry came in morning. He cultivated front field and garden. Willie & I planted potatoes... Mrs. Holmes & Fanny making soap. I sowed in afternoon. Henry split wood at Harry's...

30 Sun. Sam, Mother and Annie Jeffrey out. Sam and I went fishing in afternoon, caught 9 trout...

May, 1905

1 Mon. Harry cultivated all day. I disc harrowed in a.m. Went to city in p.m., Fanny & baby also...

3 Wed. ...Fanny and family and I went down to Murray's to see Lizzie Stuart in evening.

13 Sat. Harry got ladder at Hyden's and sowed four acres of peas... Edith (McLeod) went home in evening, also men (framers)...

14 Sun. Harry & I did chores; he went home at 10 a.m. Mrs. Holmes & I went to look for heifer.

19 Fri. Harry & I got Joe's manure spreader<sup>2</sup> and drew out till 5 p.m. Broke gearing in evening...

21 Sun. Fanny & I went to St. Andrew's church in morning...

24 Wed. Fanny drove to Fairview. I went fishing... Guelph people out; Sam drove them...

25 Thurs. ...I planted potatoes. Edith McLeod went home, paid in full \$16.00 wages. Rained heavy in evening.

30 Tues. ...Fanny and I went to city. I drew \$45 out of Traders Bank... interest in Traders Bank 50¢.

31 Wed. ...Fanny went to city and got girl... George McEwen and McKay here to see Clifford.

June, 1905

16 Fri. Harry and I sharpened mower knives. Fanny white washing. Harry digging post holes.

20 Tues. Harry & I braced fence in morning... moulded up potatoes... I went to David McKay's funeral.

21 Wed. I took gun and went to Sam Gibb's raising, was on winning side. Played football in evening...

26 Mon. Harry and I hoed mangels... Joe and I went to Ridley's raising in evening. Had beer.

27 Tues. ... J. N. Monteith here, asked me to Meadow's raising. We went to see football match in evening...

28 Wed. ...very warm... Fanny and I went to Tanner's dance in evening.

July, 1905

9 Sun. Dempsey boys here in afternoon; we went for berries to Lawton's.

18 Tues. ...good hay weather. Harry cut four acres clover in morning. Edith Frier wages \$3.00.

25 Tues. John Ford here thinned 16 rows turnips. Joe paid Dunn \$125 for me at Mansion House, in full for barn.

27 Thurs. John Ford coiled some green feed... Miss McPherson out. Mother, Janie and Reta out in afternoon.

August, 1905

1 Tues. ...drew in five loads (green feed) after dinner; broke rope in evening. Englishman of Joe's spliced rope.

9 Wed. I went to Frame's threshing in morning... machine moved to Joe's threshed his wheat... We drew in seven loads wheat. Very warm.

12 Sat. I got Schellenberger's democrat and got 11½ bus. lime at kiln... Pd. Schellenberger cheese \$1.10...

15 Wed. ...Fanny and I went to Aunt Pinch funeral in afternoon. Lovely day... Willie Jeffrey came out in evening.

20 Sun. Willie & I took a walk in morning. Took walk to D. J. (McNamara's) berry patch, got some huckleberries.

September, 1905

1 Fri. I went to Blakeman's threshing all day... Surveying party came through Blakeman's and Dempsey's working on C.P.R.

3 Sun. I took walk to Harry's and Lawton's, saw partridge, got some huckleberries...

7 Thurs. I ploughed in morning and finished cutting peas... saw Jack Doig, got him for a few days... Bought disc harrow from Daly \$22.00 payable Nov. 1906.

8 Fri. Jack Doig came in morning; he hauled manure all day... I rolled sod, broke roller...

10 Sun. ...Fanny & I went to Dempsey's for supper and to Nelson's. Home at 9 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> Henry/Harry did become Tom's hired man @ \$26.00 per month.

<sup>2</sup> This is the first mention of a manure spreader in the neighbourhood.

- 12 Tues. ...Chris Bernard here selling books, stayed for dinner... Put (new) disc together at noon. John<sup>1</sup> (Dempsey) disc harrowed; I ploughed and harrowed.
- 14 Thurs. Joe (Richardson), Fanny & I went to London Fair. Put horse in at Jim McEwen's (St. Pauls). Jim's wife and Mrs. Bernard went also. Had dinner on grounds and supper downtown. Joe went to Opera; we stayed at hotel. Expenses \$4.90.
- 23 Sat. I went to Harry's threshing till 3 p.m. ...went to Nelson's got plums. He came home from North West...
- 26 Tues. I dug potatoes & went with Fanny to Lawton's, got elderberries. Thomas Magwood here re: insurance...
- 27 Wed. ...Harry Ford and father here... agreed to pay \$77.00 in full for 3 mons & 10 days (wages) on Saturday...
- 30 Sat. Fanny, Joe and I went to city... had dinner at mother's... Interest on Trader's Bank \$1.10...

#### October, 1905

- 4 Wed. I went to Matt (Monteith's) threshing all day, cut bands. Had meals at Dunlop's... lovely day, high wind.
- 5 Thurs. ...went to Frame's threshing peas, barley & oats. John ploughed... & helped Harry fill his silo in p.m.
- 6 Fri. John went to Frame's threshing... I cleaned up barn, got ready for threshers... over at 2 p.m. Threshed peas and moved into barn. Threshed some oats...
- 7 Sat. Threshed all day: oats, barley and wheat. Lovely day.
- 9 Mon. Finished threshing at noon. Went to Chris Schellenbergers's; I went on stack.. my time threshing 15 hrs...
- 18 Wed. Rained during night. I worked in barn all day. Baby sick with teeth...
- 26 Thurs. I finished hauling out manure... Thanksgiving Day. Jim McEwen & girl here. Also Miss McPherson.

#### November, 1905

- 1 Wed. Snowing blizzard all day. I worked in barn. Agent selling stock in Farmers Supply co. here in morning...
- 6 Mon. Cold & raining. Willie Jeffrey and I cleaned 25 bags oats in morning... spread manure across creek...
- 13 Mon. I dug drain from driving shed and hog barn, put in 50 tile. Snowing hard...
- 23 Thurs. I worked at turnips all day. Lovely day, Indian Summer... Drew in five loads.

#### December, 1905

- 2 Sat. ...Rec'd from Mother by note \$150.00; Paid taxes \$45.16...
- 6 Wed. I put horse manure around house in morning<sup>2</sup>. Fanny and I beat carpet at noon.
- 11 Mon. ...Simon Rae here in evening; said Foulston would come (to chop) Tuesday afternoon.
- 24 Sun. I got haircut at Joe's. Got his hay knife and cut the mow down.
- 25 Mon. Fanny and family and I went to city. Had dinner at Mother's...
- 27 Wed. I drew wood all day from Harry's bush... Mrs. Holmes and people from Manitoba here in afternoon.

#### January, 1906

- 1 Mon. ...hitched up team in sleigh and went through Harry's to vote at No. 4 for Murray McKay & Reinecker...
- 9 Tues. ...I drove Fanny & family over to Joe's. Crowd there in evening. Played cards. Home at 4 a.m. Cold.
- 12 Fri. Ike Foulston here... I paid him in full for threshing and chopping \$22.00...

With the barn addition finished, life on the farm settled into the usual routine: *cleaned out hen house; went to Joe's got hay knife & worked in barn; Joe, Bert and I killed hog; went to city in afternoon with 12 bags of wheat; I sawed small limbs with bucksaw, etc.*

- 21 Sun. Heavy rain. Joe over in afternoon. I got mail at Chris'. Fanny and children to barn.
- 22 Mon. ...Joe came over for barrel and brought a barrel of swill... We put reservoir on stove...
- 25 Thurs. ...Bert<sup>3</sup> here for dinner. Mrs. Holmes and Fanny cleaning stove. Bert and I sawed up basswood trees. Jas. McEwin and Kate<sup>4</sup> here in evening. Played cards, Jim and Fanny won.
- 27 Sat. ...went back to Harry's, saw Sam Monteith and Matt. Nelson had an addition to the family - a girl<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> John Dempsey was 14 years old and worked for Tom for most of the Fall in 1905; he lived next door to the farm.

<sup>2</sup> Manure around the log house foundations made it warmer in the winter.

<sup>3</sup> Wilbert "Bert" Knott lived on the farm at the northwest corner of Tom's farm.

<sup>4</sup> Jim and Kate McEwen lived at St. Pauls with their two young children: William and Margaret.

<sup>5</sup> Ida was Nelson and Ida Monteith's 5<sup>th</sup> child.

- 29 Mon. ...Wm. and John Waldie here for supper; offered me \$155.00 for "Article" colt (filly).  
30 Tues. ...Jim McEwin here and got rooster in afternoon; also Horman to buy colt, offered me \$150.00...

Horses for sale.

February, 1906

- 1 Thurs. Norman & Arthur Monteith here, took the "Leading Article" colt at \$164.00 to be paid for on Saturday.  
2 Fri. ...very cold 15 degrees below (F). Norman Monteith... paid me \$164.00 in full for mare colt<sup>1</sup>.  
6 Tues. ...went to Bert Knott's in afternoon; saw partridge... saw about posts and hogs.  
15 Thurs. Very cold all day. Ed Dunsmore here looking at colts. I went to Fairview for mail... Tobacco 10¢.  
16 Fri. Jim Kelly here in morning looking at horses. I cleaned box stalls... Fanny picked six chickens...  
20 Tues. I went to Mrs. Hurl's<sup>2</sup> funeral in afternoon; mother came out with me. Horseshoeing 25¢...  
22 Thurs. I did chores... Hubert Dempsey here in morning... Fanny & Mother at Dempsey's and Nelson's.  
23 Fri. I oiled light harness in morning. Mother & I went to Jas. Dunsmore's<sup>3</sup> funeral in afternoon. Lovely mild day. Baby's nipple 10¢; Bread 35¢. Willie Jeffrey came out in evening.  
27 Tues. Willie and I went to bush... Went to Blakeman's<sup>4</sup> sale in afternoon... I bought chair 35¢...

March, 1906

- 2 Fri. I put load of grain on waggon... Bert over. Manson boys here to buy Conyche? colt bid \$75.00...  
4 Sun. Chored. Joe came over. We cut open lump on steer and syringed it out... Mrs. Holmes and Bert over...  
16 Fri. Norman, Dennis and brother here looking at horses... stormy in afternoon...  
21 Wed. Very stormy and cold. Miss McPherson over in evening. Brought present for Nelson. I did chores only.  
23 Fri. I started to city with rails, upset in field. Drew load of wood from Harry's bush...  
25 Sun. Read and slept all day. Very cold.  
26 Mon. I went to city with 10 bags of chop to Keller's. Got sap spiles and pails.  
29 Thurs. I tapped 33 maple trees in morning. Gathered sap in p.m. Got barrels at Joe's...  
31 Sat. I boiled sap all day. Bert over in morning. Gathered sap in afternoon... 1 bbl. of sap made  $\frac{3}{4}$  gal. syrup.

Maple syrup time.

April, 1906

- 1 Sun. Joe came over in morning and took Alex over. Mrs. Holmes brought him back in afternoon... lovely day...  
3 Tues. I sawed wood; gathered sap. Drew manure from around the house; put it around trees in front of house.  
5 Thurs. I cleaned manure out of box stall, snowing. Fanny, children & I went to Hill's in evening, played cards...  
12 Thurs. I boiled sap all day - finished. Chopped some brush on Chris' line...  
13 Fri. I took pails & spiles to house in morning. Took down balance of fence between Chris and I... I repaired roller.  
14 Sat. Finished fixing roller. Cleaned hen house. Made milk stool. Mrs. Holmes over... raining in morning.  
15 Sun. ...Willie Jeffrey & Robertson here in afternoon. They got mail at Chris'.  
23 Mon. Roland Thompson here all day digging post holes. We dug three on Chris' line... Paid Roland \$1.25.  
27 Fri. Willie (Dempsey) came and cultivated in back field in morning... We sowed six acres (turnips) in afternoon.

May, 1906

- 10 Thurs. ...planted 19 maple trees and four birch. Drew load of manure to back field...  
12 Sat. Joe over: got hair cut... Went to St. Pauls to get goods from Toronto, not there. Alex (son) went also.  
15 Tues. Dug out stones all day<sup>5</sup>; sick in afternoon. Fixed fence at road in evening. Miss McPherson got letters at Fairview. Mrs. Monteith and Mrs. Lupton here. Got 3 doz. eggs @ 50¢.  
17 Thurs. Rained heavy in morning... went to Michie's<sup>6</sup> (barn) raising in p.m. Bert went also, had beer...

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<sup>1</sup> Tom used this unusual terminology to refer to a filly.

<sup>2</sup> Almeda (Smith) Hurl, ~29 year old wife of John Hurl, died on Feb. 17, 1906.

<sup>3</sup> James Dunsmore died on Feb 20; his wife was Mary Jane Thistle.

<sup>4</sup> Dick Blakeman lived across the road southeast of Tom's farm. Dick moved to Virden, Manitoba to join some of his siblings. From *Memories of Downie, Volume One*.

<sup>5</sup> This entry was made many times over; stone picking was still required 50 years later.

<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth Michie and her son, George, farmed near the Halfway House on the road to St. Pauls.

As Tom's livestock herd increased, herd management took more time and money: *Jackson & Joe here at noon and cut (castrated) 3 pigs, set six hens in evening, Bessy mare foaled during night - mare colt (filly), went to Bert Knott's did not buy pigs, took three mares to Frame's none of them on, Joe took my mares to horse: Bessy mare took Leading Article, took Dolly mare to horse at Jim Richardson's, 60 chickens from 7 hens, sow died during night having pigs, Billy Dunsmore and Ed here cut colts \$2.00, red heifer came in with bull calf, went to look for calves did not get any, took Blakeman's cow to Dempsey's bull, got calf at Geo. McEwen's, got calf at W. Thistle's, Dickson heifer calved bull calf, sow took boar at Knott's, etc.*

- 18 Fri. I went to Michie's raising... Went to St. Pauls got goods from Eaton's, freight charges 50¢...
- 23 Wed. I finished planting evergreens in morning... shot at groundhogs did not get them...
- 24 Thurs. Fanny, children & I went fishing to Murray's; had supper at Murray's... caught some fish...
- 27 Sun. Willie Schellenberger brought mail. Cold and rained... set one hen under (barn) stairs. . Joe, Bert (Knott), and Mrs. Holmes here in evening.
- 29 Tues. Discd and harrowed pea ground all day... Alex went back to field... I got tobacco from Dick.
- 31 Thurs. I rolled pea ground and got Allan's manure spreader; spread 6 loads in afternoon...

June, 1906

- 6 Wed. ...ploughed for corn and potatoes in afternoon... Put rack on and oiled waggon. Beautiful moonlight night.
- 12 Tues. Chris, Willie & I stretched wire on line (fence) till 5 p.m. I had supper and scuffled potatoes & mangels...
- 13 Wed. ...ploughed with big plow in afternoon... Sam and Rev. Wilkins out. Got invitation to christening<sup>1</sup>.
- 15 Fri. I got turnip sower at Hall's, sowed 40 drills... Fanny and I went to christening at Sam's...
- 19 Tues. Worked in turnip ground all day. Finished. Sowed 95 drills altogether. Warm (looks) like rain.
- 24 Sun. Read and slept. Sid Hayes here in afternoon. Fanny, children & I went to Nelson's in evening.
- 30 Sat. Willie (Jeffrey) and I stretched wire on Chris' line in morning... Mrs. Holmes here all night.

July, 1906

- 1 Sun. Willie and I went to Con Mack's.<sup>2</sup> Got strawberries and caught 13 trout. Read in afternoon... raining.
- 5 Thurs. Started cutting hay in front field... I went to city and brought out Mrs. Murray in afternoon...
- 6 Fri. Willie cut hay. I put pulleys up in barn (for lifting hay from the wagon). We hauled in four loads...
- 11 Wed. ...Willie cut weeds and put straw out of mow... I went to Michie's dirt bee<sup>3</sup> in afternoon, five teams...
- 15 Sun. Willie and I went to Tony Morris'. Got berries; caught 12 trout. Heavy rain.
- 23 Mon. Cattle broke into oats at back field. We put them out; fixed fence after breakfast. Don Jeffrey came out picking berries. We... started cutting wheat; cut about half of it. I shocked in evening.
- 24 Tues. Willie & Don hoed potatoes. I cut wheat... Fanny & Mrs. Murray went to city. Mrs. Murray's wages \$4.00.
- 25 Wed. Willie and I hauled hay all day... Mother and Reta (Jeffrey) out in afternoon. Willie cut hay in the morning.
- 30 Mon. Willie took up bag of potatoes. I ploughed for wheat with walking plough. Willie ploughed with big plough. James Robb here about church matters. Fanny & I went to city.

August, 1906

- 6 Mon. We all went in for the big day, stayed till 9 p.m. I went to grounds with Willie. Saw a lot of old boys, Scott and King. Mother and Fanny went for drive...
- 9 Thurs. ...Dr. Rankin out. Daughter born at 8 a.m. Willie brought out Mrs. Britton in the morning. I cut oats...
- 14 Tues. ...I went to threshing at Cardwell's. Willie discd wheat land in morning. Finished cutting oats in evening.
- 15 Wed. ...Willie went to city got medicine... Mrs. Britton to city. Miss McPherson came out and stayed...
- 19 Sun. Read & slept. Andy Dunlop here in morning. Joe over. Mrs. Hall and Laura. Kate McEwin & Salvenus Richardson's wife. Matt (Monteith) here in evening. Willie drove Mrs. Britton home, gave her \$6.00 wages.
- 20 Mon. Willie and I gang ploughed with two teams... Thunderstorm: barns burned in Zorra & Clark's of Stratford!

Helen Frances Loghrin born.

<sup>1</sup> Sam and Jessie's son, Fritz, later renamed Sam, was born May 26, 1905.

<sup>2</sup> Cornelius McNamara lived west of the farm along the road to St. Pauls.

<sup>3</sup> Were they moving earth?

27 Mon. I ploughed with big plough. Willie dug burdocks. Fanny & I went to city. Saw Dr. Rankin, medicine \$1.00.  
September, 1906

4 Tues. I sent up with milkman for tobacco... sowed about half of (fall) wheat land... Dunlop came asking hands to threshing.

8 Sat. Fanny, Alex and I went to city in morning... Paid Willie Jeffrey wages - \$15.00.

11 Tues. ...I cut corn at Tanner's and got elderberries in evening. (Sam) Moffat got my drill and sowed Joe's wheat. Joe over in evening to see about going to London Fair.

12 Wed. ...got Joe's rack and went to Nelson's. Did not cut any corn. Came home and drew wood for threshing<sup>1</sup>.

15 Sat. Threshed all day till 5:00 p.m. (Foulston's outfit) finished mine, to Sam Monteith's. My time 11½ hrs @ \$1.30 = \$14.50. Willie (Jeffrey) went home. I got mail at Chris'.

18 Tues. Hauled in beans and balance of corn. Started potatoes did not quite finish. Took up 8 bags...

20 Thurs. I hauled up elm trees from line fence between Chris and I... I shelled beans remainder of day. I went to Fairview salted cattle.

21 Fri. Shelled beans in morning. Went to Stratford Fair in afternoon. Lovely day...

23 Sun. Read and slept all day. Alex and I took walk to cherry tree, did not get any.

25 Tues. Finished threshing at Chris' at noon. I went to Mrs. Cardwell's funeral... to Bert Knott's on way home.

28 Fri. I went to Joe's raising, finished at noon. Went to Cardwell's threshing in afternoon. Mother and Aunt Jane (Robertson) out. Willie Jeffrey and Robertson out in evening... lovely day.

October, 1906

2 Tues. ...new minister Mr. Thompson came out.. Wm. Foulston here collecting. Paid my acct...

3 Wed. ...went to Joe Dunsmore's<sup>2</sup> funeral in afternoon. Andy Bell came out with me. Lovely day...

13 Sat. Willie and I finished mangels at 4 p.m. Sawed some wood. Don came over. We went to Fairview and brought home cattle<sup>3</sup>, found them on roadside. Got mail at Schellenberger's.

30 Tues. First snow, got out sleigh. I drew some wood out of bush and drew two loads of rails...

November, 1906

1 Thurs. Fanny and I cleaned 20 bags of wheat and five of chop... Cold wind. Allan picture man here...

7 Wed. Worked at turnips all day.<sup>4</sup> Fanny came out in afternoon; drew in 12 loads altogether. Willie went to Nelson's in morning and rung up Dyer<sup>5</sup>. Got apples at Matt's.

8 Thurs. Dwayne? and Don Jeffrey came out... very muddy... Don and I got sow at Knott's in evening.

10 Sat. I ploughed in back field; shot four pigeons. Don working at turnips. Drew in four loads... and finished.

At this time Fanny was certainly an active partner in the farm operation. *Fanny and Don (Jeffrey) picked apples at Joe's. Fanny got mail at Fairview (with the buggy), Fanny and I cleaned some wheat, Fanny and I sawed some wood in the evening, Fanny and I cleaned 18 bags of oats, Fanny and I put shafts in cutter, Fanny carried in wood, Fanny and I sharpened axes, Fanny gathered sap in morning and boiled in the afternoon, Fanny disc harrowed, Fanny mixed clover seed, Fanny cultivated for barley, Fanny worked at flower bed, Fanny fixed place for setting hens, Fanny and I worked two teams on turnip ground, Fanny killed six ducks and picked (plucked) them, etc.*

13 Tues. I made steps for clothes line in morning. Drew stones off fence bottom in afternoon... Too cold to plough.

15 Thurs. I took apples to Halpin<sup>6</sup>; got apple butter. Had dinner at Halpin's... helped Joe pare his apples in p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> Presumably, the wood was used to fuel a steam tractor.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph "Big Joe" Dunsmore lived on the Embro Road and died on Oct. 1, 1906.

<sup>3</sup> Tom had pastured cattle on 50 acres near Fairview that summer.

<sup>4</sup> Tom, Fanny, Willie Jeffrey and sometimes Don Jeffrey worked on turnips for most of the week.

<sup>5</sup> Nelson Monteith was one of the first to have a telephone.

<sup>6</sup> Jim Halpin was a blacksmith and lived in Fairview; it seems he made apple butter too. At the time Fairview was a village with more than 50 residents.

- 18 Sun. Joe over for haircut; brought cider... Joe and Mrs. Holmes to funeral of Eva Richardson.<sup>1</sup>  
 29 Thurs. I fixed chimneys and roof in morning. Went shooting squirrels in afternoon, shot four... down to Murray's and Manson's and around by Fairview<sup>2</sup>. Got mail. Lovely bright day.

December, 1906

- 5 Wed. I went to Fairview and got mail and tobacco 10... Saw Foulston<sup>3</sup>. I put manure around house ... snowing...  
 12 Wed. ...I cleaned oats. Fanny and children went to Fairview for a drive (with the cutter); got mail.  
 15 Sat. ...Foulston came at 3 p.m. and we sawed 3 hours (with steam engine). Landers, Dunlop, Schellenberger, Foulston and Riley here.  
 16 Sun. Foulston here and put fire in engine (to prevent freezing?) Joe over in evening. Lovely day.  
 17 Mon. Foulston here at 7 a.m. We sawed rails till noon. Chopped<sup>4</sup> two hours after dinner: Schellenberger, Dunlop, Riley, Foulston and I. They moved to George Green's in evening. Charged me \$4.75 in all.  
 18 Tues. ...We killed twelve chickens in evening. Very frosty.  
 19 Wed. ...killed seven more chickens making 19 in all. Fanny, Alex and I went to city in afternoon with chickens. 19 chickens @ 8¢ a lb = \$4.73. Alex suit \$5.50; Alex boots & cardigan \$2.30; Candy 10¢  
 24 Mon. Norman and Art Monteith here; bought (filly) for \$145.00...  
 25 Tues. Fanny, Willie (Jeffrey), family & I went to Mother's for dinner. Had a good time...Uncle Nelson and family there.

January, 1907

Total receipts for 1907 = \$980.67

Total expenditures for 1907 = \$1066.93

- 1 Tues. Willie Jeffrey, Willie Robertson<sup>5</sup> and I went back to smoke out coons. Did not get any...  
 2 Wed. Joe Landers and I went back and Joe shot coon; I skinned it. Sam and Jim Loghrin<sup>6</sup> here from Guelph. We went back to bush for skunks; did not get any. The boys went to St. Pauls and took train to Stratford.  
 10 Thurs. I put posts in barn under beam... stormy and cold. Children bad colds.  
 11 Fri. I went to city in morning. Paid Foulston \$19.25 threshing, chopping, and sawing...  
 31 Thurs. Cleaned horse stable in morning... Johnston's here buying cattle. Snowing but soft in afternoon.

February, 1907

- 1 Fri. ...Joe and Landers breaking in colt. Alex and I got mail at Fairview in evening. Mild.  
 7 Thurs. Piled lumber in morning. Put on load of rails and took them to mother. Got balance of lumber at mill and posts. Home at 6:30, did chores and went to Monteith's boys party in evening... About 60 people there...  
 10 Sun. Very stormy all day. Sandy (Alexander) Frame came and told me about cattle not going in till Wednesday...  
 12 Tues. ...I went over (to Joe's) and butchered one pig... Fanny and Alex over... played gramophone. Home @ 9 p.m.  
 13 Wed. ...we loaded cattle... to city. 3 heifers weighed 2950 lbs @ 4¼¢ = \$125.35. Man with one leg here at noon; gave him 25¢.  
 16 Sat. ...hailed pig manure... went to Fairview and to Murray's. Got mail and goose \$1.00. Home through Joe's...  
 24 Sun. Read all day. Sow had 9 pigs living two dead in evening. Stormy.



Nel, Alex & Helen. "Mar. 11, Fanny and I took children to city and got pictures taken..."

<sup>1</sup> Eva A. (Richardson) Auger died on Nov. 17, 1906 and is buried in Avondale cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

<sup>2</sup> Tom's walk went south to the Baseline between Oxford and Perth counties; Mansons farmed in Zorra Township, Oxford.

<sup>3</sup> William Foulston lived in Fairview and did Tom's threshing.

<sup>4</sup> Grinding grain required engine power.

<sup>5</sup> Willie, 11 years old, was Tom's first cousin, son of his aunt Jane (Jeffrey) Robertson.

<sup>6</sup> Jim, 25 years old, was Tom's first cousin, son of his uncle James Loghrin.

27 Wed. ...Willie Dempsey came... Chas. Rankin<sup>1</sup> killed in railroad wreck.

March, 1907

5 Tues. Cleaned hog pen... Did not go out in afternoon. Very stormy. Hens starting to lay eggs.

13 Wed. ... snow nearly all gone. Austin Dempsey here... Joe got incubator at Hyden's.

14 Thurs. Drew manure all day... upset with load at gate. Fanny to Fairview, got mail.

18 Mon. I went to Nelson's got pot for boiling. McLatchey here in morning. Tapped 35 trees in afternoon... Art, Norman and Horman here in evening, played cards.

20 Wed. Very cold, high wind during night...went to Con Mack's sale in afternoon...

23 Sat. Clifford and I put his cutter up in shed... I boiled (sap) in morning...

25 Mon. I boiled sap and piled lumber... George Green, assessor, here. Lovely day.

26 Tues. I finished piling lumber... Fanny and I went to Hill's sale; did not get anything... Fanny went to McEwen's.

28 Thurs. I fixed gate at barn... Willie Jeffrey came out and we emptied (sap) buckets in evening.

30 Sat. I went to city, got 100 lbs of flour. Home at 5 p.m. Fanny and Willie boiling sap...

April, 1907

2 Tues. Went to Harry's got charcoal in the bush. Went to his sale... did not buy... mare sold for \$280, Sid Hayes. Fanny and Alex went also, big crowd, things sold well. Willie Jeffrey came out and got clothes.

4 Thurs. ...Frames have a son<sup>2</sup>. I got my goose at Chris Schellenberger's.

10 Wed. ...I took cow to Dempsey's & got 32 duck eggs at Cardwell's. Set them in the evening. Spring horse show...

15 Mon. Joe and I loaded eight hogs, 1360 lbs = \$82.95... Leland Dunsmore and sister here in evening. Snowing.

23 Tues. I went to (ploughing) bee all day. 9 teams in afternoon. Had beer. Got 60 rods of wire fence at St. Pauls from London. Home at 8:30 p.m. Joe and Mrs. Holmes at Ridley's.

28 Sun. Had shave and read. Cut down hay in mow. Alex and I took walk to bush. Very warm.

May, 1907

4 Sat. I spread manure for mangels; set end post. Fanny went to Fairview... got mail and butter at Cardwell's...

7 Tues. ...Molly mare foaled in morning, horse colt by "Leading Article"... I sowed nine bags oats...

17 Fri. I pounded posts along line between Dempsey and I... drew out manure... Mrs. Douglas over in afternoon.

22 Wed. I sowed corn & beans in morning & sowed peas in front of house in p.m. Took old team of mares to Rae's...

24 Fri. I went to Frame's did not get (fence) stretcher. Fanny, children & I went fishing. Caught about 20... went home around Harrington.

June, 1907

2 Sun. Cattle broke out. I fixed fence. Fanny and I went to Tony Morris' had supper there... put cattle in stable...

4 Tues. I started spreading manure in morning with (Art Thistle's) spreader... Jim Landers here, horse with colic...

11 Tues. Rained in morning. Worked in drive shed and did odd jobs... put barrel in spring<sup>3</sup>.

13 Thurs. Simon Rae here asking hands for raising... heard the news of Sam Rankin's suicide...

20 Thurs. ...took load of hay to pork factory... got Nelson's rifle. Did not shoot any groundhogs. Rec'd for hay \$11.44.

30 Sun. Lovely warm day. Willie (Jeffrey), Fanny and children went to Fairview and around block. I took walk over to Embro Road.

July, 1907

3 Wed. Don, Willie (Jeffrey) and I worked at turnips in morning... we went to No. 4 picnic, good time...

7 Sun. Willie went to Dempsey's. I went for strawberries... Sam, Jess and kids over in evening.

10 Wed. Willie, Don (Jeffrey) & I took barb wire off fence in lane. Put wire on road fence and one on line fence between Monteith's and I... pulled old posts in evening.

11 Thurs. ...put some new boards on barn floor. Made a hammock for children. Don went to city

13 Sat. Fanny, Alex and I went to city... Willie working in mangels. Paid Mother \$165.00 in full.

16 Tues. Sharpened mower knife, hoed in garden. Willie digging burdocks. Cut hay for first (time) in afternoon...

With Jack Clifford's help, Tom cut trees, hauled logs to the city and brought home lumber during late February and early March.

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<sup>1</sup> Charles R. Rankin, 31 years old, died on Feb. 26, 1907 and is buried in Avondale cemetery.

<sup>2</sup> McPherson A. Frame was the new addition to the family of Alex (Sandy) and Jean Frame.

<sup>3</sup> The spring across the creek from the barn is still the farm water source.



- 18 Thurs. Willie cut hay... we drew in four loads. Mother & children out in p.m. Nelson left for England...
- 30 Tues. I scuffled and Willie hoed turnips in morning... Willie raked balance of hay ...finished haying...
- August, 1907
- 2 Fri. I ploughed sod with big plough. Fanny & Willie picking berries all day. Heard news of Hubert Dempsey's<sup>1</sup> death by appendicitis from J. N. Monteith.
- 3 Sat. Fanny went to Dempsey's... ploughed sod all day... Willie took calf hide to city. Calf hide 75¢...
- 4 Sun. I took children to bush in morning. Went to Hubert Dempsey's funeral in p.m. Lovely day, big funeral...
- 12 Mon. ...went to Fairview and threshed wheat on fifty (acres)... got mail... Left waggon at Fairview to get tires set<sup>2</sup>...
- 15 Thurs. ...Pearce and expert came and fixed binder... Mrs. Morrow & Minnie Wilson here for tea.. Joe over for pea harvester.
- 23 Fri. I cut oats in morning. Willie shocking... threshed Joe's peas in p.m. Minnie Wilson here sewing for Fanny...
- 25 Sun. Willie and I took walk to D. J. Mac's and got some thimble berries. Willie drove Minnie Wilson to city in evening. Wages sewing \$2.00.
- 27 Tues. I cultivated and Willie disced wheat land... Fanny to city, borrowed \$30 from Lizzie Scholz...

The tax bill was tucked into the 1907 diary. *Thos. Loghrin, Con 8, Lot 9, Sir, You are requested to pay your taxes, amounting to \$39.86, on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1907... After that date 5¢ on the dollar will be added to the above amount... may be paid at Sterling Bank, Sebringville; Traders Bank, St. Marys; Traders Bank, Stratford. John Grieve, Collector, Avonton P. O.*

*County Rate \$9.86; Township Rate \$17.46; School Rate \$4.64; Tp. Grant to Schools \$6.96; Gillard Drain \$1.00.*

- 28 Wed. Fanny and I took train for Toronto at 7 a.m... got bed for night at Mrs. James. Went to ball game in afternoon between Newark and Toronto. Toronto won both games. Met Mrs. Jeffrey and Don and went to Island.
- 29 Thurs. Went to Eaton's did some shopping and went to Exhibition. Stayed for fireworks. Got on train at Parkdale; home (Stratford) at 3 a.m. Stayed at Mother's till morning and I got ride out (to the farm) with George McEwen.
- 30 Fri. ...Will went to city for Fanny in evening. Total expenses to Fair \$18.50.

September, 1907

- 1 Sun. Will went to city for good. Don and I took walk. I read and slept. Gave Will on wages \$10.00.
- 4 Wed. I went to city in morning with vegetables and returned beer kegs. Returned \$30.00 to Lizzie Scholz... Went to Tony Morris' in evening, got 20 bus. wheat... Paid Halpin \$1.00 for setting (wagon) tires.
- 14 Sat. I tried to draw off stones, broke chain. Fixed gate at road and went to Fairview, got mail... Charley Scott from Toronto and Will from Seattle out to see me.
- 15 Sun. Nelson Richardson and family out all day. Warm and sultry. Read and slept.
- 21 Sat. Willie Jeffrey came out and we finished potatoes, 25 bags in all.
- 22 Sun. Jim Sinclair and wife, Frank Richardson came out. Stayed all day. Went for walk to Joe's bush, got cherries.
- 25 Wed. Ploughed garden and pulled beans... to Matt's sale in afternoon. Bought scuffer and harrows \$1.50 each...
- 27 Fri. I ploughed all day with walking plough. Rained in evening. Fanny drove Mother to city.
- 29 Sun. Took walk for mushrooms in morning. Read and slept. Norman, Art (Monteith) and Cardwell here in p.m.

Ploughing and threshing season

October, 1907

- 2 Wed. Ploughed with big plough in morning. Fanny, children and I went to Stratford Fair... Admission 60¢...
- 19 Sat. ... Willie got apples at Harry's in afternoon. Foulston's (threshing) machine moved here in evening.
- 21 Mon. Threshed wheat till noon and peas in afternoon, oats in the evening. Got tank of water (for the engine) in evening. Lovely day, good threshing.

Oct 10, 1907 Joe Richardson married Sarah Hall.

<sup>1</sup> Hubert Lansdowne Dempsey, 23 years old, was the son of next door neighbours, Jack and Lorenza Dempsey.

<sup>2</sup> This was probably a job for Jim Halpin, the blacksmith, as the tires were steel rims.

- 22 Tues. Finished threshing at 10 a.m. Machine went to Monteith boys. Willie and I took a load of straw to pork factory.
- 25 Fri. I took straw to city... \$4.00. Changed plough points, topped turnips... Don and Willie out in evening.
- 31 Thurs. Will, Don and I worked at roots, did not quite finish. Lovely day. Thanksgiving Day.
- November, 1907
- 1 Fri. We finished roots at noon and went shooting in the afternoon down around Harrington. Shot 3 red squirrels; put up a partridge in Horman's...
- 7 Thurs. I ploughed with walking plough... helped Joe draw in turnips. Sent with Knott for tobacco at Fairview 10¢.
- 13 Wed. Split wood and chored. Went to Harry's threshing in afternoon. Ground frozen up. Snowing.
- 15 Fri. I put up 4 bags of potatoes & did chores... to city with chop and oats \$16.09. Gave Willie \$12.00; Don \$1.00...
- 16 Sat. I went to Brooksdale, shot 5 black squirrels. Lovely Fall day. Got mail at Fairview.
- 23 Sat. Willie cut weeds along road. I ploughed sod... ploughing nearly done.
- 24 Sun. Cold, frozen up. Willie walked in (to city) at 4 p.m. Read and did chores. Likely last ploughing on 23<sup>rd</sup>...
- 27 Wed. ...to city to get medicine for (filly) ... from Orr. Schellenberger girls returned meat borrowed in evening.
- 29 Thurs. Went to Nelson's and phoned to Orr... mare colt (filly) died at 4 p.m. Skinned her.
- December, 1907
- 1 Sun. Read. Cold and stormy. Nothing doing but chores. Wrote a couple of cards in evening.
- 4 Wed. Put up chop. Made a gravel box. Went to city, poor sleighing. Horse hide \$3.00
- 21 Sat. Went to city. Mrs. Scholtz<sup>1</sup> funeral. Home at 9 p.m.
- 25 Wed. Did chores. Took family to city in sleigh for the day. Home at 9 p.m. Nelson's children came out with us.
- 31 Tues. Fanny and Willie (Jeffrey) to city in morning. Home at 4 p.m. I cleaned out manure in afternoon...

Fanny and/or Tom usually went to Stratford once a week for groceries, often on Saturday. One such excursion on Dec. 31st included the following purchases: *13lbs butter @ 25¢ = \$3.25; Bread 40¢; Fish 15¢; Raisins 7¢; Soda 5¢; Oatmeal 25¢; Prunes 25¢; Lemons 20¢; Dye 9¢; Print \$1.56; Twist 5¢; Buttons 10¢; Tartaric acid 20¢; Salteen 25¢; and Suet 30¢*

Many of the diaries include detailed financial records; they give insight into the farm and household operation.

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#### January, 1908 Receipts

380 lbs oats . . . . .	5.02
9 lbs butter @ 25¢. . . . .	1.75
Calf skin . . . . .	.75
Interest B. M. T. Co. Stock . . . . .	5.40
32.5 bus. wheat . . . . .	30.22
18 bus. wheat . . . . .	17.28
4 chickens dressed . . . . .	1.54
3 ducks dressed . . . . .	1.50
5 doz. eggs @ 25¢ . . . . .	1.25
26.75 bus. peas @ 76¢. . . . .	<u>20.25</u>
Total	84.96

#### February, 1908

2 bags potatoes . . . . .	1.60
125 lbs oats . . . . .	2.50
16 lbs butter @ 25¢ . . . . .	4.00
18 chickens . . . . .	\$6.00
3 doz. eggs @ 25¢ . . . . .	<u>.75</u>

#### January, 1908 Expenditures

Foulston threshing . . . . .	15.75
Rooster . . . . .	1.00
George Michie for cow . . . . .	48.00
Calf feeder . . . . .	1.75
Scoop shovel . . . . .	1.00
Manure fork . . . . .	.80
Light harness . . . . .	18.00
Chop . . . . .	.66
Dry goods . . . . .	1.44
Groceries & misc. . . . .	<u>29.95</u>
Total	118.35

#### February, 1908

Advocate . . . . .	1.50
Chopping . . . . .	.96
Postage . . . . .	.12
Nails . . . . .	.38
Groceries including figs . . . . .	<u>6.87</u>

<sup>1</sup> Jane Hill Scholz died on Dec. 19, 1907 at 77 years of age. She was Jessie's mother and Sam Loghrin's mother in law. From *Find A Grave*.

	Total 14.85
March, 1908	
Peas .....	26.02
14 lbs butter .....	3.58
4 chickens .....	<u>1.34</u>
Total	30.94

April, 1908	
3 bags peas to McKenzie .....	5.75
1 bag potatoes .....	.80
3 cattle from Nelson .....	75.00
28 doz. eggs .....	4.00
38 lbs butter .....	<u>1.50</u>
Total	95.05

May, 1908	
37 doz. eggs .....	5.52
21 lbs butter .....	<u>4.75</u>
Total	10.27

June, 1908	
5 head cattle to E. Dunsmore .....	150.00
Wheat .....	76.26
840 lbs oats .....	12.25
3 doz. eggs .....	.45
22 lbs butter @ 15¢ .....	<u>3.10</u>
Total	242.06

July, 1908	
Butter .....	6.19
75 lbs potatoes .....	1.50
4 doz. eggs .....	<u>.68</u>
Total	8.37

August, 1908	
Wheat .....	60.54
2 hogs 330 lbs. ....	20.95
Interest in B. M. T. Co. ....	.50
10 doz. eggs @ 18¢ .....	1.80
12 lbs butter .....	<u>2.16</u>
Total	85.95

September, 1908	
Wheat .....	45.09
105 lbs barley .....	1.00
10 doz. eggs @ 20¢ .....	2.00
5 lbs butter @ 20¢ .....	<u>1.00</u>
Total	50.09

October, 1908	
5 bags potatoes .....	3.50
Horse hair .....	.80

	Total 9.83
March, 1908	
Sam interest for year .....	12.00
Dempsey sow .....	10.00
Allan balance separator .....	25.00
Dunlop cow .....	35.00
100 lbs oil cakes .....	1.75
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>12.31</u>
Total	96.06

April, 1908	
Rae stud .....	28.00
Slippers .....	3.20
Gloves .....	.25
Hat .....	.15
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>28.40</u>
Total	60.02

May, 1908	
Iron posts for road fence .....	8.00
Groceries and misc. (26 items) .....	<u>16.48</u>
Total	24.48

June, 1908	
Wire & staples .....	3.78
Ella Schellenberger wages .....	2.00
14 bu. seed peas @ 80¢ .....	11.00
1 bu. clover seed .....	15.50
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>41.84</u>
Total	74.12

July, 1908	
Cecil wages .....	9.00
Church .....	.50
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>20.78</u>
Total	30.38

August, 1908	
Cecil Hooper wages in full .....	27.00
Easson dressing lumber .....	7.97
White & Co. Furniture paid in full .....	26.00
Foulston for twine 70 lbs .....	9.45
Art Monteith sow service .....	2.00
Willie Jeffrey and Don wages .....	6.00
20 tile, 12 inch .....	2.30
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>25.24</u>
Total	105.96

September, 1908	
Cedar posts .....	2.00
London Fair .....	3.15
Lumber at Easson's .....	3.15
Posts for stalls .....	5.25
Paid Keller's account in full .....	18.75
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>14.40</u>
Total	46.70

October, 1908	
Dockerty wages .....	25.25
Art Thistle wire .....	23.80

5 doz. eggs .....	1.15
14 bus. wheat .....	<u>12.84</u>
Total	18.29

November, 1908

10 lbs butter @ 22¢ .....	2.20
12.5 doz. eggs @ 23¢ .....	<u>2.87</u>
Total	5.07

December, 1908

Interest in B. M. T. Co. ....	1.04
Rails to mother .....	2.00
Veal calf .....	10.00
2 calves to Andy Monteith .....	20.00
Rec'd for 10 pigs to Allan .....	35.00
Rec'd for cow coming in .....	35.00
18 chickens @ 7¢ per lb .....	6.10
Other: wheat, potatoes, eggs .....	<u>58.34</u>
Total	167.48

Total receipts for 1908 \$808.31

Chopping .....	.36
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>13.93</u>
Total	63.34

November, 1908

Plow point .....	.50
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>16.25</u>
Total	16.75

December, 1908

Chopping .....	1.02
Stove .....	11.00
Corsets .....	1.00
Taxes .....	42.47
Insurance .....	4.66
W. Jeffrey .....	2.00
B. Bell .....	20.00
Andy Monteith .....	43.00
T. Rustin (lumber) in full .....	21.00
Groceries & misc. ....	<u>41.60</u>
Total	187.75

Total Expenditures for 1908 833.63

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January, 1908

- 1 Wed. Matt and Harry (Monteith) here dehorning cattle... Nelson and Wm. Jeffrey here in afternoon...
- 7 Tues. Calf died. I skinned him... Jim Kelly brought mail; rec'd check B. M. T. Co. \$5.40.
- 23 Thurs. Chored in morning. Took two pigs to Wm. Dunsmore's and got them butchered... Jack Lawton here to sell cows. Very cold day. Fanny and I went to Parker's supper. Home at 4 a.m...

February, 1908

- 1 Sat. Big snow storm, worst of season. Did chores around barn. Nothing doing.
- 2 Sun. Nothing doing, heavy snow. Roads almost impossible.
- 5 Wed. East storm. Did nothing, my birthday 30 years old. Read and slept. Drifting bad. Spotted cow took Allan's bull in evening.
- 6 Thurs. Cold and very stormy. Did nothing but stay in house. Picked some potatoes over... about 20 below zero.
- 7 Fri. ...Went to Cardwell's, had shave and supper... mail did not get through. No traffic on Embro Rd. for two days.
- 13 Thurs. ...killed six chickens. Went to Joseph Salkeld's funeral in afternoon. Snow going fast. Roads bad...
- 20 Thurs. ...Dick Welsh over for tobacco. Fanny killed some chickens in afternoon. Wm. Rae looking at mares...

Winter storm!

March, 1908

- 5 Thurs. ...bagged up 18 bags of chop in morning... Joe over to see about borrowing money; did not have any.
- 10 Tues. Lovely day. I went to city with chop; got balance of lumber for ceiling...
- 18 Wed. ...Mrs. Schellenberger and baby here. I cleaned oats for seed... Lydia Schellenberger came over in evening.
- 26 Thurs. I gathered sap and boiled all day. Dick Welsh and Willie over to bush... had headache in evening.

April, 1908

- 1 Wed. Englishman went to city... Joe's dog killed rooster and five hens... man came out in evening.
- 9 Thurs. I went to bush and started fire. Englishman finished spreading manure. Sam Robb here selling manure spreaders. Lovely day.
- 14 Tues. I started fire in bush. Fanny boiled till noon; brought up syrup... Alex got pup at Joe's. Lovely day.
- 18 Sat. I went to Harry's got 3 settings eggs. Oiled buggy. Fanny and Mrs. H. to Mitchell. I pruned trees in p.m.
- 21 Tues. Willie (Jeffrey) and I cleaned up seed oats... Fanny went to city and got Mrs. Holmes and Alex.
- 23 Thurs. ...Fanny boiled sap; finished for season. Brought up pan, etc. Austin Dempsey here buying pigs...
- 29 Wed. I sowed clover and timothy across creek in morning; seeded wheat land in afternoon. High wind and cold. Got mail at Fairview. Rung up pork factory about hams smoking.

May, 1908

- 2 Sat. I wove fence; started drilling stone; broke drills. Took manure away from house... snowing, cold.

- 4 Mon. Cecil (Hooper) cultivated. I went to city... got hams at pork factory; drills sharpened...  
 14 Thurs. Blasting stones all day. Rainy at times. I got hammer at Joe's.  
 17 Sun. Lovely day. I went to St. Andrew's church in morning. Had dinner at mother's. Home at 5 p.m.  
 19 Tues. We dug 16 maple trees and put them along road. I went fishing... caught trout. Alex went also...  
 23 Sat. Cecil disc harrowed... I rolled and planted potatoes from Guelph - Early Dawn and Stray Beauty...  
 28 Thurs. Cecil went to city to cable England with Sam horse... Cecil got \$4.00 wages from Mrs. Holmes...  
 29 Fri. ...drew out manure. I went to Nelson's and rung up Dr. Monteith. He came; son born at 2 a.m. Saturday, 30th.

William Jeffrey Loghrin born

- 30 Sat. ... I tried blasting stones; fuse too wet. Cecil spreading manure...  
 June, 1908

- 4 Thurs. I harrowed turnip land in morning; Cecil finished manure... Jessie (Loghrin) & Hills out in afternoon...  
 15 Mon. Schellenberger over to get hand to saw rails. Cecil went over. I blasted stones; made stoneboat...  
 17 Wed. Cecil & I dug drain... I went to city and got 100 tile 4 in. and about 100 3 in... Joe's man brought out a load. Andy Monteith getting married.  
 22 Mon. Knott's sow had 8 pigs during night; Art Monteith's boar... I got load of tile at Keller's; 6 loads so far...  
 28 Sun. Lovely day. Cecil went for walk. Nelson & wife here in afternoon... Dempsey's sow had 10 pigs.

July, 1908

- 2 Thurs. Cecil ploughed... I laid tile in morning; making three drains running east. Worked at roots in p.m.  
 9 Thurs. I went to city on bicycle; got repair for mower... fixed it. Cut hay balance of day... repairs 29¢.  
 12 Sun. Willie Jeffrey over in morning. We took walk to bush with children.  
 21 Tues. Dull, raining... We sawed wood at house... Cecil drew manure... Sam McKay collecting for Mr. Lawton.  
 24 Fri. I went to Harry's; drew in hay till noon. Willie Jeffrey & Dunlop there. Cecil shocked in the morning; I coiled greenfeed. Cecil went to Knott's raising. Fanny raked greenfeed.  
 26 Sun. ...went to church in city. Willie went also... Kate McEwen here in evening. Church 10¢ Cigars 10¢  
 30 Thurs. ...scuffled turnips and potatoes. Put paris green on potatoes. Mr. T. J. Thompson and Peter Smith out christening children. Nelson, Helen, Willie & I went to Joe's. Cecil working on turnips.

August, 1908

- 8 Sat. We drew in 2 loads of peas... Cecil went to Frame's threshing... I... took up experimental potatoes<sup>1</sup>.  
 10 Mon. Cecil went to Schellenberger's threshing. Cut his hand and Dr. Monteith put in three stitches. I cut oats in morning and shocked in afternoon. Rained...  
 17 Mon. Lovely day. Don (Jeffrey) disc harrowed. I sharpened stakes. We both worked at shed... Cecil packed up.  
 18 Tues. I took Cecil to city. Paid him in full \$22.00. Paid J. D. Monteith his account for Cecil \$5.00...  
 19 Wed. Don & I cleaned wheat in morning; all the wheat of last year... I started building rail fence at bush<sup>2</sup>.  
 23 Sun. Lovely day. Don and I took a walk. Got some berries. Willie Jeffrey and Robertson here in afternoon.  
 29 Sat. I harrowed wheat land; ploughed garden. Took all implements in. Joe moved (threshing machine?) to Jim's; got engine in ditch at Con Mack's.

The following are notes from the 1908 diary: Cementing Barn; 19½ bbls of cement @ \$2 a bbl; Dockerty's time 17½ days @ \$2 = \$35.50; including 2 sills in horse stable; cementing both wells; 2000 sq. ft. of cement altogether including wells and sills.

September, 1908

- 3 Thurs. Drew dirt (into barn for levelling) all day. Finished... got some mangels on stoneboat.  
 4 Fri. Peter Smith and wife here about insurance in morning. Registered all the children. Fanny & I went to city...  
 7 Mon. Dockerty? and I worked at cement all day; laid planks and dug out gutters; set posts (in the barn).  
 10 Thurs. I took back tank to Joe's; got water for cement... Bill Conway here selling cream separators & scales...  
 17 Thurs. Fanny, Alex & I went to London Fair. Put horse in at Bob Thistle's (and took train from St. Pauls). Home on 5 o'clock train. Fair expenses \$3.15.

<sup>1</sup> *Early Dawn* and *Stray Beauty* from Guelph were planted on May 23rd.

<sup>2</sup> A rail fence was still around the bush in the 1950s; were they the same rails?

- 18 Fri. Dockerty here at 9 a.m. We finished cementing root house.
- 19 Sat. Billy worked at putting in 2 cement sills in barn; cemented well and put new top on it.
- 21 Mon. ...Dockerty working at (cream) separator room in afternoon. Fanny & children took up onions in field.
- 23 Wed. Fanny and Nelson went to city with old Sam horse. I went to Nelson's silo filling in morning. Bert Banks came over asking hands. Billy (Dockerty) put in (cow stable) mangers.
- 25 Fri. Dockerty here in morning... Fanny and I cleaned out barn and piled up all lumber...

#### October, 1908

- 1 Thurs. Embro Fair. I took in mangels in morning. Cardwell here asking for threshing at noon... lovely day.
- 6 Tues. Dockerty and I worked at well in barn all day. Put in crib and some cement...
- 9 Fri. I picked apples and did odd jobs. Lionel Waugh and Forbes here. I started drilling stones...
- 19 Mon. Finished threshing at 9 a.m. Foulston went to Rae's. My time 10½ hrs... I topped turnips...
- 22 Thurs. I worked at turnips all day. Drew in 8 loads. Joe over in evening to look at Bessy's foot, very lame. I went to Nelson's and telephoned for boys for Saturday.
- 24 Sat. Raining in morning. Boys (Willie and Donald Jeffrey) went home. I ploughed and worked around barn...
- 27 Tues. ...drew in four loads of turnips... Mrs. Frank Richardson and Sinclair here for supper...

Ploughing season
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#### November, 1908

- 6 Fri. ...Fanny to Dr. Bothwell (in city) about teeth and brought out Willie Jeffrey...
- 7 Sat. Fanny and Nelson (son) went to Mitchell for the day. Fare railroad 40¢...
- 9 Mon. Willie ploughed all day with big plough. I drilled a stone; could not blow it up...
- 13 Fri. I struck out front field with walking plough... Simon Monteith here trying to trade a horse on cattle...
- 14 Sat. Willie Jeffrey took in load of rails to (Jeffrey) home... heavy snow, stormy...
- 17 Tues. I drew up wood from bush all day with sleigh. Fanny went to city about her teeth; took in three chickens...
- 23 Mon. I ploughed all day... warm as summer. Andy Monteith drew a load of brick out at night<sup>1</sup>...
- 24 Tues. I ploughed in front field all day. Monteith boys drawing brick: Harry's, Allan's, Nelson's drawing 4800...
- 25 Wed. I asked Joe, Schellenberger and Hall for brick bee. We drew seven loads making 10,500 bricks home for the outside...

#### December, 1908

- 1 Tues. I chored and went to city with seven bags of chop & eight of potatoes for mother... cold & frozen for good.
- 5 Sat. Fanny, Willie and I went to city in morning; Fanny got two teeth out. Cold day...
- 8 Tues. ...Dempsey's sow had 13 pigs, two dead so far, more likely to die. D. J. Mac (Namara) over at noon...
- 10 Thurs. Bowes pump man here in morning... Fanny and I worked at well in barn all day... pump \$8.00.
- 14 Mon. Put a platform on well in barn... Jack Hall here bought 3 head of cattle. Sam McLatchey here and bought veal calf \$10.00. Cleaned stove pipes. Covered brick in afternoon. Put waggon in barn. Very mild...
- 15 Tues. Put up chop and went to city with calf. Chas. Moore here looking for job of (building) house...
- 21 Mon. Willie and I went to bush; cut down big maple tree. Nelson here at noon. I went over and (we) sawed wood with Foulston's outfit. Brought home turkeys and a bag of apples.
- 22 Tues. ...Lucy slipped colt at noon. Mrs. Holmes went to city, going to Prescott. Went in with Joe...
- 23 Wed. Willie and I put two loads of straw above pig pens. Austin Dempsey here for saw set. Willie cleaned horse stable; I split wood. Took (cream?) separator to barn and set it up.
- 24 Thurs. ...Willie Jeffrey went home (to Stratford) for Christmas. Got a Christmas tree at Clyne's in evening...
- 25 Fri. Stayed at home; had a turkey and etc. Jack Hall and Mrs. brought mail.
- 29 Tues. Willie and I drew seven loads of sand all day (from Nelson's pit). Nelson Richardson and Salvenus, wife and children here in afternoon...
- 31 Thurs. ...Willie went to city in evening for a dance at (Jeffrey) home. I got a plug of tobacco from Dan 10¢.

#### January, 1909

- 2 Sat. Willie and I drew five loads of sand<sup>2</sup> making 28 in all... very soft.
- 4 Mon. I went and voted at No. 4 (school) in morning...bought two (cattle) from Wm. Dunsmore \$26.00... Frame

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<sup>1</sup> The bricks were probably for the new house which was built in 1909.

<sup>2</sup> Tom and Willie Jeffrey continued to haul many loads of sand from Nelson Monteith's and stones from various fields on the farm.

- headed the poll with 95 votes.
- 13 Wed. ...Mr. Kelly buried... John Priehl here looking for job of stone and brick work... \$1.00 for *Family Herald*.
- 18 Mon. ...Hauled and spread manure all day...Schellenberger girls and cousins here from Sebringville in evening.
- 25 Mon. Chris Schellenberger brought over letter from Hoffmeyer<sup>1</sup> of Sebringville. Ike Foulston here in morning looking for money. I drew stones on stone boat from front field in afternoon.
- February, 1909
- 3 Wed. ...Wm. McKay having bee drawing stones. I went to Bert Knott's; went through his house. Dan Mac breaking in colt.
- 7 Sun. ...D. J. (McNamara) over in afternoon. Alex & I went to Nelson's for supper. Moonlight home 9 p.m.
- 8 Mon. I fanned up 13 bags of wheat... Dan Mac came over with news of Jim Richardson's death from heart...
- 11 Thurs. D. J. over, also John Schellenberger. I went over and got Mrs. Schellenberger. Fanny and I went to Jim Richardson's funeral, big crowd. Went to city. Poor sleighing.
- 12 Fri. Did chores... Nelson, Alex and I went to Fairview. Got mail and candy, also coal oil. Coal oil 20¢ Candy 5¢.
- 16 Tues. Cold and stormy. Fred Ahrens here figuring on (house) job; \$270.00 his work: stone, plastering, and brick...
- 18 Thurs. ...Chas. M. Hayes<sup>2</sup> in Stratford looking through shop at G. T. Railroad. Wolf the coal oil man here...
- 20 Sat. I went to city with cutter, good sleighing. Paid Frank Richardson for Jim's cattle \$225.00...
- 27 Sat. I went to city; got plan. (Billy) Dockerty came out with me. Saw Ahrens and Hoffmeyer. Came home did chores...
- March, 1909
- 8 Mon. Billy & I sawed wood all day. Corbett here. Took plan to city to figure on...
- 12 Fri. Billy & I hauled 8 loads of gravel from Tony Morris. I got Joe's sleigh and team...
- 14 Sun. Snowing. Joe over; also Wm. Jeffrey Jr. Did chores and read.
- 15 Mon. Billy & I went to Keller's for brick. Nelson's team drew a load in morning also. Joe's, Cardwell's, Willie Jeffrey's and our two teams drew in afternoon making 6000 bricks in all...
- 18 Thurs. I took oats to the city; got a load of brick... finished the inside brick 8500 making 19,000 in all...
- 19 Fri. I did chores and went to Tavistock; got Ratz to figure on tin work... Got mail at Fairview...
- 21 Sun. ...Willie Jeffrey drove over; we took drive to bush. Nelson's birthday, 4 yrs. old. Billy time to date 12¼ days.
- 22 Mon. ...Ella Schellenberger over helping. I went to Chris' in morning to see about tapping trees.
- 29 Mon. I weighed cattle... Jim Richardson's weighed 6050 lbs, gain of 350 lbs... Fanny had neuralgia in head.
- April, 1909
- 2 Fri. ...to school meeting about telephone co...
- 7 Wed. ...Dan and Joe having law suit. Dan won case. Joe pays costs, also 50¢ a day to Dan...
- 8 Thurs. Did chores... went to Sandy Frame's bee in afternoon; cut wood; about twenty there. Had booze; played cards in evening.
- 12 Mon. ...Mr. Ward and Joe Myers here... gave me his figures; stayed for tea... \$310.00 complete...
- 17 Sat. Pat Payton here. I built fence around barn yard; also piled some birch. Went to Fairview for mail...
- 19 Mon. John Clyne here looking for pigs... Mrs. Schellenberger brought over syrup. Turkey laid first egg.
- 24 Sat. ...drew some stones off new seeding. Chris brought out white leghorn eggs from Packham...
- 29 Thurs. Dolly mare foaled during night, a colt from Lord Carbrook. I cleaned some oats for seed...
- May, 1909
- 5 Thurs. ...put three horse attachment on cultivator in afternoon and cultivated some in front field...
- 9 Sun. ..Dunlop cow tried to calve... went to Harry's and got him (to help)... calf dead. Willie Dempsey, Willie Jeffrey and Joe stayed for tea.
- 17 Mon. Cleaned out hen house in morning... got 41 chickens from 4 hens... Brought in 10 maple trees for planting.
- 23 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson, Alex and I went for walk to bush. Joe over also Jack Marshall in evening.
- 26 Wed. I cultivated root land in morning... Sowed 6 bags barley... Andy Dunlop came over and hired for 4 months.

Chris Schellenberger agreed to do the syrup making as there are many entries in the following days: *Chris boiling sap*.

<sup>1</sup> Hoffmeyers ran a sawmill in Sebringville.

<sup>2</sup> Charles Melville Hayes was president of the Grand Trunk Railroad. From *Wikipedia*.

30 Sun. Lovely day. Andy, Alex, Nelson and I went to Nelson's and Sam Monteith's. Home for supper...

Andy and Tom *dug drains* again in 1909.

June, 1909

- 1 Tues. 12 turkeys came out of one setting (Turkey in barn, set May 4<sup>th</sup>). I finished sowing oats, 27 acres in all.
- 6 Sun. Lovely day. I went to Schellenberger's with Michie cow. Fanny and children went to bush had lunch...
- 10 Thurs. I ploughed sod in morning and sowed corn... We have 20 turkeys altogether.
- 15 Tues. ...dug some post holes. I went to Billy Hosford's raising. Andy went off on a booze for good.
- 16 Wed. I worked on turnip ground all day. Andy sent Iche? out to hire. I gave him job \$30 for 4 mo. Starts Friday.
- 17 Thurs. ...I went to city and got iron bars for sills... Mr. Ische started work, came in evening.
- 18 Fri. Memno<sup>1</sup> ploughing turnip ground... Eph (Ephraim) Dunsmore and son and I made 23 (window?) sills for house...
- 22 Tues. I sowed turnips. Memno worked on turnips, drilled up 32 rows... Memno's mother ...over in evening.
- 24 Thurs. Memno and I dug foundation for house. Very hot and sultry... Memno and I went to St. Pauls, got a load of scaffolding.
- 25 Fri. ... We went to Ruston's, got 3 loads of lumber for house, joists & rafters.
- 26 Sat. Memno worked at foundation in morning... two loads of lumber in afternoon; I got strips for lathing; he got a load of joists. Very hot day.

House construction begins.

July, 1909

- 2 Fri. Masons (Fred Ahrens and gang) at stone work. Memno drawing stones. I dug drain away from house...
- 5 Mon. Ahrens gang here full force. Memno cut thistles and drew stones. I hoed potatoes and scuffled corn...
- 8 Thurs. ...Memno got 250 four inch tile... I drew stones for masons. Sam L. and family out in evening.
- 10 Sat. Toby Nash here; Dolly mare took horse. Memno worked at drain around house all day. I scuffled mangels...
- 12 Mon. Memno away at Clinton for the 12<sup>th</sup>... Fanny, children and I had lunch at bush. Hoffmeyer and Borman to see about the job.
- 22 Thurs. ...We opened up a sand pit in Cardwell's in evening.
- 24 Sat. Memno and I drew sand in morning... drew in two loads of hay in evening making 13 loads in all... Mrs. Holmes and children picking berries.

August, 1909

- 1 Sun. ...Helen wandered away; found her at Jack Lawton's. Hunted all day for her...
- 13 Fri. Memno went to Cardwell's threshing. I went to St. Pauls to see about brick... Fred Ahrens here in afternoon...
- 16 Mon. Joe's team, Schellenberger's, Nelson's and our own drew 8 loads of brick; finished all but one load. Beer at Murphy's 90¢; Freight on brick \$29.20.
- 26 Thurs. I cut oats all day. Memno shocking. Nelson Monteith here brought news of Aunt Lizzie's<sup>2</sup> death...
- 27 Fri. I cut oats in morning. In afternoon Memno cut and I went to funeral. Very warm and sultry...
- 30 Mon. Willie Dempsey here for Joe; we drew in oats all day. Don and Willie Jeffrey here. Bill Ellison and son here laying joists for second floor. Dunlop cow to Schellenberger bull.

September, 1909

- 6 Mon. ...I went to lime kiln and got 12 bu. lime; Alex went also... Masons finished brick work at noon...
- 8 Wed. ...Memno and I dug trench for veranda. Chris and Willie came over and we killed pig and hung it up...
- 10 Fri. Memno ploughing with old team... to city got cornice for house & 2½ bags of cement & balance of joists...
- 13 Mon. Memno and I finished cement and we went to city and got 18 sq. of shingles and sheathing..
- 15 Wed. ...I made cement caps for veranda. Memno ...harrowed wheat land. Heinbuch<sup>3</sup> here about threshing.
- 20 Mon. Memno to Dempsey's threshing. I worked around house... Allan Bradshaw<sup>4</sup> died of appendicitis in hospital.
- 21 Tues. Memno at Cardwell's threshing... I went to city, got cement and goods for threshing. Heinbuch moved

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<sup>1</sup> The spelling of the name is in doubt; although census records indicate that the Isch(i)e family farmed in South Easthope, Memno's name is not clear.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Gibson Monteith was Fanny's (Tom's mother) older sister; she married John C. Monteith.

<sup>3</sup> Note the change from Foulston's outfit.

<sup>4</sup> Allan Crawford Bradshaw, 21 years old, was born in Downie Township but died in Stratford.



- machine here in evening. Memno and threshers at Halfway (House). Gave him \$2.00.
- 23 Thurs. Finished threshing... Heinbuch went to Monteith's... Paid Heinbuch in full - \$14.20.
- 27 Mon. I went to Nelson's at 4:00 a.m. phoned for (Dr.) Rankin... he came out and stayed. Boy born at noon. Fanny pretty sick. I drove Rankin in at 5:00 p.m. Brought Mrs. Tuer out in evening... Memno ploughing.
- 28 Tues. I went to city and saw Dr Rankin; brought out Miss Wilhelm... Dr. Rankin out in evening.
- 30 Thurs. I got Nelson's democrat, went to city; got glass... Paid Rankin on acct. \$25.00.
- October, 1909
- 4 Mon. Lathers came and worked up stairs all day. Alex and I went to Dunbar's and got a load of cement block for veranda... Memno dug drain for closet in house...
- 7 Thurs. ...Memno at Schellenberger's threshing; he ploughed in p.m. Ellison putting up stairs; Ahrens plastering.
- 10 Sun. Lovely day. Alex, Nelson & Helen went for walk, got some mushrooms... We got some hickory nuts...
- 13 Wed. ...filled drain. Memno ploughing. I helped Joe draw in his mangels. Sarah took in nurse in afternoon.
- 21 Thurs. I ploughed headland in wheat field; ploughed mangel ground... Fanny got up in afternoon<sup>1</sup>. Rainy at times.
- 23 Sat. ...took load of wood to Mother. Got keg ale charged at Devlin's. Snowing in evening.
- 24 Sun. Lovely day. Alex, Nelson & I took walk to Sam Monteith's and Nelson's. Willie Jeffrey home from College.
- 25 Mon. ..."Thanksgiving" Willie Jeffrey & Willie Monteith over in morning shooting... Harry Dunsmore & Harry Monteith here with petition for local option<sup>2</sup>. Mrs. Tuer<sup>3</sup> out in evening.
- 27 Wed. I went to city & got locks and knobs. Brought out Fred Winkler & Mrs. Tuer. Sam Monteith threshing...
- 29 Fri. I drew manure; drew up a load of turnip tops for cattle... Wm. Robertson & Don Jeffrey came out in evening.
- November, 1909
- 3 Wed. ...Mrs. Tuer and I went to Nelson's and picked up 15 bags of apples for apple butter. Home at dark. Ahrens and man putting on finishing plaster.
- 5 Fri. Mrs. Tuer & I went to Brooksdale. I shot 6 black squirrels on way down... got cider and apple butter...got mail at Fairview. Ground sausage in evening. Ahrens and man went home.
- 10 Wed. Ahrens and Reid putting up stone work; I drew stone. Mike O'Mara here for a month @ \$16.00...
- 14 Sun. Lovely day. Fanny, children and I took a walk to bush. Miss Mary McPherson came over in afternoon.
- 19 Fri. Harry (Monteith), Mike and I started putting up back (wood) shed. Mike and I put in cellar steps of cement.
- 23 Tues. Cold & frosty. Joe Myer's<sup>4</sup> men came out and set up furnace... I started putting in ceiling above kitchen.
- 25 Thurs. ...I went to city, got load of georgia pine... Pd. M. O'Mara in full for 8½ days \$5.50.
- 30 Tues. ...Fanny went o city in morning for locks. I brought out sash weights and veranda lumber. Roads heavy...
- December, 1909
- 3 Fri. Like rain all day. (Fred) Winkler painting. Ellison and gang putting up veranda. Ahrens and his gang on shed. I did odd jobs... I made flashing for veranda... Both gangs went to city in evening...
- 5 Sun. Cold, raw wind. Sam Loghrin & wife out in afternoon... stayed for tea. Allan Dunsmore & Joe over...
- 15 Wed. Mild and stormy. Fred painting. I worked at ceiling of kitchen; finished it.
- 21 Tues. Cold. Ahrens here; also Ellison. They both finished their contracts in evening. I went to Fairview got mail and two Christmas trees; also two sows at Monteith's. Paid Ahrens \$100.00 on contract; still owe him \$1.50...
- 22 Wed. Joe Myer's man here putting in register in hallway also sink and tank in attic. Winkler painting. White & Co.'s man here laying oil cloth and curtains in afternoon, finished.
- 25 Sat. Snowing. I felt tough; stayed around home all day. Had Christmas Tree at home...
- 27 Mon. ...Nelson and John Dempsey here; brought presents from city. Nomination at St. Pauls...
- 30 Thurs. Very cold. I worked around house. (Uncle) Nelson and Aunt Jane here in afternoon taking a look at house.

Donald Frederick Loghrin born

*Fred painted for most of December.*

<sup>1</sup> Had she been ill since Donald's birth?

<sup>2</sup> This was the local option to be dry as in the Temperance Movement; temperance did come until 1915 or later. From *Wikipedia*.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Tuer worked as their housekeeper.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Myers is listed as a hardware and plumbing merchant in Stratford in the 1911 census.

31 Fri. ...Cook and son of Harmony here and bought Carbrook (filly) for \$138.00. He took her away...

Tom included much financial information in the 1909 diary. Apparently, he spent just less than \$1000 on the new house; however several accounts were outstanding at year end. Total expenditures for the year were \$2203.72; total receipts were \$1152.43.

#### January, 1910

- 1 Sat. I put wood in cellar window. Turning soft. Water coming in cistern in afternoon. Had turkey for supper...
- 3 Mon. ...had shave and went out and voted at No. 4... very stormy... Frame and Thistle headed poll...
- 7 Fri. Chris Schellenberger over in morning. Board bill for men building house \$106.40 in full...
- 8 Sat. Cold wind. I did chores and went to city with wheat. Mother, Boss (Wm. Jeffrey Jr.) & family out in p.m.
- 13 Thurs. Joe Myer's men here; finished at noon... went to Nelson's and phoned in for rig to take them in...
- 25 Tues. I cleaned horse stable; got stuck in snow. Did some painting... Harry Myers out about money...
- 26 Wed. I went to Nelson's; got check for B. M. T. Co. stock \$390.00 for 6 shares... Paid Joe Myers' acct. \$300.00...

Moving in.

#### February, 1910

- 7 Mon. Very cold and frosty... I greased harness all day and carried beds, etc. from old house. Roads heavy... Turkey gobbler sick. Put him in the barn; died the next day.
- 22 Tues. Did chores. Went to Art Thistle's sale... came home with Tom Dickson...
- 24 Thurs. Very cold day... Joe and I started for city; Prince horse died on way in at Sam Monteith's. We skinned him.

#### March, 1910

- 2 Wed. Lovely day. Worked in old house all day taking down wood work and taking up floor.
- 7 Mon. ...made brooder in morning. Willie Dempsey here in afternoon to get fanning mill. I worked around barn.
- 16 Wed. ...tapped 35 trees... boiled first sap in Chris' bush... Schellenberger girls here...
- 18 Fri. ...took pig to Chris, got it killed... took veal calf to Wm. Dunsmore.... took boarding off old house in afternoon.
- 25 Fri. Lovely day. Don (Jeffrey) and I worked around the barn... Joe Blacklock and Tyler here looking at old house. Don and I went shooting, saw a mink and muskrat; did not get him.
- 30 Wed. Lovely warm day. Don cultivating; I disc harrowed. Ploughed some in evening.

Maple syrup time

#### April, 1910

- 2 Sat. Don cultivating root land. Fanny and I sowed 6 bags of oats in afternoon.
- 4 Mon. ...finished sowing root land with oats... went to bush and got buckets & spiles...
- 5 Tues. ...Sam McLatchy here; bought 2 cattle. Fanny and I worked two teams on land... I sowed 4 acres oats...
- 16 Sat. I ploughed sod all day. Fanny went to St. Pauls and got incubator.
- 19 Tues. Incubator running, no eggs in. Turkeys started laying: one in barn, one under tree at road and one over in Joe's orchard... I set one hen on duck eggs from Chris.
- 25 Mon. ...first chickens came out, 32 so far... incubator at 103°F. I ploughed sod; finished back field.
- 27 Wed. ...Set incubator on 200 eggs.

Spring cultivating

#### May, 1910

- 1 Sun. Joe and Sarah over in evening. I read all day. Children and I took walk to bush.
- 5 Thurs. I worked cleaning up around the house all day. Fanny burnt rubbish... set turkey at road on 15 eggs...
- 10 Tues. ...put cutter up in shed. Paid Joe for mangel seed 40¢.
- 11 Wed. I ploughed root land for mangels and potatoes... brought up some wood for kitchen stove...
- 16 Mon. Incubator came out, about 85 chickens, about 100 dead in shells. Fanny washed buggy...
- 19 Thurs. I made chicken coop; sowed buckwheat in garden. Monteith boys building fence in waterway...
- 28 Sat. Fanny and children fishing... I went to city. Nash here; served Bessy mare; Dolly not on...

#### June, 1910

- 1 Wed. Allan Dunsmore and man here; got two loads of straw; upset one on road. I made a gate in the evening...

- 3 Fri. ...drew wood from bush... Alex<sup>1</sup> took balance of eggs to Harry's (Monteith). Cecil (Hooper) working for Joe.  
 5 Sun. Salvenus' (Richardson), Nelson's (Monteith), and Jim Richardson's wives here in afternoon...  
 7 Tues. ...Alex, Nelson and I went to St. Pauls. Planted sunflowers. Got 46 chickens making a total of 265 hatched out; about 200 living.  
 12 Sun. Cool in morning, slept. Fanny, children and I went for drive around block in evening.  
 18 Sat. Fred (Winkler) painting. I put earth around house... Sold part of old house to Johnston \$8.00...  
 19 Sun. Read and slept; had shave... Fanny and I went to Harrington church in evening...  
 21 Tues. ...Billy Johnston got load of lumber, old house. Boys & I to St. Pauls, got chop; caught 2 fish on way home.  
 24 Fri. ...went to John Dunsmore's raising; was on winning side. Played ball. Came home and went to John Dempsey's dance; good time. Got home at 4 a.m. Flannigan here looking at old house.  
 26 Sun. Mrs. Holmes and Joe in Ellice (Township). We stayed around home. Fanny and I went out to orchard and had a sleep.  
 30 Thurs. I shingled shed in morning. Fred painting. We put on face boards on cornice. Fanny, children and I went to picnic at Nelson's; had game of ball.

July, 1910

- 3 Sun. ...Cecil (Hooper), boys & I went to Jack Halls; got strawberries... Memno and brother here in afternoon...  
 4 Mon. I went to city in morning brought out moving outfit of Flannigan's... came home and milked. Got a keg of lager at Devlin's<sup>2</sup> \$2.00.  
 5 Tues. We moved (old) house off stone work and turned it around. Did not go very good, had ten men...  
 6 Wed. Moved house to destination at noon... paid Flannigan \$10.00 owe him \$5.00.  
 14 Thurs. Donald Jeffrey sick; I drew in hay myself. Fanny and Alex picking berries. Coiled some in evening.  
 15 Fri. I cut hay in back field. Donald still sick with tonsilitis,, Fanny in city...  
 18 Mon. Lovely day. Don and I worked at hay all day. Don went over and telephoned for Dr. Rutherford; little Donald very sick.  
 20 Wed. Sam's man, Don & I drew hay all day, seven loads. Almost finished all that was cut. Don... got extract of beef? for little Don. Little Don very sick.  
 21 Thurs. Nelson & wife, Mrs. Dempsey here. Mrs. (Ida) Monteith stayed all night. Little Don worse. Don J. went to Nelson's and got castor oil... Sarah and Mrs. Schellenberger over in morning. Little Don died at midnight...  
 22 Fri. Harry Monteith came over and worked around house laying oil cloth... I went to see about burial of Donald... saw White & Co; arranged for funeral. Reta Jeffrey came out with me. Home at 6 p.m. A large number of friends here in evening to see child.  
 23 Sat. Stayed around house in morning. Funeral left at 2:30, about 20 rigs. Sam & I went in hack. I got home at 7 p.m. Heavy rain in evening...  
 25 Mon. I ploughed sod with three horses for wheat... Don (Jeffrey), Mother & family came out in evening...  
 28 Thurs. I raked hay. Don coiling it up... lovely weather, high wind. Fanny in city. Reta (J.) went in also...  
 31 Sun. Fanny & I went to St. Andrews Church in morning... We went to bush in evening; got some berries...

Little Don died at midnight...

August, 1910

- 11 Thurs. Don & I cut oats... Mother, Aunt Jane, Minnie Monteith here... I took binder to Joe for repair.  
 15 Mon. I went to Frame's threshing till noon. Came home and cut oats across the creek... Tyler's machine upset coming out of Frame's. Very warm and sultry.  
 19 Fri. ...cut oats in afternoon; binder did not work too good. Mother, Minnie Monteith, Reta, Janie and Ken (Jeffrey) out in evening... had supper at bush.  
 20 Sat. ...finished cutting oats; put binder in shed. Fanny & I went to city. S. Loghrin came out with us...  
 21 Sun. Sam, children & I took walk to D. J. (McNamara's) fifty and Lawton's... Helen & I drove Sam to city.  
 27 Sat. Willie Robertson and I got pea harvester at Chris'... drew in two loads of oats in morning...

September, 1910

- 2 Fri. I cultivated in morning and Fanny & I cut peas in afternoon. I went over to Harry's; also to Frame's...  
 3 Sat. I went to Joe and threshed all day - finished. Fanny cultivated for wheat all day. Cloudy, like rain.

<sup>1</sup> Alex was 6 years old; was this his first job?

<sup>2</sup> D. Devlin's Brewery was located at the corner of St. Patrick and Birmingham Streets in Stratford.

Who is ill?

- 6 Tues. I ploughed wheat stubble all day. Joe off to Toronto Fair...
- 7 Wed. I milked Joe's cows and ploughed all day. Went to Nelson's for Dr. Rutherford; he came out at 4 a.m...
- 8 Thurs. ...went to Nelson's and telephoned to Rutherford about nurse... Nigger here buying chickens for Swift Co. Did not sell any.
- 9 Fri. I went for nurse in morning... I worked on wheat land.
- 11 Sun. Lovely day. Helen, Alex and I went for walk; got some apples at Harry's. I drove nurse over to Nelson's in afternoon to telephone to city.
- 16 Fri. I ploughed till 11 a.m. Alex, Nelson & I went to Stratford Fair... Fair expenses 50¢.
- 23 Fri. Finished threshing at 9:30 a.m... went to Nelson's and phoned in. Sold some oats to Devlin's (Brewery)...
- 27 Tues. I ploughed across creek... Art Monteith here; brought back (fence) stretcher.

October, 1910

- 2 Sun. ...I went to St. Andrews Church in morning; had dinner at (Jeffrey) home... Joe here in afternoon...
- 10 Mon. ...I ploughed pea ground a.m.; cut buckwheat and set up (stooked) corn in p.m.. I put in 28 leghorn roosters...
- 11 Tues. Alex & I pulled mangels in morning... Sam, Jessie & Mother out in afternoon... Norman Monteith over...
- 13 Wed. Frank Pearce and I took up two waggon loads potatoes, some rotting...
- 16 Sun. Lovely weather. Alex, Nelson & I went for walk to my bush; to Joe's and to Sam Monteith's in p.m.
- 22 Sat. I cut tops off mangels and put them in cellar in morning... Mrs. Holmes sick in bed.
- 26 Wed. I ploughed... Fanny went to city... to Dr. Rutherford; paid nurse, Miss Henderson, \$12.00...
- 28 Fri. I finished ploughing back field; snowing most of day. Nelson & Alex went to Sam Monteith's and got apples.
- 30 Sun. Had headache all day; read and slept. Fanny milked. Cold and high wind.
- 31 Mon. I ploughed... Alex & Nelson drew stones with old Doll. Alex got pumpkin at Dempsey's. Hallowe'en; made taffy.

November, 1910

- 1 Tues. ...Alex stayed in; had boils. High wind all day; picked up apples...
- 3 Thurs. ...shooting match and dance at Morrow's. Did not go. Fred Morrow best shot...
- 11 Fri. I went to finish (threshing) at Harry's; home at 9 a.m. Joe over; we put on fire (in steam engine) and sawed wood. Finished at 4 o'clock. Joe took engine and saw home in evening. Willie Scellenberger helped us saw.
- 15 Tues. I drew in four loads of turnips... Fanny had toothache; she went to city...
- 17 Wed. I drew in balance of turnips - finished. Maud Monteith here...
- 19 Sat. Joe's mare got stuck in slough; I pulled her out. John Dempsey there also. Alex & Nelson went to Fairview...
- 25 Fri. I ploughed... Fanny picking (plucking) ducks after dinner.
- 29 Tues. I cleaned hog pen and worked round barn... Fanny, children & I went to Joe's for supper; had squirrels and good time...

December, 1910

- 1 Thurs. Cold, no sleighing. Fanny went to city; got some teeth fixed... I worked around barn, felt sick...
- 2 Fri. I made door for woodshed. Hand sore (with) blind boil. Could not do anything.
- 5 Mon. Putting poultices on hand; swelling going down; too sore to work.
- 17 Sat. Fanny and I went to city at noon. Cold, raw wind. Paid interest in full to Mrs. Bothwell \$75.00; Paid Don Jeffrey on wages \$5.00; 2 halters from Sam L. (Scholz Tannery) \$1.00...
- 20 Tues. Chored and drew a load of stones for Andy Monteith... had booze. Austin Dempsey here to break colts.
- 26 Mon. Fanny, children and I went to city; had dinner and supper (at Jeffrey's). Nelson Monteith and family there; also Bert Jeffrey.
- 27 Tues. Chris threshing. I felt tough; did chores. Austin Dempsey came over and we hitched up colts...

Mrs. Jeffrey (Mother's) Acct. for 1910		
4 cords of wood @ \$5.50		22.00
10 bags of potatoes @ 60¢		6.00
1 load of rails @ \$3.00		3.00
60 lbs of beef @ 7½¢		4.50
	Total	35.50

## The Middle Years: Raising the Family

January, 1911

- 1 Sun. John Schellenberger brought over mail; Joe (Richardson) came over and I went over to see his sow.
- 2 Mon. Walked over to vote; shot 3 pigeons on Harry's barn. Frame elected for reeve by about 40 majority...
- 3 Tues. Alex started to school... Fanny went over to Chris' in morning.
- 4 Wed. I went to St. Pauls and took little dog; lost him. Got chop; home at noon.
- 9 Mon. Alex birthday; he did not go to school, too stormy. Got one egg, first of season.
- 11 Wed. Rainy and very soft. I worked at old house all day. Joe over in evening.
- 13 Fri. Did chores and went to city... very mild. Wm. Dunsmore's funeral...
- 23 Mon. Very slippery; did not take horses out. I cleaned up some buckwheat. Billy Kelly here in evening. Alex at school.
- 27 Fri. Very mild. Nelson & I took 12 bags of chop to St. Pauls. Had Sam shod at St. Pauls - 2 new, 2 reset.
- 30 Mon. ...insurance men here... Fanny took policy for 20 years. Premium \$34.60 for \$1000...

Patterns are well established:

- \* The neighbourhood works co-operatively.
- \* Tom is busy every day except Sunday.
- \* Tom is interested in elections.
- \* Tom never misses an opportunity to take a shot at something or to catch a fish.

February, 1911

- 4 Sat. Mild & stormy, drew out manure...Dr. Monteith... here in afternoon. Examined Fanny for insurance, passed.
- 5 Sun. Cold weather. Joe over... pipes frozen in attic. My birthday, 33 years old.
- 8 Wed. Billy Todd here... Paid him balance of threshing \$9.00...
- 12 Sun. ...Mrs. Ridley dead age 78... Fanny and I drove over to Ridley's in evening.
- 14 Tues. Very stormy and cold. Alex went to school. I went on horse for him in evening...
- 16 Thurs. Mild and soft. I did chores and went to Mrs. Ridley's funeral, very large.
- 25 Sat. I got sausage filler and grinder at Joe's in morning. Ground sausage. Fanny, Helen and I went to city; sleighing poor...
- 27 Mon. Cold with wind. I cleaned hog pens and drew up some wood. Alex, Nelson & Helen sick. Got 17 eggs.

March, 1911

- 2 Thurs. ...to Michie's sale; did not buy anything... Allan & Billy Dunsmore here; Allan bought 8 pigs \$50...
- 4 Sat. Fanny & I put on jag of hay... to city; 1290 lbs of hay to Jas. Murphy \$5.00... brought out couch of mother's...
- 5 Sun. Cold, raw east wind... Willie Jeffrey & Willie Robertson over - brought (news)papers.
- 7 Tues. ...went to Jas. Rae's sale in afternoon, big crowd. Two mares sold for over \$300 each...
- 14 Tues. I took bricks, etc. to bush; fixed up boiling place... I pruned apple tree. Had toothache all night.
- 25 Sat. I drew up two loads of rails from Art Monteith's line fence in morning... getting about 60 eggs a day.

The sleighing season has ended: *put cutter up in shed.*

April, 1911

- 6 Thurs. Nelson and I went to Fairview and asked Robb, Dunsmore, Cardwell, Dempsey, Nelson (Monteith) and Tanner for wood bee...
- 7 Fri. I asked Jack Hall & Frame... had bee in afternoon. Cut up about 10 trees or 10 cords of short wood. Had beer and rye. Played cards in evening. Sandy Frame here in evening.
- 8 Sat. Felt sick in morning. Mrs. Holmes went to city with Joe. I took sleep... split wood in afternoon...
- 13 Thurs. Did chores and went to Frame's bee; rained; could not saw. Got wet; drank beer in driving shed; came home & went to bed.
- 14 Fri. Set incubator in morning with 215 eggs... went to Sandy Frame's wood bee in the afternoon...
- 16 Sun. Bright day, cold wind. Cecil Hooper & Willie Jeffrey here. Alex, Nelson & I took walk to Sam Monteith's
- 20 Thurs. I worked at cellar of old house and levelled... Young sow, the big one, had 12 pigs - 9 living.
- 22 Sat. I drew manure out of pile all day... Alex and I went to St. Pauls. Mrs. Holmes back from Mitchell... 33 doz. eggs @ 14¢ = \$4.65.
- 24 Mon. I cultivated in back field. Fanny came back and I took off (sap) buckets and brought up (boiling) pan.

- 25 Tues. ...Fanny and I went to Maggie Monteith's<sup>1</sup> funeral. Sam, Jess & Mother there... All here for supper, also Willie Jeffrey... Norman Monteith had ankle broke in runaway going to funeral.
- 29 Sat. I sowed 2 bags oats in front of house in morning. Murray Frame<sup>2</sup> over to see Alex. Fanny went to city... Alex fishing. I disc harrowed.
- May, 1911
- 1 Mon. Raining nearly all day; boys not at school... Awful storm in evening; blew off chimney; also Joe's windmill...
- 2 Tues... Frank Houck here with fruit trees in morning. I planted them. I got... some maple trees in bush...
- 4 Thurs. Fanny & I transplanted currants & gooseberries all day... Incubator coming out... I took some berry bushes to Chris.
- 5 Fri. ...Incubator hatched 104 chicks from 165 fertile eggs. Alex & Nelson fishing in river.
- 6 Sat. ... I drilled in 1 bag of barley in wheat and harrowed it. Sowed 6 acres of oats across creek in afternoon. Took brick off roof in evening (from the chimney collapse on the 1<sup>st</sup>).
- 7 Sun. Lovely day. Did chores and children & I went to bush in afternoon. Ike Foulston brought strawberry plants from St. Pauls. Freight 35¢.
- 8 Mon. I cultivated in front field and Fanny disc harrowed in afternoon...
- 11 Thurs. Fanny cultivating for peas; I worked at fence around garden... seventeen ducks out of Nelson's eggs...
- 15 Mon. Joe and Frank Pearce<sup>3</sup> over in morning; we loaded two steers and took them to corner and delivered them. Bill Hosford came back with me... Fanny finished (planting) strawberries...
- 20 Sat. Murray Frame & John Hannaberry here... Alex went fishing in morning. Sarah (Richardson) over in evening... I went to Chris Schellenberger's.
- 21 Sun. Lovely, warm; read & slept. Joe, Alex, Nelson & I went to Sal (Sylvenus<sup>4</sup>) Richardson's in afternoon.
- 24 Wed. Helen sick... Alex, Nelson went with Joe fishing - also Salvenus' family. I drew wood... buried colt...
- 27 Sat... I worked on potato land... went fishing; caught 5 trout in Kelly's Creek... family went for a drive.
- 30 Tues. I worked at fence in lane... Mr. Rowan, minister of St. Andrew's church here in afternoon...
- June, 1911
- 7 Wed. ...Miss Tanner being married to Jackson (Morrow). Jim Hill, son of Bill Hill<sup>5</sup>, dead in B. Columbia. Mrs. Meadows being buried in Harrington...
- 9 Fri. ...Jack Hall here for hand to draw baled hay<sup>6</sup>... I went with children to see cattle at Fairview place<sup>7</sup>...
- 15 Thurs. ...Nelson (Monteith) and gang putting up poles (for telephone)...
- 16 Fri. I scuffled mangels in morning and went to Fairview and got 3 poles for telephone to house...
- 21 Wed. Fanny drove me to St. Pauls. I went to O. A. College; went to see ball game, Guelph & Berlin (Kitchener)... home to Stratford at 9 pm. Fanny in city.
- 28 Wed. ...ploughed for earth to fill cellar (of old house). Nash here no mares on... tightened barb wire fence.
- 29 Thurs. ...I went to Nelson's in evening to lay platform for picnic... dry & warm.
- 30 Fri. I fixed fence and cut weeds in morning. Went to picnic in Nelson's bush, had a game of ball. Good time...

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<sup>1</sup> Maggie was Harry Monteith's wife; she died at the birth of their first child. Harry (who is mentioned many times in the diary) and Maggie lived on the Embro Road. Their farm adjoined the Loghrin farm at the northeast corner; that farm belonged to Percy Lupton in the 1950s.

<sup>2</sup> Murray Frame was 10 years old and lived across the road just southwest of the Loghrin farm. He was the eldest son of Sandy and Jean Frame. Alex Loghrin was 7 years old at this time.

<sup>3</sup> Frank was Joe Richardson's hired man; his family lived in Mitchell.

<sup>4</sup> Sylvenus was one of Joe's younger brothers; he, Nellie and their family lived on the same road on the way to St. Pauls.

<sup>5</sup> The Hills are mentioned many times in the diaries; Jessie Scholz Loghrin's mother was Jane Hill.

<sup>6</sup> This is the first time that baled hay is mentioned; they hauled it to St. Pauls the following day.

<sup>7</sup> What was the Fairview place? Tom mentions cattle being there several times.

July, 1911

- 1 Sat. Felt stiff & sore from ball game. Scuffled some mangels & potatoes... went to St. Pauls & got buggy wheels.  
2 Sun. Warm & dry. Got some berries at bush in morning. Warmest day on record in 50 yrs.  
10 Mon. Cut hay... coiled till noon... Fanny filled bed tick. Turkeys dying...  
13 Thurs. Fanny & I drew in four loads (of hay). (Jack) Dempsey & Nelson here putting in phones. Willie Robertson over; he put on a load of hay...  
14 Fri. I got 2 canvasses for binder at Chris' also directory for telephone... worked at binder & started cutting wheat  
16 Sun. Rained all day. Joe over in evening. Fanny not well.  
20 Thurs. We (Memno & Tom) drew manure into pile... drew in two loads of hay... Fanny sick.  
27 Thurs. I cut greenfeed in morning. Nelson, Helen & I went to city in afternoon... had supper at mother's...  
29 Sat. I fixed fence and Nelson, Alex & I went to see Buffalo Bill Show. Had dinner at home. Show expenses \$1.50. Memno drawing earth (to fill the old house basement). He went to show in evening.  
30 Sun. Memno went to his place, lovely day. Fanny not very well. Joe & I went to St. Pauls with colt for drive.

Fanny wasn't well for a good part of the summer.

August, 1911

- 1 Tues. ...Mother out in morning; went to Fairview to pick berries. Fanny improving.  
4 Fri. Fanny not well. Memno ploughing for wheat. Dr. Rutherford out in afternoon. I picked stones off pasture.  
10 Thurs. Willie Jeffrey, Memno & I drew in 11 loads of oats... Willie took home scraper in evening.  
20 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson (M.) & Alf Lupton here in afternoon; also Memno's brother Frank. Alex & I took walk to bush got elderberries.  
23 Wed. Memno & I got racks and loaded them with peas... Joe came over with engine... we finished threshing at 6 p.m. and put machine away in Joe's shed.  
26 Sat. Memno & I hauled dirt all day and filled old cellar. Fanny not well.  
27 Sun. Lovely day. Fanny sick. Alex & I went for walk to bush in afternoon.  
28 Mon. Memno cultivated wheat land in morning; I blew up stones... I went to city in afternoon; got medicine from Dr. Rutherford... Paid Rutherford on account \$25.00.

September, 1911

- 1 Fri. ...Mother, Jane (Jeffrey) and Maude (Monteith - Nelson's daughter) over. Mother got 9 doz. eggs & potatoes.  
4 Mon. Memno & I filled hole in front of house and levelled it up; worked all day. Fish man here 3¼ lbs trout @ 13¢ = 43¢.  
7 Thurs. ...I went to Harry's (Monteith) threshing... Memno hauled gravel from Cardwell's... 5 loads = 5 yards.  
8 Fri. Memno at Art Monteith's threshing... We both went to hear Laurier in Stratford in afternoon, big crowd...  
9 Sat. ...Joe came over and we finished scaffold (for chimney). Mother, Fanny, children & I went for elderberries.  
14 Thurs. ...Fanny, children & I went to Stratford Fair. Rained at 4 pm. Good fair... Admission 65¢...  
19 Tues. ...Memno ploughing in back field. Rained in morning. Fanny & I went to Tavistock Fair, lovely day.  
21 Thurs. Joe came over and we shocked my corn till noon. We went and voted... big celebration in city. Government unseated. (Dr. Michael) Steele (Conservative) elected by about 100; also (Hugh Boulton) Morphy (Conservative) by about 350. Liberals (were) defeated; Conservatives have 50 in house...  
23 Sat. We threshed all day; 8½ hrs @ \$1.50. Machine moved to Schellenberger's. Lovely day.  
24 Sun. Children & I went for walk and got some mushrooms... Fanny not very well.  
30 Sat. I went to Harry's (threshing) & got home at noon. Joe over; we took out pump and put on sucker... put cement in at back door...

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Paid note Life Insurance	\$34.60
Paid note for mower	\$30.00
Paid Telephone to Dec.	\$6.00
Paid for Herald Daily & arrears	\$3.00

October, 1911

- 2 Mon. ... I blasted stone for Chris. Frame and Allan Dunmore filling silos<sup>1</sup>.  
4 Wed. I made cement trough in morning. I plastered in cellar and ploughed sod with walking plow. Hauled down some corn in evening.

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<sup>1</sup> This the first mention of silo filling although harvesting corn has been part of operations for at least three or four years. Note: This is not silo filling at Tom's farm.

- 8 Sun. Lovely day. Children & I went to bush; got some hickory nuts & beech nuts... We went to Art Monteith's and got apples. Took snap (shot) of house...
- 9 Mon. ...I ploughed with big plough... We took up 9 bags potatoes...Sarah (Richardson) over with flowers in p.m.
- 10 Tues. ...Chris came over and we went to No. 4 school; settled about beef ring<sup>1</sup>. Drew No. 2 beef for coming year. I paid \$2.64 balance of beef, etc. I rec'd 208 lbs of beef... My heifer dressed 345 lbs.
- 13 Fri. Started mangels (harvest) in afternoon... Jas. McEwin brought Frenchman<sup>2</sup> here in evening. Joe over also. Fanny & Sarah in city. Fanny stayed in.
- 14 Sat. We worked at mangels all day; took in half of them. Lovely day. Fanny in city over Sunday.
- 15 Sun. Frenchman, children & I went to bush, got beech nuts. Mrs. Hayes<sup>3</sup> & girls here in afternoon. I went to city at 5:30 and to St. Andrew's church. Went to Sam's; also to Jim Sinclair's, got Fanny. Got basket at Sam's...
- 23 Mon. ...Frenchman ploughing... I went to John Cardwell's & bought 5 guineas \$1.25. Got walnuts at Dempsey's.
- 30 Mon. I drew out some corn for cattle and drew in one load of turnips. Children & I went for beech nuts. Fanny and I went to Sal Richardson's for dinner; also Joe & Sarah. Shot 2 pigeons, 1 squirrel & a blue jay.

#### November, 1911

- 4 Fred Ahrens came in morning and we finished chimney (which had blown off on May 1<sup>st</sup>). He rec'd 2 bags of wheat for job (\$3.25).
- 7 Tues. ...went to Nelson's and got 2 packages sent by (Uncle) W. N. Robertson... Shooting match at Dawson Morrow's.
- 9 Thurs. I took team to Joe's & helped him draw in turnips... Boys examined at school for disease - itchy...
- 22 Wed. ...went to Joe's and helped him saw some wood. Nelson Monteith & I to Conservative meeting, St. Pauls.
- 28 Tues. Did chores and went to Reta Jeffrey's wedding<sup>4</sup>; present \$5.10... Everything went off A-1...

#### December, 1911

- 1 Fri. I did chores and took Sandy's gun home. He & I went to shooting match at Dawson Morrow's... I made highest score on our side; 22 out of possible 25. John Bart? highest @ 24. Our side won by 3 points. Had oyster supper. Home at 2 am. Shells - 15¢
- 2 Sat. Felt sick in morning... We all went to Joe's in evening; had squirrels... Alex & Nelson took squirrels to (Uncle) Nelson's. Helen & I took turkey to Harry's. 13 lbs live weight.
- 15 Fri. I worked around barn in morning. Went to Joe's & helped him kill pig... Sid Hayes there.
- 19 Tues. I drew out manure... Fanny, Alex, Nelson & I went to St. Pauls concert in evening - big crowd.
- 23 Sat. Alex & I sawed wood... for furnace. Children & I went to Sholtz Christmas Tree in evening. Stabling 15¢
- 25 Mon. Fanny, children & I went to city for dinner at (Jeffrey) home. Roy Perry & Reta, Sam (Loghrin) & children and Nelson Monteith and family there. Lovely day. Home at 11 p.m. Mrs. Holmes at (Melinda) Hayes with Joe and Sarah.

Total Receipts for 1911 = \$972. 07

Total Expenditures for 1911 = \$663.59

#### January, 1912

- 1 Mon. Cold & stormy in morning. I put (new) sucker in pump... went to vote... (Sandy) Frame defeated for reeve.
- 5 Fri. Boys did not go to school, very stormy & cold... stayed in most of day.

<sup>1</sup> This is the first entry where Tom has elaborated on his involvement in the beef ring, a co-operative way for a group of farmers to have a supply of beef during the warm weather period. At this time he had been a member for several years. In 1912 he was expected to supply the second animal of the season.

<sup>2</sup> "The Frenchman" (William) became Tom's hired man for a time.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs Hayes was Melinda Bond (Richardson) Hayes, an older sister of Joe Richardson. Her daughters were Ann and Grace. Sidney, her son, worked for Tom occasionally and later farmed in Downie Township.

<sup>4</sup> Rita married Norman Roy Perry in Stratford.



- 9 Tues. Very stormy & cold. Did chores & worked around barn. Started burning coal. Mailman did not come.<sup>1</sup>
- 10 Wed. No mail, roads blocked. I cleaned up pens, read and killed time. Children not at school.
- 11 Thurs. Very cold raw wind. Frank Pearce broke roads with Joe's team... I killed two roosters for our own use.
- 19 Fri. Did chores & stayed home. Mrs. Holmes, Joe in city at Jim Sinclair's. Mrs. J. Richardson<sup>2</sup>, Detroit, dead.
- 21 Sun. Joe and Sarah in city at funeral of Mrs. (Margaret Blacklock) Richardson of Detroit. I read & did chores.

February, 1912

- 9 Fri. Coldest day of season 27½ below zero. I bagged some chop but did not go to city.
- 19 Mon. I drew out manure... Joe & I went to St. Pauls in afternoon to Farmer's Institute<sup>3</sup>... membership 50¢ Joe & I.
- 20 Tues. ...got telephone message from Prescott. Mrs. Holmes brother<sup>4</sup> dead. Joe over in evening; Mrs Holmes going to Prescott. Art Monteith<sup>5</sup> married.
- 23 Joe went to city and bought lantern glass... mail did not come.
- 25 Sun. Lovely day. Jas. Sinclair and children over in afternoon (from Joe's).
- 26 Mon. ...roads drifted... I helped Fanny churn in afternoon...
- 27 Tues. Very stormy... Joe & I wen to Frank Houck's sale in afternoon, very cold. I bought 50 chickens @ 50¢ = \$18.00. Joe got steer.

March, 1912

- 5 Tues. Lovely bright day. I drew out six loads of manure... and drew up a load of wood for house. Harry & Sam (Monteith) here for load of straw making 3 loads in all. Frank Pearce here in evening; played checkers.
- 8 Fri. Lovely day. Worked around barn... finished fanning (cleaning) peas. 10 eggs (beginning the laying season).
- 9 Sat. ...cleaned out horse stable. Fanny churning. Stove pipes of furnace burned out in night.
- 14 Thurs. ...cleaned hog pens and spread it on land. Mrs. Schellenberger & Edna here for supper... 15 eggs.
- 20 Wed. Annie & Lid Schellenberger here with kids; got 21 eggs. Fanny & I went to Sal Richardson's party...
- 26 Tues. Heavy snow... I made nests for geese, also hens... took load of rails to No. 4 school. 27 eggs.
- 29 Fri. I did odd jobs and gathered sap... 37 eggs.
- 30 Sat. ...snow going fast... Alex, Nelson & Helen went to bush with me; we boiled sap and brought it up in evening.

April, 1912

- 9 Tues. ...Nelson & I gathered sap and put on fire in the morning. Nelson & I went to St. Pauls... (sold) 50 doz. eggs @ 20¢ = \$10.00; Farmer's Advocate - \$1.50; Montreal Star - \$1.00
- 11 Thurs. Harry Monteith here; dehorned 12 cattle including calves. Nelson & I boiled sap...
- 17 Wed. Helen, Will & I went to bush... gathered last of sap and put fire on; very high wind.



Members are supposed to receive Farmers' Institute Reports, Live Stock Association Reports and all Bulletins issued by the Department, also The Farmers' Advocate at \$1.25, and Canadian Farm at 75c.

*Very cold, stormy, roads blocked, no mail was repeated several times in February.*



<sup>1</sup> Rural mail delivery was still a new thing at this point; also, their post office had moved from Fairview to St. Pauls.

<sup>2</sup> James Richardson was Joe's youngest brother.

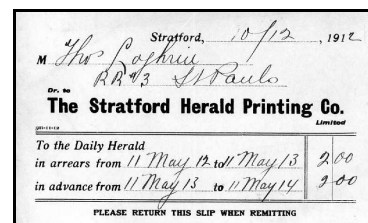
<sup>3</sup> Farmer's Institutes were widespread in North America from 1880 through the 1920s. The Institutes sponsored lecture series and printed materials to improve farming practices. Tom's uncle Nelson Monteith, a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, was a delegate to the Ontario Institute.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Francis Hayes lived on Lot 34, Con 2, Edwardsburg, Grenville South, adjacent to Prescott. In the 1911 Canada Census Tom was a labourer at a coal yard; his brother, John, was head of the household and a farmer and his sister, Catherine, lived with them.

<sup>5</sup> Arthur Garfield Cleveland Monteith, Tom's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin and neighbour, married Ella Elizabeth Koch.

- 19 Fri. Lovely day. Boys at school. I set up incubator; put cutter up (in drive shed) and put cultivator teeth on...  
 22 Mon. I did odd jobs & got lilacs at Joe's. Also planted strawberries... Harry & Norman (Monteith) here for load of straw; I helped them with it...  
 24 Wed. Boys not at school. Alex & I sawed tree behind house. Went to bush and took off sap buckets...  
 May, 1912

- 1 Wed. ...children all at school. I cultivated for peas in morning. Sowed barley in wheat behind barn...  
 10 Fri. I harrowed and rolled pea ground... Mother & Jess (Sam's wife) out & got 15 doz. eggs @ 20¢ = \$3.00.  
 11 Sat. I felt sick; harrowed for barley. Fanny & I went to city; kids at Joe's...  
 13 Mon. Snow storm & blizzard all day. I fanned oats at Joe's in morning...  
 14 Tues. Children at school. Sarah & Fanny in city seeing Dr. Rutherford... Austin Dempsey fixing telephone.  
 16 Thurs. Rained all day. Henry Horman here in morning about beef ring. Alf Thistle bought heifer \$31.00...  
 18 Sat. Young Dolly mare had horse colt... Joe & boys fishing. Tried Bessy mare to Moon Boy; not on.  
 19 Sun. Ken Jeffrey out on bicycle in morning. Art, Norman (Monteith brothers) & Doig over in afternoon... Mrs. McLeod<sup>1</sup> died on Friday (17<sup>th</sup>).  
 23 Thurs. Lovely warm day. Fanny, Will & I went to Robt. Thistle's<sup>2</sup> funeral and went to city around by Hayes and got 96 eggs for hatching; 8 doz @ 21¢ = \$1.68.  
 24 Fri. Children & I went to St. Pauls & got fruit trees... Set 6 hens on Hayes' eggs.  
 30 Thurs. I got Frames' democrat and Nelson & I went to city... 36 doz. eggs @ 20¢ to Sam \$7.20...  
 June, 1912



- 1 Sat. Joe & Joe Pearce over & cultivated with his outfit. I sowed peas and oats... ploughed some for roots...  
 5 Wed. John Smith (hired man) here; he ploughed... Also, Gert Thompson here all day; she went home with Joe...  
 13 Thurs. On jury all day. Austin Dempsey hauled manure... had dinner at Sparta - 25¢...  
 14 Fri. Appeared on jury till 10 a.m. Rec'd \$10.80 for four days. Paid Austin Dempsey \$3.00... 34 chickens of Hayes eggs out, one turkey.  
 19 Wed. Alex, Nelson & I and Joe & Joe Pearce went to Brennan's and fished; got 20 suckers. Fanny, Sarah & children came down in evening. Rained some.  
 22 Sat. I went to city with (26) chickens. Home at noon. Ken Jeffrey<sup>3</sup> came out with me.  
 25 Tues. Ken went for meat; we cut thistles and drew up one load of wood from bush... Alex having examinations.  
 28 Fri. Alex went to school for books. Ken cut thistles... Fanny, Ken, children & I went to No. 5 picnic - good time.  
 July, 1912

- 3 Wed. Very warm & sultry. We sawed wood with Foulston's outfit till 10:30 am and moved to Chris' and sawed for him till 1 pm. Came home and raked & coiled; drew in one load of hay. Paid for sawing - \$2.00...  
 6 Sat. Alex, Will & I took pigs to Jas. Hyslop. Rec'd \$22.00. I worked on root land in afternoon. Ken came over at 5 p.m. Alex & I went to Tony Morris' and did some fishing. Map of Canada \$1.95.  
 10 Wed. Alex cut hay; Ken raked and I coiled up... I went to Eph Dunsmore's raising...  
 15 Mon. I scuffled and drew manure for wheat all day... Jas. McEwen & Kate here in evening; heard of Allan Dunsmore's death... Turned very cool in evening.  
 18 Thurs. I cut some green feed; Ken (Jeffrey) raked timothy... Fanny & I went to Allan Dunsmore's funeral...  
 25 Thurs. I ploughed sod; Alex disc harrowed & I hoed turnips in afternoon. Fanny in berry patch, got 3 quarts. Helen hoed turnips.  
 August, 1912

- 1 Thurs. I hoed turnips and moulded (hilled) potatoes... drew in load of wheat and barley. Mother, Lizzie (Scholz?) & children out in afternoon... she brought presents for children, etc.  
 14 Wed. I went to Joe's at 6 a.m. and we took in cattle... got buggy at Geo. McEwen's. Home at noon. I drew in

<sup>1</sup> Caroline died in childbirth at 41 years of age; her newborn, Lena, died about a month later on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The older McLeod children worked for Tom and Fanny occasionally.

<sup>2</sup> Robert was about 73 years old; he was born in Co. Tyrone, Ireland as was Sam Monteith.

<sup>3</sup> Ken, 12 years old at this time, was Tom's youngest half brother.

- two loads of timothy and fixed fence. Jas. McEwen here in evening; paid him in full for buggy \$17.00...
- 19 Mon. ...went to Art Monteith's threshing... Nelson went over also; he stayed at Uncle Nelson's...
- 21 Wed. I cut oats. Rainy most of time these days. Nothing in particular. Drinking lots of beer.
- 23 Fri. Nelson rolled; I cut weeds around back field. Heavy rain in morning. The boys & I cleaned fence bottom in lane... Schellenberger girls over for apples in evening... Dempsey here fixing telephone.
- 29 Thurs. Nelson, Alex & I went to St. Pauls and got old Sam shod \$1.15... sharpened drills & plough coulter.
- 31 Sat. ... rained heavy at noon. I drilled stone and went to city for Jas. Sinclair & family<sup>1</sup> in evening...

#### September, 1912

- 1 Sun. Jim and I took a walk in morning; went to Joe's in afternoon. Sal (Richardson) & wife over in afternoon. Joe and Sarah over for supper.
- 3 Tues. I drove Jim & Laura to city; got in at 8 a.m... Nelson went also... Ploughed sod across creek in afternoon.
- 12 Thurs. Fanny, Alex, Nelson & I went to London Fair, lovely day... good time. Expenses \$4.40.
- 14 Sat. I shocked... Alex cut oats... rained at noon. I cultivated for wheat. Nelson & Joe out fishing.
- 30 Mon. I drew load of corn for cattle and ploughed across creek in morning; turned peas and drew in two loads in evening. Chris and I went to beef ring in evening...

#### October, 1912

- 3 Thurs. Willie Schellenberger went to Art's threshing for me till noon. I turned oats, put off load of peas and cut some corn. Went to Nelson's and filled silo in afternoon...
- 5 Sat. Alex cut millet with mower; I cut corn till noon. Alex and I cut balance of oats...
- 21 Mon. I ploughed millet ground in morning... Sarah brought cheese from factory 60¢ - 4 lbs.
- 28 Mon. Thanksgiving Day. I picked apples in the morning. Frank Pearce and Joe over; they went fishing. Alex got (Uncle) Nelson's rifle and we did some shooting. Topped turnips in evening.
- 31 Thurs. I went to Frames' threshing all day... Halloween, children had taffy, etc.

#### November, 1912

- 1 Fri. Alex and I got some threshing wood (for the steam engine); cleaned granary... Foulston came and we put machine in barn; snowing heavy.
- 2 Sat. We threshed all day; machien runs good. Had eight hands, not Dempsey. Snowing some... ground soft.
- 4 Mon. We finished threshing at 10 a.m. and moved to Jack Halls'. My time threshing 9½ hrs. @ \$1.50 = \$14.25.
- 5 Tues. Sandy (Frame) & I went to shooting match, stayed all day. I made 26; he made 28... he was on Jack McKay's side; I was on Henry Morrow's... Miss Rod, teacher of No. 10, down here. 25¢ for shells.
- 14 Thurs. ...went to Harry's threshing... Willie Jeffrey home from west; drove over to see us. Sarah over also. Shot 12 pigeons at Harry's.
- 17 Sun. Cold raw wind. I read and stayed around house; had pigeons in pie...
- 18 Mon. Lovely day. Got up early and ploughed all day... boys went to Nelson's and got ¼ deer sent by Dr. W. N. Robertson. I cut Alex & Nelson's hair in evening.
- 22 Fri. High wind and cold. Alex & I went shooting to Brooksdale. Shot at some squirrels; did not get any. Nelson got gun at Harry's. Sam, Ferguson, Willie Jeffrey, Joe & McEwen also out - got no game.
- 24 Sun. Cold north wind. Sam & boys (Fritz & Rad) and Duncan Ferguson; G. G. McPherson and I went to Brennan's and took down deer head... Joe Pearce out riding colt of Joe's...

#### December, 1912

- 4 Wed. Fanny sick in bed all day. Sarah over. Alex & Nelson at home. We worked in chicken house all day.
- 11 Wed. Very stormy & cold. Put on storm doors and took off screen doors. Shot Cardwell's dog at Joe's... skinned dog in cellar.
- 14 Sat. Boys and I made goose house - all day. Lovely day.
- 17 Tues. Willie Dempsey here about phone... sawed rails and wood... Concert at No. 5 in the evening. Preston's mill burned down.
- 25 Wed. Fanny, Will & I went to Mother's for dinner; good time. Sam & Sam Radcliffe, Nelson & family there...
- 29 Sun. Lovely day. Frank Pearce over; brought candies for children. Stayed around house all day.

Money matters in 1912:	
Total received	\$706.58
Total paid out	\$820.45
Interest to Fanny Bothwell	\$127.00

<sup>1</sup> Jim and Laura (Richardson) Sinclair had two girls, Lorena b. 1900 and Leona b. 1906.

January, 1913

- 1 Wed. ...Alex, Nelson & Frank Pearce hunting with .22 rifle. I drew down chicken feed and did chores.
- 3 Fri. Fanned up oats. Put washing machine together. Sarah over in afternoon; Fanny washing. Stormy & cold.
- 14 Tues. Joe over in morning. I did chores; killed 2 chickens for (brother) Sam. Rec'd \$1.00 for chickens...
- 16 Thurs. ...very soft; sleighing going fast. Raining in evening. 1 egg - first of season.
- 30 Thurs. Fanny & I cleaned stove pipes also furnace pipes in morning. Cleaned horse stable; also pig pens; put it on land. Joe over in evening. 5 eggs.
- 31 Fri. Frank Pearce here in morning. Sal Richardson brought ½ of beef... Cardwell<sup>1</sup> & wife here for supper; 5 eggs.

February, 1913

- 5 Wed. Very cold & stormy; 35 yrs old. I put sows in barn... boys at school. Frank Pearce here... played checkers.
- 11 Tues. Milder in morning. I cleaned horse stable and fanned some oats... Frank Pearce here in evening. Played checkers; he won. 5 eggs.
- 14 Fri. I did chores in morning; put off load of coal; bagged 2 bags of potatoes; went to city... Nelson shoes \$2.90...
- 17 Mon. Lovely day. Fanny, Will and Helen went in (to city) for Sarah with Joe's horse... I drew out manure with colt.
- 19 Wed. Cut down tree at line fence. Went to Joe's & cut down 2 big beech trees. Joe drew them to house. 12 eggs
- 24 Mon. I bagged up 16 bags of chop... left it at brickyard. Got boxes for hens nests at Walsh Bros... good sleighing.
- 27 Thurs. I... cleaned box stalls all day. Also Ed Smith selling Saskatoon property. Boys at school...

March, 1913

- 4 Tues. Cleaned horse stable; also pig pens... Drew 2 loads of gravel from Tony Morris' in p.m.; good sleighing.
- 11 Tues. ...Fanny & Nelson in city; brought out Mother. Joe & I went to Jim's and got timber for shed. 6 eggs
- 12 Wed. Fanny & Mother visiting at Art Monteith's; also Nelson's. Joe & I went to swamp; got balance of timber...
- 13 Thurs. Mother & Fanny to Dawson Morrow's and Nelson's. Alex & I sawed wood in evening. Snow going fast.
- 19 Wed. Lovely day, very soft, sap running. Helen & I lit fire and boiled down what sap we had... 14 eggs.
- 20 Thurs. Boys not at school. Alex & I went to bush & boiled sap... Went to concert at No. 4 in evening...
- 21 Fri. Very high wind did considerable damage to buildings, etc... Had headache; stayed around home. 24 eggs
- 22 Sat. Nelson & I went to Heiden's with sow & 9 pigs... Rec's \$50.00 from Wm. Heiden. 32 eggs
- 25 Tues. Felt sick all day; in bed... Fanny & Wills sick also. Nelson gathering eggs at 25¢ a week... sleet storm.
- 30 Sun. ...Cardwell & Bill Cardwell here looking at cattle. Nelson & I went to bush & emptied sap buckets.

April, 1913

- 2 Wed. ...went to Fairview; got Sam shod all around... Concert for kids at No. 10; did not go. Helen sick. 40 eggs
- 4 Fri. Nelson & I did chores and went to horse show. Raining at times; home at 7 p.m.
- 9 Wed. Joe & I sawed wood in shed... John Schellenberger here. Sent to Eaton's for \$3.00 wall paper; 5¢ postage.
- 11 Fri. ...Jas. Hyslop here; bought 7 head of cattle for \$200.00 and 1 bu. of timothy seed. Rec'd \$5.00 on deal.
- 15 Tues. (Fred) Winkler finished papering at noon. Joe took him to Dickson's... Chris over and we killed pig...
- 21 Mon. Joe P. cultivated and I sowed 3 bags of grain in afternoon... set duck eggs. Boys fishing.
- 23 Wed. I set 16 goose eggs under hens and put up incubator. Joe & I built fence between Lawton & I ... Nelson M. And Willie (J.) here in evening.
- 27 Sun. Cold raw wind. Boys at Joe's bush for leeks. I stayed in and read most of day. 106 eggs

Joe Pearce working as Tom's hired man.
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May, 1913

- 3 Sat. Joe put manure on garden. I planted onions and early potatoes... ploughed with walking plough.
- 4 Sun. Joe Pearce away at Joe's. Alex went to eat fish. Fanny, children & I drove to bush for flowers...
- 13 Tues. Knox Church burned to ground during night. Matt Hamilton, (John) McCarthy and chief (Hugh) Durkin killed during fire. I hauled and spread manure in the afternoon...
- 17 Sat. Nelson & I worked two teams all day; sowed 3 bags of oats... Alex at school (on Saturday?)... Set 11 duck eggs in hen house; also 15 turkey eggs.
- 18 Sun. ...Children & I went to Dempsey's bush; did not find turkey's nest. Joe Pearce & Sal's boys over...
- 19 Mon. I ploughed in afternoon with big plough. Took 24 chickens to St. Pauls and sent them to Harris Abattoir

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<sup>1</sup> Phineas & Ruby Cardwell with their son Robert lived nearby, east of Joe Richardson's on the corner of the Embro Road and the side road; the farm was previously owned by Dick Blakeman.

- Co. (in Montreal by rail). Rec'd \$14.87
- 20 Tues. I set turkey eggs in old house... Norman (Monteith) home...
- 21 Wed. Worked on pea ground; rolled & finished ploughing. Sold Frame 6 pigs \$29.00. Bought hay loader \$70.
- 24 Sat. Alex & I worked two teams in morning. Nelson, Joe & boys fishing. Alex got good trout...
- 25 Sun. Bright but cold wind. Nelson & Maud Monteith & Annie Jeffrey<sup>1</sup> over in afternoon.
- 26 Mon. Nelson & I worked two teams all day... He went to Sal Richardson's and got 2 bags of peas; I sowed them.
- June, 1913
- 1 Sun. Lovely day. Alex and I went to St. Andrew's church in morning. Stayed home for dinner. Collection 25¢
- 2 Mon. ...drew manure all day for turnips. Played ball in evening at Art Thistles's.
- 7 Sat. Worked around house. Dug out culvert. Alex, Nelson & I went for gravel for Chris. Alex caught some trout at Con Mack's. Had supper at Chris'.
- 8 Sun. Cold wind; Joe over. We went over in evening; played his gramophone.
- 9 Mon. I ploughed in orchard... helped Joe put up windmill. Alex & I went to No. 4; played ball.
- 10 Tues. I scuffled mangels; went to city. Saw flying machine; also Armouries by Sam. Band playing. Beer 10¢, Cigar 5¢, Bananas 25¢
- 14 Sat. ...Fanny, children & I went to city; saw Barnum & Bailey procession. Fanny, Will & Helen at (Jim) Sinclair's. Circus expenses \$1.90...
- 16 Wed. I worked at cement culvert... played No. 5 baseball; 8 - 6 for No. 4. Came home with Art Monteith...
- 17 Thurs. ...Alex & Nelson fishing at Rae's. I went for beef, starting of beef ring...
- 24 Tues. To date: 16 turkeys; 14 ducks; 10 geese; 150 chickens... Boys at school...
- 27 Fri. I scuffled corn in morning. We all went to No. 4 picnic... played ball; beat No. 5... Expenses \$1.50.
- July, 1913
- 2 Wed. Alex & I hoed corn... Waldie & man here setting up hay loader. I went to shoot crows; did not get any.
- 8 Tues. ...Alex & Helen picking berries; got 3 quarts... Nelson & Helen got beef at Dunsmore's. Nelson cut hay...
- 9 Wed. I worked in roots scuffling & hoeing. Nelson cut hay... Sarah over. Sam L. & Willie Keith<sup>2</sup> out in evening.
- 14 Mon. Fanny picking berries at Tony Morris'. Nelson raked behind barn: I hoed turnips. We drew in with hay loader in afternoon and got 2 loads.
- 22 Tues. I got binder rigged up and started cutting wheat. Alex cut some & I shocked... Nelson raked hay with side delivery (rake).
- 26 Sat. Nelson cut oats at bush for greenfeed. I hoed turnips. Fanny & children picking black currants at Nelson's.
- 29 Tues. Very warm day. Joe & Pearce boys over and we drew in wheat. Alex fishing - caught 9 trout...
- August, 1913
- 9 Sat. I cleaned box stall & Alex washed buggy. Boys & I went to city to see carnival show... Got ice cream for Frank 75¢...
- 12 Tues. ...Alex, Joe & Nelson fishing at Harrington. Helen, Will & I got some thimble berries at Billy McKay's.
- 16 Sat. Boys & I at Joe's threshing oats all day. Broke machine in evening...
- 20 Wed. I finished ploughing sod for wheat at noon... Ken Jeffrey & Allan here for dinner. A. Dunlop & wife; Art (Monteith) & wife here in evening.
- 27 Wed. Boys & I ... fixed fence between McKay & I... circus in city...
- 30 Sat. Joe, Frank Pearce & Willie Schellenberger here sawed wood...
- 31 Sun. ...read & slept. Alex got horses; we went for drive around block. Got some wild plums at Fairview.
- September, 1913
- 2 Tues. I worked at stone drilling; blew a piece off at noon. Nelson got his arm

A change in technology: Tom bought a hay loader and borrowed Joe's side delivery rake.

Tom played ball regularly during June.

50 HENRI STREET	
Stratford, Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1913	
Mr. Tom Loghrin Farmer	
In account ... with	FRED. J. HANNAM
DEALER IN	
Light and Heavy Harness, Collars, Horse Blankets, Robes, Mitts, Etc. Ordered Harness a Specialty	
To Mr. Leam Briolly	6.50
Pr. in Leam Briolly	4.25
	\$10.75

Team bridles & lines

<sup>1</sup> Maude was Uncle Nelson's daughter; Annie was Tom's half sister.

<sup>2</sup> Will was Tom's first cousin, son of George Keith and Mary Loghrin. He maintained contact with the Loghrin family throughout his life and was very interested in genealogy.

- broken riding on Murray Frame's bicycle. We took him to city at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Rutherford set it...
- 4 Thurs. ...went to city with Nelson; saw Dr. Rutherford. Children at Joe's... Saw Sam...
- 5 Fri. ...gang ploughed oat stubble behind barn. Helen (7 yrs old) at school all week; likes it fine.
- 15 Mon. I went to Harry's threshing; had dinner at Allan Dunsmore's. Mother, Annie (Jeffrey), Jessie & Radcliffe (Loghrin) out in afternoon... Jessie got 7 doz. eggs.
- 19 Fri. Alex & I went to Andy Monteith's; saw heifer for beef ring; also got about 20 quarts of black cherries. Liddy Schellenberger, children, Fanny & I went to Fair. Good day...
- 23 Tues. I went to Nelson's silo filling till 10 a.m. then to Art Monteith's threshing for the rest of the day...
- 26 Fri. I fixed floor in barn in morning. Joe Tanner here cutting corn. Heinbuch's machine; threshed wheat 2 hrs...
- 27 Sat. Threshed till 3 p.m.; finished & moved to Cardwell's; threshed 1 hr... Paid Heinbuch \$14.50.
- 28 Sun. ...Alex & I went to Cardwell's; got some pears. Ikey Waugh, Chas. Lloyd & (Uncle) Nelson here...
- 29 Mon. ...I went to Cardwell's threshing all day... Heifer weighed alive 1010 lbs; dressed 507½ lbs; hide 62 lbs...
- 30 Thurs. ...Wm. Tanner here & got corn binder... Fanny & Nelson in city to see (Dr.) Rutherford...

#### October, 1913

- 1 Wed. I went to Chris' silo filling all day. Jessie & Mother out for drive. Miss Bradshaw & father here...
- 3 Fri. I worked at potatoes till noon. Alex came home at noon and we picked potatoes all day.
- 5 Sun. Lovely day; read & slept. Sam Monteith, Sam Young<sup>1</sup> & George Monteith here in afternoon.
- 6 Mon. Alex & I worked at mangels all day; got in about half (of the mangels). Sam Young here for dinner.
- 13 Mon. I drove children to school & got (fence) stretcher at Dick Clyne's... worked at fence along lane...
- 16 Thurs. I pruned apple trees. Alex picked apples and piled brush. Nelson, Alex & I went to Brennan's in afternoon. Got 3 black bass and 25 other fish... Joe over in evening; got some fish.
- 18 Sat. I shot 6 pigeons off barn... made double tree and ploughed corn ground in afternoon. Misty most of day.
- 19 Sun. Cloudy & cool. Stayed around house all day... Joe over in morning... had pigeons for dinner.
- 25 Sat. I picked apples all day; almost finished - 5 barrels of spies. Went to beef ring meeting in evening; drew No. 10 beast (for 1914). Rec'd \$3.40 as ½ of share for over weight of 64 lbs @ 11¢...
- 29 Wed. I drove kids to school... ploughed... Fanny went to school for kids.
- 30 Thurs. I ploughed sod all day. Fanny & Nelson went to Foulston's (St. Pauls); got stove from Eaton's...

#### November, 1913

- 5 Wed. Alex & I drew in 4 loads of turnips... We went to shooting match; I was on winning side- Pethick's. I made 20 out of 25; Frame 17. Fanny & I went to oyster supper in evening at Dave Tanner's. Home at 2 a.m.
- 8 Sat. I ploughed sod all day... Boys and I went to (Uncle) Nelson's & got front quarter of venison sent down<sup>2</sup> by W. N. Robertson.
- 9 Sun. Snowing all day, very stormy. Put cattle in stable. Stayed around house all day.
- 15 Sat. I tried to plough sod; broke point in afternoon. Sarah over in morning; Nelson over at Joe's all night...
- 21 Fri. I finished ploughing sod and drew up some stones. We all went to Joe's for supper; had two ducks. Jas. McEwen there. Lovely day.
- 24 Mon. ...We picked ducks & geese in the afternoon. Cold & high wind. Children not at school; teacher sick.
- 25 Tues. ...I went to city with chop... 42 lbs of geese @ 11¢ = \$4.62 32 lbs of duck @ 12½¢ = \$4.00.
- 29 Sat. Alex & I worked on line fence between Art & I; dug post holes and took away rail fence. Raw, east wind. sent a pair of chickens, also some potatoes with Joe for St. Andrew's church.

#### December, 1913

- 1 Mon. I blasted stones in lane all day; had no success. Cloudy but mild.
- 5 Fri. Jack Hill here looking for pigs... Got kettle at Chris' for soap. Drove stakes along line fence...
- 6 Sat. Boys & I loaded spotted heifer and delivered her to Newton Hill at St. Pauls; Rec'd \$50... Children & I went to Joe's in evening; heard gramophone and got some cider...
- 9 Tues. ...Joe over and got taxes \$54.50; stayed for supper.

1913 Rec'd	\$834.06
1913 Pd. Out	\$785.44

<sup>1</sup> Sam Young may have owned land in Northern Ontario near Kakabeka Falls; more research in required.

<sup>2</sup> W. N. Robertson worked for the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway as the line was being built in the Timiskaming region, north of Sudbury.

- 14 Sun. Willie Jeffrey over in afternoon on horseback. Stayed for supper.
- 19 Fri. ...picked 6 turkeys in afternoon. Fanny and children at school concert. Joe over in evening.
- 22 Mon. Mr (Charles) Heiden's funeral; Joe took my horse. I ...got tree and two end posts at (Uncle) Nelson's. Took sleigh to Aitcheson's for shoeing. Got gobbler at Ed Dunsmore's... Fanny making soap...
- 25 Thurs. Fanny, children & I went to city for Christmas dinner. Reta & Roy (Perry); Nelson & family; also Gray & Sam there. Alex & Nelson went in with Joe & Sarah. Good time; home at 11 p.m. Good wheeling but cold...

January, 1914

- 5 Mon. Willie Schellenberger, Joe and I went to No. 4 school and voted. I stayed for the count. (Sandy) Frame defeated. Sam Loghrin elected Alderman (in Stratford), stood 4<sup>th</sup> from last.
- 12 Mon. Very stormy & cold. Stayed around barn. Split wood... no school. 6 eggs
- 17 Sat. Alex and I sawed some wood. Willie Jeffrey & Willie Monteith here with gander... Pd. for gander \$1.50.
- 19 Mon. ...Nelson Monteith & Willie Jeffrey here on their way to Payton's to look at place... good sleighing.
- 23 Fri. Dick Clyne & Kelly here collecting for Con McNamara's send off. We all went to Joe's in evening: Sal & Hayes, Lizzie (Richardson). Home at 6 a.m.
- 27 Tues. I did chores... Willie (Jeffrey) here for supper; saw John Hannaberry about farm.
- 29 Thurs. ... Nelson Monteith & I went to Con Mac's presentation in evening. Home at 2 a.m.
- 31 Sat. Stormy all day. Slept most of day. Got 12 eggs...

February, 1914

- 10 Tues. Willie Jeffrey & I hitched up colts... went to see Lizzie Richardson... arranged for place at \$5,000. Very cold drive home.
- 17 Tues. Willie Jeffrey came over and we had dinner; went to St. Pauls with colts; got 5 bags of chop...
- 21 Sat. Cold wind. Boys and I cut two small basswood trees along Art Monteith's line and loaded them on sleigh...
- 23 Mon. Did chores and drew out manure. Very cold. Con Mac's wood bee...
- 24 Tues. ...Fanny & I went to John Thistle's in evening, good time. Home at 4 a.m. Schellenberger girls with kids.
- 26 Thurs. Willie Jeffrey over and he went up to place also to St. Pauls...
- 28 Sat. Willie Jeffrey took his mare and one of mine; went to city; got 10 bags of chop and some goods of his own...

Willie/Bill Jeffrey began farming Lot D, Con. 8 a couple of miles west of Tom's farm and east of the Halfway House.

March, 1914

- 4 Wed. Willie Jeffrey & Willie Schellenberger went to Horman's sale in morning...
- 5 Thurs. ...went to city got wood shed... came around by Halfway (House) and left it at Willie (Jeffrey's). Snow going fast.
- 9 Mon. Willie (Jeffrey) & I took down stuff from home to his shack... got sleigh & bed at (Uncle) Nelson's in p.m.
- 10 Tues. Moore's sale. Willie (J) & Harry Monteith went. I drew beech logs out of my bush...
- 13 Fri. I did chores & fixed sleigh; Willie took his peas & sale stuff to his shack. Got word about Sam worse...
- 16 Mon. ...worked in hen house all day. Willie went to sale in Zorra (township); got horse, waggon & chickens...
- 19 Thurs. ...Harry Monteith here for dinner; dehorned 13 head of cattle. Got 35 eggs...
- 20 Fri. ...Fanny went to St. Pauls with the buggy. (Sold) 9 doz. eggs @ 20¢ = \$1.80; 3 lbs butter @ 26¢ = 78¢
- 21 Sat. ...Willie called here and had supper. (He) got buggy, harness, binder & cultivator from Waldie...
- 22 Sun. Alex (Tom's son) went up to Willie's in afternoon. (Uncle) Nelson Monteith very sick...
- 26 Thurs. ...I set up pan and Alex & I boiled sap all day; very soft; snow all gone.
- 30 Mon. ...Harry M. here for dinner; helped me put cutters above shed... Got a load of hay for Willie J. at Nelson's.

April, 1914

- 3 Fri. Willie J. & I went to (Uncle) Nelson's and got his oats cleaned for seed. Nelson some better...
- 6 Mon. Willie J. here going to Nelson's for cow. I drew manure out all day; spread heap in field.
- 10 Fri. Willie J. here and got stone boat... Alex & I went to Hugh Horman's and got heifer calf...
- 11 Sat. ...Nelson (Tom's son) went to Simon Rae's and got two settings of eggs 50¢. Set them in evening.
- 13 Mon. Boys & I boiled sap all day... Ken & Willie Jeffrey here in evening; he got my axe.
- 14 Tues. ...Alex & I went to Horse Show in afternoon. Lovely warm day. Ticket Agricultural Society \$1.00...
- 17 Fri. ...I grafted (apple) trees all day: Spies, Baldwin & Ben Davis. I went to bush and got pan, buckets & spiles...
- 24 Fri. Nelson disc harrowed sod. I cultivated, rolled and sowed 6 bags of mixed grain...

May, 1914

- 1 Fri. Nelson & I took three horses to Willie J's. Cultivated all day. He sowed about 9 acres oats. Arbor day at the school. Egg man got 66 doz. eggs @ 20¢ = \$13.20.
- 2 Sat. ...Sam L. & Jess out fishing at Willie's, caught 5 trout... Alex stayed at Willie's all night.
- 6 Wed. I cut sods and sodded at back door... Nelson & Helen to Rae's for eggs; got 4 settings...
- 8 Fri. ...Duke of Connaught in Stratford at 3 p.m. Willie & I went to city; stores closed in afternoon...
- 17 Sun. Don Jeffrey and friends out in automobile in morning. We went to Willie's & spent day. Lovely day...
- 24 Sun. ...children drove to No. 4 Sunday school. I had sleep.
- 25 Tues. I worked on mangel ground in morning. Drilled them up and sowed them with Dempsey's drill...
- 28 Thurs. ...Alex & I planted potatoes... Boys & I went to No. 10 to play ball...
- 29 Fri. Finished potatoes, 17 rows. Alex & I played baseball at No. 10...

Baseball season!

June, 1914

- 2 Tues. ...ploughed for corn... Played ball at No. 10. John Hall sick; got kicked by a horse.
- 6 Sat. ...Went to Art Monteith's (barn?) raising; did not quite finish. Home at 9 p.m.
- 8 Mon. ...We all went to Art's raising. I had headache also others. Liddy Schellenberger came home with us.
- 10 Wed. Ringling Circus... went to city, saw procession... I drew out four loads of manure in evening.
- 13 Sat. ...Willie J. brought back scuffler. Alex scuffled mangles... Played ball against No. 3 Zorra, beat them bad.
- 18 Thurs. Nelson Monteith & I worked at Willie J.'s all day putting up the frame (of ??) Children came in evening & caught some fish.
- 20 Sat. Willie & Ken Jeffrey, Nelson & I went to city; got side delivery (hay) rake home... Played ball, No. 3 Zorra.
- 23 Tues. ...Nelson M. & I went to Willie J.'s and we raised his roof of shack. Sam L. there also, about 10 hands.
- 24 Wed. I went to Willie's and helped him put siding on shack. Simon Rae there. J. N. Monteith<sup>1</sup> died...
- 26 Fri. ...children home from school for good. Fanny & I went to J. N. Monteith's wake; saw George and Sam A. Monteith.
- 27 Sat. ...Fanny & I went to J. N. Monteith's funeral, lovely afternoon; big funeral
- 29 Mon. ...drove Sam to city; Nelson & I voted at No. 4 on my way home... Government returned by large majority.
- 30 Tues. ...We all went to No. 5 picnic, lovely day; had a good time. Alex Thompson came home with us...

July, 1914

- 3 Fri. ...Nelson drove me to Willie Jeffrey's. Worked at his house all day. Sam L. & Roy Perry there...
- 6 Mon. ...Nelson cut hay; broke tongue in mower. Fanny, Alex & I went to Avonton; played ball...
- 11 Sat. ...Willie & Ken Jeffrey here... Willie cut hay at front. Ken, Alex & I drew in 5 loads in afternoon. Nelson went down to Willie's for night. 19 loads in all.
- 14 Tues. ...Alex picked 8 quarts berries. Helen, Nelson & Will at bush; got 3 quarts of berries.
- 19 Sun. ...children went to Sunday School. Willie & I went to Uncle Nelson's for supper: Jane, Roy & Reta (Perry), Annie & Ken also there.
- 21 Tues. Ken Jeffrey down for whiffletree... Willie J. took jag of hay home with him in evening.
- 25 Sat. Boys & I fixed up binder and cut wheat... Mother, Roy & Reta out in afternoon for a drive...
- 29 Wed. ...Ken J. came down we drew in 5 loads wheat. Alex & Ken<sup>2</sup> in tent for night...

August, 1914

- 3 Mon. Alex, Nelson & I went to city; saw ball game... Jane Jeffrey's gift \$5.00.
- 4 Tues. Cut oats in morning. Fanny & I went to wedding<sup>3</sup>...
- 5 Wed. I cut oats and shocked them up. Fanny & folks at Sid Hayes...
- 7 Fri. Alex & I drew out manure... Nelson and visitors (Hayes) at Lizzie Richardson's.
- 9 Sun. ...Fanny & Nelson went to Hayes' for the people. Chris, Edna and Mrs. Schellenberger over...
- 10 Mon. ...Fanny and children took people to station going to Prescott.
- 13 Thurs. We started cutting oats... Fanny & Nelson went to St. Pauls and got chairs from Eaton's...
- 25 Tues. ...Alex & I went to Willie Jeffrey's threshing in afternoon... Nelson cultivated wheat land.
- 26 Wed. Drew in oats all day, 8 loads. Fanny in mow using slings (to unload the oats).

The Hayes family  
visit from Prescott.

<sup>1</sup> John Nelson (J. N.) Monteith was Art and Norman's father.

<sup>2</sup> Ken Jeffrey, Alex's uncle, was 14 years old; Alex was 10 years old.

<sup>3</sup> Jane Jeffrey, Tom's half sister, married Alfred Grey.



September, 1914

- 5 Sat. I ploughed... boys took up two bags of potatoes... Nelson rolled. I cultivated with Lucy mare & Bess.  
9 Wed. I ploughed in morning. Mother, Jess and Tilly Scholz out in afternoon. I sowed 5 acres of wheat.  
14 Mon. I went to Willie Jeffrey's threshing... boys getting elderberries. Joe cutting corn.  
16 Wed. I ploughed stubble all day. Fanny, Mrs. Holmes<sup>1</sup> & Will in city...  
20 Sun. Lovely warm day. Fanny, Will & I took walk to Willie Jeffrey's in the afternoon.  
27 Sun. ...Alex & I took walk to Tony Morris' in afternoon. Mr & Mrs. Dempsey here in evening. Fanny & children took drive.  
30 Wed. I went to Harry's silo filling; then to Nelson's for balance of day. Did not finish; broke down at 5 p.m. Came home with Willie Jeffrey. Cattle in Lawton's bush.

October, 1914

- 1 Tues. ...Nelson & I got corn binder at Horman's; Art Thistle cut my corn \$2.50...  
7 Wed. ...rec'd news of Sam's wife, Jessie Scholz<sup>2</sup>, death. Boys getting beech nuts...  
9 Fri. ...Fanny & I went to Jessie Scholz funeral... Lizzie & Maud Loghrin of Guelph there...  
12 Mon. ...I finished ploughing stubble. Boys got cider at Nelson's... Children & I went to No. 4 concert in evening.  
17 Sat. ...I worked at making dam all day; went to beef ring meeting... Rec'd for heavy meat after expenses \$1.35.  
19 Mon. I went to city; Nelson to Hayes' and got Mrs. Holmes... I worked around barn for threshing...  
20 Tues. I threshed till 5 p.m., 7 hrs. All hands from Schellenberger's; did good work.  
22 Thurs. Simon Rae at Art Monteith's & Cardwell's threshing for me. Belgian Relief Fund \$3.00...  
23 Fri. ...Willie & I finished mangels. Schellenbergers putting tin roof on barn... Boys & Helen at school.

November, 1914

- 7 Sat. Alex, kids & I worked at turnips all day; took in ½ of them. Willie & John Schellenberger helped us move in stove.  
11 Wed. Uncle Nelson & I went to Willie Jeffrey's; worked on his house all day.  
16 Mon. Bess horse died at noon of lockjaw. I skinned her and took her to bush... very stormy in evening.  
19 Thurs. ...Nelson & I went to W. Jeffrey's and worked at his house. Boys not at school. Teachers' convention...  
20 Fri. ...Alex & I went to Willie J's swamp; saw owl and two partridge; did not shoot any... snowing hard.  
23 Mon. ...Willie Jeffrey sick with appendicitis; also Austin Dempsey...  
24 Tues. ...Ken Jeffrey & Ernest Hosford here and got Willie's cutter. I boarded up old house in afternoon...

December, 1914

- 6 Sun. Raw east wind. Did chores & stayed at home, Mrs. Holmes & Joe at Sal Richardson's.  
9 Wed. ...Mrs. Holmes went to Prescott...  
11 Fri. I drew manure out in morning. Went to city and paid taxes \$58.46...  
13 Sun. Uncle Nelson, Jesse Ridley, Alex & I went to London on 8 a.m. special (train). Saw Sam and soldiers. Sam was presented with field glasses by Aldermen of city (of Stratford)...

#### FUNERAL OF MRS. LOGHRIN

Mayor and Council and Many Friends  
Pay Last Respects

The deep sympathy of a host of friends was proved at the funeral yesterday afternoon of the wife of Ald. Sam. Loghrin, whose early death is so much lamented. The funeral took place from the venerable "Stone House" and was largely attended. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. Finlay Matheson, pastor of St. Andrew's church, assisted by Rev. W. T. Wilkins, of Trenton, a pastor of the same church some forty years ago when he was a young man in the ministry and when he was intimate with the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scholz, of whom Mrs. Loghrin was a daughter. Rev. Mr. Wilkins gave the address at the house service, it being full of hope and wise counsel built upon the beautiful character of the deceased lady and containing also comforting personal references. The casket lay embanked in flowers in profusion, eloquent tributes from sympathizing friends. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Duncan M. Ferguson, Dr. D. Smith, Hon. Nelson Monteith, C. E. Heath, T. Ballantyne, of Stratford and environs, and Wilfrid Mara, of London. Mayor Stevenson and the City Council attended in a body out of sympathy for their bereaved colleague. Many intimate friends and relatives from out-of-town were present, including Mrs. Conrad Krug, Chesley; Mrs. Fred. Macklin, Berlin; Mrs. Hilson Stanley, Granton; Miss Elizabeth Loghrin, Guelph; Miss Maude Loghrin, Toronto; Dr. Hugh Stevenson, London; Mrs. Mara and family, London; Miss Craig, London; Miss Maude Burton, Niagara Falls; Mr. Sutherland, Hamilton; Dr. Klophele, New York; Mr. Bert Beal, London; Mr. Donald Jeffrey, Bracebridge; Mr. Riddle, London; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. F. MacLaren, Toronto; Mr. Fred. Radcliff, Granton; Miss Stevenson, London; Mrs. Long, St. Marys.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the first time Tom has mentioned Mrs. Holmes, his mother-in-law, since she went to Prescott following her brother's death in February, 1912. Had she stayed in Prescott all that time?

<sup>2</sup> Jessie Wilkins (Scholz) Loghrin died on Oct. 6, 1914.

Fares \$1.30; Cigars 25¢

- 22 Tues. Alex not at school. Nelson & Helen went, Christmas tree at school; got presents from teacher...
- 23 Wed. Heavy snow; did chores. Fanny, Helen, Alex & I went to city with sleigh; took 3 turkeys to mother...
- 25 Fri. ...We all went to Mother's for dinner... Roy & Reta (Perry) also Wm. Robertson there.
- 29 Tues. ...cleaned a box stall; drew out 2 loads manure. Broke road in front of house.
- 31 Thurs. Lovely day, cold & bright... I picked 2 chickens. Fanny & I picked 2 ducks and a goose...

January, 1915

- 1 Fri. Did chores. Willie Jeffrey & Ken here in morning and got clippers. Stayed for dinner... had ducks.
- 4 Mon. Election day. Alex & I went to No. 4. I voted. McKay elected by 45 majority...
- 9 Sat. Rae & Schellenberger boys here skating. Alex birthday...
- 13 Wed. ...to city for coal; 1900 lbs = \$10.70...
- 14 Thurs. Chored & unloaded coal... Alex skating.
- 18 Mon. ...worked at old house. Boys skating; soft & mild.
- 20 Wed. ... to John Thistle's funeral at St. Pauls and to city. Saw about transferred mortgage to note for \$14.00...
- 30 Sat. Boys & I worked in old house; took off lathe & ceiling...

February, 1915

- 4 Thurs. Willie Jeffrey & I went Green's sale; bought nothing..
- 8 Mon. ... Helen & I went to city in cutter; she saw Dr. Rutherford...
- 12 Fri. ...Harry Monteith here for dinner. We castrated pigs... concert at No. 4 school.
- 20 Sat. Lovely day. Boys skating. I worked around barn all day.
- 26 Fri. Boys not at school; very stormy and cold. Ground sausage and did odd jobs.
- 27 Sat. Nelson & I to city with cream...

March, 1915

- 3 Wed. Took colt out for run. Nelson & I to St. Pauls; sleighing poor... Rowland Thompson<sup>1</sup> dead, 81 years.
- 12 Fri. Did chores and drew out manure all day. Peter Scott here; got 7 lbs of horsehair \$1.75.
- 15 Mon. I went to Ernest<sup>2</sup> Lawton's and saw his mare; also saw Mrs. Douglas... trimmed trees in bush in p.m.
- 16 Tues. Willie Jeffrey down in morning; brought fanning mill back. I fixed fence... John Thistle's sale.
- 24 Wed. Harry Monteith & I went to Willie J's and dehorned 6 cattle; also did 3 head for me...
- 27 Sat. ...Boys & I went to bush and sawed soft maple in Lawton's.

April, 1915

- 2 Fri. Got Harry Monteith's scale... Packed straw<sup>3</sup> in the afternoon, Ken & Willie J. also Cardwell & Willie Schellenberger. Packed about 9 tons.
- 7 Wed. Drew hay and straw to St. Pauls; 4½ tons of hay and one load of straw. Skinned Willie J's cow. Roads very bad... Got goods from Eaton's.
- 12 Mon. Snowing & blowing. I did odd jobs around home. Sold horse colt to Telford for \$125; rec'd \$1.00...
- 19 Mon. ...I cultivated balance of day in back field. Fred Winkler here papering room in front...
- 21 Wed. I sowed 6 bags peas & oats on sod at bush. Nelson harrowed.
- 24 Sat. I sowed about 9 acres with old team all day. Nelson disc harrowed all day...
- 28 Wed. I finished sowing big field at noon. Fanny & Nelson at Coddington's; got one of the girls for Mon., May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nelson ran a fork into his foot in afternoon. 3 doz. eggs to Schellenberger's.
- 29 Thurs. ...Alex cultivated; he got horse at W. Jeffrey's... Nelson & I went to city; saw Dr. Rutherford...
- 30 Fri. Alex cultivated; I fixed roller. Fanny and Nelson to city to see doctor...

Family Update to the beginning of 1915:  
**Tom** is 36; Fanny is 35 and pregnant; Alex is 10; Nelson is 9; Helen is 8 and Willie is 6.  
**Sam**, Tom's brother, is 38 and recently widowed; he has enlisted and is in London.  
The Jeffreys: **Reta** (step-sister), 26, is married to Roy Perry and has a son, Harvey.  
Tom's half siblings: **Jane** is 23 and recently married Alfred Grey. **Willie**, 22, has begun farming. **Don** is 20 and works in Bracebridge. **Annie** is 19 and **Ken** is 14.

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<sup>1</sup> Rowland Thompson was married to Catherine Hosford, daughter of William Hosford.

<sup>2</sup> The ownership of the farm adjacent to the north end of Tom's farm passed from George Lawton to Ernest Lawton about 1914. Their relationship, if any, is not known.

<sup>3</sup> How did they "pack straw"? Were they baling straw?

May, 1915

- 1 Sat. I sowed 2 acres of mixed grain... Alex rolled. Nelson & I went to Dr.  
3 Mon. Lenora Coddington<sup>1</sup> came today... set hen on ducks at separator room.  
5 Wed. W. Jeffrey here and drew out some manure. He took Nelson to doctor; also took in 43 lbs cream...  
6 Thurs. I went to W. Jeffrey's and ploughed orchard. Little Willie went also; caught 7 trout... dance in cheese factory tonight.  
8 Sat. ...went to Willie J's in afternoon; finished ploughing orchard. I took Nelson to Dr. in afternoon. Willie and Ken (Jeffrey) here for supper.  
12 Wed. Lenora Coddington here...  
17 Mon. Cold & raw wind. Drew out manure all day. Mrs. (Alice) Coddington here helping with housecleaning.  
18 Tues. ...boiled 6 bags of potatoes for pigs... Mrs Coddington here... Helen & Nelson drove her down (home).  
20 Thurs. Mrs. Coddington here all day. Paid \$2.50 ...walked home. Drew manure for corn...  
24 Mon. I disc harrowed in morning, Clyne boys, Alex & Nelson fishing... went to dance at Halfway House...  
31 Mon. Alex & I drew manure all day fro corn... Nelson went for Mrs. Coddington in evening. Fanny sick during night. Sent for Dr. Rankin at 4 a. m.

June, 1915

- 1 Tues. Dr. Rankin went home at 6 a.m. Nothing doing till 6 p.m.  
Baby boy born. Ramsey Rankin got nurse in city. Boys & I planted some potatoes. Mrs. Schellenberger over all day...  
6 Sun. ...Nelson drove Mrs. Coddington home. I stayed in bed most of day; flet sick with cold & fever.  
11 Fri. Worked on turnip ground... went to Bessie Hyslop's funeral in afternoon. Pd. Miss Haynes, nurse \$27.00.  
12 Sat. ...Nelson worked corn ground & I sowed more corn. We went to Zorra and played ball; got beat 16 - 10; good game. Came home with Willie J. & Mrs. Coddington.  
17 Thurs. ...McQuarry here; organizer for liquor interest... Mrs. Coddington went to city in morning.  
18 Fri. Finished sowing turnips... Children & I went to No. 4 festival in evening... Expenses - \$1.10.  
21 Mon. Took old buggy to Jones (in St. Pauls) for tires & rims \$9.00... worked on fence between McKay & I...  
22 Tues. Mrs. Coddington came in morning... home in evening... Dr. Rutherford here and lanced Fanny's breast...  
24 Thurs. I scuffled mangels in morning. Chris & I voted at No. 4... Dr. Rutherford here after dinner. Geo. McKay here gathering cream.

Robert <u>Harry</u> Monteith Loghrin born
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July, 1915

- 1 Thurs. ...Children & I went to W. Jeffrey's and built closet... Willie at Sam McKay's (barn?) raising.  
2 Fri. Put machinery in shed; got out rake and mower. Hoed balance of mangels & beans. Boys caught 20 fish...  
6 Tues. ...drew gravel for road all day. Children & I wen to No. 10 picnic; good time ; home at 11 p.m...  
9 Fri. Art Knott here; circled (sawed) wood till 4 p.m. Went to Willie J's & cut his in evening. Willie Schellenberger and Jeffreys helping me. Pd. Knott \$3.50 in full.  
15 Thurs. ...Ken & Willie J. here in evening. Got 4 pigs & sharpened mower knives... 4 pigs @ \$4 = \$16.00 on acct.  
16 Fri. ...Helen & Nelson went to St. Pauls and got (old) buggy from Jones/Roxborough's... candy 8¢.  
27 Tues. ...I set up binder. Nelson raked hay - clover. Alex picking berries. I cut some hay in evening. Mrs. Coddington here all day...  
28 Wed. I ploughed sod all day... Willie, Ken & Annie (Jeffrey) here in evening; got some potatoes.  
31 Sat. I ploughed some sod, raked hay and cut wheat... Nelson went to Worden's & got 50 lbs honey @ 10¢ lb.

August, 1915

- 7 Sat. Alex & I worked at old house... Cattle got in oats. Finished ploughing sod across creek...  
9 Mon. Lovely day. Mrs. Coddington here. I went to city... Helen's birthday...  
12 Thurs. ...I got nail in my knee; very painful in evening. Did no work today.  
13 Fri. My knee stiff in morning. Fanny & I went to city at 4 p.m.  
18 Wed. Mrs. Coddington here; (she) rec'd \$8.50 - \$26.00 in all... Alex cut on binder... I shocked oats...  
26 Thurs. Boys & I drew in two loads of timothy for seed... We went to Willie J's threshing in afternoon...  
31 Tues. Drew in oats. Finished up field behind barn. (Binder) canvas went to pieces; Frame brought out new one.

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<sup>1</sup> Lenora may have come to help Fanny who was in the late stages of her pregnancy. The Coddingtons lived in West Zorra township in the north end of Oxford County.

## September, 1915

- 1 Wed. Uncle Nelson ran the binder all day. Nelson & I cut 5 acres with the pea harvester... drew in a load...
- 6 Mon. Alex, Willie & I went to Willie J's and got seed wheat... I cleaned granary & cultivated wheat land. Frame over; (I) paid \$24.80 for beef ring.
- 13 Mon. ...to city; 3 bags wheat to Devlin (Brewery) - \$5.60; paid beer \$4.40 = \$1.20 cash. Willie first day at school.
- 14 Tues. ...Alex & I drew in 3 loads of oats... Sam Loghrin reported in France.
- 17 Fri. Boys & I to London Fair. Good day. Went on regular train at 10 a.m... Home at 6 p.m. Expenses \$3.50
- 22 Wed. I cut orchard and roadway in morning... We all went to Stratford Fair...
- 25 Sat. Drew in balance of loose oats; also a load of beans. Boys & Helen to School Fair at St. Pauls. Alex showed apples; got no prize.

## October, 1915 (See Appendix II)

- 1 Fri. I went to Cardwell's threshing all day... Saw Geo. McEwen in evening; got a ride home.
- 4 Mon. ...to city; paid hay loader note \$50.00... Bert Doig cut corn...
- 6 Wed. ...to Art's threshing... Fanny & Willie to Mrs. Dunsmore's for supper. Cloudy & mild.
- 11 Mon. Alex ploughed all day. I went to Harry's silo filling... Got letter from S. Loghrin in trenches.
- 16 Sat. Alex ploughing; Nelson & I finished mangels and corn. Went to beef ring meeting; Paid \$6.49 balance for beef and \$1.50 for killing same...
- 19 Tues. ...Children at school all day. Willie Monteith, Percy Lupton, Boys & I went coon hunting; no luck...
- 30 Sat. Boys & I topped turnips in morning; drew in two loads in afternoon...

## November, 1915

- 6 Sat. Nelson disc harrowed wheat stubble. Alex working around house... I helped Joe put up windmill...
- 8 Mon. Willie & I went to city; Paid (Fanny) Bothwell interest \$77.00... Mrs. Coddington here; kids at school.
- 17 Wed. Alex & I worked in barn making pig pens... We all went to No. 4 Daughters of the Empire concert - 90¢.
- 22 Mon. I worked in barn making calf pen... Mrs (Ruby) Cardwell drowned herself and baby in creek at road...
- 24 Wed. ...Fanny & Helen went to Cardwell's in afternoon...
- 25 Thurs. I ploughed corn stubble in morning; went to Mrs. Cardwell's funeral in afternoon...

## December, 1915

- 3 Fri. Did chores. Nelson, Willie and I got piano at Sholtz'. Thin sleighing. Bologna 25¢; scribbler 5¢...
- 5 Sun. Kids and I took cutter drive to Willie J's. Edna (Schellenberger) here in afternoon.
- 7 Tues. Chored and went to city. Borrowed \$150.00 @ 7% at Commerce Bank. Paid taxes \$60.09...
- 10 Fri. ...Fanny & baby went to Schellenberger's. I drove down to Willie J's and put 4 posts in to set his shack on.
- 16 Thurs. Nelson took pig to Wm. Dunsmore's to get killed...
- 17 Fri. Did chores and cut up pig in afternoon. Very mild & raining. Willie and Helen not at school.
- 20 Mon. Fanny to city; Helen kept baby... Children at school.
- 25 Sat. Rainy in morning. Children and I went to Mother's for dinner. Nelson Monteith and children; also Roy Perry and family there. Roads heavy.
- 28 Tues. Boys & I got a load of cedar at Bill's. Art Dunsmore presented with wrist watch at Mrs. A. Dunsmore's.
- 30 Thurs. We all went to Willie J's; moved shack. Alf Lupton there... Alex shooting...

Rec'd for 1915	\$949.65
Paid out in 1915	999.96

## January, 1916

- 1 Sat. Alf Lupton & I to Willie J's; finished moving his shed.
- 3 Mon. Local Option (Temperance) defeated by large margin in Stratford; new aldermen (including) Bothwell & J. D. Monteith...
- 17 Mon. Very stormy. Kids at school and were sent home...
- 19 Wed. Storm over...
- 28 Fri. Harry Monteith here for dinner... (Government) working on Prohibition for July 1<sup>st</sup>...

## Farm operations in addition to "chores"

- \* put off (load) of coal
- \* went to city for chop
- \* Nelson & Willie cleaned horse stable
- \* put chop in box
- \* made harness room
- \* cut cedar at Willie J's
- \* to Cardwell's with two sows (for breeding)
- \* repaired wheel barrow
- \* split wood
- \* drew out manure with stone boat
- \* Nelson & Will got bantams at Cardwell's
- \* Alex & I sawed wood

## February, 1916

- 2 Wed. ...Bill J., his man & I went to "Birth of a Nation"

- in evening; show 50¢.  
 11 Fri. ...Hannaberry & Clyne boys down in evening.  
 14 Mon. ...to city. Dance in evening; home at 4 a.m...

At this time Tom began calling his brother "Bill" instead of "Willie"; he referred to his son as "Will" or "Willie".

- 15 Tues. Percy Lupton here in morning.  
 28 Mon. ...hitched up Joe's mare for first time.

- \* put on rack; took 8 hogs to city; 1430 lbs; \$135.85
- \* agent for trees and oats here
- \* made a bench vise
- \* went to St. Pauls with 10 bags of chop
- \* cut down hay mow
- \* to city with hogs and cream
- \* Nelson & I to St. Pauls with steer; 920 lbs; \$62.00
- \* Alex & I cut wood for house
- \* drew up logs from bush, about 4 trees
- \* piled wood in cellar
- \* ordered harness (from) Hannam's \$28.00

#### March, 1916

- 3 Fri. I did chores and went to Bill J's and cut cedar in afternoon with Old Doll. Schellenberger girls here...  
 9 Thurs. Big snow storm... Nelson at Schellenberger's all night.  
 15 Wed. Felt sick; did only chores. Maggie Dempsey<sup>1</sup> getting married... kids at school...  
 25 Sat. ...I got a load of gravel at Tony Morris' in afternoon. Ernest Lawton here looking for pigs. Alex & Allan Dunsmore shooting muskrats.  
 28 Tues. Working at old house these days and fixing up hen house.  
 29 Wed. Got bid to W. Jeffrey's wedding on 11 April. Roads bad...

#### April, 1916

- 3 Mon. ...Alex & I went to city to fill his tooth...  
 5 Wed. Alf Lupton here; we did some carpentering. Went to Bill J's and fixed up his house...  
 11 Tues. ...Nelson went to St. Pauls and took present to Thistle's. W. Jeffrey married (Kathleen Thistle) today...  
 29 Sat. Alex fishing. Fanny, Helen & I to city...

#### Spring farm activities

- \* gathered and boiled sap
- \* got first goose egg - Apr. 1
- \* brought up syrup
- \* Harry here; dehorned cattle
- \* white heifer calved heifer calf
- \* I cleaned seed oats & timothy seed
- \* Nelson to Jack Lawton's; got 10 bus. seed barley
- \* I fanned seed oats most of day
- \* Set hen on leghorn eggs at separator room
- \* Alex planting strawberries
- \* Willie picking stones
- \* Nelson went to Sid Hayes; got 7 bus. wheat
- \* Old sow had 12 pigs all living
- \* I transplanted gooseberry bushes
- \* Nelson cultivated; I disc harrowed
- \* sowed 4 acres mixed grain
- \* Bess mare foaled
- \* I sowed mixed feed behind barn; Nelson cultivated
- \* I ploughed sod for mangels in front field
- \* Eph Meadows & Matheson bought horse colt; \$125
- \* Planted some potatoes; also 24 rows corn
- \* Norman Monteith got old Doll mare for stud
- \* Fruit tree agent here; ordered grapes & strawberries
- \* sowed 3 acres of millet
- \* worked on buckwheat land
- \* served young Doll to Norman's stud

#### May, 1916

- 3 Wed. ...Willie & I got coal oil stove at St. Pauls...  
 5 Fri. ...Fanny making flower beds...  
 8 Mon. W. Schellenberger brought some dahlia roots...  
 11 Thurs. Mrs. Coddington here... got a large plug of tobacco at St. Pauls - charged.  
 21 Sun. Boys at Sunday School...  
 23 Tues. Alex & I went to city; got flowers & shrubs at Mother's. Home at 2:00 p.m.

#### June, 1916

- 8 Thurs. Three boys & I went to city; saw circus, small one...  
 12 Mon. ... I went to Nelson's and paid him; \$100.00 principal; \$6.00 interest.  
 20 Tues. Chris brought first beef ring meat  
 24 Sat. I went to city... got driving harness \$15.00...  
 28 Wed. ... Fred Richardson here in evening...  
 29 Thurs. ...Kids & I went to No. 4 picnic; played ball against Zorra; got beat 6 - 2. Good time...

#### July, 1916

- 1 Sat. Scuffled mangels... We all went to picnic at Brooksdale; beat Brooksdale 19 - 17. Expenses 40¢.

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<sup>1</sup> Margaret Jane Dempsey, Tom and Fanny's neighbour, married William Henry Douglas.

- 4 Tues. ...Nelson & Helen at Sunday School Picnic at St. Pauls. Expenses 30¢.
- 5 Wed. Alex & I hoed potatoes and cut thistles in morning... put up wire netting around veranda...
- 7 Fri. ...Kids & I went to No. 5 picnic. Played ball with Avonton; got beat 15 - 7; good time; big crowd...
- 14 Fri. ...We drew in hay. I scuffled corn, potatoes and mangels. Alex sick with boils.
- 22 Sat. Very warm. Nelson cut hay. I hoed mangels. Alex picking berries; got 5 qts... Nelson & Willie fishing...
- 27 Thurs. We cut wheat; broke binder... I shocked it up.
- 28 Fri. Helen, Will & I to city; saw circus parade. Got binder repairs...
- 31 Mon. ...Drew in 5 loads of wheat... Sam Monteith brought out Mother in evening.

#### August, 1916

- 3 Thurs. We all hoed roots... Mother & I went to Worden's; got 6 lbs honey \$6.00...
- 4 Fri. ...Sam Monteith, Fanny, Miss McLeod, Alex & I went to Brennen's. Caught no fish... good time...
- 9 Wed. Nelson & I put cement in harness room also fixed door on buggy house. Hoed some turnips in evening.
- 16 Wed. ...Helen & Nelson taking music lessons; first lesson today. Miss Bean.
- 20 Sun. Uncle Nelson here in morning. I got some thimble berries. Boys took thin grey cow to Chris' (bull)...
- 23 Wed. Drew manure in morning. Music teacher here 55¢ for music books.
- 25 Fri. Alex picked thimble berries at McKay's. We drew in mixed feed; I fell off rack in afternoon.
- 31 Thurs. Nelson cut second clover. Broke binder; finished cutting oats. Helen, Mother & Harry (son) at Schellenberger's. Nelson, Willie & I to St. Pauls... Alex helping W. Jeffrey drawing in grain.

#### September, 1916

- 7 Thurs. ...went to Harry's and got apples... Paid Harry for ½ heifer for beef ring \$27.50...
- 8 Fri. Willie & I put cement in cellar for coal bin.
- 12 Tues. ...kids all at school. Roy, Reta (Perry) and Mother out in afternoon. Got apples at Harry's...
- 13 Wed. Fanny, Helen, Willie & I went to St. Pauls and to London (Fair?). Good day. Home at 7 p.m. Expenses \$3.60.
- 14 Thurs. Willie & I drew out load of corn for cattle. Took off a load of boards off old house...
- 16 Fri. I worked at old house; put boards above buggy house. I got 3 pails of pears at (Uncle) Nelson's...
- 19 Tues. ...Helen, Willie & Nelson went to (Stratford) Fair. Ticket \$1.00...
- 20 Wed. I did some odd jobs around house. Willie, Nelson & I went to Stratford Fair...
- 21 Thurs. ...Willie Robertson here; brought **news of Sam being killed at front**...
- 26 Tues. ...Kids & I went to School Fair at St. Pauls. Nelson took 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on colt. Alex took 3 prizes for apples...
- 28 Thurs. ...Willie and I went to city; got sulky plow...
- 30 Sat. ...Nelson using sulky plough. I ploughed with walking plough on buckwheat land.

#### Fall Threshing 1916

- S 4 Alex at Harry (M's) threshing
- S 5 I went to Cardwell's threshing
- S 6 W. Schellenberger to Art (M's) threshing for me
- S 19 Alex to W. Jeffrey threshing; Alex got 50¢
- S21 I threshed (at home) today
- S21 Alex ran blower (at Schellenberger's)
- S22 I went to Chris's threshing
- S25 Frame threshed all day; finished at 5:00 p.m.

#### October, 1916

- 6 Fri. I went to Bill Jeffrey's; caught 6 trout. Helped Alf Lupton put in cement all day... Alex ploughing...
- 7 Sat. ...110<sup>th</sup> Batt left for Toronto. **Don Jeffrey killed; got news today**...
- 14 Sat. Alex & I worked at mangels; Nelson ploughed with sulky. I picked a barrel of snow apples at Harry's in morning. Chris & I went to beef ring. Paid \$2.57; balance owing for beef.
- 19 Thurs. Rained all day. Alex did not go to school. I drove rest of kids to No. 10; bagged 15 bags of grain for chop.
- 20 Fri. Harry Monteith's sale today; did not buy anything. Bill Jeffrey & wife here for tea. Cold, high wind...
- 24 Tues. I ploughed all day... Mrs. Coddington here washing. Blanche (Coddington) and Edna (Schellenberger) here for supper. Nelson drove them home.
- 28 Thurs. Teacher's convention today... I cut Alex's hair... We both ploughed after dinner...
- 31 Tues. ...Blanche Coddington here in evening. Kids all went up the road in evening; Hallowe'en tonight.

#### November, 1916

- 7 Tues. ...Willie Jeffrey & Schellenberger sawed wood (with) Knott's outfit. Nelson Monteith and Dempsey here for Red Cross - \$2.00
- 11 Sat. I finished with walking plough on corn and turnip ground. Alex picking apples at Bill Jeffrey's. Nelson & Willie drawing up wood... Music teacher here.

16 Thurs. Nelson, Willie & I went to Fairview and got cattle...  
 20 Mon. I worked taking down old house all day; put lumber in barn.  
 21 Tues. ...Pete Brennen here for supper. We took a walk to bush; did not get any rabbits.  
 24 Fri. Very high wind; old house blew down. Did only chores...  
 27 Mon. Alex at home today. We killed old Sam and Doll and skinned them in the bush... rec'd \$8.00 for hides...  
 December, 1916

1 Fri. Worked at old house taking down frame. Boys at school. Peter Scott here for horse hair.  
 5 Tues. Nelson & I took cow to city, wrong day, left her at Commercial stables... Skunk hide Alex \$2.25.  
 8 Fri. Willie, Helen & I went to city with Bill Jeffrey's democrat...  
 12 Tues. ...Alf Lupton here for dinner... Willie Jeffrey & wife here for supper; played cards...  
 15 Fri. Fanny to city with cutter. Jack Hall here; bought 6 pigs \$15.00...  
 16 Sat. ...Miss Bean here; paid her \$10.00 on acct.  
 22 Fri. Cold. Willie I I drew out some manure... Nomination day at St. Pauls.  
 Concert at No. 4 in afternoon...

Rec'd for 1916	\$1341.20
Paid out for 1916	\$1151.29

25 Mon. Lovely day... I made bolsters for flat rack. Alex & I went to Fairview after dinner shooting; saw no game.  
 28 Thurs. Very stormy & cold... Alex went to Bill Jeffrey's in afternoon. I flailed out some beans.

January, 1917

1 Mon. Alf Lupton here; we put rod through house...  
 2 Tues. ...went to St. Pauls got some rods for house. Bread 80¢, Pail 35¢, Sugar 25¢, Syrup 70¢, Tobacco 10¢  
 3 Wed. Alf Lupton here; we put rods through house (to reinforce it?) Willie J & wife and Ken J; played cards.  
 11 Thurs. ...Percy Lupton drawing gravel. I went for a load in evening to Tony Morris'.  
 12 Fri. Made a hay rack in morning. Alex came home at noon and we got 2 loads of hay at Geo. Robb's. Cold weather.  
 14 Sun. Very cold & stormy... Alex at W. Jeffrey's.  
 15 Mon. ...Alex, Helen & Nelson have la grippe or bad cold...  
 16 Tues. ...Cheese factory sold today to E. Lawton...  
 21 Sun. Very cold. Did chores. Felt sick; got la grippe. Stayed in most of day. Boys did chores.  
 22 Mon. Very stormy today; worst of season. Roads blocked; no mail; kids not at school. I felt sick; did not go to barn...

From the 1917 Diary: Helen F, Willie J, Harry M, Nelson S, Alec T and S. S. No. 10 Downie

February, 1917

5 Mon. ...Too cold to go to St. Pauls.  
 7 Wed. Milder today... Willie Jeffrey down... got a hay knife.  
 8 Thurs. ...Willie & I went to Fairview... Paid Geo. Robb for hay \$90.00 including \$20.00 of W. Jeffrey's.  
 10 Sat. ...Miss Bean here. I went to city with 79 lbs of cream \$9.43...  
 12 Mon. Did chores and stayed at home. Very cold weather; about 15 below most of time.  
 21 Wed. ...Helen, Willie & I went to city... Pd. (Commerce) Bank \$100 borrowed 3 months ago.  
 22 Thurs. Rained all day. Alex not at school; Helen & Willie late - sent home. Nothing doing.  
 24 Sat. ...Willie & Nelson... drew up 3 loads of wood in afternoon. Miss Bean here; also Edna Schellenberger.  
 27 Tues. ...Dempsey & Monteith here fixing phone... Willie & I in bush in afternoon...

March, 1917

3 Sat. Nelson & I drew wood out of bush. Alex went to Bill Jeffrey's. Music teacher here...  
 6 Tues. Alex & I sawed wood in the bush all day. Geo. McEwen here and I went to Sandy Frame's; played cards...  
 11 Sun. P. Cardwell here in afternoon. Very mild, snow going fast.  
 15 Thurs. ...Bill Jeffrey & Joe Mac here for supper... Alex went to Bill's in evening.  
 21 Wed. Alex & I sawed wood... Cardwell kids here... Lenore Coddington here; got balance of wages \$3.00.

March 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Overalls, Willie	.65
My own	1.25
Smock	1.25
Sweater, Harry	1.00
Overcoat, Nelson	5.00

- 24 Sat. Nelson & I to city; roads very bad. Bought buggy \$45.00 from Knight's livery sale...
- 29 Thurs. I took Bess mare to A. Dunsmore's sale. Alex took over Holstein heifer. Nelson & Willie came over after dinner... heifer sold to Wm. McKay for \$70.00. Rec'd his note for 8 months. Bess mare did not sell... Had supper at Dunsmore's. Bought binder \$40.00; gave note for 8 months.
- 30 Sat. ...Alex boiling syrup; got pot at Art Monteith's in morning. Lenora Coddington making dresss 75¢.

April, 1917

- 2 Mon. I put tongue in cultivator; also made set of doubletrees. Put handles in two forks... raw wind & rain.
- 4 Wed. ...Alex & I at Bill Jeffrey's circling (sawing) wood (with) Knott's outfit... Nelson gathered sap...
- 8 Sun. Tied up dog (because it) ate 41 eggs... Gathered sap after dinner.
- 10 Tues. ...Nelson, Willie Jeffrey & I went to city; saw horse show. Dinner 40¢, macaroni 20¢...
- 14 Sat. ...cold & snowing. Nelson & I went to Sal Richardson's and got a pair of wheels for cultivator... Miss Bean here; rec'd 65¢ for music books.
- 19 Thurs. ...Len and Frank Clyne here & bought Bess mare; took her home at noon. Rec'd \$150.00...
- 24 Tues. Nelson & I cultivated behind barn... Art Monteith fixing fence in the waterway...
- 28 Sat. Nelson & I worked on land... finished sowing mixed feed behind barn... Nelson & Helen took music lesson.
- 30 Mon. Alex has mumps - sick. Nelson disc harrowing...

May, 1917

- 2 Wed. ...Willie & I fixed fence to barn. Chris brought vines & strawberries. Pd. \$4.50 for same...
- 5 Sat. Miss Bean here... Set hen on 15 eggs; Helen's for school fair.
- 7 Mon. ...Set out grape vines and strawberries. Lidia Schellenberger here looking for turkey.
- 8 Tues. ...I sowed 10 bags of N. Monteith's oats; Nelson cultivated ahead of seed drill. Alex went to help Bill J...
- 15 Tues. ...Nelson rolled all day... Alex caught 35 fish. Set goose on 7 eggs.
- 16 Wed. ...Fanny at Dempsey's - Daughters of the Empire...
- 30 Wed. ...Alex pruning trees. Willie disc harrowed... Fanny, Alex & I to No. 5 dance in evening...

June, 1917

- 7 Thurs. ...Fanny & I went to Sam Robb's funeral at Fairview. Also went up to Mother's... I got off at McKay's to play baseball; also went to garden party in evening...
- 11 Mon. .... put top on well. Played ball at Dave Tanner's in evening; got trimmed 13 - 10 (by) Maplewood...
- 17 Sun. Lovely day. Uncle Nelson, Art & Willie Nelson here. Took walk. Fannie & I went to Bill Jeffrey's in evening.
- 19 Tues. Sam & Art Monteith fixing fence in waterway. I ploughed for turnips.
- 20 Wed. ...set 3 hens in evening.

Received for June, 1917

For cream	42.37
6 doz. eggs @ 40¢	2.40
Colt hide	<u>2.00</u>
	\$46.77

- 25 Mon. ...roller tongue broke. I went to Harmony; played ball - married men vs. single men. Single won. Good time...
- 26 Tues. Felt sick; stiff leg; slept for most of day. Rev. Matheson & wife here in afternoon.

The children: Alex (13), Nelson (12), Helen (10), Willie (9), Harry (2)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Boys did chores.  
Alex ploughed sod
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nelson skinned colt  
Willie working team on corn ground.  
Alex at Bill Jeffrey's
- 4<sup>th</sup> Alex drawing manure for beans  
Nelson got 7 bus. oats at Uncle Nelson's  
Willie working team
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alex spreading manure
- 7<sup>th</sup> Alex & I went to Harry Monteith's and got ½ ton hay
- 8<sup>th</sup> Alex & I planted 2 doz. tomato plants
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nelson & I worked at bean ground all day  
Alex at Bill Jeffrey's  
Miss Bean (music teacher) here
- 11<sup>th</sup> Willie double disced corn ground
- 13<sup>th</sup> Willie harrowed corn ground in evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Alex spread some manure in evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> Alex & Nelson went to St. Pauls  
Helen at Schellenberger's
- 16<sup>th</sup> Alex spread manure all day  
Nelson went to St. Pauls: B. sugar 25¢, fish 24¢, etc.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nelson took bags to Dunsmore's for meat
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nelson disc harrowed (for turnips) in afternoon
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nelson & I worked on turnip ground  
Nelson got sower at Chris'
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Willie & I worked on millet ground all day



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| <p>30 Sat. Lovely day. Put tongue in roller in morning. Not feeling too good. Roy Perry, Mother &amp; family here for supper; Tom Hyslop &amp; Greer also.</p> | <p>25<sup>th</sup> Willie &amp; I worked on millet ground till noon<br/> 25<sup>th</sup> Alex bought wheel \$23.00<br/> 27<sup>th</sup> Willie &amp; I digging post holes &amp; putting on wire<br/> 28<sup>th</sup> Children at school<br/> Willie &amp; I putting on barb wire at back field<br/> 29<sup>th</sup> Boys &amp; I cut thistles<br/> 30<sup>th</sup> Nelson &amp; I to Harrington in evening.</p> |
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#### July, 1917

- 2 Mon. Killed colt with broken leg; skinned it. Kids & I to No. 4 picnic; played ball. Married men won 15 - 12...
- 3 Tues. Felt tough. Scuffled some in morning... Rec'd for colt hide 75¢.
- 5 Thurs. Nelson & I scuffled two outfits; finished corn & potatoes. Martha Ridley here... Nelson, Helen & Fanny to Willie Jeffrey's. Nelson to St. Pauls: coal oil \$1.05, bread \$1.10, tobacco 10¢, candy 7¢.
- 6 Fri. ...Alex at Bill Jeffrey's all day...
- 11 Wed. Raining most of day. Alex to St. Pauls; got some nails 20¢. We laid barn floor...
- 13 Fri. Boys to Weldon Powell's with lumber for democrat. Fred Winkler here measuring for paper...
- 14 Sat. Made 2 milk stools; also fixed hay loader... Played Brooksdale in evening; 14 - 8 for them. Good game.
- 15 Sun. Lovely day... to St. Andrew's Church in morning sacrament... Bill Jeffrey & wife down in evening.
- 21 Sat. Alex & I worked at granary... Played ball at Brooksdale; won 3 - 2. Nelson & Willie drove down also; Alex on wheel... Miss Bean not here.
- 29 Sun. Sam Monteith here in morning; also Percy Lupton... Alex away on wheel in evening.
- 31 Tues. ...Nelson cut hay at bush. Willie raked with dump rake. Alex at turnips.

#### August, 1917

- 1 Wed. Alex, Willie & I drawing in hay; have in 20 loads now...
- 2 Thurs. ...Fred Winkler here at noon to paper hall...
- 3 Fri. Haying all day; drew in 6 loads. Alex at dance in evening at No. 4 school... A. Frame over about beef ring.
- 6 Mon. Fanny, Alex and Helen picking berries in Lawton's... worked at hay...
- 7 Tues. ...Alex went to Bill Jeffrey's in morning... Nelson & I cut barley; finished haying 39 loads...
- 8 Wed. I hoed turnips... Willie picking berries most of day; went to sleep in bush.
- 11 Sat. ...Boys scuffled turnips... Roy, Reta (Perry), Mother & Mr. Jeffrey here from Toronto. Stayed over Sunday also.
- 12 Sun. ...Mr. Jeffrey & I went to Bill Jeffrey's in morning. Roy here in afternoon. Mother, Mr. Jeffrey at (Uncle) Nelson's for supper. I took walk and got some berries.
- 13 Mon. Nelson took Mr. Jeffrey to St. Pauls... Bill J. & wife down in evening...
- 17 Fri. ...Helen & I went to city; brought back Mr. Jeffrey...
- 19 Sun. Lovely warm day. Alf Lupton here. Mr. Jeffrey & I took walk to (Uncle) Nelson's. Mr. Jeffrey to city with Roy & kids.
- 23 Aug. Alex sick; also Willie. I worked at granary most of day. Rainy at times.
- 24 Fri. Mother at (Uncle) Nelson's. Nelson went to city with Ken J. and got Mr. Jeffrey... I moulded potatoes...
- 25 Sat. ...Boys & I ploughed sod for wheat. Mr. Jeffrey at Bill J's most fo day.
- 26 Sun. ...Mr. Jeffrey & Ken J. went to Nelson Monteith's for supper. Will Jeffrey & wife here for dinner. Willie & I went to Alf Lupton's for dinner...
- 27 Mon. ...Nelson took Mr. Jeffrey to St. Pauls for early train. We cut oats at back and finished...
- 29 Wed. Edna, Blanche & Verna Dunsmore here. Alex (went ) to Tony Morris' about seed wheat...
- 30 Thurs. ...Mother, Fanny & Helen went to city. Helen stayed in. Fanny at Dentist Bothwell about teeth...

A visit from Mother

#### September, 1917

- 1 Sat. ...Alex went to city on wheel. Nelson & I went in for Helen... Miss Bean here; gave Nelson his lesson.
- 4 Tues. We drew in oats all day... was at Jas. McEwen's; saw corpse. (Kate McEwen died on Friday, Aug. 31.)
- 12 Wed. ...Lightning rod man here; repaired rods \$2.00. Alex at London Fair...
- 13 Thurs. Helen, Willie, Nelson & I went to London Fair on regular train... Alex at Bill Jeffrey's threshing...
- 15 Sat. Alex, Nelson & Willie all went to St. Pauls Fair in morning. Helen & I went at noon... won ten prizes out of 13 entries: 2 first prizes on apples; 2 prizes on grain in sheaf; 2<sup>nd</sup> on colt & 2<sup>nd</sup> on corn...
- 19 Wed. Fanny & I went o Stratford Fair; Fanny took Mother to grounds...

- 21 Fri. Alex, Willie & Helen at school. Nelson & I went to St. Mary's Fair...
- 28 Fri. I picked apples: Ben Davis & Wealthy in morning. Kids all at school. I shocked some corn.
- October, 1917
- 2 Tues. We threshed from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m... machine moved to Hannaberry's...
- 9 Tues. ...Edith Dempsey & Lizzie Dunsmore here for Bible Society 40¢.
- 10 Wed. Miss Bean here after dinner; Helen and Nelson came home from school (for lesson). I plowed with sulky plough...
- 11 Thurs. Alex and Willie pulling beans all day... Mrs. Jack Thistle & Aitcheson here for Red Cross \$1.00.
- 15 Mon. ...beef ring meeting in evening with Chris. Rec'd \$3.00 for overweight; Paid Wm. Dunsmore \$1.50 for killing.
- 20 Sat. Alex ploughed with walking plough. Fanny & I went to city with buggy; she got tooth pulled...
- 28 Sun. ...Alf Lupton here for tea. Jimmy Dempsey here; Alex & him for a wheel. Nelson & Willie to St. Pauls and got a pair of guineas for Prescott.
- 30 Tues. Very stormy day; snowing. I fanned up 10 bags barley for Devlin Brewery...
- November, 1917
- 3 Sat. I ploughed sod in morning; shot 3 pigeons at noon. I went to Norman's threshing; had supper at Art Monteith's. Alex ploughing sod and picking apples. Willie & Nelson topping turnips...
- 14 Wed. Harry Monteith, Alf Lupton and I went to city and started shingling. Alf & I stayed in city all night; played cards and had a good sleep.
- 15 Thurs. Alf & I started shingling at 7:00 a.m. Harry came about 10:00 a.m. We finished the job at 4 p.m... rec'd check for job<sup>1</sup> \$35.00.
- 16 Fri. ...Jack McKay here selling Victory Bonds... Robert Powell brought (new) democrat<sup>2</sup> and stayed for supper.
- 19 Mon. I worked at cementing hog pens all day. Alex on job after dinner. Cold wind.
- 22 Thurs. ...(Uncle) Nelson Monteith and I went to St. Pauls and attended meeting about hog raising...
- 30 Fri. I made stairs for barn all day. Snowing at times...
- December, 1917
- 1 Sat. Willie & I took potatoes & turnips to city... Alex at Payton's wood sawing bee.
- 3 Mon. ...Uncle Nelson & I went to meeting at St. Pauls; Mayberry & (Dr.) Steele speaking.
- 11 Tues. ...went to Nelson Monteith's and returned 7½ bus. oats borrowed a year ago. Went over to Art Monteith's and got a gander \$2.50.
- 15 Sat. ...Nelson went to city... good sleighing. Miss Bean here... Paid her \$10.00...
- 17 Mon. I drew up maple log in morning... went to vote for Steele<sup>3</sup> at No. 4 in afternoon.
- 18 Tues. Borden (Union) government elected by 44 majority... Willie & Nelson got axe handle from Eaton's...
- 20 Thurs. ...Alex & children at school concert in p.m. Alex, Nelson & Willie to Fairview for trees for Christmas.
- 21 Fri. Alex & Nelson went to city; sold Christmas trees \$3.50... Pd. Dave McKay \$71.00 in full for pasture...
- 24 Mon. ...Nelson, Willie & Helen to city with sleighing poor... Brought out presents from home.
- 25 Tues. Did chores. All at home for dinner; had big goose. Stayed at home all day.
- 26 Wed. ...Nelson took mare to St. Pauls and got her shod in morning... Fanny & I went to city at 4 p.m; stayed in for dance of Daughters of the Empire, No. 4. Ordered bread mixer from Mr. Jeffrey.
- 29 Sat. ...Helen sent her own chicken to Reta (Perry) in Toronto...
- January, 1918
- 1 Tues. Split wood down cellar. Kids playing hockey. Duck & chicken for dinner. Nelson to St. Pauls for bread

Something different!

Rec'd for 1917	\$1151.97
Total expenses	\$1455.74
Including:	
Taxes	\$74.40
Interest to Bothwell	\$81.00

<sup>1</sup> Whose house did they shingle?

<sup>2</sup> The lumber for the democrat was delivered in mid July; Tom paid \$18.00 for Weldon's work. Tom had borrowed Bill Jeffrey's democrat occasionally prior to this.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Michael Steele was first elected to the Canadian parliament as a Conservative in the S. Perth riding in 1911; in 1917 he was elected as the Union candidate. From *Wikipedia*.

mixer; express on mixer 40½...

- 3 Thurs. No school today; too stormy. Nelson cleaned out box stall; Alex & I sawing wood in bush.  
9 Wed. Alex's birthday is today; 14 years old. He went to Nelson Monteith's and got 10 loaves bread...  
11 Fri. Willie went to Baker dentist and had a tooth filled...  
13 Sun. Very stormy. Worst storm in 18 yrs. Railroads blocked; no mail; no trains.  
30 Wed. Bright & cold...Nelson Monteith & I went to St. Pauls Farmers' Club...

#### February, 1918

- 2 Sat. Nelson went to city. Alex & I sawed beech logs all day. Willie did chores...  
6 Wed. Mild today...Nelson broke road after school. Alex trapping...  
8 Fri. ...Fanny & I went to city in afternoon. Stores closed on Saturday & Sunday for want of fuel for some time now...  
15 Fri. Very cold & icy... Nelson went to No. 4 concert in evening; admission 25¢.  
17 Sun. Roads bad; stayed at home. Boys skating; cold wind.  
21 Thurs. ...went to Bill Jeffrey's wood bee... played cards in evening. Moonlight night.  
26 Fri. ...Alex & Helen at St. Pauls concert in evening. Willie & Nelson at Bill Jeffrey's...

#### March, 1918

- 1 Fri. I took two logs to sawmill today... Fanny & I went to euchre party at Jas. Hyslop's...  
2 Sat. Felt tough after time last night. Nelson to city; got 12 bags chop... Alex & I sawed some wood.  
11 Mon. ...Uncle Nelson & I went to St. Pauls Farmers' Club meeting...  
16 Sat. Nelson took 5 logs to sawmill... Willie Dempsey here fixing telephone. We all went to Bill Jeffrey's... Got some cedar at Bill's swamp.  
19 Tues. Lovely day. Alex tapped 40 trees. I soldered buckets and did odd jobs. Snow going fast.  
22 Fri. ...Fanny & I went to Sal Richardson's in evening - Military Euchre; expenses \$1.00; home at 4 a.m.  
28 Thurs. ...went to Andy Monteith's wood bee. Had supper... did not go to Alf Morrow's presentation...  
30 Sat. Nelson went to city with 15 bags of chop for horses rolled oats. Alex & I ...boiling sap...

#### April, 1918

- 7 Sun. ...had bad cold; slept most of day... Jimmy Dempsey & Alex out bicycle riding.  
9 Tues. Willie & I cleaned horse stable ...Kalbfleish here selling autos...  
15 Mon. Set 2 geese on 18 eggs. Nelson cultivated with 3 horses... Bill Jeffrey here; got 6 bags of grain. Alex rec'd \$3.00 wages (from) Bill Jeffrey.  
18 Thurs. Kalbfleish here in morning. No. 10 school burned down at noon...  
23 Tues. Nelson & I worked on land... heavy rain & snow in afternoon. Alex at Bill Jeffrey's.  
26 Fri. ...School meeting at Frame's in evening... decided to build new school on old site. Jas. Russell architect.

#### May, 1918

- 1 Wed. Clyne, Rae, Frame & I went to visit No. 7 & No. 9 schools... gave Jas. Russell job of plan...  
5 Sun. ...took walk to Norman Monteith's. Old sow had 13 pigs all living. Mother, Janie Jeffrey, Sam & Ethel Monteith (brother & sister) here in evening.  
6 Mon. Set turkey under evergreen... Fanny went to city to Mrs. Hepburn's sale; bought \$24.00 of furniture: parlour suite, writing cabinet, table & pictures.  
7 Tues. Nelson ploughing; Willie drawing manure across creek. I went to No. 10

#### Crops in 1918:

- \* sowed 4 acres Spring wheat
- \* sowed 9 bags OAC oats
- \* finished sowing mixed grain
- \* sowed 2½ lbs mangel seed
- \* sowed 2 bags barley
- \* ploughing for millet
- \* sowed corn on 2 acres
- \* ploughing for beans
- \* got ½ bu. Walter Raleigh potatoes
- \* planted tomatoes
- \* planted cucumbers & onions
- \* spreading manure for turnips
- \* got 6 bus. seed Fall wheat



The writing desk/cabinet stood inside the front door at the farm house. It was restored by Ann and Bill Loghrin.

school and helped to fix up woodshed for a school; seven other members of the section there. Alex was down from Bill Jeffrey's in evening.

- 8 Wed. ...Chris Schellenberger got run over by roller...  
10 Fri. ...I went to city and got balance of Hepburn sale stuff...  
14 Tues. ...bought Dempsey car and paid \$25.00 down...  
18 Sat. Waldie, Nelson, Jim Dempsey & I went to city and brought out car; paid \$384.00 in full for car, oil & inner tube.  
19 Sun. ...Alex here at noon; also Clyne & Hannaberry. We took ride in auto in afternoon. High wind and cool.  
23 Thurs. ...Fanny, Nelson, Alex & I to city by car: bananas 40¢, gasoline 72¢, Alex suit \$5.00, etc.  
26 Sun. Roy, Reta and children (Perry) went (home) to Toronto at noon. We took auto ride to Avonton, Sebringville and Stratford. Lovely day.

June, 1918

- 6 Thurs. I took down goose house and drew out 5 loads manure... Fanny has toothache, also Willie...  
10 Mon. ...Nelson, Willie & Fanny to city about teeth... Nelson, Will, Helen & I went to Low's garden party...  
14 Fri. Willie Jeffrey here and got 7 sticks of timber for shed. I hoed garden...  
18 Tues. We sawed wood all day; Ed Cardwell's outfit. Had Bill J, Alex and Bill Schellenberger...  
19 Wed. ...Murray Frame here collecting for Alex Rae \$1.00. Kids & I went to Farmer's Club...  
21 Fri. Willie cleaning hen house... Presentation for Alex Rae at St. Pauls.  
24 Mon. ...Willie & I hoed beans and went to No. 4 picnic. Expenses 75¢.  
25 Tues. ...Art Monteith, Uncle Nelson and I went to Muriel Bothwell's<sup>1</sup> funeral. Shoe shine 13¢, tobacco 30¢  
27 Thurs. Willie & I hoed corn... Nelson & Helen home for summer holidays. No. 5 picnic; trimmed Brooksdale 24 -20  
30 Sun. Kids & I went to Bill Jeffrey's; saw cattle; got some strawberries...

July, 1918

- 2 Tues. Nelson, Harry & I to St. Pauls (store) for twine, gasoline, oil, shovel, fork, etc; also to Frank Flannigan's... I cut alfalfa and made gravel box.  
7 Sun. Fanny, Nelson & I went to St. Andrew's church... Went to see McIlhargey wood... got some berries.  
8 Mon. Cut hay... put up hay fork rope; took off load of hay. Got a load of wood at McIlhargey's in evening.  
11 Thurs. I went to Bill Jeffrey's; sawed wood and worked at timber for shed. Helen & Will picking berries 10 qts.  
12 Fri. Nelson & I went to St. Pauls; got 2650 lbs soft coal \$10.80... Went to Wm. Tanner's funeral<sup>2</sup>. Mother & family at Uncle Nelson's...  
14 Sun. Very warm day. We all went to Grand Bend; spent all day. Good time. Expenses 32¢, candy, etc.  
17 Wed. I hoed turnips all day. Nelson & Willie took load of wood to city for McIlhargey...  
20 Sat. Art's cattle in back field. We fixed fence and drew in 3 acres of timothy...  
21 Sun. Hottest day yet. Motored to Tavistock, Shakespeare & Stratford; had a swim at (Uncle) Nelson's (pond) at noon.  
28 Sun. Alvin Lupton here... went to Bill Jeffrey's; caught trout 1 ft. long. Went to Uncle Nelson's; boys had swim.  
30 Tues. ...Blanche (Coddington) & Edna (Schellenberger) here for supper. Nelson<sup>3</sup> took them home in car.

August, 1918

- 4 Sun. Bill & I got some raspberries. Alex<sup>4</sup> down here at noon. Helen at Schellenberger's. Read & slept all day.

A car!



This has to do with the conscription act.

<sup>1</sup> Muriel was the 17 year old daughter of Dr. John Bothwell and Fanny Pinch.

<sup>2</sup> William Tanner died on July 10, 1918.

<sup>3</sup> Blanche, Edna and Nelson were 13 years old.

<sup>4</sup> Tom has begun to refer to his son as Bill occasionally. His son, Alex, often stays at Bill Jeffrey's and comes home on Sunday.

- 8 Thurs. Drew in mixed feed & barley. Very heavy rain storm; lightning struck elm tree (in the lane?) but did no other damage. 22 loads of grain in barn.
- 11 Sun. ...Alex down. He went to Norman Monteith's and we all went for a ride to John Dunbar's and St. Mary's. Norman here for supper. Alex stayed all night. Ice cream 50¢...
- 13 Tues. ...cut some oats at back field. Big storm on today; blew down Rae's & Shellenberger's chimneys...
- 25 Sun. We all went to Grand Bend; took Alex also. Spent day. Expenses to Bend 45¢. Lovely day.
- 27 Tues. Schellenberger brought meat. Nelson to Chris' threshing... Nelson got Alex at Bill Jeffrey's in evening.
- 31 Sat. Nelson ploughed some stubble. Alex, Willie & I drew up, sawed wood and put it in the cellar.

#### September, 1918

- 1 Sun. ...went to Bill Jeffrey's in evening; we saw new school...
- 2 Mon. ...Alex at Horman's threshing for Andy Monteith.
- 3 Tues. Ploughing stubble ground... Alex went to Thomson's threshing in afternoon.
- 5 Thurs. I went to school (No. 10) and helped put seats together all day... Boys making rabbit house.
- 6 Fri. ...Fanny, Nelson, Willie Jeffrey & I to city; saw Toronto play ball, 50¢ admission, 16¢ ribbons...
- 11 Wed. I went to Bill Jeffrey's and worked with Alf Lupton; put in cement. Nelson ploughing; Alex at school.
- 14 Sat. I went to Bill Jeffrey's and put in day fixing his barn. Alex drilling stones across creek...
- 17 Tues. Willie & I fixed fence across creek... We all went to Stratford Fair but Alex. He went to Kalbfleish threshing for Cardwell...
- 21 Sat. Alex at Schellenberger's threshing. I went to St. Pauls Fair, also all kids; took 10 prizes...
- 26 Thurs. We threshed 8¼ hrs. and moved to Cardwell's. Lots of grain. Pd. for threshing \$16.50...

#### October, 1918

- 3 Thurs. Nelson ploughed; Willie & I picked potatoes. Aunt Jane, Fanny, Nelson & I to Embro Fair...
- 6 Sun. Norman Monteith over here. Whistles blowing in the afternoon. Germany wants peace.
- 8 Tues. Nelson to city in car. I ploughed stubble, piled up millet and drew in load of beans...
- 10 Thurs. ...Nelson at McIlhargey's sale... Wm. Hyslop girls here for Patriotic Fund<sup>1</sup> \$1.00.
- 13 Sun. ...heard news of Sam Monteith's death<sup>2</sup> by pneumonia, funeral tomorrow.
- 14 Mon. ...Alex at McKay's threshing for Geo. McEwen. Did not go to funeral...
- 22 Tues. ...Willie & I did some cement work around house and drive shed. Influenza at its worst.
- 31 Thurs. I ploughed corn ground all day. Nelson & Willie drawing out manure... Alex at Bill J's taking in turnips.

#### November, 1918

- 4 Mon. Alex, Nelson & Willie at Harry M's shooting. Alex got 2 squirrels; I shoot 3 in afternoon; Alex got 2 more making a total of 7 altogether...

Record prices for 1918; likely the highest paid for years:

Wheat	\$2.09 per bu.
Oats	95¢ per bu.
Barley	\$1.55 per bu.
(Above) highest rec'd for my own	
Cattle (choice)	13/14¢ per lb
Hogs	18/19¢ per lb
Geese & ducks	30¢ per lb
Turkeys	40¢ per lb
Chickens	25¢ per lb
Milk	50¢ butterfat??
Wood	\$16.00 per cord
Horses	No demand

#### Showing Apples: Future References

I made about 12 entries (at the Fair); took 3 prizes in Stratford.

1<sup>st</sup> on seedling large white apples grafted on northern spies

2<sup>nd</sup> on Ben Davis; also 2<sup>nd</sup> on Maiden's Blush

Some tips on showing: apples of uniform colour, size & highly coloured

Some of ones likely to win are:

- \* Maiden's Blush - a rare variety
- \* Ben Davis - must be of uniform size
- \* Talman Sweets
- \* Wealthy - high colour and size
- \* Golden Russets - uniform size
- \* Greenings - uniform size
- \* Baldwins & Spies

<sup>1</sup> The Patriotic Fund was set up in 1914 to help the families of soldiers who were fighting overseas.

<sup>2</sup> Sam, a first cousin of Tom's Uncle Nelson, was only 36 years old.

- 6 Wed. ...went to St. Pauls; sent parcel to Prescott... Car broke down; we walked home and got team.  
 8 Fri. We bagged up cider apples...  
 13 Wed. ...to city with wheat... Pd. Bothwell \$84.00 interest. Borrowed \$300.00 for 4 mons. Bank Commerce...  
 14 Thurs. Boys shooting with Willie Monteith... Nelson got apple butter at Harrington; apple butter making \$5.00...  
 16 Sat. ...boys putting machinery in barn... Alex & Nelson took Victory Bonds, \$50.00 each.  
 23 Sat. Nelson went to city and brought home car. \$10.95 for repairs to car not settled...  
 25 Mon. ...Kids back at school after flu epidemic. Willie sold guineas & rabbit \$1.45.  
 27 Wed. ...Fruit tree agent here; bought 6 plum trees...  
 29 Fri. ...Sold Helen's chickens: 22 lbs @ 25¢ = \$5.50...

December, 1918

- 2 Mon. Bill Jeffrey has a daughter (Margaret Frances Jeffrey)... Boys all at school. Mild & snowing some.

- 3 Tues. ...to city. Took in apples & potatoes to church; also rabbit to Jas. Myres. McDonald & Henry looked over car. Pd. Bothwell in full \$1400. Borrowed \$1400 from Commerce Bank for 3 mons. at \$23 interest<sup>1</sup>.

- 8 Sun. Alex & Nelson went to Brennan's with crane & owl...

- 10 Tues. ...Paid taxes \$93.14. Paid McDonald & Henry in full (for car repairs) \$13.61 including 5 gals. gas...

- 14 Sat. ...Nelson & his mother took car to city... chains for car \$3.85. Nelson sick in evening.

- 21 Sat. ...Alex and Nelson in bed (sick - with influenza?)

- 24 Tues. ...Alex & Nelson both out of bed. Nel in bed a week...

- 25 Wed. We all had Christmas at home; did some shooting with .22 rifle.

- 31 Tues. ...Fanny & Nelson to city with car to dentist... Sent duck to Aunt Jane (Robertson), 26¢ postage...

January, 1919

- 4 Sat. Stormy today. I felt sick. Bill J. & Alex shooting in afternoon. Doe had rabbits.

- 6 Mon. Alex & I sawing wood... Nelson lit fire at school; no school this week on acct. of flu.

- 13 Mon. ...We went to Bill Jeffrey's and skinned a cow & horse. Got some harness; also some horse meat...

- 14 Tues. ...Harry Monteith here; castrated 6 calves and dehorned 7 cattle... Alex at Geo. McEwen's...

- 17 Fri. ...Nelson & Allan Dunsmore went to Brennan's; got squirrels and turkey hen (taxidermy); Pd. \$4.00 for 3 squirrels & owl; \$3.60 for turkey hen. Fanny, Helen and Harry at Bill Jeffrey's - Annie Jeffrey there. Mrs. Foulston died of flu today; Ike (Foulston)<sup>2</sup> also very sick.

Rec'd in 1918	\$1756.09
Expenses in 1918	<u>\$1721.09</u>
	\$35.00

Managing the herd before Artificial Insemination  
 Ja16 white heifer to Dempsey's (bull)  
 Ja18 old sow to Jas. Thomson's (boar) \$1.00  
 Ja20 thin grey cow had bull calf... Dempsey's bull  
 Fe17 old white cow to Chris' bull  
 Mr2 thin grey cow to Dempsey's (bull)  
 Mr5 little snowball cow to Chris' black bull  
 Mr29 young sow had 11 pigs - 10 living  
 Ap8 white heifer had steer calf  
 Ap18 holstein heifer to Chris' black bull  
 Ap21 roan cow had heifer calf (Chris' bull)  
 Ap21 Rosy heifer to Chris' bull  
 Ap25 Snowball heifer to Dempsey's  
 My14 old sow had 11 pigs - 7 living  
 My16 Jess mare had mare colt, J. Hyslop's horse  
 My22 young Jersey cow had heifer calf, Cline's bull  
 My28 Old Doll had horse colt, Norman's horse  
 Ju11 young sow to Cardwell's (boar)  
 Ju11 white cow calved steer, Dempsey's bull  
 Jy28 young sow to Lupton's (boar)  
 Jy29 Jersey cow to Dempsey's (bull)  
 Au7 snowflake heifer to Dempsey's bull  
 Au22 Jess mare to Metz horse  
 Oc25 white heifer had steer calf, Dempsey's bull  
 No20 young sow had 4 pigs, Lupton's boar  
 De10 thin grey cow had steer calf, Dempsey's bull  
 De10 snowflake cow to Dempsey's bull  
 De17 split teat cow to Dempsey's bull  
 De24 roan cow to Dempsey's bull

<sup>1</sup> What precipitated the refinancing of this long standing \$1400.00 loan from the Bothwells?

<sup>2</sup> Indeed Isaac (Ike) Foulston died two days later on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. It appears from burial records that "Mrs. Foulston", Sarah (Doonan) Foulston, was his sister-in-law, William Foulston's wife. She is buried in St. Mary's; Ike is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. Ike was a bachelor who operated the store in St. Pauls; William and Sarah lived in Fairview. Their deaths resulted from the infamous Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-19. Census records suggest that Sarah left her husband, a son, William, about 19 years

25 Sat. ...Nelson digging out skunks; got one and another one on Sunday... Fanny & Alex to dentist...

February, 1919

1 Sat. Nelson to city with chop. Alex, Fanny & I went in at noon; all at dentist - Baker's: stabling 20¢, shredded wheat, fish 25¢, drugs 70¢, Nelson boots hockey \$1.98.

5 Wed. Rec'd for 2 skunk (hides), Toronto \$5.75. Cold wind; did only chores. F. Seville & Schellenberger boys here... played cards...

10 Mon. I cleaned horse stables & spread on back field. Picked 3 roosters after dinner. Alex at Leland Dunsmore's.

18 Tues. ...to city with sleighing poor. Pd. note at Bank \$300.00... Alex at hockey match.

19 Wed. ... went to St. Pauls; got fish from Sarnia...

27 Thurs. ...went to Frank Richardson's funeral... Pd. Foulston (St. Pauls store) acct. in full to Tom Brown \$32.77...

28 Fri. Drew out some manure. Sold Lucy mare to Wm. Low \$125.00 to be delivered next week.

March, 1918

5 Wed. ...went to city with Fanny, Nelson & Art Monteith. Pd. \$300.00 into Bank; \$18.80 interest on same... Fanny & Nelson got some teeth filled; I had 5 teeth pulled.

6 Thurs. Did chores in morning and went across to Matt Monteith's funeral... kids all at school.

8 Sat. ...went to St. Pauls, (Ike) Foulston's sale. (Bought) neck yoke \$2.00...

9 Sun. Alex here (from Bill J's) in evening. Goose laid first egg.

11 Tues. I went to sawmill with two elm logs. Took one maple log in afternoon. Lovely day.

13 Thurs. ...went to Wilkie Aitcheson's sale... bought some traps 45¢. Norman Monteith here... bought 2 cows...

15 Sat. Raining & misting all day... bagged some potatoes. Alex and Allan Dunsmore here shooting.

21 Fri. ...pruned some (apple) trees<sup>1</sup>. Alex boiling (sap); brought up some syrup in evening.

27 Thurs. ...Alex at Tom McKay's wood bee. I put manure around apple trees.

April, 1919

1 Tues. Alex to Art Monteith's to work for him. I fanned up barley all day...

5 Sat. I went to Bill Jeffrey's & finished circling wood at 5 p.m. Helen & Fanny in city: hat \$1.35, coal oil 25¢, raisins 36¢, tomatoes 20¢, perfume 15¢, cheese 70¢, bread 66¢, etc. ...Nelson & Willie boiling syrup.

7 Mon. ...Harry Monteith over; castrated pigs & calves... I went over & helped him dehorn Norman's cattle. Brought up syrup in the evening, 4 gal., making 9 gallons @ \$2.50 = \$22.50 for the season.

9 Wed. Willie at home. I went to Uncle Nelson's & got 6 bus. barley. Pd. him in full: \$8.00 interest; \$30.00 note.

16 Wed. Rainy all day; Bill & Greer Hyslop here. (Uncle) Nelson & I went to St. Pauls, (Farmer's) Club banquet<sup>2</sup>.

21 Mon. ...drew off stones across creek. Nelson Monteith brought out some of our lumber, 200 bd. ft. basswood.

23 Wed. Nelson & I worked on land; sowed 4 acres spring wheat... Stratford Dairy sent motor dray for cream...

28 Mon. Kids all at school. Bill Jeffrey here. I ...rolled sod in afternoon. Charity 25¢ to man with fingers off.

May, 1919

6 Tues. ...sowed two bags of mixed grain... got 17 geese out of 18 eggs...

7 Wed. ...Nelson & Helen took first music lesson at (Uncle) Nelson's. I planted fruit trees; also some currants and potatoes across creek.

10 Sat. Nelson and I to city in car at 1 p.m.; valves for car, 50¢...

17 Sat. ...Willie & I took 10 young cattle to (pasture at) Fairview. Nelson & his mother to city; got car fixed at Frawley's \$17.00... Fanny got four teeth out at Baker's... Harry, rubber boots \$2.45...

23 Fri. Willie & I went to city; rained in morning: Willie, suit \$10.95; pants, my own \$5.50 - charged at Duggan's...

24 Sat. ...Alex here for dinner. Willie, Harry & I went fishing; caught 9 trout. We all went to Willie Douglas in evening; traded guinea hens.

25 Sun. Norman & Nelson Monteith here... treated colt for naval leaking; put batting soaked with creoline in naval.

30 Fri. ...Helen, Nelson & I to Harmony concert, admission 50¢. Helen music book 50¢...

June, 1919

12 Thurs. ...Edith Dempsey here for geese; also Kathleen Jeffrey for seed potatoes.

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old and a daughter, Rachel, about 9 years old.

<sup>1</sup> This entry was repeated for most of the week.

<sup>2</sup> Uncle Nelson Monteith's entry for the same day: *With Ida and Maud attended Farmer's Club banquet in Houck's Hall, 260 meals.*



- 13 Fri. Very warm. Willie & I planting and cutting potatoes. Went to St. Pauls in evening; Farmer's Club...
- 16 Mon. ...Dr. Orr here and cut colt; also lanced hackney's shoulder. I scuffled mangels.
- 17 Tues. We all went to city to see circus parade. I took in 5 bags chop on democrat...
- 18 Wed. I played ball at Avonton in evening; got knee hurt. Family all at No. 4 moving pictures & judging...
- 21 Sat. We all went to Lakeside for day. Lovely cool day; everybody there. Played ball and had lunch...
- 24 Tues. I cut thistles in spring wheat in morning; thinned mangels in afternoon. Fruit from peddler 60¢...
- 27 Fri. I ploughed for buckwheat in morning. We all went to No. 4 picnic at 4 p.m... played ball; we won...

July, 1919

- 1 Tues. Hoed mangels all day. Played ball at Unionville in evening; 10 -3 in our favour. I went down with Nelson Monteith; came home with Tom Hyslop...
- 3 Thurs. Fanny & Kids to city (for) entrance exams<sup>1</sup>... Willie & Harry raking across creek...
- 8 Tues. Cutting and drawing hay in. Broke mower pitman in afternoon.
- 9 Wed. ...Helen, Nelson & I to Harmony lawn social. Expenses \$1.00. Mower repairs \$1.10.
- 14 Mon. ...Nelson cutting hay at Billy McKay's. Fixed hay loader and got out binder to cut wheat... Sold old sow 410 lbs @ 18½¢ and 2 hogs 330 lbs @ 22½¢
- 15 Tues. ...Nelson cut wheat and drove me to McIlhargey's raising... Nelson finished cutting wheat and raked McKay's hay. Sam McKay badly hurt on load of hay.
- 18 Fri. Boys & I fixed pump at house... and put fence around spring (well). I went to Sam McKay's funeral with Uncle Nelson and Willie...
- 19 Sat. ...Fanny sick with tonsillitis. Nelson & I to city... got some medicine from Dr. Rutherford...
- 20 Sun. Alex to Grand Bend on wheel...
- 21 Mon. ...Boys & I picked goose berries... 14 qts.
- 25 Fri. Mrs. Roland Thompson<sup>2</sup> fell down stairs and killed at Fairview. I burned brush piles...
- 29 Tues. Nelson took waggon to St. Pauls to cut it down; brought home Bill Jeffrey's waggon. I worked on gravel box; we drew 3 loads gravel for road... Played ball at Sal Richardson's. We lost to Brooksdale.

Pinworms in Horses:  
Inject into the rectum 2 oz. oil of turpentine well shaken with a pint of raw linseed oil.

August, 1919

- 1 Fri. Nelson cut spring wheat... Willie cut 2 acres oats at bush. Nelson & Helen to Monteith's for music lesson.
- 4 Mon. Drew in some spring wheat... Fanny & Nelson to city in evening; brought out Mother...
- 6 Wed. ... Mother, Fanny & kids to St. Pauls; also Worden's; got 40 lbs honey, \$10.00.
- 9 Sat. Boys & I drew in back field of oats. All went to city in evening; got camera for Helen...
- 13 Wed. ...I went to Chris' threshing wheat. Fanny & Mother to Bill Jeffrey's for tea...
- 15 Fri. ...corset agent here all night. Nelson cut some oats... Mother went to (Uncle) Nelson's for a visit.
- 24 Sun. Art & Norman (Monteith) here in morning. Ardu Dempsey & Felix Devlin here & got mushrooms...
- 31 Sun. Alf Lupton and girl (Flossy); also Nelson Richardson, wife (Jane) and Nellie here.

September, 1919

- 3 Wed. Nelson & I started cementing pig pens...
- 6 Sat. ...Nelson & I finished millet in morning. Sam (Young) here for dinner. Got elderberries at Jim Thomson's...
- 9 Tues. Cream man here. Nelson & I to city... interest on note renewed \$18.00...
- 11 Thurs. Norman Monteith & we all went to London Fair. Good day... 30,000 people on grounds. Expenses \$1.75
- 12 Fri. Got some grain and apples for show at St. Pauls; boys went up in morning. I drove up democrat and got calf. Bill got 4<sup>th</sup> on calf and about 9 prizes...
- 16 Tues. ...We all went to (Stratford) Fair in afternoon... Fanny stayed at Mother's. Harry Monteith and I went to Mother's in evening.

Scours in calves:  
1. A cupful of black tea given nearly cold.  
2. 2 oz. powdered chalk; ½ oz. ginger; 1 oz. powdered catechu; 2 drms. opium; 1 pint peppermint water

<sup>1</sup> What were these entrance exams? They went on for three days.

<sup>2</sup> Catherine (Hosford) Thompson was about 75 years old.



- 20 Sat. We all worked at cement in horse stable... Nelson & Allan Dunsmore out coon hunting. He stayed at Dunsmore's all night. Heavy rain during night.
- 27 Sat. I (also Fanny) went to Bill Jeffrey's silo filling. Willie ploughing 3 horses. Nelson at Frame's silo filling...
- 29 Mon. Willie & I took steer to Wm. Dunsmore's for beef ring. Fanny & Nelson at Bill Jeffrey's... Willie & I at (Uncle) Nelson's (silo) filling. Got pears at Art Monteith's.
- 30 Tues. ...beef dressed 380 lbs... Helen and Bill at school.

#### October, 1919

- 2 Thurs. Found 8 dead geese in morning... Willie got mushrooms; Nelson got crab apples. Storm in evening killed cow at (Uncle) Nelson's <sup>1</sup>.
- 4 Fri. Nel & I cut corn, two teams... did not finish. Art, Alex & Jim Dempsey went to Brennan's got crane \$2.00
- 7 Tues. ...drew in four loads buckwheat in afternoon. Nelson Monteith & I to political meeting in St. Pauls.
- 8 Wed. ...We finished buckwheat. I shocked some corn. Nelson, Art, Norman & I went to Heiden's sale...
- 9 Thurs. ...Helen, Nelson and I went to Mother's sale. Got chair and two saws...
- 10 Fri. Willie & I brought home new stove \$25.00...
- 11 Sat. Willie & I shocked corn all day... Nelson, Chris, Sandy & I to beef ring meeting in evening...
- 14 Tues. ...Aunt Jane (Robertson) and Aunt Ida (Monteith) here for dinner; also for supper. Willie Monteith over in evening.
- 20 Mon. Election day (in Ontario). Peter Smith elected by 2500 majority. I spent day at No. 4 school as scrutineer. U. F. O. (United Farmers of Ontario) has majority in the house.
- 24 Fri. Nelson went for gravel in morning. He took music lesson... all went to Daughters of Empire supper at No. 4
- 29 Wed. I worked at cement (in horse stable). Felt sick. Fanny helping. Nelson ploughing...

#### November, 1919

- 5 Wed. Finished threshing at 11 a.m... Paid for threshing \$13.00...
- 6 Thurs. ...I went to Art Monteith's threshing... Edith Dempsey & Vera Dunsmore here for Missions 50¢...
- 7 Fri. Willie & I finished putting in stalls for horses. Nelson at Art and Norman Monteith's threshing...
- 28 Fri. ...tied horses in (new) stalls for first time. Nelson & Helen took music lessons.

#### December, 1919

- 1 Mon. Nelson & Willie got cattle (from pasture) at Fairview...
- 6 Sat. Willie & I made stone boat... Went shooting to Bill J's; saw 4 rabbits... snowstorm from east...
- 9 Tues. ...Nelson to Guelph Fat Stock show. I did chores & odd jobs...
- 10 Wed. Nelson came home at 10 a.m... expenses to Guelph \$3.00...
- 11 Thurs. Norman Monteith here for haircut... Fanny and Helen to dentist...
- 15 Mon. ...Alex went to Art's and got clothes.
- 16 Tues. Alex went to Art's and drove him to city to go to States. He stayed in; too cold to do anything outside.
- 18 Thurs. ...Children preparing for concert at No. 10 school. Children & I went to concert in evening realized \$16
- 24 Wed. Stormy & cold. Greetings from Toronto also Ken Jeffrey and Mary McPherson...
- 25 Thurs. Lovely day. All at home; had Christmas dinner together. Boys went shooting; got nothing.
- 31 Wed. School meeting in morning. Elected Bill Jeffrey as new trustee; Frame out. Nelson drawing coal helping Murray Frame.

Rec'd in 1919	\$2465.00
Expenses in 1919	\$1960.31

#### January, 1920

- 1 Thurs. Very cold & stormy. Norman Monteith here for dinner; he & Nelson went to Conroy for drive...
- 3 Sat. Very cold & stormy. Nelson went to city with chop... diary \$1.10, oil can 35¢, etc.
- 4 Sun. Bill Jeffrey & wife here for dinner...
- 5 Mon. Did chores & voted at No. 4 school. Went with Bill J; came home by Nelson's; got Christmas gifts from Aunt Jane (Robertson).
- 7 Wed. ...Andy Monteith and I went to St. Pauls meeting of Farmer's Club; joined U. O. F.<sup>2</sup>. fees \$1.50 unpaid...
- 12 Mon. I cut corn with tread power. Children at school...
- 17 Sat. Stormy & cold. Nelson & Willie broke road to Norman (Monteith)'s. Norman & Nelson to city...

<sup>1</sup> The entry in Nelson's diary: *Cow killed by lightning. Hair scorched - hole in ground.*

<sup>2</sup> Was this the United Farmer's of Ontario?

- ...Hackney horse went wrong; got a horse from Sandy Walsh...
- 22 Thurs. Did chores and went to city; roads heavy... Nelson to hockey match in evening...
- 24 Sat. Nelson to city for coal for No. 10 school... Willie & I finished cutting corn for the season. Alex home in evening; he went to Art's...
- 26 Mon. ...went for coal: 2350 lbs coal @ \$12.50 per ton = \$14.50... sent \$15.62 to Montreal for booze.
- 31 Sat. Coldest day yet - 18 degrees below... Nelson to St. Pauls and got Alex...
- February, 1920
- 1 Sun. ...Alex here; he went to city after dinner.
- 9 Mon. ...Children all at school. Flu getting common around here.
- 10 Tues. Willie Jeffrey went through in morning. I drew gravel (from Tony Morris') making 12 loads to date.
- 14 Sat. ...I got booze at St. Pauls (from Montreal). Nelson took chop & booze to Dempsey's; booze to Alf Lupton. Express on booze 80¢...
- 22 Sun. Boys & I went to Norman Monteith's for supper. Nelson drove Alex part way to city...
- 26 Thurs. ...Alex in house. Fanny in bed - rheumatism.
- 29 Sun. ...Alex went to Art Monteith's. I went to Norman Monteith's; stayed late.
- March, 1920
- 3 Wed. ...Dunsmore boys ploughed roads. Traded horses (the hackney) with Sandy Walsh; gave him \$20 to boot.
- 7 Sun. ...Alex came out with Helen and Nelson; (he) stayed over at Art Monteith's till late Saturday night...
- 8 Mon. ...Joe Richardson took stroke Sunday night; likely to die...
- 11 Thurs. ...Snow going fast. Joe Richardson no change...
- 13 Sat. Roads too bad to go to city... Alex did not come out. Joe about the same, very sick...
- 14 Sun. Lovely day. I went to Uncle Nelson's for supper. Boys skating. Alf & Alma Lupton there.
- 17 Wed. Joe Richardson died this morning at 8 a.m... Nelson got in creek and got wet.
- 18 Thurs. ...Nelson, Alex & I at Joe's in evening.
- 19 Fri. ...Joe Richardson buried today. J. Dempsey, N. Monteith, C. Schellenberger, A. Frame, Dick Clyne & I acted as bearers...
- 20 Sat. ...Alex started tapping trees.
- 27 Sat. Alex and Willie boiling sap...
- April, 1920
- 4 Sun. Uncle Nelson here for supper. Very stormy, snow...read & slept...
- 6 Tues. ...went to J. Lawton's sale. I bought cow \$60.00; also calf \$7.00... Rec'd \$2.00 Alf Lupton balance booze.
- 9 Fri. Nelson & I went to Joe's sale; bought waggon and some traps...Bill Jeffrey got mare at sale also...
- 10 Sat. ...Willie helping Bill Jeffrey to drive cattle...
- 12 Mon. ...Nelson went to city for Mrs. Holmes in evening...
- 14 Wed. Alex at home today... (Alex was spending a lot of time in the city; was he working there?)
- 16 Fri. ...Mrs. Holmes at Joe's... Percy Lupton here and got his harness from Joe's sale...
- 21 Wed. ...felt sick; did only chores. Will Jeffrey here; got 5 bus. wheat. Nelson went to Farmer's Club meeting.
- 25 Sun. Wilmot Dunsmore and Norman Monteith here for supper. Bright and cold...
- 26 Mon. I put manure on strawberries and gooseberries... Alex coming home at nights.
- 30 Fri. No seeding yet... Mrs. Holmes and Fanny to city in afternoon...
- May, 1920
- 6 Thurs. Willie & I sowed 5 bags barley... Art Knott & daughter here; he fixing car...
- 9 Sun. Lovely day. Norman and Sam Monteith here in evening. Alex to Kitchener on motorcycle.
- 13 Thurs. Willie & I putting in crop all day. Dick Clyne & Dan O'Connel here collecting for John Hannaberry \$2
- 16 Sun. Helen, Harry & I went to Bill Jeffrey's; stayed for supper. Alf Lupton also there...
- 19 Wed. ...Norman, Willie & Nelson took car to Bennington for calves; got 2 for \$9.00... Willie Monteith here about pasture. I agreed to take 11 head to him @ \$2.25 per mon. Willie & I did so in evening.
- 20 Thurs. ...Andy Monteith here and bought boar pig - \$15.00. Nelson delivered it in car in evening.
- 22 Sat. ...Willie & Alex took 4 cows to pasture at Frank McNamara's; caught 6 trout...
- 24 Mon. ...I drew manure for potatoes; Helen disc harrowed... Willie caught 2 trout at Kelly's.
- 27 Thurs. ...Nelson to Fairview; got horse shod... Rec'd \$15.00 balance on pigs (from) Geo. Aitcheson; I owe him 60¢ (for) horseshoeing.
- 31 Mon. I finished sowing corn and then sowed beans... Alex & Willie fishing at Brennan's; caught 20 fish.

Rum runners?

Nelson, Helen and Mrs. Holmes at Sal Richardson's.

June, 1920

- 5 Sat. Nelson, Willie & I to city; took guinea to Ed Cardwell; also potatoes to Mrs. Synder...
- 6 Sun. ...Norman, boys & I took a walk to Frank McNamara's to see cows (on pasture)...
- 8 Tues. ...Nelson went to St. Pauls concert in evening; Helen & I set 39 eggs.
- 17 Thurs. Fanny, Nelson & I to city. Got \$1100.00 from Norman Monteith; paid note at bank...
- 19 Sat. ...We all went to Lakeside picnic; lovely day. Played ball against Lakeside. Expenses to car \$12.80...
- 20 Sun. Fanny, Nelson & I to church; unveiling of tablet in memory of fallen heroes. Sam & Radcliffe Loghrin, Lizzie Scholz and Roy & Reta (Perry) there. Nel & I took walk to Wm. Monteith's; saw cattle (on pasture)...
- 23 Wed. I hoed mangels... to school; cleaned up grounds. Fanny & her mother at Jas. Hyslop's & Sal Richardson's.
- 25 Fri. ...Picnic at Maplewood. Nelson went with Allan Dunsmore... Alex shot 3 crows in Dempsey's bush.
- 28 Mon. Fanny & kids to city; trying (high school) entrance (exams for 3 days). Willie & I cutting thistles.

July, 1920

- 1 Thurs. Alex at Woodstock. Nelson cut alfalfa hay. I cut thistles.
- 3 Sat. Nelson painted waggon. Willie & I worked at side rake all day... 22 turkeys, 70 chickens hatched.
- 7 Wed. Boys & I took in cattle to factory 1570 lbs @ 13¢... Went to No. 4 picnic in evening.
- 10 Sat. ...I went to Fanny Bothwell's funeral with (Uncle) Nelson Monteith.
- 11 Sun. ...Fanny & Helen went to Ingersoll with Richardson's car for all day. Alf Lupton & Art Monteith here...
- 12 Mon. ...Allan Dunsmore had accident on St. Marys road in evening. Marion Dunsmore received broken hip.
- 16 Fri. Boys & I drew in hay. Helen received news of passing entrance (exam); Nelson failed...
- 18 Sun. ...Nelson & I went to city with Nelson Monteith & son to decorate graves of fallen heroes. Stayed at (Uncle) Nelson's for tea...
- 25 Sun. ...Alex & Willie Monteith to Goderich & Bayfield. Fanny, Nelson & kids went to Carlingford...

August, 1920

- 1 Sun. ...Bill Jeffrey here in afternoon; stayed for supper... saw cattle at Frank Mack's...
- 2 Mon. ...Nelson disc harrowed wheat land... we saw motorcycle races in city in afternoon...
- 4 Wed. Lovely day. We all went to Grand Bend; also Exeter; had 5 or 6 blowouts. Got home at 12 p.m. Inner tube \$3.75; gas \$1.80; clamp for tire 50¢; expenses at Bend 40¢.
- 7 Sat. ...Mother, Mr. Jeffrey and Uncle Nelson here in morning.
- 8 Sun. ...Uncle Nelson brought Mother and Mr. Jeffrey out at noon.
- 11 Wed. ...Boys & I went to city; saw ball game, Chatham beat Stratford. ... ice cream 65¢; ball game 15¢
- 15 Sun. Sam Young, also Art & Allan Monteith here in morning. Mrs. Synder & daughter here in afternoon. Alex & I at Uncle Nelson's. Boys to city in evening...
- 20 Fri. Nelson cut oats. Willie & I shocking... Fanny & Mrs. Holmes to Sal Richardson's...
- 23 Mon. ...Finished shocking oats. Brought home 4 cows from Frank McNamara's; pd. Him \$24.00 by check...
- 27 Fri. ...took Mother to Uncle Nelson's in evening...

September, 1920

- 1 Wed. Willie started school. Nelson & I drew in all the oats and one load of peas...
- 7 Tues. ...Nelson to Rae's threshing for Frame's. Helen went to city with (Uncle Nelson) Monteith (and Hazel) to high school...
- 9 Thurs. ...Nelson helping Frame's... Art Knott here for dinner; paid him \$5.00 for repairing car.
- 10 Fri. ...Nelson, Fanny and her mother to city; got Helen home.
- 11 Sat. Willie & I got belt at Frame's and sawed wood with tread-power... Nelson at Hall's threshing for Frame...
- 13 Mon. ...Alex not working at Kalbfleish Bros...
- 14 Tues. We all went to London Fair, lovely warm day... Alex went with Monteith's...
- 17 Fri. Children took show stuff to St. Pauls Fair. Broke car on way home... Willie took 5 prizes...
- 19 Sun. Art & Allan Monteith here. We took walk to Norman's; got some apples...
- 21 Tues. ...Nelson & Willie went to Stratford Fair at noon. Nelson rode horseback race - lost... Fanny, Harry & I went in with Old Doll... Got wheel for car at Frawley's. Alex threshing at Uncle Nelson's.
- 27 Mon. I drove Helen & Hazel (Monteith) to school... Gave Helen \$11.00 for board, etc. Alex at John Waldie's silo filling; Nelson at Art Monteith's threshing. Willie and I took up potatoes behind barn.

October, 1920

- 2 Sat. Willie & I ploughed with two teams all day... Alex in city; got job in calenday? factory.

- 8 Fri. We all worked at potatoes; got 2 waggon loads. Harry Monteith here - prohibition.  
 10 Sun. Norman Monteith and Uncle Nelson here; took walk. Frame kids here also.  
 15 Fri. Fanny & I went to Bill Jeffrey's silo filling. I came home at noon sick... Nelson at Bill's also by the day.  
 19 Tues. ...Mrs. Holmes went to Prescott<sup>1</sup> in evening. Fanny drove her in. Frame, Chris & I to beef ring meeting.  
 21 Thurs. Willie & I finished picking Kings & Peawaukies (apples). We got some beechnuts and made some cider at (Uncle) Nelson's... Nelson brought out Helen and Hazel in evening.  
 22 Fri. I cut corn all day... Helen & Willie got 10 bags of apples at Joe Tanner's; also a bag of butternuts. Norman M. here for haircut.  
 24 Sun. ...Kalbfleish & Wayfelder? here; got hound for Muskoka... Willie got \$2.00 for rent of dog.  
 25 Mon. Nelson & I cut corn... finished. Went to Joe Mac's; got gasoline engine \$91.00 ...  
 26 Tues. Made skids for engine...  
 28 Thurs. ...Nelson got cider press from (Uncle) Nelson's; we made 30 gal. cider in afternoon.  
 31 Sun. Alex here. Rained all day. Dave Frawley here; got 11 lb turkey...

#### November, 1920

- 1 Mon. Nelson took girls (Helen & Hazel) to city in morning... Got windshield at Frawley's \$27.00... I ploughed.  
 4 Thurs. I went to Tavistock; got apple butter... Pd. making apple butter \$5.70. Nelson at Dunsmore's threshing...  
 7 Sun. Misty & cold. Willie, Nelson & Alex here for dinner. Got tobacco (35¢) and meat (56¢) at St. Pauls.  
 11 Thurs. ...All family at No. 4 supper in evening (including) Alex & Helen... very cold & stormy...  
 15 Mon. Threshed all day (with Mill's machine); almost finished. Margaret Monteith here helping Fanny. Threshed buckwheat, peas and some oats...  
 17 Wed. Finished threshing... set up engine and cut some corn.  
 18 Thurs. ...Willie & I drew in 11 shocks of corn. Uncle Nelson here a got 2 cattle... Willie helped him drive them home.  
 24 Wed. Alex & I cut corn in morning. Alex went to Art Monteith's cutting wood. Nelson at Clyne's threshing...  
 28 Sun. Lovely day; did chores. Frame kids over; Norman & Alex here. Bill Jeffrey here for supper.

#### December, 1920

- 7 Tues. Nelson went to Guelph Winter Fair. Harry & Wilmot also went; he stayed all night...  
 14 Tues. ...Harry & I went to Norman's and finished sawing wood (with tread power). Nelson helping Frames bale hay.  
 16 Thurs. ...Willie, Helen and Alex at No. 4 concert in evening. Snowing. Sent parcel to Prescott - postage 38¢.  
 18 Sat. Drew in corn in morning; cut corn. Alex here for supper...  
 21 Tues. Nelson to Bill Jeffrey's cutting straw. He went to St. Pauls & got Helen. We all went to No. 10 concert...  
 25 Sat. Lovely day; we did chores. Alex over at noon. Alex & Alvin Lupton went shooting. Sam & Norman (Monteith) here for supper.

Rec'd for 1920	\$2336.93
Expenses for 1920	\$2092.61

#### January, 1921

- 1 Sat. ...Alex here for dinner. Thos. Roxborough & Bob here in afternoon and put up litter carrier track...  
 10 Mon. Helen walked to Monteith's and went in (to school) with them... Nelson started 1<sup>st</sup> load of gravel \$3.37...  
 14 Fri. Nelson drew two (more) loads of gravel. Helen came out with Uncle Nelson...  
 17 Mon. Helen went in (to school) with cream man.... Nelson drew two loads of gravel...  
 20 Thurs. Nelson got 2 loads gravel; got laid off, too soft...  
 27 Thurs. No gravel drawing... Alex here in afternoon; got Art's wedges & stone hammer and split cord wood.  
 31 Mon. ...Nelson took girls to city (high school). I did chores; sawed wood with gasoline engine... Willie Jeffrey has a son called John Bill.

William Monteith Jeffrey born

#### February, 1921

- 1 Tues. I did chores; Nelson drawing gravel. Willie got Don Jeffrey to keep for 2 weeks. Sam Monteith & Alex here; we circled (sawed) wood - finished.  
 5 Sat. Willie & I drew in corn and cut some in afternoon. Nelson drawing gravel; got in a full week 11 loads...  
 7 Mon. Nelson went to city with chop... Willie & I went to hockey match (in Stratford); Kitchener won...  
 9 Wed. Fanny & I went to St. Pauls Wed. night dance and cards...

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<sup>1</sup> Ellen Holmes, Fanny's mother had been at the Loghrin farm since Joe Richardson's death in April.

- 15 Tues. ...Uncle Nelson here ...buying pigs. I went to Jas. McLeod's<sup>1</sup> sale; got nothing... Alex here in evening.
- 16 Wed. ...went to city. Pd. for litter carrier \$52.54... Willie & I went to Farmer's Club meeting.
- 18 Fri. Nelson went to Fairview; got horses shod... Helen walked home (from school) too lazy to go & get her...
- 21 Mon. I took Helen & Hazel to school (in city)... I went to bush and trimmed two trees. Nelson on gravel...
- 25 Fri. Helen came out with Monteiths...

March, 1921

- 4 Fri. Cold wind. I did chores felt sick; Willie also sick... Mrs. Robert Thistle<sup>2</sup> being buried today.
- 10 Thurs. ...Geese went to Hall's; Willie wouldn't get them - afraid of Irene.
- 11 Fri. Nelson helped Nelson Monteith take cattle to Jim Thomson's... I went to Ethel Monteith's<sup>3</sup> funeral; was pallbearer.
- 16 Wed. Nelson gathering sap & boiling... Nelson to Fairview getting repairs for buggy. Nelson paid Aitcheson (blacksmith) in full (for) shoeing and wheel for democrat \$10.00.
- 18 Fri. ...went to city, roads very bad. Nelson Monteith & Dempsey fixing telephone...
- 22 Tues. ...Willie and I went to Murray's sale; bought 100 bus. (of) roots and plough \$4.00...
- 25 Fri. Willie & I sawed wood in bush. Nelson went for load of turnips; all done, 100 bus... Sal Richardson, wife & daughter here in evening. Very mild.
- 27 Sun. Bill Jeffrey, wife & Kids down for dinner...
- 30 Wed. Nelson drew off big stone across creek... Fanny & I went to Art Monteith's; played cards.

April, 1921

- 4 Mon. Fanny took Helen to school in morning... I started grafting after dinner; did four trees...
- 18 Mon. Fanny & Helen to city. Fanny voted for prohibition on way home... Fanny got goose eggs at Sal Richardson's; I set them in the evening.
- 21 Thurs. ...Nelson got clippers at Bill Jeffrey's and clipped Duke horse...
- 22 Fri. ...Nelson and Allan Dunsmore clipped Allan's horse. Fanny went to town for Helen. Raining hard...
- 25 Mon. Nelson took girls to town. Nelson & Norman bought Studebaker car 1856 model<sup>4</sup>...

May, 1921

- 6 Fri. Cultivated in elm tree field, sowed 5 bags oats.. Nelson harrowing. Helen walked home from Uncle Nelson's
- 10 Sun. Norman, Sam and Nelson Monteith here; also Alex in afternoon.
- 24 Tues. ...I fixed fence across creek. We went fishing; also played ball at Nelson Monteith's.

June, 1921

- 1 Wed. Nelson & I worked on potato & turnip ground. He went to mill and got maple lumber (from our logs)...
- 2 Thurs. ...Ken Meadows here taking census. Also man selling pictures. Helen came out in evening.
- 3 Fri. Nelson & I went to Dr. Orr's funeral... Played ball at Richardson's. Willie & Helen at No. 10 picnic.
- 7 Tues. ...to Chas. Dunsmore's and got 2 settings ducks; also some rhubarb. Nelson working on Norman's car...
- 10 Fri. I cut thistles; Nelson overhauled engine. Nelson got batteries for engine at Uncle Nelson's...
- 18 Sat. Alex came over and we all went to Lakeside...also Bill Jeffrey. Played ball - good time. Home at 9 p.m.
- 21 Tues. I put paris green on early potatoes... about 36 turkeys



The farmhouse taken June 2, 1921

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<sup>1</sup> James McLeod, whose farm was east of Tom's, died on Nov. 18, 1920 at the age of 64.

<sup>2</sup> Margaret Emily (McKay) Thistle was about 35 years old.

<sup>3</sup> Ethel Christina Jane Monteith, 30 years old, died on Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>. She was Tom's first cousin, daughter of his mother's sister, Elizabeth (Monteith) Monteith. Her mother died in 1909; in 1911, Ethel lived in Stratford with her father, John C. Monteith.

<sup>4</sup> This may be incorrect; The Studebaker Co. was established in 1856. Also, as time went on, it became apparent that the car was Norman's.

out; 100 chickens and 5 geese.

22 Wed. ...Ella Schellenberger married today. Norman, Alex and bunch had shivaree; also went to Halfway House...

23 Sat. I hoed mangels; Nelson cut hay... All went to Peter Lupton's garden party...

July, 1921

1 Fri. ...Nelson, Alex, Art, Norman & I went to Woodstock to auto races... Brooksdale beat No. 5 - baseball...

6 Wed. Willie cut hay. Nelson fixing car...

11 Mon. Willie, Helen & Fanny at Art Monteith's picking berries; got 30 qts. Nelson started ploughing for wheat...

27 Wed. ...scuffled turnips and potatoes... Picture man here; paid him \$35.00 (for) two pictures...

30 Sat. I ploughed some sod; also finished cutting oats behind the barn. Nelson cut oats after dinner. I shocked oats. We all went to city. Heavy rain.

August, 1921

1 Mon. We cut oats till noon. Boys & Helen to city to see cycle races. I cut on binder. Rained at 4 p.m.

5 Fri. We drew in oats. Lovely weather. Alex over in evening; stayed all night<sup>1</sup>.

6 Sat. Nelson, Willie & I drew in 3 loads of oats... finished harvest today at noon! ...went to see carnival in evening. groceries at cash and carry \$2.59...

8 Mon. Ploughed stubble: too hard... Nelson at Jas. Thompson's threshing for Bill Jeffrey...

10 Wed. ...Nelson helping Bill Jeffrey. Alex went out west with Kenneth Waldie to Saskatoon.

12 Fri. Boys & I ploughing for wheat all afternoon... Mother, Mr. Jeffrey & (Uncle) Nelson here in evening.

15 Mon. From Uncle Nelson Monteith's diary: *Fanny to Wm. Jeffrey's; T. Loghrin's. Wm. Jeffrey took the 8 a.m. train to Toronto.*

17 Wed. Nelson to Clyne's threshing for Bill Jeffrey. Bill J. down in afternoon; stayed for supper. Mother, Nelson, Helen & I to Monteith's in evening.

18 Thurs. Nelson at Grand Bend with Monteith's<sup>2</sup>; Mother went to Monteith's in the morning...

20 Sat. ...Nelson at Salkeld's threshing till noon... Fanny helping at Bill Jeffrey's threshing...

22 Mon. Nelson & Willie cut alfalfa in morning ...Bill Jeffrey & wife; Fanny & I to Art Dunsmore's<sup>3</sup> funeral.

24 Wed. Harry Monteith & I repaired corn binder all day. Nelson at Bill Jeffrey's. Very warm.

26 Fri. Harry Monteith came over and we cut corn... Nelson at Bill Jeffrey's helping him with harvest...

September, 1921

4 Sun. Mrs. Preston & Andrew (Jeffrey)<sup>4</sup>, Ken<sup>5</sup> (Jeffrey) & wife (Dot Richardson) here...

6 Tues. ...Nelson took Helen to city... Willie (13) & Harry (6) started school...

12 Mon. ...Nelson at Jas. Thomson's filling silo. Helen went to city with Nelson Monteith. Helen got \$11.00 (board, etc.)...

13 Tues. ...Rec'd letter from Alex. I harrowed wheat land and went to Bill Jeffrey's silo filling; Fanny also.

#### Dandelion Wine

1 gallon of blossoms and 3 gallons of soft water; boil for one hour then strain and put in 3 lemons, 4 lbs of sugar. When cool toast ½ slice of bread as brown as possible without burning and spread it or dampen it all over with hop yeast on both sides; let it stand a week and strain and bottle it and it is fit for use.

Nelson worked at Bill Jeffrey's often.

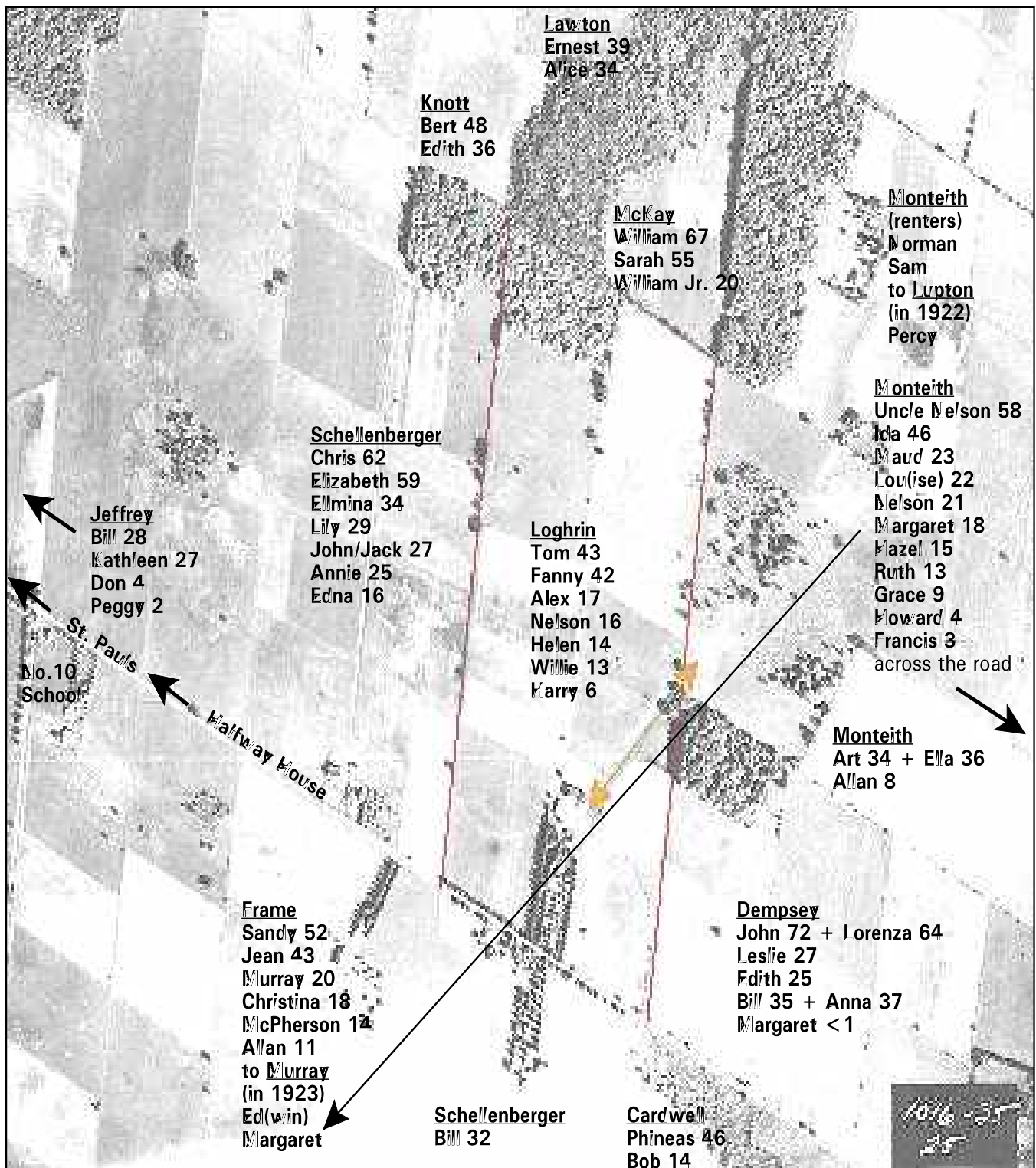
<sup>1</sup> Although Tom does not say specifically, it seems that Alex is working for Art Monteith.

<sup>2</sup> Uncle Nelson Monteith's entry for the same day is, "*Nelson, Lou, Maud & Marg to Grand Bend. Picked up Ruby Murray & Marg Thistle. Their car upset into a ditch full of water near The Bend.*"

<sup>3</sup> John McArthur (Art) Dunsmore was the son of William Alexander & Jane Dunsmore; he died as result of war disabilities at the age of 31.

<sup>4</sup> Bessie (Jeffrey) Preston and Andrew were siblings of Tom's step-father, Wm. Jeffrey Jr.

<sup>5</sup> Ken was the youngest of Tom's half siblings; Ken & Dot were married Sept. 20, 1920 in Port Huron, Michigan.



**Immediate Neighbours in 1921.** “The Waterway” (orange arrow) provided access to water for Art Monteith’s cattle; it was reunited with the farm in the 1980s. From the 1921 *Census of Canada* and *Memories of Downie, Volume One*. The 1945 aerial photo is from the University of Western Ontario collection.

- 15 Thurs. Nelson went to London Fair with Alex Rae & Clyne. Willie to St. Pauls Fair. Fanny, Helen & I went to Fair in afternoon; boys took 11 prizes...
- 23 Fri. Nelson & I helped Bill Jeffrey saw wood all day... Nelson to St. Marys Fair...
- 24 Sat. ...ploughed stubble. Willie took horse to Fairview; got 4 new shoes; \$2.00 charged.

- 26 Mon. Helen to Monteith's. Nelson working at car. I ploughed wheat stubble all day...
- 27 Tues. Nelson, Fanny & I went to city. I made 11 entries in apples; won 6 prizes...
- 28 Wed. Jas. Dempsey here, also Norman & Bill Jeffrey; sawed wood for 2 hours. Nelson fixing car...
- 29 Thurs. ...Harry Monteith & I went in (to Stratford Fair) with his horse. Allan Dunsmore won (the) race with our horse, Duke. Nelson got 3<sup>rd</sup> on Toddy. Fanny & Nelson stayed in for show; Willie, Harry & I came home...
- October, 1921
- 5 Wed. Nelson, Willie & I worked at mangels all day... We all went to supper at No.4, expenses - \$1.25. Helen came out (from city) with Nelson.
- 6 Thurs. ...put off load of mangels; cleaned granary... Fanny & I went to Kate Ridley's funeral...
- 11 Tues. We threshed all day (with Mills' outfit) till 3 p.m; moved to Cardwell's... Lou<sup>1</sup>(ise) Monteith here helping (Fanny)...
- 12 Wed. I ploughed clover sod in front field. Harry Monteith here; cut (castrated) pigs... Fanny & Kathleen (Jeffrey) went to Ridley's. Beef ring meeting; pd. balance for meat \$3.45.
- 13 Thurs. Willie & I ploughed (with) 2 ploughs... Helen came home for the week - teacher's convention.
- 17 Mon. Helen went to city with Monteith's; Nelson took her over... We all went to city to see train from France...
- 20 Thurs. Alf Lupton, Peter and Nelson & I went to ploughing match at Woodstock.. Expenses 30¢.
- 21 Fri. ...Leland (Dunsmore) & wife; Nelson & I went to political meeting of (Arthur) Meighen in rink in evening.
- 31 Mon. ...Willie at school. Last day of teacher, Miss Dempsey. Hallowe'en, kids out. Nelson at Dunsmore's.
- November, 1921
- 2 Wed. I ploughed in morning and went to James Dunsmore's funeral in afternoon.
- 3 Thurs. Ploughing sod all day. Alex came home (from the West).
- 7 Mon. Cold & snowing. Nelson & I went to shooting match in morning. I scored 15; Nelson made 19. School teacher, Miss Morley, arrived at noon. We all went to St. Pauls dance in evening.
- 8 Tues. Felt tough; did only chores. Alex sick also. Art Monteith got cider press.
- 9 Wed. Big storm... I caught chickens and put cattle in. Willie got cattle (from summer pasture) at William Monteith's. Alex went to work at (Uncle) Nelson's.<sup>2</sup>
- 10 Thurs. ...Willie at school. I put in machinery, also Norman's car...
- 22 Tues. ...Nelson Monteith here getting 4 hogs. We all went to Walter Rae's in evening; home at 3 a.m.
- 25 Fri. Nelson at Dunsmore's party at Nelson Monteith's<sup>3</sup>...
- 26 Sat. ...Fanny & teacher to school... Helen did not come out (from city)... Norman & Sam got 2 pigs for Art...
- December, 1921
- 1 Thurs. Nelson... to saw wood at No. 10 school. I went to Mrs. John Lawton's<sup>4</sup> funeral...
- 2 Fri. ...Nelson to city for Helen; took in cream & brought out all the girls: nutmeg 10¢, bologna 40¢, etc.
- 3 Sat. Cold, frozen up. Willie and I cut corn. Miss Morley<sup>5</sup> & Nelson to city...
- 5 Mon. Snowing & cold. Nelson took in kids to school, went to dentist - Baker and went to judge pigs...
- 6 Tues. Election day... Rankin elected in N. Perth; Forester in S. Perth. Meighen gov't defeated by large majority. Teacher, Nelson & I went to city in evening. 42 lbs chickens @ 22¢.
- 7 Wed. ...Bill Jeffrey's kids here all day...
- 8 Thurs. ...helped Art Monteith saw wood... Kids have chicken pox.
- 10 Sat. ...Helen & teacher to Halfway (House); got some flour 25 lbs - \$1.20...
- 12 Mon. I drove Helen to city... pd. taxes \$118.69... borrowed \$150.00 for 3 mons...
- 14 Wed. ...Nelson at Toronto... Harry Monteith & Jim Dempsey here; got timber for house (moving).
- 16 Fri. I did chores; went over to Dunsmore's to help move house... Brought home Helen from Monteith's...
- 17 Sat. ...Nelson came home from Toronto at noon. Cut corn; picked 3 chickens & 2 turkeys. Alex at home with

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<sup>1</sup> Lou was Tom's first cousin, a daughter of his uncle, Nelson Monteith.

<sup>2</sup> Nelson Monteith's diary confirms this: *Alex Loghrin here to work.*

<sup>3</sup> Nelson's diary describes the party: *About 25 young people here: cards, dancing & games.*

<sup>4</sup> Margaret Jane (Dunsmore) Lawton died on Nov. 29, 1921; she was about 52 years old. From *Find A Grave.*

<sup>5</sup> Was Miss Morley boarding at Tom and Fanny's?



chicken pox.

- 19 Mon. ...Miss Morley, Kathleen (Jeffrey), Nelson, Willie & I went to No. 5 show at St. Pauls...
- 20 Tues. Nelson to Simon Rae's to work on road... I did chores and helped Harry Monteith (move House)...
- 22 Thurs. ...Took teacher (Miss Morley) to St. Pauls; sent 3 geese to Toronto...
- 25 Sun. Had Christmas dinner at home. I went for walk.

January, 1922

- 2 Mon. Willie & I got a load of corn at E. Lawton's. Alex & Bill out shooting; got rabbit & coon, making 3 coons altogether. I got Miss Morley at St. Pauls... Bill Jeffrey down in evening.
- 6 Fri. ...got Bill Jeffrey's horse and democrat; went to city & got chop...Willie took horse home in evening...
- 12 Thurs. ...served white twin cow to our own bull.
- 18 Wed. ...Alvin Lupton here... shot a rabbit. Fanny & I to St. Pauls, Farmer's Dance...
- 22 Sun. Very cold & stormy. Allan Dunsmore & Nelson here for supper, also Alex.
- 30 Mon. Fanny took Helen to city. I kept on fires...
- 31 Tues. ...went to city... Pd. Norman Monteith<sup>1</sup> interest \$60.50...

Tom has his own bull!

February, 1922

- 1 Wed. I did chores; Fanny sick... soft & raining. We went to Art Monteith's and played cards; home at 5 a.m.
- 4 Sat. Willie & I cut corn & sawed wood. Fanny sick, bad cold, in bed. Willie learning to skate.
- 8 Wed. ...Willie took 6 guinea fowl to Knott's; sold them for \$4.20.
- 15 Wed. Did chores in the morning; stormy & cold. Alf Lupton here at noon. Alex sick for a week.
- 18 Sat. Worked at gasoline engine; did not go. Sawed some wood...
- 20 Mon. Helen walked to city... Alex and I sawed wood... He went to Nelson Monteith's at noon...
- 21 Tues. ...Fanny & teacher to Sal Richardson's at 6 p.m. I went at 8:00 o'clock...home at 6 a.m. Sleet storm: trees all broke, also telephone, etc.
- 22 Wed. I did chores. Very icy, rainy. No school. E. Lawton's sale, did not go...
- 24 Fri. ...Miss Morley & I to Nelson Monteith's I.O.D.E. no. 4 chapter cards & dance. Nelson took teacher to city and brought Helen out....

March, 1922

- 1 Wed. Stormy, snowing. Willie skating; Bill Jeffrey down in evening...
- 2 Thurs. ...Willie & I took in hogs to Whyte Packing Co. 5 hogs @ 870 x \$13.50 = \$117.45... went to see Helen; still in bed... Alex & Nelson here in evening.
- 10 Fri. ...Alex & I trimmed orchard; he cut limbs off evergreens at road and went to Art Monteith's to cut wood...
- 12 Sun. Willie got weasel in trap. I did chores. Lovely day.
- 20 Mon. Willie, Alex & Helen to city... Nelson here; overhauled gas engine.
- 22 Wed. I drew out manure all day... manured fruit trees... Oyster supper at St. Pauls. Bill Jeffrey's kids here..

April, 1922

- 2 Sun. Alex here. Willie at Norman's. Nelson came over in afternoon.
- 6 Thurs. ...made a box for veal calves... set 32 goose eggs; also a hen on (barred) rock eggs in chicken house.
- 8 Sat. ...Fanny & teacher to St. Pauls and city... Alex here setting birds also... Frame kids here.
- 15 Sat. ...Willie & I took saw and engine to bush; sawed wood there. Fanny to sale in city; bought some beds & mattress... Bred two turkeys to (Uncle) Nelson's gobbler making 4 altogether.
- 18 Tues. Willie & I sawed wood in bush. Getting 5 doz. eggs a day.
- 26 Wed. We ploughed sod in front field; also cultivated at back. Nelson to No. 4 concert; Alex set up owl...

May, 1922

- 1 Mon. Nelson took car to city; took Helen in. Willie & Fanny to city; got hall rack...
- 4 Thurs. ...finished seeding grain. Willie, Harry & I took cattle to Norman Monteith's in evening...
- 14 Sun. ...Fanny & teacher to Harmony Church; stayed at Dick Sheppard's for dinner...
- 16 Tues. I went to city; took in typewriter. Willie & I went o Reinecker's;

Visitors in May  
1<sup>st</sup> Wilbur Waldie selling cars  
14<sup>th</sup> Bill Jeffrey & kids down  
20<sup>th</sup> Norman Monteith in morning  
21<sup>st</sup> Allan Dunsmore  
28<sup>th</sup> Art & Ella Monteith, Allan  
Dunsmore, Eph Meadows

<sup>1</sup> Does Norman now hold the mortgage on the farm?

got 200 leghorn eggs \$6.00...

24 Wed. Lovely day. Boys played ball... Fanny & teacher for a drive... Alex shot bittern...

28 Sun. ...Alex here... Bill Jeffrey, wife & went to Lakeside...

June, 1922

2 Fri. I fixed fence in lane all day. Bill J., Willie & I to Harrington; played ball... Car broke down at corner.

4 Sun. ...Bill Jeffrey down; went to Norman's. Nelson took Bill's car to No. 4 school.

8 Thurs. Felt sick. Went to Bill Jeffrey's; shot 2 crows; caught 2 fish... Shower of Lou & Edith Dempsey \$1.00.

12 Mon. Fanny & Helen at Lou(ise) Monteith's shower...

13 Tues. ...Nelson took Miss Morley & Helen to education meeting at St. Pauls in evening...

17 Sat. Alex, Nelson, Bill, Harry & I to Lakeside picnic. Good time, played ball. Bill Jeffrey (brought) Fanny & Helen. Tobacco 30¢.

20 Tues. Fixed fence in morning. We all went to No. 6 ball game... good time. Came home with Frame's...

22 Thurs. Nelson & I scuffled corn and turnips all day, 2 scufflers... Mother, Aunt Jane (Robertson) and Bill J. here for supper...

23 Fri. ...Kids, Fanny & I to circus; home at 1 p.m... I cut thistles... Helen board \$5.00...

25 Sun. Alf Lupton here; also Alex. Fanny, Mother & teacher to Bill Jeffrey's; took motor ride here for supper.

29 Thurs. Hoed turnips in morning. We all went to No. 4 picnic; played ball; good time. Home at 11:00 p.m.

July, 1922

1 Sat. Bill Jeffrey's kids here; he went to Grand Bend... Nelson cut hay; Willie & I hoed turnips.

2 Sun. Nelson to church sacrament. Alex over. Fanny & I went to Norman's; also to Mrs. Coddington's.

10 Mon. High wind; drew in 5 loads of hay. Fanny & Nelson got 4 baskets of cherries at Aitcheson's \$4.00...

11 Tues. Willie & I drew in load of hay in morning. Nelson & Fanny to Mrs. Coddington's<sup>1</sup> funeral...

12 Wed. Alex, Ella (Monteith), Fanny, Helen, Willie & I to Norman's picking berries - got about 50 qts...

16 Sun. Fanny & Nelson to church... I took walk, berries good... Fred Clyne here. Alex over in evening.

21 Fri. Willie & I finished haying; drew in four loads.

23 Sun. Raining in morning; I did chores. Total eggs to date: \$43.93.

25 Tues. Willie & I helped Bill Jeffrey haying; I shocked wheat... We went Avonton ball game; also dance...

29 Sat. Raked wheat... Nelson to Grand Bend. Helen to St. Pauls; got Lily Byers off train.

August, 1922

6 Sun. Bill Jeffrey & wife, Fanny & I to Goderich; also Bayfield & Seaforth... rained all day...

11 Fri. Willie & I drew oats from back field... Norman traded cars... took away Studebaker in evening...

13 Sun. Alf & Percy Lupton, Tom Hyslop and Bill Jeffrey to Grand Bend...

20 Sun. Went to Springbank (London) with Bill Jeffrey. Norman & George Monteith here in afternoon.

24 Thurs. Fanny, Harry, Willie & I to Bill Jeffrey's threshing...

27 Sun. Alex here; also Bill Jeffrey & kids. Went to city and got car repairs \$2.20.

28 Mon. I ploughed stubble all day... Geo. Monteith, wife & daughter here in evening; also Margaret & Ella...

September, 1922

4 Mon. Labor Day... went to St. Pauls; got teacher. Bill Jeffrey, wife & I to Lakeside; saw good ball game...

10 Sun. Bill Jeffrey down in evening; had cider... heavy rain at night.

14 Thurs. ...Bill Jeffrey, wife, Willie, Fanny & I to Western Fair (London)... Expenses to Fair \$3.40.

#### Farm tasks in September

- \* threshed at Nelson Monteith's
- \* took up early potatoes
- \* rolled wheat land
- \* took blackass heifer to Frame's
- \* cut buckwheat
- \* sowed (Fall) wheat
- \* harrowed wheat
- \* ploughed in front field
- \* ploughed stubble
- \* cut corn (with binder)
- \* Sandy Walsh cow to Frame's bull
- \* took 2 pigs to city 380 lbs @ 11¢
- \* Harry Monteith cut pigs
- \* Frame's threshing
- \* fixed fence
- \* got calf at Rae's
- \* calf to factory 200 lbs @ 8¢
- \* drew in buckwheat
- \* Bill Jeffrey's threshing
- \* threshed at home
- \* two calves to Andy Monteith's
- \* got calf at Bill Jeffrey's
- \* shocked corn

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<sup>1</sup> Alice Caroline (Ford) Coddington died on July 9, 1922 and is buried in Harrington, Ontario. From *Find A Grave*.

- 15 Fri. Bill took teacher & Helen to St. Pauls school fair. Showed some apples, etc.; took 5 prizes...
- 17 Sun. Bill Jeffrey, wife & family to Norman Monteith's; got apples...
- 21 Thurs. ...all went to (Stratford) Fair; took 7 firsts & 2 seconds (apples)
- 25 Mon. ...threshed (with Mills' machine)... moved to Cardwell's; grain turned out good. Alex, Norman, Bill Jeffrey, Murray, McEwen here...
- 29 Fri. Willie at Norman's cutting his corn... (I had) sore leg; hard to walk.

October, 1922

- 1 Sun. Willie, Harry & I to Norman's; got bag of peas at Morris'... Alex, Bill Jeffrey & I to Brennan's. Alex caught 15 black bass... Kathleen (Jeffrey) & kids here for supper.
- 4 Wed. Fanny & I to Bill Jeffrey's silo filling all day...
- 6 Fri. Willie & I worked at mangels... Fanny to city dressmaking... Helen took teacher to St. Pauls.
- 15 Sun. We went to church sacrament; brought home Nelson... Alex here; also Bill Jeffrey. Collection \$1.00...
- 16 Mon. ...Mrs. De La Vergn here. Fanny drove her to Hayes. Nelson had car to St. Pauls for milk supplies.
- 22 Sun. Bill Jeffrey & family; Fanny & I to Embro; also to Norman Monteith's. Alex over after dinner.

November, 1922

- 4 Sat. Willie ploughing; I finished picking apples. Bill Jeffrey & I to Norman Monteith's; got snow apples and nuts at Coddington's. Alex & Art moved in stove in evening.
- 5 Sun. Lovely day. Alf Lupton & Ken Waldie here; also Alex.
- 6 Mon. Thanksgiving Day... Bill Jeffrey, Helen & I went to city unveiling of memorial. Saw Rad & Sam Loghrin of Toronto. Came around and shot at shooting match, made 20. Fanny, Nelson & I to St. Pauls... Home 3 a.m.
- 9 Thurs. I ploughed... Norman Monteith had dinner here... Alex home for good from Art Monteith's in evening...
- 12 Sun. ...Alex & Bill at Jeffrey's. Harry & I took walk to Kelly's. Nelson here in afternoon.
- 20 Mon. ...sawed (firewood) in the afternoon and finished pile. Art (Monteith), Jim (Demspey), Mac Frame & Bill Jeffrey here; played cards in the evening.
- 22 Wed. ...Alex & I to Norman's... brought home 9 cattle and bull. Helen & teacher at Payton's...

December, 1922

- 3 Sun. Boys & I took a walk to Bill Jeffrey's. Miss Morley (teacher) walked from St. Pauls.
- 8 Fri. ...Nelson Monteith & Dempsey here; fixed phone. I put new pump in well...
- 15 Fri. Harry Monteith here and dehorned cattle; also John Hurl got calf...
- 20 Wed. Fanny & I picked 12 geese... Alex to city in evening (with) W. Jeffreys' car. Sold 9 geese to Noah Smith @ 25¢ lb. Sent 3 geese to Toronto for folks; expenses on same 55¢. Willie to St. Pauls; also got a Christmas tree for school...
- 21 Thurs. ...Willie & I went shooting rabbits; concert at No. 10, Fanny & kids there.
- 22 Fri. Fanny & I picked 6 geese... one to teacher. Fanny & teacher to city. Willie & I to McKay's shooting...
- 25 Mon. Fanny went to Bill Jeffrey's. Kathleen to hospital; (they) have another son. Bill, Alex, Nelson & Helen here for dinner. Jas. Dunsmore here; (he) got a goose \$2.00. \$2.25 from Bill Jeffrey (for a) goose.
- 29 Fri. ...Willie & I got 4 rabbits in Horman's and Nelson's bush...
- 31 Sun. Mild, raining. Alex & Bill Jeffrey here in evening.

John Alexander Jeffrey born

Total rec'd in 1922	\$1233.83
Total paid out in 1922	\$1258.72



## The Later Years: Dealing with Challenges

January, 1923

- 1 Mon. Did chores. Alex & Bill Jeffrey down for dinner. I voted at No. 4; Boyce elected. Tom Brown is mayor of Stratford. Fanny & Don<sup>1</sup> to city with Bill Jeffrey.
- 4 Thurs. ...helped Art Monteith to finish cutting wood... Alex, Murray (Frame), Bill J. & I to Norman Monteith's in evening (with) Bill's car...
- 9 Tues. Lovely day; drew out manure. Fanny, Bill & I went to Norman Monteith's dance; Rae's also there and forty people. Good time; home at 6:00 a.m.
- 15 Mon. Kids & myself sick with colds; teacher came home from school; kids all sick...
- 16 Tues. Broke road to gate, very cold. No school; roads blocked. All have bad colds. Broke gas engine.
- 18 Thurs. Everybody sick (with) la grippe... Alex here.. teacher came at noon. Fanny in bed.
- 19 Fri. ...to city, roads good... Took in gas engine... Alex at Rae's in evening.
- 20 Sat. Raining most of time. Alex at Bill Jeffrey's... Willie got 3 rabbits. Took Don home.
- 22 Mon. Did chores and went to Wm. McKay's funeral... Repair engine 50¢...
- 23 Tues. ...kids at school; Alex in bed. Willie to hockey match. Dunsmore drawing gravel. Roads good...
- 27 Sat. ...Alex in city. Willie & I got load of gravel at Tony Morris'...
- 30 Tues. Alex shooting with Andrew Rae's; got 6 rabbits...

From the 1923 Assessment Notice

* Public school supporter	
* British Subject	
* Land value	\$4400
* Value of buildings	\$1800
* Dog tax	1

"La grippe"

February, 1923

- 2 Fri. ...I took front quarter of beef to Frame's; 65 lbs @ 10¢; not settled... I took teacher to St. Pauls; took up knives for (corn) cutting box. Murray Frame brought them back...
- 19 Mon. Willie & I broke roads (to city) and took in calf & 4 hogs...
- 24 Sat. ...bagged 7 bags of chop. Willie & teacher to city; roads heavy...
- 26 Mon. ...Rawleigh man was here; bought medicine \$1.35.
- 28 Wed. ...took calf to Norman Monteith's; traded for one of Andy Hesson's heifer calves. Fanny & teacher at Leland Dunsmore's dance; (I) did not go; had headache, felt sick.

A storm in mid February

- \* No school
- \* Trains delayed
- \* Very cold
- \* Stayed in all day

March, 1923

- 1 Thurs. Soft day... Willie home with swollen face... I went to city... got tooth filled & one out...
- 8 Thurs. Lovely day. Did chores all day. Fanny & I went to card party at Dempsey's in evening. Good time; home at 4 a.m.
- 14 Wed. ...Fanny to city with cutter. Alex came out with her; he went in by train, St. Pauls.
- 17 Sat. Willie & I went to bush; caught 3 flying squirrels...
- 20 Tues. ...Harry Monteith here for dinner. He & I went to Frame's sale... Nelson (Monteith), Geo. Hyslop and Harry Monteith here for supper...
- 21 Wed. Willie & I drew up 2 logs in morning... Geese laying now... Alex in city looking for job.
- 22 Thurs. Very cold; did chores I went to Frame's presentation in evening - big crowd; home at 4:00 a.m.
- 27 Tues. I drew up wood for circular saw... Willie to St. Pauls; got Eaton's parcel... Alex to city on milk route.
- 29 Thurs. ...went to St. Pauls with teacher (Miss Morley); also got Helen... to Frame's dance in evening...
- 30 Fri. ...sawed down tree and drew it up. Frame's got sleigh to move to city; also have cutter & harness.

Paid on Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

Baker dentist in full	\$18.75
Insurance Life	\$34.60
Note in Bank	\$50.00
Telephone	\$49.50
Pair pants	\$6.00
Interest on note	.85

April, 1923

- 2 Mon. ...Nelson here for supper... I went to St. Pauls baseball meeting.
- 6 Fri. I got pot at Andy Monteith's; we tapped 45 trees. I cleaned box stall & split cordwood...
- 7 Sat. Willie & I gathered sap. Fanny, Harry & I to city; Harry stayed in with Helen...
- 13 Fri. I boiled sap all day. Willie drew some gravel... very backward spring. Brought up syrup in evening.

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<sup>1</sup> This may have been Bill and Kathleen Jeffrey's five year old son.

- 18 Wed. ...Willie boiling sap. Fanny & Ella (Monteith) to city. I went to Bill Jeffrey's wood bee. Alex has mumps.
- 23 Mon. I went to Ed Murray's. Ed Dunsmore here; cut pigs... Willie boiled last of sap.
- 25 Wed. ...I put manure around strawberries and currants. Set 3 geese (on eggs).; fixed cultivator. Got peas at Art Monteith's...
- 30 Mon. ...Willie got buckets & spiles off trees in morning. I harrowed...

May, 1923

- 4 Fri. Finished sowing today...
- 7 Mon. I rolled spring grain all day... Andy Porter & Art Knott here about (municipal) ditch<sup>1</sup>.
- 10 Thurs. Willie at school. I ploughed all day. Boys & I got a load of hay at Leland Dunsmore's.
- 12 Sat. ...Willie ploughing sod... Boys & I planted early potatoes... Helen came out in evening...
- 18 Fri. ... (Willie & I) fixed bush fence in afternoon. I went to St. Pauls playing ball...
- 24 Thurs. ...fixing car. Willie & I played ball... Took Bill Jeffrey's car; had supper at Bill's...
- 25 Fri. ...very warm, good growth. Chas. Gillard here selling Dodge cars. Nelson here in evening (with) Norman's car.
- 26 Sat. ...to Willie Jeffrey's; I helped him; we went to city; Kathleen (Jeffrey) ...had puncture...

June, 1923

- 1 Fri. Worked on corn ground all day. Played ball at St. Pauls; Avonton won 16-4...
- 2 Sat. ...Willie, Kathleen & I to city; teacher & Helen came out...
- 7 Thurs. ...Bill Jeffrey here; got a bag of potatoes. Roy & Reta (Perry) here in evening.
- 8 Fri. ...Willie, Bill Jeffrey & I to Mrs. Morrow's<sup>2</sup> funeral...
- 11 Mon. We all went to circus in morning. Fanny & Harry stayed in city. Bill Jeffrey & family in also...
- 13 Wed. Willie & I drew manure for turnips... went to Carlingford; played ball...
- 18 Mon. ...Ball game at St. Pauls; also Conservative meeting.
- 19 Tues. ...Peggy Jeffrey<sup>3</sup> shot and killed with gun in driving shed. Willie took his mother (Fanny) to Bill Jeffrey's. Willie to Nelson Monteith's; phoned Toronto; got John Sheppard.
- 20 Wed. Stayed around home... Helen came out. We all went to Bill Jeffrey's in evening...
- 21 Thurs. ...to Peggy Jeffrey's funeral - big crowd. Roy & Rita (Perry), Mr. J, Mother there... went in with Harold Thistle (Kathleen's brother) & wife. Very warm day...
- 22 Fri. Willie & I hoed mangels; put paris green on potatoes... went to Mt. Pleasant; won (ball) game, 18-13. Harold Thistle, Bill (Jeffrey) & wife here in evening...
- 27 Wed. Hoed roots. Bill Jeffrey, Willie & I to Motherwell; played ball... Fanny & teacher to Bill Jeffrey's in evening.
- 28 Thurs. ...Fanny at school; teacher leaving presentation... took teacher to St. Pauls in evening...

July, 1923

- 3 Tues. Willie, Helen, Mr. J. & I to city... I put ropes on (hay) loader; fixed fence... to Bill Jeffrey's in evening...
- 5 Thurs. Scuffled mangels. Raked hay. Willie cut. Drew in one load... Hoed potatoes. Dempsey won fight.<sup>4</sup>
- 12 Thurs. Haying all day. Went to Geo. Aitcheson's; got cherries - 3 @ \$1.75 = \$3.75.

Family update to April, 1923:

- \* Tom is 45; Fanny is 44.
- \* Alex (19) is looking for work in the city.
- \* Nelson (18) has been working in the neighbourhood.
- \* Helen (16) is boarding in Stratford to attend high school.
- \* Willie (14) is working with Tom & attending school.
- \* Harry (7) is attending school.

A tragic death

<sup>1</sup> This ditch did come to be and drains a small portion of the northwest corner of the Loghrin farm.

<sup>2</sup> Rachel Jane (Rankin) Morrow died on June 6, 1923; she was married to Samuel Dawson Morrow.

<sup>3</sup> Peggy was the 4 year old daughter of Bill Jeffrey and Kathleen Thistle.

<sup>4</sup> Jack Dempsey won a 15 round unanimous over Tommy Gibbons in Shelby, Montana on July 4, 1923. From *Wikipedia*.

- 13 Fri. Worked at hay all day... Henry Horman bought heifer for beef ring...  
 19 Thurs. ...Fanny picking berries in our bush. Bill Jeffrey & family here; got cherries at Fairview...  
 24 Tues. Willie & I hoed turnips in morning. I took calf to Whyte's (Packing Plant) in car... 255 lbs @ 7¢ = \$17.85.  
 28 Sat. Willie took sow to J. Thomson's, not on... Bill Jeffrey & I to St. Marys to see Mills thresher...

#### August, 1923

- 1 Wed. Willie, Harry & I to Avonton; saw 2 good ball games... Willie took sow to Jas. Thomson's; got her served.  
 6 Mon. Willie & I cut oats at back... barley & wheat at front... Fanny, Helen & Nelson to Mitchell old boys...  
 7 Tues. I scuffled turnips; Willie drawing manure. Jas. Hyslop & wife here for dinner...  
 8 Wed. Willie & I ploughed sod all day for wheat... Rosy cow got killed in fence; drew her up with team...  
 10 Fri. Cut oats all day... John Hurl here; sent in hide of cow with him to Bill Hill.  
 14 Tues. Cut oats till noon... Alex sold milk route to Alex Frame; he and Murray Frame came out...  
 15 Wed. Cutting oats; dull & cool. Finished in evening. Bill Jeffrey left kids here.  
 19 Sun. Alf & Peter Lupton, Nelson Monteith, Sam Monteith, Bill Jeffrey & family all here. Cool day.  
 20 Mon. ...Got 60 lbs honey at Baxter's \$7.20; tobacco 25¢, candy 5¢ at St. Pauls.  
 22 Wed. Bill Jeffrey & I down to Ed Short's; made trade: \$10.00 and my cow for (his) holstein. Bill & I to Lakeside ball game. Ed brought up cow and got mine in evening.  
 29 Wed. Willie & I finished harvest... went to Bill Jeffrey's and made oat stack. Helen (came) out to St. Pauls...

#### September, 1923

- 5 Wed. Willie at Ed Murray's threshing till noon. Sam Young here... threshed 3 hours in afternoon; machine broke down. Margaret<sup>1</sup> here helping.  
 6 Thurs. Threshed till 3 p.m.; moved to Cardwell's. 9 hours @ 2.25 = \$20.25... about 1000 bus.  
 7 Fri. Willie & I ploughed stubble... Harry Monteith here for dinner; cut pigs, also 2 calves... Alex at Bill J's...  
 10 Mon. I drew manure on wheat land... Fanny & Alex in city all day. Helen went in (to school). Fanny sewing.  
 13 Thurs. Got apples for school fair. Willie took up exhibits; also teacher (to St. Pauls)...  
 14 Fri. Alex & Bill Jeffrey to city... I cleaned pig pens... Rev. Matheson & wife here...  
 19 Wed. I drew gravel across creek for road. Willie to Norman's, cut corn... Alex setting up crane.  
 26 Wed. We all (went to) Bill Jeffrey's silo filling... Norman Monteith brought corn binder home...  
 28 Fri. Willie & I to Bill Jeffrey's refilling silo finished at 10 a.m. Cut corn balance of day...  
 29 Sat. Willie took Fanny to city... I pulled beans; drew them in. Bill Jeffrey brought out Helen & Fanny. I drew up balance of wood for house... Alex silo filling at Hammond's.

#### October, 1923

- 10 Wed. Harry & I took in 4 cattle to Whyte's (Packing Co.). Home at noon; took up potatoes... 4 cattle 2530 lbs @ 5¢ = \$126.50.  
 11 Thurs. Willie went to pork factory (with) 5 hogs 850 lbs @ 9¢ = \$76.50. I fixed pig pens...  
 13 Sat. Harry & I to city... Pd. note in bank \$100.00. Willie drawing gravel from Cardwell's... Alex got white squirrel. Nelson & Fritz<sup>2</sup> here, also Helen.  
 17 Wed. ...went to Chas. McIlhargey's sale; also to baseball match with Jas. Monteith...  
 18 Thurs. Willie & I got scraper of Nelson Monteith's at Lupton's. Drew in corn all day. Percy Lupton here.

#### Calf sales 1923

Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> 2 calves @ 6¢	\$20.10
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 calves 300 lbs @ 8½¢	\$25.50
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf @ 8½¢	\$8.95
Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Ben Johnston @ 8¢	\$11.50
Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup> 2 calves, Whyte's @ 8½¢	\$20.40
Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Whyte's @ 6¢	\$7.90
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Whyte's @ 7¢	\$11.55
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Mrs. Payton	\$2.00
June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, John Hurl 150 @ 7¢	\$10.50
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Whyte's 165 @ 7¢	\$11.55
July 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 calf, Whyte's 255 @ 7¢	\$17.85
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> 2 calves, Ed Short	\$15.00

<sup>1</sup> Margaret (Monteith) Murray, a daughter of Nelson and Ida Monteith, was Tom's first cousin. She had recently married Edwin Dunsmore Murray on June 27<sup>th</sup> (from Nelson Monteith's diary); they lived across the road just southeast of the Loghrin farm for more than a decade. She and Ed were often mentioned in the diaries until his death in 1933.

<sup>2</sup> This may have been Tom's nephew, Fritz Loghrin; but, he was renamed Sam in 1920.

- 23 Tues. John Dempsey here got ½ pig (which we killed the previous day). I picked apples; Willie ploughing...  
 25 Thurs. Cleaned hog pens. Willie ploughing (with) 3 horses. We went to Bill Jeffrey's and sawed wood... Jim Dempsey moved saw and tractor<sup>1</sup> in evening.  
 26 Fri. ...Jim Dempsey, Bill Jeffrey, Jerry (Payton) and Bill sawed our pile of cordwood. Paid sawing \$2.70... **Alex packing up for new (Northern) Ontario.**

30 Tues. ...bought car (from) Frawley, \$350.00 and old car. Went to beef ring meeting with Bill Jeffrey...  
 November, 1923

- 3 Sat. Willie ploughed all day... I picked 7 bags spies (apples) in afternoon. Nelson brought out Helen in evening.  
 5 Mon. Willie went to Norman Monteith's threshing... I went to shooting match; made 10 on winning side. Nelson, Willie, Hyslops & I to St. Pauls dance and euchre.  
 7 Wed. Paring apples for apple butter; got paring machine at Nelson's. Ploughed some sod in evening...  
 11 Sun. Art Monteith and Bill Jeffrey here.  
 12 Mon. Helen went to city. Willie & I drew in turnips... Nelson & Fritz here...  
 17 Sat. Willie helped Ed Murray press hay & straw. I ploughed sod. Murray Frame brought Helen out in evening...  
 25 Mon. I took Helen to city... got a barrel at Barker's; got cider press at Nelson's and made some (apple) cider...  
 29 Thurs. Willie in bush cutting limbs... Sam McLatchey here; got 7 barrels apples for Whyte Packing Co. \$21.00.

December, 1923

- 1 Sat. Chored in morning; returned 5 bags oats to Jim Thomson. Got holstein heifer at Bill Jeffrey's...  
 2 Sun. Nelson over for dinner. Willie is helping him with milk route.  
 7 Fri. ...Fanny & I picked 12 chickens. I went to city at noon... Borrowed \$150 for 3 mons. @ \$2.75 interest. Willie put wood in cellar. Helen out in afternoon.  
 8 Sat. Raining today; cleaned box stalls. Made sleigh of old cutter.  
 9 Sun. Bill Jeffrey and family here. I paid Bill in full for pasture, etc. \$25.00 by check.  
 19 Wed. Worked in barn. Willie drew in corn; went for rabbits in afternoon. Harry, Nelson & Fanny to city; took Dodge car. Will pants \$3.00; Harry rubbers \$2.75; presents for Christmas \$1.25...  
 20 Thurs. ...Willie took his mother to No. 10 concert in afternoon.  
 22 Sat. Willie to St. Pauls; sent geese to Toronto; express 55¢. Took small car.<sup>2</sup>  
 24 Mon. Willie and I did chores. Nelson over in evening. Took Fanny & Willie to city; got Helen. Harry & I at home... groceries & Christmas goods \$6.61...  
 25 Tues. ...All here for dinner but Alex. Nelson went early. Goose to 220 Cobourg Street - \$2.50.  
 26 Wed. Willie took Helen to city... sent parcel to Alex, express 43¢...  
 31 Mon. ...to nomination meeting in St. Pauls with (Uncle) Nelson Monteith. (F. Bell reeve by acclamation)...

Financial records for 1923 are incomplete.

January, 1924

- 1 Tues. Willie got Helen at St. Pauls; cold & stormy. Had a fowl dinner. Nelson here; took Helen to city...  
 6 Sun. Coldest day of season - below zero. Helen not out; awfully cold. Went to bed to keep warm.  
 9 Wed. Chored and got 2 loads gravel. Percy Lupton drawing (gravel) also...  
 14 Mon. Willie and I killed pig. Alf Lupton & Leland Dunsmore went through here<sup>3</sup> to sale...  
 21 Mon. Blizzard, very cold, worst of season. Did only chores, heavy snowfall. Hard to keep warm.  
 22 Thurs. Very cold. Harry went to school; came home at noon... 8 below zero. Got 2 letters from Alex; he started trapping.  
 26 Sat. Worst storm of season... broke roads. Willie to Halfway (House) and St. Pauls. Got bread, mail, etc...  
 27 Sun. Very cold and stormy; did chores. Kept fires going. Helen in city.  
 28 Mon. Lovely day, milder... Harry not at school... ring worm.  
 29 Tues. ...Fanny & I to dance at Winter Garden. Rained heavy coming home at 4 a.m.

<sup>1</sup> Jim Demspey did custom work in the neighbourhood for several decades with a McCormick Deering 15-30 tractor. In addition to the circular saw, he had a cultivator and plough.

<sup>2</sup> Did they have two cars?

<sup>3</sup> Some members of the community used a shortcut through the Percy Lupton and Loghrin farms to avoid the big hill at the corner of the Embro road and the sideroad.



February, 1924

- 6 Wed. Stormy & cold. Percy (Lupton) & Willie got 2 loads of gravel. Meeting of Women's Institute at Ed Murray's. Willie took over chairs. Art Monteith & I went over in evening; played cards...
- 10 Sun. Stormy & cold, roads drifted. Stayed at home; Helen did not come out. Started burning coal in furnace.
- 20 Wed. Very stormy, did chores. Percy Lupton over to break road to gravel pit (at Tony Morris')...
- 21 Thurs. Very stormy... hens laying now, 13 eggs today. No baker or mail these days.
- 22 Fri. Roads blocked. No mail for 3 days. Willie broke road to road & went to St. Pauls; got tobacco & bread...
- 24 Sun. ...John Dempsey very sick; likely to have leg amputated this week. Art Monteith & Nelson here in p.m.
- 28 Thurs. I went to... Wm. Worden's & got honey...helped Bill Jeffrey bag up chop and had dinner at Bill's.

March, 1924

- 1 Sat. Lovely day... finished drawing gravel; 28 loads in all...
- 4 Tues. ...Willie & Bill Jeffrey to London to see hockey finals: Hamilton & Stratford, score 2-1...
- 10 Mon. I took Helen to city; got pump fixed... Harry Monteith here for dinner... Paid \$50.00 on note in bank; renewed for 3 mons. \$100.00, Interest \$1.80.
- 11 Tues. ...took in trunk (to city) for Helen. Got sleigh at Leland Dunsmore's.
- 12 Wed. Willie got load of turnips... Fanny, Kathleen (Jeffrey) & Margaret (Murray) at John Thistle's meeting Women's Institute.
- 16 Sun. High wind. Bill Jeffrey and Alf Lupton here, stayed for supper.
- 22 Sat. Willie & I drawing out manure; he disc harrowed road...
- 26 Wed. ...Percy Lupton looking for his geese. Willie & I cut wood in bush all day. Getting 70 or 80 eggs a day; have about 25 goose eggs...

April, 1924

- 1 Tues. ...Harry Monteith here and dehorned cattle. I had bad headache.
- 6 Sun. ...Nelson and Geo. Hyslop here; very muddy roads.
- 8 Tues. Willie & I sawed logs at house; split cordwood.
- 9 Wed. Willie & I sawing logs at house... Willie Jeffrey brought some boards for shelf from St. Pauls. Willie to Clyne's; got wallpaper from Eaton's.
- 17 Thurs. ...Old sow had 15 pigs, 13 living...
- 18 Fri. Willie & I ploughing. Put sleighs and cutter in shed... Nelson here fixing car...
- 22 Tues. ...Harry feeling sick...
- 23 Wed. I cleaned cellar and fixed fence in waterway. Allan Monteith here... Willie



*Fanny, Helen, Mrs. (Aunt Jane) Robertson, Harry kneeling, Mrs. (Ellen) Holmes seated.. This is undated but must have been taken in the 1920s. Note the wooden pump on the well behind Mrs. Robertson's left elbow; it was still there about 1950.*

#### Baseball in 1924

Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> ...to Fullarton baseball meeting with Fred Richardson  
 May 4<sup>th</sup> Nelson and Geo. Hyslop played ball  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> Fred Richardson & Ken Waldie here, played ball  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> (Willie) & I to Avonton playing ball  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Ed Murray, Bill & I to St. Pauls; saw ball game  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> ...to Avonton, played ball; Avonton won 10-7  
 June 5<sup>th</sup> ...to St. Pauls playing ball; Fullarton won 24-4  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> ...to Carlingford; played ball; 20-5 for Carlingford  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> Fred R, Ken & I to Motherwell; lost 21-14  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> Played ball in King's field... 8-12 for city  
 June 20<sup>th</sup> Played Avonton; game called - darkness  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> Fred & I to Fullarton; score 20-5 for Fullarton  
 June 27<sup>th</sup> Bill J, A. Rae, Fred, Bill & I to Mt. Pleasant; they won  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> I went to Motherwell ball tournament

& I to St. Pauls Farmer's Club dance in evening...

27 Sun. Helen here. Nelson & Bill took in our car; left it at Frawley's. I took walk to Art Monteith's; saw Sam...

30 Wed. Cultivated and sowed... Made a scraper and fixed road... Jerry Payton and Bill Jeffrey down in evening.

May, 1924

2 Fri. ...Willie sick. Finished sowing big field and harrowed it. Willie ploughed corn stubble. Nelson here in evening.

4 Sun. ...Willie sick... Sal Richardson and wife here in afternoon...

10 Sat. ...Harry and I to city (with) democrat...

14 Wed. Willie & I built a runway down to creek for calves to drink... Fanny & Margaret (Murray) at meeting at John McKay's.

15 Thurs. ...I went to Devlin's sale with Bill Jeffrey and Fetter... Pd. Norman (Monteith) in full, all but \$100.00 including pasture, interest & feed.

28 Wed. ...Willie & I worked at mangels; got Cardwell's drill... Set turkey on 15 eggs...

June, 1924

1 Sun. Lovely warm day. 31 chicks out. Helen came out. Ken Waldie, Fred Richardson, Nelson here in afternoon; also Ella & Allan (Monteith).

2 Mon. Sowed corn across creek, about 3 acres... Harry got 40 eggs at Ed Murray's; sent them in the evening...

6 Fri. ...Willie & Cardwell to Meadow's dance. Nelson & Allan Dunsmore here; brought crate of apples...

8 Sun. ...Helen came out with Nelson... Pd. Nelson for pineapple \$3.00 & sweater \$4.00...

10 Tues. ...finished (sowing) turnips... Don Jeffrey down in evening. Backward (growing) season.

12 Thurs. Willie & I dug 36 post holes (in waterway) for Art Monteith... Sam Monteith also digging. Nelson and Mike here...

17 Tues. ...Willie got first meat of beef ring at Hurl's. Willie fixing Bill Jeffreys' car..

20 Fri. ...Mr Jeffrey & Preston called; I got box of cigars...

22 Sun. Lovely day. Helen out... Mr. Jeffrey, N. Monteith & Willie here; also Bill Jeffrey & kids.

24 Tues. ...Willie scuffling; finished pig fence. Got ferns and earth for flowers.

29 Sun. ...Nelson went in morning; took Dodge car, his not running. I got some strawberries; first of season...

July, 1924

3 Thurs. Willie & I scuffled 2 outfits all day; finished everything. Willie & Helen to church - joining church...

6 Sun. Fanny, Helen, Willie, Harry & I to St. Andrew's Church Sacrament. Went to cemetery; home at 3 p.m...

7 Mon. Willie & I hoeing roots. Fanny at No. 4 nursing class; also Margaret (Murray)...

9 Wed. Harry Monteith & I went to Hannaberry's and got a stick of timber...

11 Fri. Willie hoeing turnips. Harry Monteith working at barn floor...

13 Sun. Bill Jeffrey & family here. We went to Norman's; also Harrington. Nelson here in eveing; Helen to city...

15 Tues. ...Bill Jeffrey & I to city to get his hand dressed...

16 Wed. Willie and Harry working at (repairing) siderake... Little Harry (9 years old) scuffling corn.

18 Fri. Harry Monteith went to bush and got tree to make tongue for rake...

24 Thurs. ...haying; drew in five loads... Free Press man here; also Massey Harris agents.

27 Sun. Helen & Lily Byers walked out in morning...

30 Wed. ...Harry Monteith here for supper... Raspberries ripe now, also backberries.

31 Thurs. ...Nelson quit Wm. Hyslop and brought home clothes in evening; going to Alex Waldie's...

August, 1924

1 Fri. ...fixed up binder and cut wheat all day. Finished back field... I shocked it evening.

8 Fri. Bill (Willie?) to Springbank (London) with Ed Murray... We went to city in evening, Old Boys party...

9 Sat. ...Mother came over to stay. Went to city; got ice cream...

10 Sun. Cows in corn. Mother to (Uncle) Nelson's. Ken (Waldie), Willie Nelson (Monteith) here; got some berries.

11 Mon. Willie & I drew in 5 loads of wheat. Mother, Mr. J. and Willie to Bill Jeffrey's in evening.

12 Tues. ...Took Mother, Mr. J, Harry & Fanny to city. Car broke down. Nelson took it to Waldie's...

13 Wed. ...Nelson Monteith & I went to (Frank) Clyne's raising...

15 Fri. ...I went to Lupton's drain meeting... share of telephone \$110.00<sup>1</sup>... Lovely moonlight night.

17 Sun. ...Ken Waldie & Nelson here for supper. Nelson took Helen to city.

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<sup>1</sup> This entry has no further explanation; nor is it mentioned in income or expenditure records.

- 19 Tues. Willie cut oats; I shocked... Willie Robertson, J. Monteith; also Fanny here...  
 22 Fri. Drawing manure. Alf Grey & family<sup>1</sup> here for dinner. We went fishing; caught 8 trout...  
 24 Sun. ...Went to hear Alf Grey preach in evening. Art & Ella (Monteith) also went...

- 27 Wed. Willie cut; I shocked oats. Aunt Jane (Robertson) here for dinner & supper. Willie to Art Monteith's threshing... He took Aunt Jane to Nelson's...  
 30 Sat. Willie & I drew in 7 loads oats... Lily Byres & Helen out... We got Dodge car out.  
 31 Sun. Helen & Lily here. Bill Jeffrey, Bill & I to Norman Monteith's. Old sow had 17 pigs - 15 living.

September, 1924

- 3 Wed. Cut alfalfa. Fanny drove to Bill Jeffrey's. Bill & I went up at noon. Stook threshed all afternoon.  
 7 Sun. Cardwell, Bill Jeffrey, Ken (Waldie) & Nelson here... Lovely day... Brown<sup>2</sup> took Helen to city.  
 9 Tues. ...I ploughed stubble; Bill Jeffrey here. Helen & Lily Byers out in evening by Brown.  
 10 Wed. Helen, Fanny, Willie & Harry to London Fair; had one blow out... Expenses to Fair \$5.00.  
 12 Fri. Had very sore eyes... Bill Jeffrey & wife to city; kids here... Bill Jeffrey car tied up on way home.  
 14 Sun. Bill Jeffrey, Ken & Nelson here repairing cars. Helen to city with Brown. I got some apples at Art Monteith's.  
 17 Wed. ...Margaret & Ed Murray to (Stratford) Fair with us... 1<sup>st</sup> prize in plums and beans...

Nelson's court case with Bill Hyslop  
 Oct. 6 Nelson & I saw Gregory about case.  
 Oct. 8 to city; saw Gregory.  
 Oct. 15 Gregory here.  
 Nov. 10 Nelson's case today; settled all but costs. What was the case about? All that's mentioned in the diaries is that Nelson "quit Wm. Hyslop" and "went to Alex Waldie's" at the end of July.

- 18 Thurs. I shocked corn; Harry also. Willie at (Bob) Cardwell's cutting corn. Fanny, Sam Monteith, Willie, Harry & I to Fair.

October, 1924

- 1 Thurs. Willie ploughed stubble... I went to St. Pauls; took 14 rock hens; got crate at Elwood Thistle's...

The "Lupton" drain. In general this drain runs from the northeast to the southwest and empties into the creek in *The Waterway* just east of the barn on Tom's farm. It drains most of the Loghrin farm. The tile at the outlet is concrete 12 inches in diameter.

August, 1924

- 15 I went to Lupton's drain meeting.

September

- 13 Dunseith brought first load of tile.

- 29 John Murray drawing tile.

October

- 1 J. Murray here with tile.

- 3 Willie Dempsey & man working at ditch.

- 6 Art Monteith & John Doig started ditch.

- 7 Willie & I worked at ditch all day; did about 100 ft.

- 8 I worked at ditch.

- 9 Willie & I worked at ditch in morning.

John Murray & man (brought) 2 loads tile.

- 10 Willie & I dug ditch.

- 18 Willie & I dug ditch in morning; scraped in p.m.

- 20 Willie & I dug ditch all day.

- 21 Willie & I working at ditch; hard digging.

- 25 I worked at ditch in morning.

- 27 Willie & I dug ditch in afternoon; lovely weather.

- 28 Willie & I dug ditch; rolled tile over to ditch.

- 29 Geo. Hyslop digging ditch for Bill McKay.

- 30 Bill & Dave McKay laying tile in the ditch.

- 31 Nelson Monteith & I laid tile all day.

November

- 3 I laid tile.

- 4 Willie & I laid tile all day; slow job.

- 5 Willie & I worked at ditch in morning.

- 6 Bill & I worked covering drain; lovely day.

- 7 Bill & I scraped in ditch in morning.

Bill Demspey & man at ditch.

- 10 Willie & I worked at covering drain all day.

- 12 Willie & I covered ditch; finished at noon.

- 15 Willie Demspey covering ditch.

<sup>1</sup> Alf Grey married Tom's half sister, Jane Jeffrey.

<sup>2</sup> Who is Brown? He often took Helen to or from the city.

- 8 Wed. ...Nelson & I to Mrs. W. Thistle's<sup>1</sup> funeral...
- 9 Thurs. ...Schellenberger silo filling...
- 10 Fri. Threshed all day; gang all here...
- 12 Sun. Sam Monteith here for dinner. We went to Ed Murray's for supper: Nelson Monteith & family there; also Mrs. Murray & family...
- 14 Thurs. Willie & I worked at potatoes... Temperance meeting at No. 4 in evening...
- 17 Fri. Willie & I drew corn all day... Willie took mother & Margaret (Murray) to No. 4 in afternoon. We took Ed Murray to school concert.
- 19 Sun. ...Ken & Nelson overhauling car all day...
- 23 Thurs. ...We did not vote on liquor question... majority for dry... Bill Jeffrey here at noon.
- 26 Sun. Harry & I to Norman's in afternoon. Allan Frame & McEwen here in afternoon. Nelson & Ken also. Brown took Helen to city in evening.

#### November, 1924

- 3 Mon. ...Willie to Art Monteith's threshing; caught coon coming home in corn field.
- 5 Wed. ...We went to Lupton's shooting match; Bill made 8, I made 12, used barn gun. I was on losing side. Went to city in evening; dance in Winter Gardens. Home at 3 a.m., good time...
- 8 Sat. Willie took apples to Tavistock for Bill Jeffrey; got (our) apple butter...
- 9 Sun. Lovely dry day. Nelson & Ken (Waldie) here making cider; also Alf Lupton and Art Monteith.
- 10 Mon. ...Chris, Bill Jeffrey & I to beef ring meeting. Paid \$2.93 balance owing for meat...
- 13 Thurs. Nelson Monteith here fixing phone. I took pig to Hurl's to butcher...
- 14 Fri. ...Fanny & I picked 12 old fowl. Willie & Bill Jeffrey took truck to city; left chickens at Waldie's, about 35 lbs. Paid Hurl for killing pig \$1.00.
- 15 Sat. ...Willie to city; brought out Helen and brought glass for front door.
- 17 Mon. Willie took Helen to city; helped Nelson deliver milk, streets slippery...
- 18 Tues. Cold, frozen up... made stalls for cattle; no ploughing. Drawing up wood for sawing.
- 20 Thurs. ...Jim Dempsey here; sawed wood... Bill Jeffrey, Ed Murray's man here... Paid sawing by check \$6.00.
- 25 Wed. I drew up wood to house... Cardwell drawing gravel on road...
- 30 Sun. Cold & snowing. Ken Waldie & Nelson over; also Sam Monteith stayed for supper. Brown took Helen to city; also (took) Sam Monteith home.

#### December, 1924

- 1 Mon. Chored, sweeping cobwebs in barn... Willie out shooting; missed a hare.
- 7 Sun. Helen & I took walk to Nelson's & Art Monteith's... soft & mild.
- 9 Tues. ...Willie went to Bill Jeffrey's to plough. Bill at Holstein sale...
- 11 Thurs. I picked chickens; Willie did chores. We went to city in Ford car; heavy snow. Pd. taxes \$120.01... Borrowed \$120.00 at bank for 3 mons. interest \$3.00...
- 16 Tues. Willie helping Ed Murray to cement...
- 18 Thurs. Raw, east wind, rain at times. Willie took Fanny to concert at No. 10. Alf Lupton here for supper.
- 20 Sat. Very stormy day... went to St. Pauls; got Helen trunk and goods (from?) Toronto.
- 21 Sun. Helen not out today... Ken & Nelson here for supper.
- 22 Mon. Harry Monteith here. Willie got ham at Dunsmore's. Bill Jeffrey here; got 18 bags of oats; also apples. We picked ducks & geese.
- 23 Tues. Harry Monteith putting in floor in hallway. Harry got Christmas trees at Jim Thomson's... got presents from Toronto, Aunt Jane (Robertson) and Mother.
- 25 Thurs. Very cold this morning. Harry Monteith took horse to city; roads heavy. Nelson here for dinner...
- 26 Fri. Willie took Helen to city. I did chores...
- 31 Wed. Very cold... Willie got Helen in evening. I went to Cardwell's; had oysters... I was elected trustee for No. 10 school...

Total eggs for 1924, 743 doz. for \$188.15
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Rec'd for 1924	\$1283.38
Pd. out for 1924	\$1105.52

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<sup>1</sup> Sarah Ann (McKay) Thistle died on Oct. 5, 1924 and is buried in Avondale cemetery in Stratford, Ontario. Her husband was William Pringle Thistle. From *Find A Grave*.

January, 1925

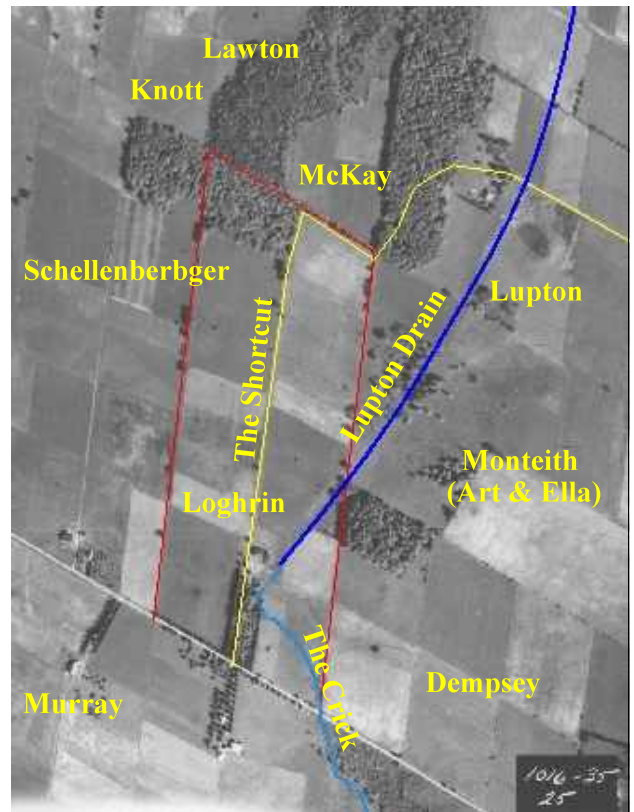
- 2 Fri. Chored and cleaned calf pens... Willie & I to dance in Winter Gardens...
- 3 Sat. Not so cold today. I went to city; Harry Monteith went also... voted against church union...
- 5 Mon. ...started working at floors in front room...
- 6 Tues. Willie working at floors, sand papering... Nelson here got gun and shells; also skates.
- 7 Wed. ... I did chores and went to St. Pauls meeting about egg circle...
- 12 Mon. I chored. Willie and fanny to city; voted against Church Union...
- 13 Tues. ...Bill Jeffrey got his pipe wrench, old saw and milk can...also brought down sausage to store in cellar.
- 16 Fri. ...I got Helen's trunk at Aitcheson's...
- 23 Fri. ...laid oil cloth in bathroom. Mac McEwen here today.
- 24 Sat. Harry & I chored and went shooting... Bill took Mac to city. Mrs. Brown out; brought Helen candies.
- 26 Mon. Very cold & stormy... Willie took Helen to St. Pauls for London at noon...
- 27 Tues. Very cold, chored. Percy and Alf Lupton over, played cards.
- 30 Fri. Fanny sick. We only did chores. I picked two chickens; split wood.

February, 1925

- 2 Mon. ...got overcoat from Toronto to send up north (to Alex?)... Pd. Bell Telephone<sup>1</sup>...
- 5 Thurs. ...Willie in bush. Fanny papering kitchen... letter from Helen. 14 eggs (today).
- 6 Fri. ...Willie went for horses; out all night in Dempsey's field... Roads bad. Fanny papering pantry. Nelson married to Mae McEwen by Findley Matheson at manse... Ed & Bill Murray ploughed roads, 5 hours.
- 8 Sun. Nelson & Mae over for supper... very mild & roads very bad...
- 11 Wed. Ladies Institute here, about 26 members. Andy Monteith and Fred McKay here. Young people here in evening, about 16. Played cards and danced till 3 a.m.
- 12 Thurs. ...I went to Joe Mac's (McNamara) baby funeral<sup>2</sup>...
- 14 Sat. ...Harry & I drew up 3 logs for (fire) wood. Good sleighing; took in coal oil stove for Nelson...
- 16 Mon. ...Willie took ½ ton load of hay to city; upset. Home at 8 p.m. ... Fanny & I to Sal Richardson's in evening, good time; home at 5 a.m...
- 17 Tues. ...went to city. Saw Len Robb about milk route. Very cold... Took in some goods for Nelson...
- 18 Wed. Fanny & Willie to city; took in some goods for Nelson...John Dempsey died this morning; age 77 yrs...
- 20 Fri. ...Fanny to Dempsey's in morning... Willie & I to John Dempsey's funeral, very large crowd... Willie stayed in city for hockey game, Niagara... I came out with Cardwell...
- 21 Sat. Raining all day... I made pigeon house for Harry.
- 27 Fri. ...Willie went to city with veal calf... 170 lbs @ 8¢ = \$13.60.

March, 1925

- 2 Mon. Very stormy and cold. Did only chores. Pump frozen in barn.
- 3 Tues. Very cold. ...drew 5 logs to Art Monteith's. Bill Jeffrey drawing logs also.
- 5 Thurs. ...I went to city with 12 bags chop... Ed Murray here (with his) cow, served (by bull)... Margaret here on



The shortcut and the drain, 1925

<sup>1</sup> The Monteith - Dempsey Telephone Company was sold to Bell at some time.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph Daniel McNamara was less than 2 mons. old and died on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. His parents, Jean (Rae) McNamara and Joseph McNamara farmed across the road from Bill and Kathleen Jeffrey. From *Find A Grave*.

way home...

- 10 Wed. Willie & I cutting wood; boiling sap. Alf Lupton went through in morning... thunderstorm. Willie cutting Harry's hair. Joe Tanner here looking for horse.
- 13 Fri. Heavy snow storm... Fred Dunsmore here and cut tails off two mares. Fanny & I to Art Monteith's in evening. Good time; home at 4 a.m.
- 18 Wed. Willie & I cutting wood in bush. Fanny went to Art Monteith's sewing... Geese laying now.
- 21 Sat. Boiling sap all day... cleaned stove pipes... Harry & I brought up some syrup in evening.
- 27 Fri. Cold & raw; I got syrup at bush... Willie got Helen at St. Pauls; Brown took Helen to London at 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Mon. Willie helping Bill Jeffrey all day. Old sow had 10 pigs, 3 living. I fanned seed oats...

April, 1925

- 7 Tues. ...Willie cultivated; I disc harrowed. Set 37 goose eggs. Mike Pigeon brought a (cream) separator \$105.00... Nelson & wife here in evening... Ford agent here.
- 10 Fri. I made pole for harrows. Willie cultivating. Harry disc harrowed. I sowed 2½ acres at haw (thorn) tree.
- 11 Sat. ...got a phone (call) from Helen; (she's) coming home.
- 15 Wed. ...Harry caught 5 fish...
- 17 Fri. ...(Uncle) Nelson came over; took us to Mrs. Hyslop's funeral - (He was pall bearer)...
- 24 Fri. I rolled and disc harrowed... Helen came... Fanny met her on the road. Brown took her to London in evening...
- 25 Sat. Harry Monteith here; started making colony (chicken) house... Harry & I worked land for pasture; sowed 8 acres of oats & sweet clover...

*Willie at Bill Jeffrey's was a frequent entry.*

May, 1925

- 6 Wed. ...Willie & I ploughing root ground. Willie got a load of hay from Ed Murray's... Nelson out. Harry Monteith working at colony house.
- 7 Thurs. I ploughed for mangels... to St. Pauls; got corn for seed. Had supper at Bill Jeffrey's.
- 8 Fri. ...ploughed for corn. Harry Monteith fixing window in attic...
- 13 Wed. ...Nelson & wife out in afternoon; stayed for supper. Bert Bradshaw here collecting for Art Low...
- 14 Thurs. ...cleaned hog pens... sowed sweet clover on oats... Got a letter from Helen.
- 15 Fri. ...painted colony house and cut potatoes... Sent \$3.00 to Helen...
- 21 Thurs. ... to city with hogs; got tin for brooder. Worked at chickens all p.m. Nelson & Mae out in evening...
- 22 Fri. Willie & I worked on corn ground and sowed... Nelson brought new car of his own out..
- 23 Sat. Cold and snowing... Willie took in Nelson's car and brought out Dodge.
- 25 Mon. Nelson has a daughter born on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.
- 28 Thurs. I planted onions... Roy & Reta (Perry) here in evening; I did not see them - I was at Ed Murray's...
- 30 Sat. I repaired buggy. Bill picking dandelions for wine... Helen came in afternoon... Helen got \$13.00.

*Frances Mildred Loghrin born*

June, 1925

- 4 Thurs. I went to city (with) democrat... Jim Thomson and sister here; also Sam Monteith and Cardwell...
- 9 Tues. ...Willie ploughing at Ed Murray's... Murrays, teacher and us went to Bradshaw's dance, home at 2 a.m.
- 12 Fri. ...I got 3 hats at Bill Jeffrey's from Toronto... parcel to London (Helen?) 15¢.
- 13 Sat. We all went to picnic of Holstein men in city... saw ball game at 7 p.m...
- 15 Mon. ...Eckert of Sebringville here looking at colt (with) joint ill...
- 16 Tues. ...Jim Dempsey here; sawed (fire) wood; finished in evening. Bill Jeffrey, Ed Murray and Art (Monteith) helping. Paid sawing \$5.50.
- 17 Wed. We went to Bill Jeffrey's sawing. I got some earth at Clyne's for flowers...
- 19 Fri. I scuffled corn & potatoes; Willie cut alfalfa... went to city at noon. Pd. \$70 on note; gave one for \$100 for 3 mons., Interest \$2. Got castings for (side) rake \$5.10...
- 20 Sat. ...Boys & I to Lakeside picnic, good time... Helen over at 11 p.m.; also Nelson & Mae...
- 24 Wed. I hoed mangels; Willie scuffled corn and helped Ed Murray load cattle. Nelson & wife here in evening...
- 30 Tues. ...Colt died of joint ill...

July, 1925

- 3 Fri. Willie & I hoed turnips. I buried colt. Played soft ball at No. 4 in evening; Margaret & Ed went with us...



- 9 Thurs. Felt tough all day... broke side rake shaft...
- 10 Fri. Willie & I to city; got rake shaft welded \$5.25... Willie home at 4 p.m; put rake together.
- 14 Tues. Fanny & Harry picking berries. I scuffled corn. Willie cut hay in back field.
- 15 Wed. Willie & I drew in hay all day... broke side rake...
- 20 Mon. Willie & I took Holstein heifer to Hurl's for beef ring...
- 22 Wed. Harry, Willie & I picked 10 qts. berries at Dempsey's. We went to Avonton ball tournament, 3 good games. Motherwell won...
- 27 Mon. Fanny & Harry picked berries all day. Willie & I finished drawing in wheat...
- 28 Tues. ...got letter from Helen. I got (manure) spreader at Bill (Jeffrey's)...
- 30 Thurs. Willie & I drew manure all day, about 30 loads.
- 31 Fri. Finished manure; cleaned out yard and took back spreader (to Bill J's)...

August, 1925

- 2 Sun. Alf Gray & wife (Jane Jeffrey); Ken & wife (Dot Richardson) here.
- 3 Mon. Ploughed sod all day; very warm and sultry. Mother and Mr. Jeffrey came over in evening.
- 4 Tues. Cut oats all day. I went to Tanner's house. Mrs. Tanner<sup>1</sup> buried; went with Margaret Monteith (Murray).
- 5 Wed. ...cutting oats... Willie & Mr. Jeffrey to city; home at noon... A. J. and Jack Jeffrey<sup>2</sup> here in evening...
- 6 Thurs. ...Mr. Jeffrey went to Bill's in afternoon. Cream man brought some buttermilk. Nelson & wife came out in evening.
- 7 Fri. ...Helen and friend came in at noon (St. Pauls); Willie met train... We all went to Bill Jeffrey's in evening.
- 8 Sat. Very warm and sultry. Putting in new telephone wires. Alf Gray & family here for dinner. Willie & I cutting and shocking oats...
- 12 Wed. Finished cutting oats... Mother and Greys here to say goodbye.
- 19 Wed. Ed Murray operated on for appendicitis in Stratford... Fanny & kids at Murray's...
- 26 Wed. We finished threshing at 11 a.m; 7 hours @ \$2.15 per hour... Maud (Monteith) & Margaret (Murray) helping in house... Willie to Harold Thistle's dance in evening...
- 29 Sat. Harry & I to school cleaning up. We went to Tony Morris in afternoon; caught about 12 (fish)...
- 31 Mon. ...Harry & I to school bee drawing earth, good job; about 10 men and 4 teams...

The Jeffreys visit
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September, 1925

- 1 Tues. ...Willie ploughed with 3 horses. Baxter got my team to sow wheat for Ed Murray...
- 4 Fri. Very dry weather. I put iron pipes in spring...
- 9 Wed. I worked at fence. Willie ploughing wheat land. Boys at Jack Fraser's chivaree.
- 10 Thurs. Willie loaded hogs for Ed Murray and went to threshing for Bill McKay. I fixed fence and ploughed. Willie & I to St. Pauls school fair meeting...
- 12 Sat. ...Harry & I made birdhouse, etc. for school fair...
- 14 Mon. ...We all went to corn roast in Horman's in evening. Helen came home for 3 weeks holidays...
- 17 Thurs. Lovely day; we went to London Fair; good time; home at 7 p.m.
- 18 Fri. Willie & Harry to St. Pauls Fair... Harry won 6 prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> on birdhouse & spies, 2<sup>nd</sup> on grain...
- 22 Tues. Ed Murray took Fanny & Helen to city. Harry & I took horse; entered 17 varieties of apples...
- 23 Wed. We shocked corn in morning and went to (Stratford) Fair in afternoon. Took 4 prizes on fruit...
- 26 Sat. ...Willie went to Chris' silo filling in afternoon... Nelson brought out Helen in evening.

October, 1925

- 1 Thurs. Lovely day today. Willie took Helen to dentist... Willie at Ed Murray's and Simon Rae's silo filling...
- 5 Mon. Willie & I ploughing. Chas. & Mrs. (Minnie) Dunsmore & Ed down in evening; played cards, had lunch.
- 6 Tues. ...Helen went back to London on 7:20 p.m. train. Fanny & Harry to station... Helen got \$5.00.
- 8 Thurs. Willie & I ploughed sod all day. Nelson & Mae out in evening. He paid telephone \$4.65 for me.
- 14 Wed. Meeting at Margaret's today of Institute. Fanny over... Willie & I took up 2 waggon loads potatoes...
- 15 Thurs. ...picked King apples and bagged potatoes... Cream man here once a week (from) now on... Schellenberger threshing (at) Joe's place (across the road from Tom's)... Nelson moving out to Hesson house.

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<sup>1</sup> Mary Martha (Dennis) Tanner, William Tanner's widow, died on Aug. 1, 1925

<sup>2</sup> Who is Jack Jeffrey? A. J. is a younger brother of William Jr. "Mr. Jeffrey", Tom's step father.

- 16 Fri. ...Willie at Lupton's helping Alvin... Aunt Jane (Robertson) here...
- 17 Sat. I cleaned barn for whitewashing; they came at noon... Pd. in full for job - \$9.00.
- 18 Sun. Nelson and Leland (Dunsmore) to London...
- 22 Thurs. Teacher's Convention. Harry & I took 4 hogs to factory. 4 hogs 830 lbs @ 12¢, 2 selects = \$104.75. Willie at Simon Rae's threshing... I ploughed sod in afternoon.
- 29 Thurs. ...Election Day. I voted at No. 4. Wright elected; also Sanderson in South Perth... grapes 60¢.
- 30 Fri. ...I trimmed trees in orchard... Margaret & Ed (Murray) here. Took pie to No. 4 school for Hallowe'en Frolic.
- 31 Sat. ...ploughed sod... All to city in evening; called at Nelson's. Hallowe'en Frolic - 50¢...
- November, 1925
- 3 Tues. ...Nelson & wife out this evening; pared apples for apple butter...
- 4 Wed. ...topping turnips. Willie to plowing match<sup>1</sup>. Helen phoned for fur coat... Helen rec'd coat & \$2.00; postage & insurance 80¢.
- 5 Thurs. ...Willie & I went to shooting match. He made 19; I made 23; was on losing side... Went to dance in city.
- 6 Fri. Finished potatoes in morning; started turnips... Nelson (Monteith) & Mac (Simpson, his son-in-law) here for supper...
- 7 Sat. Rained most of day... Willie ploughed out some turnips; I bagged potatoes for Toronto. Helen came for holiday. Nelson & Mae here; Lily Byers & friend here in evening.
- 9 Mon. Willie took Helen to St. Pauls to go at 10 a.m. (train). I drew some corn... Helen got \$2.00...
- 12 Thurs. Willie at E. Murray's threshing buckwheat. I to St. Pauls; shipped 735 lbs of potatoes to Toronto; 8 bags @ \$1.75. Rec'd granite ware for Nelson. Got plough point at McLeod's 90¢. Willie at Simon Rae's threshing...
- 17 Tues. Willie & I working around barn. Bill Jeffrey here; got apple parer. H. Shapiro here; Fanny bought coat.
- 18 Wed. D. J. McNamara here in morning; going to California.
- 23 Mon. ...Ed Short here; bought 2 cows @ \$25 each. I went to Nelson's in afternoon; came home with Ed & Margaret.
- 25 Wed. I went to Chas. Dunsmore's sale...
- 26 Thurs. Willie helping Ed (Murray) take in hogs and fix car. I went to Andy Monteith's to get hogs and also to Art's; had supper.
- 27 Fri. Chored, cold and frozen up. We went to Winter Garden (in Stratford). Good time. Frank Mc(Namara) & wife went in with us. Expenses \$2.00.
- December, 1925
- 1 Tues. Sent cat skin to tannery. Willie to Ed Murray's clipping cows... went to city, good sleighing... Nelson & wife here in evening. Swift Creamery man here canvassing for cream.
- 4 Fri. ...bagged 6 bags of talman sweets (apples). Willie to city (sold) 5 bags apples @ \$1.00 = \$5.00...
- 8 Tues. Snowing & cold... Drew up 2 logs on sleigh... Willie in city... Pd. Chas. Mills in full threshing \$19.25...
- 10 Thurs. ...Willie hunting rabbits; got 4 altogether. Harry & Willie out in afternoon; cold & stormy...
- 12 Sat. ...Nelson & wife here in evening. Willie to city with Nelson; stayed all night.
- 16 Wed. ...Harry not at school. I picked over potatoes. Boys made box for ferret.
- 17 Thurs. ...Fanny & Willie to city; sent parcel to Alex...
- 19 Sat. ...Harry Monteith here; cut pigs. I drew in corn... Willie to city in afternoon getting teeth fixed...
- 21 Mon. ...We picked 4 geese and went to No. 4 concert... Rec'd \$3.00 for 5 doz. eggs to Bill Jeffrey.
- 22 Tues. Lovely day. I killed 3 turkeys for Ed Murray... I went to St. Pauls and got Helen
- 24 Thurs. ...Willie to city in evening with cutter...
- 25 Fri. ...Nelson & wife here... Christmas dinner in evening.

Paid taxes	\$123.75
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<p>The usual Christmas activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* sending parcel to Alex</li> <li>* killing &amp; picking (plucking) fowl: geese and turkeys</li> <li>* to school Christmas concerts</li> <li>* picking up Helen</li> <li>* Christmas dinner</li> <li>* presents from Toronto (Mother &amp; Aunt Jane)</li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> (Willie) Nelson, Ed (Murray) & W. Loghrin to county plowing match. From Nelson Monteith's diary.



- 26 Sat. ...presents from Toronto & Aunt Jane... -14°F...
- 28 Mon. Nomination day. (Uncle) Nelson & I to St. Pauls... Willie & Helen getting teeth filled by Baker of Lakeside. Willie to Lupton's dance in evening.
- 29 Tues. Cold & snowing. Did chores. Cream man here; fed his horses. Roads very heavy.
- 30 Wed. I went to school meeting; elected Fred Clyne trustee... Willie choring.
- 31 Thurs. ...Fanny, Harry & I to city. Roads heavy. Harry got 2 teeth out at Baker's...

Total cream from May 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$293.86
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January, 1926

- 1 Fri. Harry & I out for rabbits; got none. Nelson & wife here for supper. Mae stayed all night. 17 eggs.
- 4 Mon. Fanny & I voted at No. 4... Bradshaw elected (reeve in Downie); Marshall mayor of Stratford.
- 7 Thurs. ...Percy (Lupton) drawing gravel. Willie took in... skunk skin; offered \$1.50 - no sale.
- 8 Fri. East wind, cold; did only chores. Willie to Monteith's dance<sup>1</sup>...
- 9 Sat. ...drew out some manure across creek. Shot 8 pigeons at Ed Murray's and 2 rabbits at McIlhargey's. Put window in school in evening; took 4 pigeon's to Ed... 21 eggs.
- 12 Tues. Percy Lupton drawing gravel every day. Willie and I drew in 16 shocks of corn<sup>2</sup>. Very cold. Willie got letter from Alex at Sioux Lookout.
- 16 Sat. Fanny & I cut up pig (killed on the 14<sup>th</sup> by John Hurl); made sausage, etc. Willie to Nelson's all night; took up some cream.
- 17 Sun. Nelson, wife & child (Frances) here for supper. Willie drove them home.
- 19 Tues. ...Willie & I got 2 good coons in Dempsey's bush; skinned coons in afternoon. Willie to Norman Monteith's in evening with Bill Jeffrey & boys... Sent Helen \$1.00 by mail.
- 20 Wed. ...Willie got 2 skunks...
- 21 Thurs. ...We drew in corn in afternoon. Norman & Ed Monteith and Alf & Percy Lupton here in evening...
- 23 Sat. Bagged up 20 bags potatoes. Willie to city... 2 coons (skins) \$11.50; 2 skunks \$3.50.
- 26 Tues. ...Fanny & I to city. I got 2 teeth out and 1 filled... Overcoat at Kelly's \$25.00...
- 27 Wed. ...35 eggs today, most yet.
- 28 Thurs. Very stormy & cold. Roads blocked; no mail; no school...
- 30 Sat. ...Fanny, Harry & I to city. Harry at Nelson's. I got tooth out...

To make hens lay...

\* have early, well matured pullets

\* feed well during November & December

When confined in henhouse after snow comes, give the following:

\* gravel & oyster shell before them all the time

\* a hopper of fine ground chop

\* all the milk they will drink

\* some kind of beef scrap or beef meal mixed with chop once a day

\* for scratch feed, equal parts wheat, buckwheat and plump oats

\* a dust bath of ashes or dry earth, and

\* remove all sickly looking old birds

\* have no drafts in pen and give 6 inches of litter for scratching

If this won't give you eggs, there is something wrong with the hens; they simply have to lay.

Feeding Hens Winter 1926

Cracked corn, rolled oats and wheat in hoppers; also beef scrap and oyster shell, gravel and mangels and skim milk. Ashes to roll in; some apples, wheat, oats & barley in litter for scratch feed.

Getting 3 doz. eggs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1926

Getting 4 doz. eggs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 1926

February, 1926

- 2 Tues. Willie over at Ed Murray's operating on horse. I had swollen face (teeth) all day. Stayed in ...
- 5 Fri. Willie dug out 5 skunks... he skinned them in the evening.
- 7 Sat. Fanny & Willie took 14 doz. eggs to Bill Jeffrey's. Nelson & Mae here for supper...
- 8 Mon. ...shot 8 pigeons one shot and picked them. Got letter from Alex...

<sup>1</sup> House party. About 65 present. From (Uncle) Nelson Monteith's diary.

<sup>2</sup> Tom does not have a silo. He brings sheaves of corn to the barn; then chops and feeds it as needed.

- 9 Tues. ...Nelson & wife here in evening; brought ½doz. beer; had pigeon pie.
- 10 Wed. Fanny & Kathleen at Jack Thistle's meeting... Hens averaging 30 eggs per day.
- 14 Sun. Fanny & I went to Geo. Cook's in afternoon.
- 16 Tues. Fanny & Willie to city; he got teeth fixed. I chored. Bill Jeffrey here... Dentist \$14.00...
- 18 Thurs. ...We all went to John Thistle's dance... Good time, home at 5 a.m.
- 19 Fri. I chored. We all went to Sal Richardson's time... Took sleigh... roads very heavy. Home at 5 a.m...
- 24 Wed. ...Willie to St. Pauls box social in evening...

#### March, 1926

- 3 Wed. Very stormy, cold weather... Jas. Thomson & Ed Murray went through here; roads very heavy.
- 4 Thurs. Alf Lupton & I (wall) papered back room. Nelson & Mae here in evening...
- 8 Mon. ...went to Abe Rutherford's<sup>1</sup> funeral... Helen sick in London with measles.
- 9 Tues. Willie & I working around the house getting things in shape for time Friday evening. Old sow had 15 pigs; 12 living.
- 10 Wed. ...Willie working waxing floor...
- 11 Thurs. Margaret & Mae helping; Willie helping in house...
- 12 Fri. Willie to city; got chairs & tables also: ice cream \$3.60, cards 50¢, etc... 45 young people here for dance & cards in evening. Good time; broke up at 5 a.m.
- 16 Tues. ...Willie shining floors. About 75 people, Women's Institute here in evening<sup>2</sup>. 17 tables of cards; danced till 3 a.m... 26 horses in barn. Cold weather.
- 17 Wed. ...Bill to city; took in chairs and tables. I went to Rutherford's sale with Joe Mac... bucksaw 45¢
- 18 Thurs. ...Nelson Monteith & I went to Rotary Banquet in evening, good time... roads bad...
- 24 Wed. I took 6 geese to Hall's sale... Percy Lupton & I went to sale... 6 geese \$12.75.
- 25 Thurs. ...disc harrowed road... Willie to city with Helen, took cutter... J. Lawton here; bought bull \$55...
- 30 Tues. We drew out some manure... Willie took buggy to St. Pauls; Helen went to London at 6 p.m.
- 31 Wed. Sleet storm. I fanned seed oats. Willie choring...

Loghrin Parties!
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#### April, 1926

- 1 Thurs. Very stormy. Harry at school; Fanny sick...
- 7 Wed. Willie & I working in bush. East sleet storm; snow still deep in bush.
- 8 Thurs. ...Nelson & Mae here in evening; also D. J. McNamara.
- 9 Fri. Willie & I drawing up circular (fire) wood... Geo. McEwen<sup>3</sup> & Nelson here in evening...
- 19 Mon. ...Harry Monteith (worked at repairing) roller. I made rack for pigs... Nelson & Mae here; shower at Thistle's (for Marjorie)... black cow calved.
- 20 Tues. Harry to city for funeral, (James) Bruce Gould...
- 24 Sat. ...Willie to city with car, first trip; got licence - \$14.00...
- 27 Tues. Frost during night. Harry Monteith here; dehorned bull and put ring in nose... Pd. interest in full to Harry \$45.00. Set 2 leghorn hens on eggs.
- 30 Fri. ...We all went to Winter Garden dance... good time, home at 4 a.m...

#### May, 1926

- 1 Sat. Lovely day. I went to city with democrat... home at 6 p.m...
- 3 Mon. Harry Monteith here all day working at dumb waiter...
- 8 Sat. Willie & I sowed 5 bags of barley & 2 bags of oats. Nelson here on way to Bill Jeffrey's.. Margaret (Murray) here; borrowed brush for painting car.
- 12 Wed. Disc harrowed and cultivated... about 25 acres sowed altogether.
- 13 Thurs. ...Rec'd (for) cat skin C.O.D. 76¢.
- 16 Sun. Alf Lupton, Fred Mitchell & wife here; we went to Halfway (House). Tobacco 30¢.
- 19 Wed. Rained all day. Willie to Nelson's fixing car. I fixed fence around orchard.
- 21 Fri. Willie took in 5 bags chop; wheel of democrat broke. Harry & I to Bill Jeffrey's; got (manure) spreader...

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<sup>1</sup> Ebenezer Rutherford died on Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> and lived just east of No. 4 school.

<sup>2</sup> *Ida, Ruth, Hazel & I to party at T. Loghrin's. Cards & dancing.* From (Uncle) Nelson Monteith's diary.

<sup>3</sup> George McEwen was Nelson's father-in-law.

Willie rolled 4 acres sweet clover...

24 Mon. ...Jas. Thomson & I sowed timothy seed. Fanny, Nelson, Mae & Harry to Brennan's fishing; caught none.

29 Sat. Willie sowed mangels; set up stove for chicks. I finished potatoes and sowed onions & corn...

31 Mon. I ploughed for roots; Willie drawing manure. Ed Murray shingling barn...

June, 1926

4 Fri. ...Nelson cut & planted 4 rows (of potatoes). Mae & Nel here all night. Willie working on corn ground...

6 Sun. Nelson & Mae here... also Percy Lupton and Cardwell.

8 Tues. ...started for ball game at Avonton. Bill Fetter's house burned down; worked at carrying out house stuff.

11 Fri. Fencing in lane. I burned brush...

12 Sat. Harry & I to city (with) democrat... 3 rolls barb wire. Charged at Hannan's \$14.25...

16 Wed. ...I went to Bill Fetter's bee till 5 p.m. ...Eggs to date \$168.50.

18 Fri. ...Willie working (on road) at Harmony with team...

22 Tues. ...went to school; pd. teacher's salary \$1000.40 check... Willie finished job at Harmony - 5 days.

25 Fri. Lovely weather. Jim Dempsey here. We sawed wood: Art, Bill Jeffrey & Ed... Pd. Jim \$4.70...

July, 1926

2 Fri. Hoed turnips all day. Went to St. Pauls; got rug; also wheels for democrat...

7 Wed. ...Willie Keith here for dinner and stayed for picnic at No. 4... Mother & Mr. J. over at Nelson's, good time.

8 Thurs. Bill Keith here all night. Willie hoeing roots. I got strawberries and hoed all day.

11 Sun. All went to St. Andrew's Church. Collection 50¢, gas 56¢.

16 Fri. Willie took Mother & Mr. J. to city. I coiled hay all day... Art & Allen Monteith here, lost colt... *Ed Murray attacked by cow; badly injured... Ida & I stayed all night.* From Uncle Nelson Monteith's diary.

17 Sat. ...Helen came over at 12 p.m; going back at noon Sunday.

21 Wed. Haying all day. Drawing in alfalfa.

22 Thurs. ...Willie helping Ed Murray fix pump. Working around barn nailing on side boards.

24 Sat. I cut hay; finished at back field. Willie to C.N.R. excursion...

August, 1926

4 Wed. Cut wheat all day... Ed Murray & wife (Margaret) here in evening.

5 Thurs. ... Willie ploughing...I went to city in democrat with 2 calves; 330 lbs @ 8½¢ = \$25.50.

16 Mon. Drew in 5 loads of wheat. Rained at 2 p.m. Nelson & wife here; he & Willie working at car. I put cement in horse stable.

20 Fri. I shocked oats; Nelson cut on binder. Willie also shocking. Willie Keith brought Helen from London.

21 Sat. Willie Keith here; went home at 5 p.m. Alf Grey, Janie (Jeffrey) & kids here for a few minutes...

25 Wed. Harry Monteith and us to Springbank<sup>1</sup>; took bus at St. Marys. Had flat tire on St. Marys road. Fanny stayed in St. Marys. Willie went to London; bought tire \$17.25, tube \$3.00...

26 Thurs. ...Willie & I ploughed wheat stubble. Aunt Jane (Robertson) & Maud (Monteith) here in evening...

27 Fri. Lovely day. Willie ploughing with 3 horses on sulky plough...

28 Sat. ...cut oats and drew in 3 loads barley... to city. Renewed note for \$100 at Royal...

#### Softball

May, 1926

27 to softball meeting in St. Pauls.

29 to city; got outfit for softball

June, 1926

2 laid out diamond at Jas. Thomson's

3 running shoes 98¢

started playing softball at J. Thomson's

7 Exhibition game. 20-3 for #10 over #4

10 played #6; lost 13-23. Pd for ball & bats \$1.00

15 ball at Thomson's; lost to #6, score 20-13

16 ball at Thomson's in evening with No 4

17 played ball at No. 4; score 19-33 for them

24 played ball; lost to No 5, 11-25

28 played ball at No 5; lost 10-12

30 went to St. Pauls softball game (tournament?)

won from #4; lost to #6 by 1 run

rec'd 2<sup>nd</sup> money; \$3.00

July, 1926

7 to No 4. S. E. Hope won ball game 8-18

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<sup>1</sup> This was likely the Monteith Reunion. *Monteith Reunion at Springbank Park... 150 registered.* From Uncle Nelson Monteith's diary.

September, 1926

- 6 Mon. We ploughed stubble... Harry & I to school cleaning closets in afternoon; also Jas. Thomson & Bob Wilkinson.
- 7 Tues. ...Jim Thomson, teacher, Bill & I to St. Pauls school fair meeting.
- 8 Wed. Wet day; both ploughing stubble. Nelson here in evening; they have a baby girl yesterday...
- 11 Sat. I got seed drill at Percy Lupton's. Sowed 8 acres wheat; took drill home. Willie at Dempsey's threshing for Joe Tanner...
- 14 Tues. Margaret (Murray) took Fanny & I to vote at No. 4. McKenzie King elected. N & S Perth go Reform...
- 17 Fri. Willie at Ed Murray's threshing... I took Harry & his exhibits to St. Pauls (Fair)... cleaned up for threshing.
- 20 Mon. We threshed till 3 p.m. Machine moved to Jas. Thomson. Teacher here for dinner...
- 21 Tues. ...Harry took 4 prizes at school fair...
- 23 Thurs. ...cut corn for cattle. Willie & I ploughed... Bill Jeffrey threshing.
- 24 Fri. Raining most of time these days... Agent here selling tractors at noon...
- 27 Mon. ...Dr. W. N. Robertson here visiting friends... Nelson took 13 doz. eggs @ 35¢ to Bill Jeffrey.

Reta Jane Loghrin born

October, 1926

- 1 Fri. I took in wheat. Willie at Percy Lupton's threshing... Jack Payton, Margaret & Ed over; Mrs. Payton got \$8.00 (for) cleaning school...
- 3 Sun. Bill Jeffrey down. Harry & I at Nelson Monteith's in evening. Nelson got cream 50¢.
- 4 Mon. Willie & I took heifer to Wm. Dunsmore's for beef ring...
- 5 Tues. Willie & I got meat; beef ring heifer weighed 358 lbs dressed... Bill J. owes me: \$10.65 eggs, \$2.00 killing beast, \$21.50 meat...
- 6 Wed. Fanny at meeting at Art Monteith's... Bill Jeffrey down. Paid in full for meat and eggs...
- 9 Sat. Took up potatoes... put them in box stall in the barn; also pumpkins...
- 12 Tues. I went to Nelson's silo filling... Willie went to Tom Murray's silo filling for Ed Murray...
- 15 Fri. Willie cutting corn; I shocked. Mr. Fetter here fixing (corn) binder. Finished cutting corn in evening...
- 20 Wed. ...went to Mrs. Delemer's funeral... Willie at beef ring meeting.
- 22 Fri. Snowing and raining. Willie & I ploughed sod and headlands in afternoon...
- 29 Fri. Willie at Art Monteith's threshing... I picked apples... made a salt dish out of tile for cattle...

November, 1926

- 1 Mon. Willie took in 6 pigs. 1215 lbs @ 11¼¢, 2 selects; check for \$148.15.
- 4 Thurs. Whitewashing barn today \$9.00. Willie took 23 roosters to Harrington 75 lbs @ 15¢ = \$11.25...
- 5 Fri. Willie & I working at turnips. Went to shooting match. Willie & I made 13 each; both on losing side...
- 8 Mon. ...Willie went to Staffa with Stacey Aitcheson to dance. I went to Ed Murray's; got tobacco.
- 12 Fri. Willie & I drawing wood to cellar. I picked 4 chickens; shot 7 pigeons (with) I shot on barn.
- 15 Mon. Willie went to city for repairs to car...
- 22 Mon. Willie took pig to John Hurl's to kill for our own use... Pd. Hurl \$1.00.
- 23 Tues. Drawing in corn... Willie drove me to John McKay's time... came home with Jas. Thomson...
- 26 Fri. Raining... did only chores. Willie & I to dance; No 5 in Winter Garden, good time.
- 27 Sat. ...Willie got Helen at Halfway (House) at 10 a.m. Willie, Helen & Fanny to city... Helen got teeth fixed...
- 30 Tues. Willie at Guelph show, also Nelson. Mae & kids here. I drew some corn; also some hay in coils...

December, 1926

- 1 Wed. ...Voted at No 4; got pears at Nelson's. (Hon. J. D.) Monteith elected in N. Perth; Colquhoun in S. Perth...
- 3 Fri. ...We all went to St. Pauls presentation to Alf Thistle. Good time; home at 3 a.m...
- 13 Mon. Had very bad cold. Nelson & Mae here in evening; kids sick. Soft snow going.
- 22 Wed. ...Harry & I to concert at No. 4 in evening. No. 10 had concert at school in afternoon... Willie to hockey match in evening.
- 23 Thurs. Willie & Harry out for rabbits; got 3 at Norman's... Rec'd presents from Toronto; also 1 yr. to McLean's (magazine) from Roy (Perry).

Apples sold in 1926

1 bag to Baker	2.00
1 bag to Sloan (banker)	1.50
2 baskets to Walsh	.80
3½ barrels to Robertson	16.50
6½ barrels to Whyte's	35.00
1 barrel to Dr. Darne	5.00
Season's crop	60.80

- 25 Sat. Lovely day. Had dinner at 7 p.m. Nelson & wife here. Willie got Helen at St. Pauls at 6 p.m...  
 29 Wed. I went to school meeting; elected F. Wilkinson trustee... Alf Payton got job lighting fires and sweeping \$25.00 (at the school).

#### January, 1927

- 6 Thurs. Very stormy & cold. Chored & we cut wood in the bush. Willie to hockey match in evening.  
 7 Fri. ...Willie & Russell Lawton shooting; got 4 cottontails; has supper here...  
 8 Sat. ...I put damper in furnace at school...  
 10 Mon. I went to city, very cold. Willie shooting rabbits; lost ferret in Clyne's bush.  
 11 Tues. ...Willie sore finger; Fanny in bed. Harry at school. Willie got ferret and 3 rabbits after dinner in Clyne's.  
 12 Wed. Fanny sick; sent for Helen...  
 13 Thurs. ...to city... got medicine at Rutherford's office. Dr. Rutherford out; stuck in heavy, wet snow...  
 16 Sun. Helen to London at noon. Rec'd \$4.50.  
 17 Mon. ... Fanny still in bed. Got 45 eggs.  
 20 Thurs. ...Percy Lupton & Dunsmores drawing gravel. Fanny up today...  
 21 Fri. ...repaired old sleigh. Fanny up at times. Harry to school in afternoon...  
 26 Wed. ...Harold Thistle's sale... Harry sick in bed all week; Fanny also. Margaret (Murray) over for coal oil.  
 28 Fri. Mild. Did only chores. Harry very sick - measles.

#### February, 1927

- 4 Fri. Fanny & Willie to city (with) cutter. She saw dentist & Dr. Rutherford...  
 8 Tues. I did only chores. Willie & Fanny in bed. Harry & I working around... Teacher brought Harry's books...  
 11 Fri. All sick. I doing chores. Lovely weather; east wind.  
 20 Sun. Helen went to London at 2 p.m. (with) Brown. Nelson & family here in evening.  
 28 Mon. I drew out manure; cleaned hen house. Willie set up white owl (taxidermy) and did chores...

#### March, 1927

- 1 Tues. Willie & I chored. Too cold to work.  
 9 Wed. Got out buggy and went to Alex Innes' sale... Willie splitting cordwood... Fanny in bed.  
 15 Tues. We put wheels of old buggy on democrat. Nelson & family here for supper...  
 18 Fri. Fanning up seed oats. Pruning orchard; cleaning cellar...  
 25 Fri. ...made a dash for democrat... Willie to dance in city, Junior Farmers. Nelson & wife here for supper...  
 30 Wed. I worked at democrat repairing shafts. Willie working at car. Arn Hosford here looking for horse.

#### April, 1927

- 4 Mon. Harry Monteith here putting tongue in disc harrow. Willie making gate...  
 7 Thurs. I drew in corn, finished... Ed & Margaret over...  
 10 Sun. ...to church with Margaret & Ed; Lizzie Scholz and Mrs. Heath out. Collection 35¢.  
 12 Tues. Cream man here... Willie cultivated at back. ... I picked stones and burnt brush. Sent Helen \$5.00 by registered letter and parcel to London. Nelson & wife here in evening; he got 3 pts. cream.  
 13 Wed. ...Jim Dempsey here; sawed (firewood) 4 hours \$5.40. Vera (Slater), Margaret, Bill & I to No. 5 school Y. M. C. A. concert - good...  
 14 Thurs. ...Willie & I to Bill Jeffrey's sawing (firewood with Jim Dempsey's outfit). Finished 8 p.m. Lovely day.  
 21 Thurs. ...Ken Rae shot seagull; brought it down to set up (for taxidermy). I went to Bill Jeffrey's; got repairs off his seeder, 25¢.  
 22 Fri. ...piled wood. Willie to dance; rec'd \$2.00. Agent for hydro here canvassing for subscribers.  
 26 Tues. ...Bill Rae & Bob Roxborough here; also Nelson & Mae. I went to Percy Lupton's in evening.  
 29 Fri. Willie sowing mixed grain; went to city for grass seed. I finished sowing field behind barn...

#### June, 1927

- 3 Tues. ...skinned calf... Percy Lupton, teacher, Con & Mrs. (Catherine) Mac (Namara) to St. Pauls; had meeting,

#### Car repairs (The Dodge?)

Feb 24 Willie working at car.  
 Mar 14 Willie working at car.  
 Mar 17 Willie overhauling car.  
 Mar 18 Willie working at car.  
 Mar 19 Willie to city about car.  
 Mar 22 Willie working at car.  
 Mar 26 Willie took Nelson's car.  
 Mar 28 Willie working at car.  
 Mar 30 Willie working at car.  
 Apr 6 Willie at car.  
 Apr 7 Willie working at car.  
 Apr 8 Willie working at car....  
 No wonder they *got out the buggy!*

softball and school fair.

- 5 Thurs. I sowed 3 acres barley; finished seeding grain; rolled & harrowed all day. Nelson & wife here; broke car; took our car...
- 6 Fri. Willie & I ploughing for millet. Nelson & wife here in evening working at car. Ed, Margaret Murray & I to No. 4 beef ring meeting. Pd. Nelson Monteith \$25.00 for seed wheat.
- 9 Mon. ...to St. Pauls. Got 18 fruit trees at Bill Taylor's; 12 plum & 6 cherry... I planted trees & 50 strawberries...
- 11 Wed. Willie got Ed's (manure) spreader; broke casting... Nelson & Fat McEwen here in evening...
- 13 Fri. Drew out manure all day... Fanny setting up bird of (Ken) Rae's.
- 16 Mon. Wet in morning; fixing fence... We all went to Nelson's; heard radio...
- 19 Thurs. Drawing manure till noon. Put away sleighs; Willie at car. Cattle in orchard and in front of house.
- 24 Tues. Rainy... Dug post holes. Took 8 bus. of wheat to Ed in exchange for use of (manure) spreader, value \$10.



Left to right: Ed Murray, Tom Loghrin , Nel Loghrin , Andy Rae, Willie Loghrin, Jim Thomson (with arms on Willie's shoulders), Alex Rae, George Stuart. This picture of the S.S.#10 Downie township baseball team was taken in 1927 not long before Willie's death.

Willie to Lakeside in evening, rec'd \$1.00.

- 26 Thurs. Too wet to work on land. \$1.25 charged, Tavistock butcher (for) summer sausage...
  - 30 Mon. Building fence in lane all day. Played ball; lost 20-5 to No.4...
- June, 1927
- 1 Wed. Nelson & wife fishing; also Harry's (12<sup>th</sup>) birthday. Willie ploughing for corn.
  - 3 Fri. ...played ball against No. 6; lost 10-11; good game in Schellenberger field. Nelson & Mae here in evening.
  - 10 Fri. Dug post holes; fixed fence... Served Old Doll to Dennis horse... I got some cedars at Bill's (Jeffrey) for gates. Paid Percy Lupton \$17.00 on pigs; owe him \$19.00. Expenses to No. 4 garden party \$1.35; good time.
  - 16 Thurs. Lovely day. Willie drilling for turnips; I cultivated millet ground... Willie & Fanny to Avonton looking



for woman to work in house...

- 20 Mon. Willie (working with the team) on the road all day. Bill Keith here all night. Nelson & Mae here in evening... Have 12 ducklings and about 350 chicks.
- 21 Tues. ...Chas. Ober here selling radios...
- 22 Wed. ...Helen came home; Nelson & Mae went to St. Pauls for her. House cleaning now... Ed Murray over; moved out stove. Willie (worked) on road...
- 23 Thurs. ...Willie working in pit all day... Bill Keith here on way to Embro. Helen went for ride (with) Bob Brown in evening.
- 28 Tues. ...I washed and painted democrat... Willie to dance in city in evening.
- 29 Wed. Had shave; felt sick. Went to school; paid teacher balance of salary, \$500<sup>1</sup>. Went to Harmony to see ball game... Served Jess horse to Rae's horse.

July, 1927

- 2 Sat. Very warm... We all went to Mitchell to see ball tournament; home at 8 p.m. Bill & Helen to city...
- 5 Tues. ...I cut thistles; Bill scuffled corn. Went to ball game at St. Pauls; lost to Harmony by 1 run. Harmony got 1<sup>st</sup> money - \$10; No. 6 got \$6; No. 10 - \$4; No. 5 - \$4; No. 4 - \$2. Helen, Bill, & Fanny to city; got May Aitcheson.
- 10 Sun. Mother & Mr. J here for supper; also Art, Ella (Monteith) & Miss Young. Willie away with Morrow and Chas. Monteith...
- 13 Wed. Repaired mower; cut thistle's. Harry Monteith here; cut pigs. Bob Roxborough here; served Maud mare. We all went to Halfway House. Helen to London; rec'd \$3.00 check.
- 15 Fri. ...Willie & I started ploughing sod across creek. Mother & Mr. J. here. Bill Jeffrey & kids down in evening.
- 16 Sat. Willie & I ploughing... Willie took old folks to Nelson (Monteith's)... Harry & I to Simon Rae's...
- 17 Sun. At (Uncle) Nelson's to see Mother & Mr. J. Got ride home with Ed & Margaret. Jim Dempsey over in evening.
- 21 Thurs. Hoed roots; drew in hay all day. Went to Jim Thomson's in evening. Janet died in morning...
- 28 Thurs. Cut & drew hay... Nelson & wife here picking berries.... Gave (Stratford) Beacon Herald man \$4.00.
- 29 Fri. I went to city (with) democrat... Mae, Fanny & kids to St. Marys, good time...

Mother & Mr. J. visiting from Toronto

August, 1927

- 1 Mon. Drew in hay... Bob (Cardwell?) & friend, Bill, Harry and I to St. Marys old boys, good time... home at 12 a.m.
- 4 Thurs. ...Willie cut barley in front field...
- 5 Fri. Harry cut hay at Cardwell's. I shocked barley...
- 10 Wed. Drew in wheat... Bill Jeffrey at Ed Murray's threshing out of stooks for me.
- 11 Thurs. I shocked barley and got ready for threshing; machine came at 5 p.m; threshed till 6:30...
- 16 Tues. ...Helen, Mother went in to hospital with Bill Jeffrey...
- 17 Wed. ...to city with Bill Jeffrey... About 75 people here tonight.
- 18 Thurs. Lovely weather. Receiving flowers from many friends. White's brought chairs out. Maud Monteith and Mrs. Richardson here. Nelson & Harry to city; Nelson pd. groceries... haircut & shave 65¢, hat \$5.00... About 200 people here in evening.

**Willie's illness and death** August, 1927

- 5 Willie sick in bed.
- 8 Willie sick in bed.
- 9 Willie sick in bed.
- 10 Dr. Fraser here.
- 12 Dr. Fraser here at noon to see Bill.
- 15 Dr. here for supper.
- 16 Dr. Rutherford out twice today.  
Arranged to get Dr. from London.  
Willie went to hospital by ambulance.
- 17 Willie died at 7 a.m.  
Mother, Helen, Nel & I there.  
Cause of death: miliary tuberculosis.

McLaughlin here.  
as minister  
Les Lupton Jim Dempsey  
Les Richardson A. Rae  
Chas. Monteith & Monteith.  
as fallbearers

From Tom's Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> entry

<sup>1</sup> Although Tom never says so in his diary entries, it appears that he served as treasurer for No. 10 school for several years.

- 19 Fri. I chored. Willie buried today; very large funeral. (Looks) like rain... Nelson, Mae, Fanny & Helen took home Mrs. Hamilton; she rec'd \$2.00 for work...
- 23 Tues. Cutting oats... canvass ripped. Aunt Jane (Robertson) here; also Maud Monteith... Fanny & Helen in city. Took check for \$22.00; bought hats, shoes, etc. Rec'd \$3.00 for eggs from Bill Jeffrey.
- 24 Wed. Lovely day; repaired binder canvass... Nelson & Mae here for supper... Helen away motor riding in evening. 1 plug tobacco 20¢, charged at Houck's (St. Pauls).
- 26 Fri. Harry, Nelson & I drew in oats all day. Nelson took in 3 bags chop (to Stratford) in car.
- 28 Mon. Took Helen to Halfway; she went by bus (to London). We all went to Kitmore's in evening.
- 30 Tues. Bill Jeffrey & I went for meat; heifer dressed 356 lbs. He took hide to Hurl's... Harry scuffling corn...

September, 1927

- 1 Thurs. I took team to Bill Jeffrey's threshing all day...
- 2 Fri. Harry, Nelson & I finished drawing in oats... Fanny in bed. Nelson & Mae here all night. Nelson took in 2 crates of eggs to Whyte's; rec'd \$15.00.
- 7 Wed. I cut alfalfa in morning. Nelson took us to city in evening... Pd. Ambulance \$8.00; Hospital \$8.00...
- 10 Sat. ...I went to Ed Murray's threshing all day; warm day.
- 11 Sun. ...Bill Jeffrey here; got 18 doz. eggs. Rec'd \$10.00; paid in full @ 38¢ doz...
- 12 Mon. I got Jim Dempsey to go to Ed Murray's threshing (for me). I got 500 lbs fertilizer at Harry Dunsmore's...
- 15 Thurs. Bill Jeffrey, Payton, Ed Dunsmore, Harry & I to London, very warm; good time. Went by Embro...Saw Helen... got 3 boxes chocolates.
- 16 Fri. Harry & I went up (to St. Pauls Fair) with Margaret. Harry got 4 prizes; 1<sup>st</sup> on threshed barley...
- 19 Mon. I cut millet all day... Jim Dempsey at Percy Lupton's threshing (for me); I owe him likely \$5.00...
- 21 Wed. Harry not at school. F. Mitchell and Innes of Toronto here; paid Willie's insurance in full \$1000 check to Fanny. Margaret here in morning; Nelson here at noon. We all went to Stratford Fair...
- 24 Sat. Fanny, Nelson and Harry to London in afternoon to see Dr. McGregor. Also saw Helen; home at 11 p.m. I cut corn and shocked it. Lovely day. ~~Pd. Dr. - \$40.00. Also had boys medical examined \$20.00.~~<sup>1</sup>
- 26 Mon. I ploughed in morning; raked millet... Fanny & I to Ed Murray's for dinner Sunday. Mrs. (Mary Murray) and Ruby<sup>2</sup> there...
- 27 Tues. ...Margaret (Murray) brought medicine for Fanny. I cleaned hen house and ploughed - very hard. Nelson and Mae here in evening. Jack Payton got \$7.00 check for cleaning school.
- 30 Fri. Very high wind. I ploughed in morning; went to Bill Jeffrey's silo filling in afternoon...

October, 1927

- 2 Sun. Took walk to Nelson Monteith's. Nelson & Mae here, also Bill Jeffrey & family.
- 3 Mon. We skinned Nellie mare. (She died the previous day.) Lupton moved (threshing) machine here in evening.
- 4 Tues. Threshed 8 hrs, 40 mins... Marie here helping. Nelson, Mae & kids here in evening.
- 8 Sat. I ploughed stubble all day... to city in evening... ink for school - \$1.25...
- 15 Sat. Lovely day. I ploughed in morning. Harry & I worked at (taking up) mangels in afternoon. Went to Percy Lupton's; pd. him \$1.25 (for) use of (seed) drill.
- 19 Wed. Mrs. Hamilton & I picked apples all day: 22 bags of Talman, Ben Davis & some spies...
- 20 Thurs. I ploughed stubble all day.. Mrs. Hamilton washing. Nelson & Mae here; Nelson took Mrs. Hamilton home; she rec'd \$3.00. Harry got hair cut at Rae's in evening.
- 21 Fri. ...Nel, Mae & kids here; also Mrs. Dempsey & Rev. Duncan & wife for supper. Had Harry & Nelson's kids christened.
- 25 Tues. ...Fanny & Nelson to city. She got 4 teeth pulled - Dr. Boyd...
- 29 Sat. Harry Monteith here; finished turnips. He made ironing board. Fanny in bed; Harry M. here all night.
- 31 Mon. Harry M. & I cleaned well and he put on top...

Harry Monteith did odd jobs at the farm for several days.

<sup>1</sup> This day's entry is exactly as Tom wrote it. Was Dr. McGregor the doctor who came from London to see Willie? Why was the entry about paying him crossed out?

<sup>2</sup> Ruby Murray was Ed's younger sister.



November, 1927

- 5 Sat. I ploughed some - very hard. Harry Monteith here fixing sliding door and litter carrier track...
- 12 Sat. Harry M. working at manure carrier. Nelson & Fanny to city at noon; very high wind, cold...
- 19 Sat. Harry (son) & I worked at chicken pen in barn. Went shooting in afternoon; got nothing; snowing hard.
- 24 Thurs. Fanny in bed these days. I ploughed all day in front field.
- 26 Sat. Cold & raining. I ploughed in morning. Went to Art Monteith's threshing in afternoon; Bob Cardwell there for me in morning. Nelson got groceries... Mae and children here all night.
- 30 Wed. Started to plough. Armstrong insurance man here... Fanny not feeling good.

December, 1927

- 6 Tues. I dressed 2 rabbits; cleaned stables and box stall with sleigh...
- 7 Wed. Mild & rainy. Chored and went to St. Pauls. Got plough points sharpened & binder knife 65¢...
- 9 Fri. Stormy & cold; did only chores. Fanny sick...
- 10 Sat. I took democrat to Nelson's; left it there; walked to city. Taxes \$98.03, telephone \$2.80, Helen \$5.00...
- 12 Mon. ...Fanny & I to city with Nelson. Got tooth out and ordered a set \$20.00...
- 15 Thurs. I took Fanny to St. Pauls at 11 a.m... Fanny got \$5.00. Sent parcel to Alex 31¢.
- 17 Sat. Harry did chores; I went to city... (with) Duke and buggy. Got tooth pulled. Shoeing horse \$2.40.
- 20 Tues. ...Saw Boyd dentist; took impression for teeth.
- 21 Wed. Did chores; had shave. Went to No. 10 concert with Harry & Fanny. Good crowd. Pd. teacher \$200.00 on salary; also T. Payton \$10.00 fires; Harry got check \$15.00 fires.
- 22 Thurs. ...Fanny in bed. I picked 5 chickens & 2 ducks. Sent them to Toronto by Bill Jeffrey; express \$1.00.
- 24 Sat. Lovely day. Harry & I got down cutter and went to city; took milk to Nelson on way. Sleighing poor...
- 26 Mon<sup>1</sup>. Chored. Nelson & Stone out in morning; brought radio. Set her up; stayed till midnight.
- 28 Wed. ...went to school meeting; small crowd; elected trustee; books correct...
- 30 Fri. ...Harry Monteith here. Got presents from Toronto... Harry took pig to Hurl's (for slaughter); Nel & Mae brought it down; Nelson got piece of meat going home...
- 31 Sat. ...Bill Jeffrey here; got 2 ducks, dressed \$3.00. Stone & Nelson got onions... Bill Jeffrey & wife, Ed, Margaret & Grace stayed for lunch @ 3 a.m.

January, 1928

- 1 Sun. Very stormy. Fanny, Harry & I here alone for New Years. Had radio here.
- 2 Mon. Bill Jeffrey, wife & I went to No. 4 to vote. Henry Morrow defeated by 35 votes. Nel, wife & kids here in evening.
- 3 Tues. ...Very cold. Ed, wife and teacher here in evening; listening to radio.
- 6 Fri. Milder... Nelson Monteith, Mrs. & Maud; also Ed and wife here for radio. Had lunch.
- 9 Mon. Helen came in morning; walked from St. Pauls...
- 10 Tues. Fanny & Helen drove to city with Duke... Helen rec'd \$15.00 for dress. Ed McLeod & Ed Monteith here about sawing wood.
- 11 Wed. ...Fred Stone here and changed radio front. Fanny took Helen to St. Pauls. Snowing, cold wind...
- 16 Mon. Chored and went St. Marys with calf; 235 lbs veal @ 12¢ = \$28.20. Ice storm... home by St. Pauls.
- 18 Wed. Ed McLeod & Ed Monteith here cutting wood. Harry & I to bush cutting limbs.
- 24 Tues. Fanny sick in bed. I chored and got calf at Sal Richardson's... mild and raining...
- 27 Fri. Very cold; did only chores.

*Very stormy most of January.*

February, 1928

- 2 Thurs. ... I drew load of wood to school... Harry not at school this week.
- 8 Wed. ...Fanny & I to Nelson (Monteith's) Women's Institute meeting. Poor sleighing.
- 11 Sat. I chored, cleaned calf pens and drew manure. Harry shooting. Soft day.
- 15 Wed. I went for chop and J. Barton's funeral<sup>2</sup>; took democrat.
- 16 Thurs. Lovely day; did chores. Harry & I out shooting; got rabbit, also hen pheasant at Cardwell's.

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<sup>1</sup> Tom made no entry for Christmas Day in 1927.

<sup>2</sup> John Milne Barton, 49 years old, died on Feb. 11, 1928; he is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

- 20 Mon. Fanny sick today and yesterday... very cold & stormy. No mail today.
- 22 Wed. ...went to St. Pauls; got goods from Eaton's... sent Aunt Jane (Robertson) 6 doz. eggs...
- 23 Thurs. ...Harry & Fanny setting up pheasant. Bell here for cream.
- 25 Sat. ...went shooting; got jack rabbit. Margaret & Ed to city; got tobacco and matches; also book of Institute...  
F. Cardwell borrowed Old Doll (horse) for the day.

March, 1928

- 1 Thurs. Fanny & I to city. Harry to Nelson's. overcoat for Harry \$7.00...
- 2 Fri. ...Harry, Fanny & I to concert at No. 4 school. Admission 60¢. Very cold.
- 3 Sat. I went for chop to Halfway; also to St. Pauls. Got Helen at station. Candy 5¢; beans 25¢.
- 7 Wed. Very stormy, roads blocked. Newton Hill and Bill McNeil here; car stuck. Also E. McLeod and Monteith... Fanny not very well...
- 11 Sun. Nelson & kids here; also Margaret in the afternoon. Lovely day.
- 13 Tues. Rained most of day... Gave Miss Slater \$200.00 in salary... We all went to Art Monteith's in evening.
- 19 Mon. ...Fanny still in bed today; also yesterday and Saturday... Nelson brought medicine.
- 22 Thurs. ...cleaned hen house; disc harrowed road to house<sup>1</sup>. Cut wood in bush with axe in afternoon.
- 23 Fri. Fanny took horse to city; mild and soft roads. Snow going fast... lantern glasses 18¢...
- 26 Mon. Harry took 4 bags chop to mill. I went to John Murray's funeral... Andy Rae came home with me... Mae & Nelson staying here.
- 29 Thurs. ...Harry & I in bush cutting wood; got some syrup at Percy Lupton's...

April, 1928

- 2 Mon. ...Mae & kids here. Nelson here in evening; took family home. Pd. Harry Monteith \$48.00 interest to date.
- 7 Sat. I went to city (with) democrat; took in Margaret's eggs... Got Helen at St. Pauls at 6 p.m.
- 11 Wed. Did chores and sawed wood in afternoon; Art, Ed & Bill Jeffrey here. Pd. Jim Dempsey \$5.75 sawing.
- 20 Fri. Harry got Mrs. Hamilton... Helen, Harry & I to concert in No. 10 school; good show; took in \$28.00...
- 24 Tues. Cold, raw wind; working at flower beds. Helen went to London by Brown. Rec'd \$10.00.
- 30 Mon. Lovely day. Harry sowed grass seed across creek and harrowed it...

May, 1928

- 2 Wed. ...Harry cultivated back field. John Richardson buried today.
- 3 Thurs. I sowed about 8 acres oats... Massey Harris agent here; bought (manure) spreader, \$25.00 note.
- 4 Fri. I treated grain for smut. Harry cultivating; I sowed 4 acres in afternoon...
- 7 Mon. ...got some flowers at Frank Mac's. Helen & Fanny working at flowers...
- 8 Tues. ...I cultivated... I drove Helen to Halfway (House). She got \$20.00...
- 11 Fri. Harry cultivated... I planted fruit trees in orchard: 3 pears, 6 apples. Miss Matheson? Nel & wife, Harry, Fanny & I went to London by taxi. Good trip; home at 12 a.m. Taxi \$6.00, tobacco 15¢, Helen \$2.00.
- 18 Fri. Very warm. Harry & I drew 4 loads of manure... Helen came home at noon...
- 21 Mon. ...Bill Thompson here drawing manure; drew out 20 loads.
- 22 Tues. Bill Thompson ploughing for roots... I got 122 rock chicks from Richardson's...
- 26 Sat. Thompson & I drew out manure all day on alfalfa. Harry & I to city with Cardwell... Harry haircut 50¢...  
Bill Thompson got \$2.00...

June, 1928

- 1 Fri. Sowed corn. Boys (Bill & Harry) got turnip seeder at Hosford's and sowed 12 rows turnips...
- 7 Thurs. ...Ploughed sod and rolled it. Bill & Harry fixing fence. Fanny to city with Nelson on truck; came out in car. I went to ball game and umpired...
- 8 Fri. ...Farmer's Advocate - \$1.00 renewal.
- 9 Sat. I went to city by cream truck; came out with Nelson Monteith's ...looked at cars...
- 11 Mon. Bill working on buckwheat land. I fixed fence and went to St. Mary's with calf; 200 lbs veal @ 12¢ = @ \$24.00. Bought car from Kalbfleisch; \$600 and old car: \$200 cash, \$200 in 4 mons, \$200 in 9 mons.
- 12 Tues. Went with Dave Ballantyne learning car... Helen came home by train; brought trunk. Helen to hospital in Stratford on case...
- 13 Wed. ...I got Helen at Jones'; also trunk. Fanny took lesson running car. Nelson & Mae here in evening.
- 14 Thurs. Drawing earth around house. Ed Murray here; got (fence) stretcher. Took lesson running car; saw ball

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<sup>1</sup> This may have been done to refresh and smooth the laneway.

game at Hammond's...

- 15 Fri. Bill Thompson & I drawing earth... Agent her selling fruit trees. Fanny sick these days.
- 16 Sat. Art, Sam, Ella (Monteith) & I to funeral of Wm. McKay<sup>1</sup>...
- 20 Wed. ...Bill Jeffrey & I went for beef ring beast... Helen, Nelson & wife here; brought Mrs. Hamilton...
- 22 Fri. Worked at fence. Fanny & I to city; she gave check for \$200 for car... straw hat 20¢.
- 23 Sat. ...Helen, Harry & I to city; also Nel & family... Mrs. Hamilton \$3.00.
- 24 Sun. Bill & Alex Keith, Maud, Liz & daughter here for dinner and supper; also Nel & family.

#### Machinery Repairs 1928

1 knife for mower .....	3.25
slat for (hay) loader .....	.60
rivets, etc. ....	.95
casting for side rake .....	2.00
welding hay loader .....	.50
new dump rake .....	50.00
second hand (manure) spreader .....	25.00
new rope & pulleys (for unloading hay)	13.00
repair to spreader .....	.40



Left to right: Mae Loghrin , Lizzie Cook , Fannie Loghrin, Harry Loghrin , Nelson Loghrin, Alex Keith holding Reta Loghrin, Maud Loghrin, Helen Loghrin holding Frances Loghrin, Louise Cook , Tom Loghrin. By all accounts Tom enjoyed social events; he certainly looks happy on this occasion. The photo, taken on June 24, 1928 on the Loghrin farm, is from Bill Keith's collection; in fact, he may have taken it as he does not appear in it..

- 25 Mon. Scuffled & hoed mangels; rainy at times. Had a practice softball at Jim Tomson's.
- 27 Wed. Fanny, Harry & I to city; got lumber for steps & duck feed...
- 28 Thurs. ...had kids picnic till 5 p.m. Played No. 5 game of ball at 7 p.m; they won 10-8. Went to dance in evening. Big crowd; good time... Mae & kids here all night... Pd. teacher balance of salary \$200.
- 30 Sat. Harry, Helen & I to city; Helen going to Toronto... Harry Monteith building steps at back door.

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<sup>1</sup> William died on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the age of 89 years. He and his wife Elisabeth C. Tanner are buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

July, 1928

- 2 Mon. ...Harry & I working at hoeing and scuffling potatoes. Harry M., Harry & I to Harmony ball game...
- 4 Wed. ...cultivated and harrowed for (sowing) buckwheat...
- 5 Thurs. Very warm day. Harry & I to picnic at No. 4. Played ball; umpired 2 games of softball.
- 11 Wed. I hoed turnips... Harry & I to soft ball tournament at Hammond's... Fanny & Harry to hospital to see Kathleen (Jeffrey).
- 12 Thurs. Fixed mower and cut hay... Fanny sick in bed. Took Helen to hospital on a case in evening.
- 14 Sat. Rained most of day. Fanny in bed...
- 17 Tues. Bred Jess mare to Rae's horse. Drew in 4 loads hay... had headache; went to bed early.
- 19 Thurs. Ploughing sod. Bill Keith here all day; got booze. Helen here all day. We all went to midway in evening... Expenses to midway \$1.20.
- 20 Fri. ...Bill Keith drove Helen to hospital on a new case... Nelson brought girls and took Harry on trip to Falls. Harry rec'd \$4.80...
- 21 Sat. Harry at Niagara. I ploughed sod and rolled it in afternoon... Nelson's girls here for the day.
- 22 Sun. Fanny & I for a drive; ice cream 20¢.
- 26 Thurs. Harry & I drew in hay all day. Harry & Fanny to city; got some friends of Helen. Here for lunch: Miss Bolton and father & mother of London; also Nel & Mae.
- 30 Mon. Harry & I raked and drew in hay. Nelson & Fat (McEwen) brought some of Nelson's goods here for storage. Harry mowed behind the barn.

August, 1928

- 4 Sat. ...Alex & wife<sup>1</sup> down for visit...
- 6 Mon. Alvin Lupton ploughing sod (with tractor) @ \$3.00 per acre...
- 7 Tues. Jim Thomson brought meat. I ploughed sod with 3 horses. Went to Hammond's child funeral in afternoon... Alex, wife, & Fanny to city...
- 9 Thurs. ...Harry picking berries at Art Monteith's... Nelson brought ice cream. Percy, Jim Dempsey, Margaret & Ed here in evening. Alex & wife visiting friends...
- 14 Tues. ...Alex and wife went to city with Fanny & Harry. Alex took train at 8 a.m.
- 16 Thurs. Cut oats all day.. Harry raked hay. Rec'd \$23.00 for meat from Whyte Packing Co; beast killed on road.
- 17 Fri. Cut oats all day; broke knife in evening. Bill Keith here; brought out Nelson & family; also 2 doz. booze... Harry got examined for insurance by Kenner.
- 20 Mon. Mother & Mr. Jeffrey here. Lovely weather; cut oats all day.
- 22 Wed. ...We all went to Monteith reunion in London; good time. Home at 9 p.m. by Embro...
- 24 Fri. ...bagged chop; went to mill... Fixing fence in afternoon. Mother, Alf Grey & wife here in evening.
- 30 Thurs. I took 2 pigs to Whyte's in morning; 340 lbs @ 13½¢ = \$44.50. Harry & Fanny took Mother & Mr. J. to city in evening.

Alex & Ethel Loghrin home from Kakabeka Falls.

September, 1928

- 1 Sat. Harry & I drew oats... Alf Lupton, Ed Murray & Tom Hyslop here in afternoon...
- 5 Wed. I went to Ed Murray's threshing... I hired Bill McKay for threshing. Helen, Mae & Nelson are going to Toronto.
- 10 Mon. Sowed wheat all day... Nelson & Bill Keith here in evening. Helen home for a few hours...
- 11 Tues. Harry & I to Bill Jeffrey's threshing all day...
- 12 Wed. Harry Monteith, Nelson, Mae, Fat (McEwen) and us went to London Fair, good day...
- 18 Tues. ...went to (Stratford?) Fair; took Cardwells. Brought Helen home from (Jim) Sully's...
- 19 Wed. High east wind; did not go to Fair. Fanny sick in bed 4 days. Helen home. I ploughed & cultivated.
- 28 Fri. Picked 4 bags apples. Fetter here cutting corn; slow job...

October, 1928

- 3 Wed. Took up 10 bags of Cobbler potatoes in morning; went to Percy Lupton's threshing in afternoon. Had supper at (Uncle) Nelson's...
- 4 Thurs. ...to Nelson's threshing... Bill Keith here. Fanny & Harry to city; Fanny got permit to drive car...
- 6 Sat. Tom Roxborough here in morning. Fanny & Harry to Ridley's... Martha Ridley buried today...

Fanny in bed these days.

<sup>1</sup> Alex married Ethel May Weeks on June 8, 1927; this is the first time they visited the Loghrins.

- 8 Mon. I helped Bill Jeffrey fill silo... Harry working at mangels...
- 10 Wed. ...helped Ed Murray fill silo. Harry to mill for chop...
- 11 Thurs. Lovely weather; shocking corn and working at potatoes these days. Fanny, Harry & I to Harrington Church concert in evening.
- 13 Sat. ...to city. Paid Kalbfleish Bros. on car \$211.10; 2<sup>nd</sup> payment...
- 18 Thurs. I ploughed sod. Wat Green here selling radio. Harry trimmed haw trees. Fanny sick these days.
- 22 Mon. ...Drew in 4 loads buckwheat... Helen went on a case in evening; went in by Brown.
- 27 Sat. Harry got 2 calves at Alex Waldie's; one died... Got things ready for threshing machine...
- 29 Mon. Lupton boys threshed 8¾ hours... snowing heavy... Pd. Luptons \$26.00.
- 31 Wed. I ploughed sod. Helen to Granton... finished picking apples...
- November, 1928
- 3 Sat. Bagged chop & cleaned stables... Fanny & Harry to city... Art Monteith making gravel pit.
- 5 Mon. I went to Ornage Dance... good time; came home with Art Monteith. Helen to hospital on case, tonsilitis, Dr. Lorne.
- 6 Tues. I ploughed buckwheat land all day. Fanny & Harry going to Prescott (to visit Mrs. Holmes?). Telephone on bum...
- 7 Wed. Fixed telephone in morning... Helen still on case. Fanny, Nel & Harry started for Prescott. Jas. Thomson filling silo.
- 9 Fri. I ploughed buckwheat land - finished. Drew up wood... Bill Jeffrey here moving stove<sup>1</sup>.
- 12 Mon. Thanksgiving Day. Nelson & family here for dinner... Helen to St. Thomas in evening.
- 14 Wed. I ploughed sod... Helen & I to Halfway House at 4 p.m.; got Miss Fraleigh of London...
- 15 Thurs. I ploughed sod all day. Bill Jeffrey here; picked balance of apples. Helen & Hazel Fraleigh went to London by Bob Brown in evening. I felt sick all day.
- 19 Mon. ...Ed Murray & I went to St. Marys (with) his car... Went to beef ring meeting.
- 22 Thurs. Did only chores. Bill Keith & Mitchell went to show in evening (with) Bill's car. ~~Took school teacher to show.~~
- 26 Mon. Did chores, cleaned box stall, heavy snow. went to beef ring meeting with Rae, Ed (Murray) & Bill Jeffrey; played cards.
- 27 Tues. Rec'd letter from Fanny today...
- 30 Fri. Rained most of day. Ed Murray, Margaret & I to No. 5 dance. Good time; home at 3 a.m.
- December, 1928
- 2 Sun. Harry & Fanny home (from Prescott) at 7 p.m.
- 4 Tues. ...We all went to city; saw Helen, still nursing Mrs. Dempsey...
- 11 Tues. Went to court, 2 p.m; Harry drove me to Halfway House...
- 14 Fri. Harry drove me to corner; got ride with Harold Thistle... Fanny sick in bed.
- 21 Fri. I went to court, last day was on jury; finished at 8:30. Harry & Fanny in city...
- 22 Sat. Drew in corn. Fanny, Helen, Harry & I to city. Sent 3 geese; also some apples to Prescott... Express \$2.86
- January, 1929
- 1 Tues. ...Nelson & family here for supper...
- 3 Thurs. Chored; took pig to Cardwell's; got it killed. Very stormy. Helen went on case, Tom Hall.
- 7 Mon. ...Earl Richardson took Ed Murray, Margaret, Fanny & I to No. 4 school (to vote). Armstrong elected...
- 9 Wed. ...Nelson & Fat McEwen here; got meat and apples...
- 18 Fri. ...went to Percy Lupton's; played cards (with) Cardwell & Jas. Dempsey.
- 21 Mon. ...Percy Lupton here; got Jess mare to use... Helen out in evening; also Ed & Margaret, not teacher.
- 27 Sun. Took a walk to Percy Lupton's; Margaret & Ed there.
- 28 Mon. ...Nelson got Mrs. Hamilton at noon... Harry & I took in hogs in afternoon... 640 lbs @ 10¢. Got 45 eggs today.
- 29 Tues. Mrs. Hamilton here... Had meeting at school and arranged to buy piano for (school) section...
- 31 Thurs. ...buying piano. Margaret (Murray), Carrie & Alex Rae, Margaret Hosford got one in St. Marys \$110.

Jury duty

Very cold weather

<sup>1</sup> *Moving the stove* happened every Spring and Fall; it probably was moved to the summer kitchen and back into the house when cold weather returned.

February, 1929

- 1 Fri. Cold & stormy. Did chores and took home Mrs. Hamilton... 55 eggs today, selling now at 35¢ doz.
- 7 Thurs. Very cold. Did chores; went for rabbit hunt. Harry & Rae got one each.
- 8 Fri. ...got load of coke. Mae & children came over by bus. Nelson in Detroit...
- 12 Tues. ...went with E. Hosford to Alvin Lupton's sale... coldest day yet...
- 13 Wed. Cut some logs in bush... Helen went to New York; Harry & I to city...
- 14 Thurs. ...Drew logs to Art Monteith's... Harry & I to Cardwell's in evening; played cards...
- 16 Sat. ...Harry sick today... Bill Jeffrey here; returned grain and also got bag of buckwheat.
- 21 Thurs. ...Rabbit hunt today; got about 10...
- 27 Wed. ...Fanny & Nelson to city; he walked out...

March, 1929

- 1 Fri. ...Mae, & I to Nelson Monteith's in evening, No. 4 Institute (party), good time...
- 2 Sat. Nelson to city; got job Bakery Co... took in bottles & keg
- 4 Mon. ...Mae & children here this week. Sow had 7 pigs; 3 living.
- 7 Thurs. Very stormy day, worst of season: boards off barn, no mail, no telephone, no tobacco; got some tobacco at Cardwell's in evening - 30¢.
- 9 Sat. Very raw wind. Mae & children & I to city in sleigh... poor sleighing... Getting 120 eggs a day.
- 19 Tues. Did chores; went to city (with) democrat... Got a battery at Stone's for radio.
- 21 Thurs. I sawed wood at Bill Jeffrey's; also Jas. Dempsey. Home at 7 p.m; heavy rain.
- 25 Mon. ...cut wood in bush in afternoon. Got 1 qt. syrup at Percy Lupton's; also wrench to take pump off.
- 26 Tues. ...went to St. Pauls; got repairs for democrat; also gas for lamp. Con Mac here in evening. Repairs to democrat 40¢, tobacco 20¢, pump repairs 20¢, (lamp)gas 50¢.
- 27 Wed. ...Harry & I to city (with) buggy. Hair cut, Harry 50¢; (Rec'd for) skunk skin \$1.00...
- 29 Fri. ...drew wood out of bush. Lovely spring day. Willie Robertson in city.

April, 1929

- 9 Tues. ...Harry & I to concert in No. 10, good...
- 12 Fri. ...Fanny, Harry & I to city; saw Dr. Kenner...
- 15 Mon. Chored... planted rhubarb...
- 16 Tues. ...Cardwell here; got 30 eggs - \$1.00 chg. Stayed for supper.
- 17 Wed. I drew gravel and filled washout...
- 19 Fri. ...Got J. Thompson's seeder; sowed sweet clover. Harry, Fanny & I to show, No. 10, at Harrington...
- 20 Sat. ...Fanny, Harry & I to city... Pd. Harry Monteith \$48.00. Nelson & family out in evening...
- 24 Wed. I ploughed corn stubble all day... Rec'd 2 pr. shoes (from) Eaton's \$6.00.
- 26 Fri. ...sold roan colt to Harold Wilson \$100.00...
- 27 Sat. Harry & I to city (with) car; home at 3 p.m...
- 30 Tues. ...Bill Keith here for supper; Harry went to city alone...

May, 1929

- 1 Wed. Harry (13 yrs. old) in city with car. I chored and Bill Keith drove me to Bill Jeffrey's; got clothes from Toronto. Bill left at 10 a.m. for Mitchell.
- 2 Thurs. ...to city... got Helen's trunk; took 3 suits clothes to Nelson from Toronto...
- 3 Fri. ...Snowing all day. Black cow, Nigger, to Cardwell's...
- 10 Fri. ...Bill Keith here for dinner; also Rev. Duncan in afternoon. Dave McKay and Nelson Monteith here; got duck eggs 40¢. Sent \$30.00 to Sheppard (in Toronto) for clothes to Nelson.

Harry to hospital (appendicitis)  
F 16 Harry sick today  
F 18 Harry to hospital at 12 p.m.  
operated on by Dr. Kenner at 3 a.m.  
all right after 12 hours  
F 19 to city with cutter, very cold  
Fanny stayed in at hospital  
Harry as well as could be expected  
F 22 Nelson brought out Fanny  
Harry recovering  
F 23 Nelson & I to hospital  
F 24 Fanny & I to hospital  
M 11 Fanny & I went to hospital  
M 12 J. Bell & Nelson brought out Harry

Fanny's illness and hospitalization #1  
April

- 3 Medicine for Fanny 75¢
- 4 Fanny sick in bed these days
- 25 Fanny to Dr. Rankin and hospital  
stayed in for operation
- 26 Harry & I to hospital; Nelson & Mae also
- 30 Bill (Keith) & Helen to hospital
- May
- 2 Helen, Harry & I to hospital
- 4 went to city; got Fanny home

- 15 Wed. Heavy rain. Choring and planted onions; went to city; got battery & spark plug... Nelson & family here in evening.
- 16 Thurs. ...I called on Cardwell... quiet time. Nelson & Fat here working on gas engine.
- 24 Fri. ...I went to Herb Scott's; got 500 lbs buckwheat... fixed fence; fanned buckwheat...
- 27 Mon. Very warm weather; sowing oats...
- 30 Thurs. I worked at potatoes and mangels. Rec'd \$85.75 for 5 pigs (from) Alex Rae...
- June, 1929
- 4 Tues. Drawing manure in morning. Mrs. Rae & girls, Harry & I to Mac Ridley's funeral...
- 6 Thurs. I ploughed turnip ground all day. Harry took Helen to city to sew clothes. 30 doz. eggs to Whyte's...
- 7 Fri. ...Gordon Montz here; ploughed 5 acres (with his tractor?). Pd. ploughing \$15.00...
- 10 Mon. I sowed sugar cane<sup>1</sup>...
- 17 Mon. Broke (manure) spreader; went to St. Pauls. Repairs to spreader \$1.90...
- 18 Tues. ...Fanny, Harry & Helen to city (to get) teeth out... Nelson & family, Ed and Jim moved out stove. Jim Dempsey brought keg in evening.
- 19 Wed. Jas. Dempsey, Art, Bill, Ed & Bob Cardwell sawed wood all day... Pd. Jim \$3.90 beer; \$6.10 sawing.
- 21 Fri. Harry drew up wood... went to Chas. Satchell's funeral...
- 23 Sun. Went to church; collection 35¢.
- 24 Mon. ...Miss Slater here for supper. We all went to Ringling Bros. circus in evening; Helen also: ice cream 60¢; gas 84¢, show \$3.00.
- July, 1929
- 3 Wed. Hoed mangels in morning. Went to No. 4 picnic at 6 p.m, good time. Expenses \$1.15.
- 4 Thurs. Rained at noon. Harry, Fanny & I to Rotary picnic, good time. Helen came out with us...
- 8 Mon. Took Blue cow to Cardwell's (bull); got grain at (Uncle) Nelson's; also lumber for rack at Percy's... Sam Loghrin<sup>2</sup> here after dinner. Went to ball game; also to Nelson's...
- 9 Tues. ...Brown here shooting hawks; also Bob Cardwell and boys...
- 10 Wed. Bill Keith here; stayed last night... Curly Smith here... got haying machinery ready.
- 11 Thurs. Coiled hay across creek. Went to city... also Carrie Rae... All to No. 10 picnic, good time; supper, dance, etc. Home at 2 a.m.
- 12 Fri. Cut hay... Delemere brought water fountain... \$2.50...
- 17 Wed. Haying these days. Bill Keith here; got beer; stayed all night; also Mr. Brown...
- 19 Fri. Haying all day... have about 17 loads in barn.
- 20 Sat. ...hoed turnips. Mr. Brown here. Helen picking berries... Mr. Snelgrove here in evening; he & Helen to city.
- 26 Fri. ...raked hay; Cardwell got siderake... I sharpened knives and thinned some turnips. Bob Brown out in evening smoking out ground hogs.
- 28 Sun. Helen & Brown to Port Stanley.
- 29 Mon. Finished cutting wheat in morning. Cardwell brought home rake...
- 31 Wed. (Phineas) Cardwell & Bob<sup>3</sup> here haying; loader not working good. Got beer in city at noon \$3.25.
- August, 1929
- 5 Mon. Bob Brown here helping us draw wheat; also Cardwell & Bob. Finished in evening.
- 7 Wed. Harry raked hay; I cut some... Harry & I to Fullerton ball tournament...
- 13 Tues. Les Jones came down. Harry Jones & I drew in timothy all day... Joe Tanner and agent here; ordered ½ ton fertilizer at \$39.00 per ton.
- 14 Wed. Les Jones, Harry & I drawing manure all day - 20 loads. Mrs. Payton's barn & contents burnt up at 9 p.m.
- 15 Thurs. I went to Percy Lupton's threshing till noon; had dinner at (Uncle) Nelson's. Harry & Jones drawing manure. Jim Thomson & Ed Murray collecting for Mrs. Payton... Pd. Les Jones \$4.50...
- 16 Fri. Harry cut oats all day; I shocked. Mother (Mrs. Jeffrey) here for supper...
- 19 Mon. Harry & I to Cardwell's all day drawing barley...

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<sup>1</sup> This is the first mention of sugar cane.

<sup>2</sup> Sam, formerly Fritz, was Tom's nephew; at this time he was 24 years old.

<sup>3</sup> Phineas and Bob Cardwell were father and son; they lived on the farm southeast of Tom's.

- 21 Wed. Shocked some oats. Went to Monteith reunion in Queen's Park (Stratford); home at 8 p.m. Mother, Mr. J., Harry & Mrs. Monteith came out with us. Rad, Sam (Loghrin) and Lizzie Scholz here on way to London...
- 22 Thurs. ...I went to Bill Jeffrey's threshing stooks. Ike Bennett & wife here in evening.
- 27 Tues. ...Jim Dempsey ploughing sod with tractor...
- 28 Wed. ...Sam Loghrin here for dinner. Harry Monteith here helping Cardwell.
- 30 Fri. Cleaned granary... Harry, Helen & Cardwell to city... I ploughed sod; finished after tractor and rolled sod...
- 31 Sat. ...We threshed at 10 a.m: oats, timothy & wheat. Mrs. Dunsmore went home; to settle yet.

September, 1929

- 2 Mon. Finished threshing at noon... moved to (Uncle) Nelson's; no threshing. Bob Brown here at noon...
- 3 Tues. ...Harry to Matt Jones; got Miss Frawley of London. Helen, Brown & friend away...
- 4 Wed. ... We all went to Sam Radcliffe's<sup>1</sup> funeral in afternoon...
- 7 Sat. Took potatoes out of cellar to bush...
- 8 Sun. Nel & Mae here; also Percy Lupton.
- 10 Tues. I went to Nelson Monteith's threshing; also finished Percy Lupton's... Miss Slater here for supper.
- 14 Sat. ...I sowed wheat & feritlizer... Harry shocked sugar cane. Helen to St. Thomas with Bob (Brown) in evening.
- 16 Mon. Harry & I showed apples & plums (at Fair)...
- 18 Wed. ...Harry & I to (Stratford) Fair; took 9 prizes: 7 firsts, 2 seconds...
- 25 Wed. P. Cardwell, Harry & I drew in buckwheat...
- 26 Thurs. Bob Cardwell, Harry & I finished drawing in buckwheat... Nelson & Mae here. Harry got suit clothes from Toronto \$13.50.
- 28 Sat. (Chas.) Lupton came at 9 a.m; threshed buckwheat 3 hours 30 min. Moved to Leland Dunsmore's... I owe him \$42.00 all told.

October, 1929

- 1 Tues. ...Mrs. Jackson Morrow buried today... Rec'd \$4.20 from Stratford Fair.
- 3 Thurs. Helped Payton to take down barn... to city... bought stove \$42.00, paid \$9.00 down.
- 5 Sat. ...Clarence Snelgrove and Helen to city in evening.
- 6 Sun. Clarence, Bob Cardwell, Nelson & family here.
- 14 Mon. I picked apples. Schellenbergers here: Mrs., Chris, John & Edna. Peeled apples in evening.
- 15 Tues. Took apples to Tavistock... apple butter \$4.00...
- 17 Thurs. ...Harry to city for medicine...
- 29 Tues. Picking apples most of time. Bob & P. Cardwell here in evening. Helen & Mae here; got 3 ducks.
- 30 Wed. Election day. Bonis elected (S. Perth)... Dr. (J. D.) Monteith elected (N. Perth), big majority...

November, 1929

- 5 Tues. Worked at turnips all day and ploughed buckwheat land... Pd. teacher \$100.00...
- 11 Mon. Thanksgiving day. I ploughed across creek all day. Harry chored and went shooting with Bob Cardwell. W. Slater here looking for pigs. Sam

#### The plum crop

- S 1 Harry & I to city with apples & plums
- S 5 Allan Monteith here; got 2 baskets plums  
Cardwells, 2 baskets
- S 6 Sal Richardsons got 1 basket plums
- S7 Maud Monteith got 2 baskets plums  
Margaret (Murray) got one
- 11 to city... plums sold \$1.80
- 18 picked balance of plums

#### Fanny's illness and hospitalization #2

- O 22 Fanny sick in bed all time, very weak
- N 4 Fanny went to hospital in morning  
took test of blood  
Helen, Nelson & I gave her a blood transfusion
- N 8 went to hospital in evening\*
- N 9 went to hospital in evening
- N 13 all went to hospital in evening
- N 15 Harry to hospital in evening  
Fanny not much better
- N 25 Alex, wife & Harry to hospital  
hospital records and needles \$1.25
- N 27 Alex, Ethel & Helen to the hospital
- N30 Alex and all to hospital
- D 9 to hospital; got Fanny home in evening
- D 11 Fanny in bed
- Ja 16 Mother (Fanny) about the same for 6 weeks
- \* Although only visits *to the hospital* are listed here, there were many trips *to the city* which very likely included a stop at the hospital.

<sup>1</sup> Sam Radcliffe and his wife Isabel Scholz raised Sam & Radcliffe Loghrin after the death of their parents, Sam and Jess Loghrin.



- Loghrin & Mr. Stanley here; Sam & Helen to city in evening.
- 12 Tues. ...Beef ring meeting; went with Bill Jeffrey. Pd. \$2.12 balance for meat. Drew ticket No. 13 (for 1930).
- 13 Wed. ...I ploughed sod; lovely mild weather. Sam Loghrin & Harry out shooting; Sam here for supper...
- 14 Thurs. I ploughed all day across creek; finished turnip ground. Got casting for pump; got Ed Murray's pipe wrench.
- 18 Mon. ...Alex & Ethel came (from Northern/New Ontario) at 5 p.m. Car not working.
- 19 Tues. ...put implements in barn; snowing...
- 20 Wed. ...went for rabbits; Harry got one. Heavy snow during night. S. Loghrin here; he & Helen to city...
- 22 Fri. Very cold morning. Sam L. & Bill (Keith) to Toronto.
- 25 Mon. Alex & I did chores; cleaned hen house. Harry at school... Sam & Bill here for supper...
- 28 Thurs. ...went to Ed Murray's in evening (to listen to) radio. Helen at Rae's quilting bee.
- 29 Fri. Very stormy, cold; no mail; nobody out... roads almost impossible. Ed Murray here; got hair cut.

December, 1929

- 4 Wed. Very cold. Sam Loghrin & I pulled car to Halfway (House)... played cards, Sam & Bill (Keith) here...
- 9 Mon. Alex & Harry breaking road to corner... I got chop at mill...
- 11 Wed. Very cold east wind... Alex in bush; Ethel sick...
- 14 Sat. I went to city (with) cutter; soft. Taxes & Insurance \$112.00; hospital \$100... Sam L. here in evening.
- 15 Sun. Harry & Sam to Toronto.
- 16 Mon. Helen & Ethel to Halfway... Alex feeling sick.
- 18 Wed. Alex choring. Ethel & I to city; took Mae uptown. Stormy...
- 19 Thurs. Alex & I choring and sawing wood... Picked 4 geese, 4 turkeys & 5 chickens...
- 20 Fri. ...Ethel & I to school concert at No. 10; roads heavy; good time.
- 22 Sun. Harry home. Bill Jeffrey & wife here...
- 24 Tues. Alex & Helen took cutter to city. Harry & I took sleigh; brought out Helen, Mae and kids. Alex & Nelson out in evening...
- 25 Wed. Lovely mild day. Ethel sick; Dr. Kenner out. Nelson went to city with Harry in evening. Harry had Christmas at Cardwell's. 22 eggs.
- 26 Thurs. ...Alex, Helen & Ethel to hospital; kept horse in all night.
- 27 Fri. Alex left horse at Cole's all night; Helen at Nelson's. Alex & Helen came home in evening...
- 28 Sat. Alex & I to city... he took Ethel from hospital to Nelson's...
- 29 Sun. Sam Loghrin, also Mae (Loghrin), Art & Grace Monteith here.
- 30 Mon. ...Mr. Rae buried today; sent flowers... Frank Mac(Namara) & wife here. Harry shooting.
- 31 Tues. School meeting voted me \$10.00. I went to city with sleigh... Alex, Ethel, Mae & kids out in evening...

Expenses - Sickness	
Mrs. A. Dunsmore	\$30.00
Harwood drugs	\$22.00
Hospital - Harry & Fanny	\$115.00
Hospital - Fanny	\$172.00
Dr. Rankin & Kenner est.	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$639.00

January, 1930

- 1 Wed. I met Nelson & Harry at Jones' (St. Pauls). Raining heavy. Bob Cardwell here. I went to Ed Murray's; snow going fast. Alex drove Nelson & family to corner in evening.
- 4 Sat. Sam Loghrin came out. Harry met them at Jones'. Margaret & Ed here in evening; played cards...
- 5 Sun. Art, Ella & little girl (Elva Monteith) here in afternoon. Also Sam Loghrin stayed for supper.
- 7 Tues. Cleaned hen house; raining most of time. Harry at school. Getting about 30 eggs a day; price 50¢.
- 8 Wed. I went to city (with) cutter. Took in meat to Nelson. Got some wine... Dick Clynes, Joe & Bill down in evening. Good night; went home at 6 a.m.
- 11 Sat. ...I went to city (with) cutter... Jas. Dempsey brought box of candies for Fanny.
- 12 Sun. Nelson, Mae & family here in afternoon. I got Mrs. Dempsey by cutter; Nelson took her home.
- 14 Tues. ...Bill Lupton sale today. Bill Jeffrey & Joe Mac here in evening. Bill gets wood contract for school at \$10 per cord, birch.
- 16 Thurs. ...Alex & I sawed wood<sup>1</sup>; very cold...
- 19 Sun. Alex and Ethel to Art Monteith's; I went to Cardwell's.
- 20 Mon. Alex & I in bush... Margaret, Miss Slater & Sam L. here in evening; played cards.
- 23 Thurs. I drove Helen to Halfway (House); (she) took bus. Alex & Ethel to Ed's; played cards. I went over also.

<sup>1</sup> Alex worked in the bush on many days in January and February, 1930.

30 Thurs. Lovely day. I went to city; Alex did chores. Went up to court house; Verner trial. Alex & Ethel to Jim Thomson's in evening.

31 Fri. Cold & stormy... Alex & Ethel to Sal Richardson's in evening...

February, 1930

1 Sat. ...went to city; took in Helen's trunk; also 2 bbls. apples... apples \$4.35...

2 Sun. Mild ...Bill & Kathleen (Jeffrey) here in afternoon.

3 Mon. ...Alex cleaned stove pipes... Mrs. Rae & Edith here in afternoon.

6 Thurs. ...went to city (with) cutter; roads heavy. Saw Helen & Sam; she leaving for New York at 4:30 p.m. Went to court house, Verner trial... Rec'd \$10 as secretary school.

7 Fri. ...Alex went to Bill Jeffrey's wood bee. Art & Allan Monteith here in evening; Allan got hair cut...

10 Mon. Very cold. Alex & Ethel washing... Percy Lupton over in evening; played cards.

14 Fri. Cold & stormy; did only chores. Alex walked to city in afternoon.

19 Wed. ...went to Leland Dunsmore's sale; lovely day; snow going fast... got a ride with Dan Court...

22 Sat. I went to city (with) democrat; first wheeling. 28 doz. eggs @ 35¢; drugs \$1.75...

23 Sun. Nelson & McEwen out; took Alex & Ethel to city all day. Bob (Brown?) & friend here in evening.

26 Wed. Stormy, east wind. Took pig to Cardwell's; got it butchered. Cut (my) hand...

27 Thurs. ...Cardwell got 2 sows \$60.00. Had sore hand.

28 Fri. I got 3 crocks at Bill Jeffrey's (and an) egg crate at Clyne's; took apple butter to Bill. Went to Cardwell's (and) got lard; also (to) Chris' (to get) lard press. Alex, Chris & I rendered lard in the afternoon. Lovely day.

March, 1930

2 Sun. ...Nelson, Bob Cardwell & Art Monteith here; also Maud & Grace Monteith for supper. Nelson took them home.

5 Wed. Cleaned hen house. Went to Mrs. Lawton's<sup>1</sup> funeral in afternoon (with) Percy Lupton's car...

8 Sat. I went to city (with) democrat... also Harry... licence \$5.00 car...

11 Tues. Alex drove me to Jones' (St. Pauls)... to city on Grand Jury; out at 5:30. Got ride home with Jas. Thomson. Mrs. Schellenberger & Edna here in afternoon. Ethel sick in evening.

12 Wed. ...(with Grand Jury) visited jail, poor house, etc. Dismissed at 3 p.m...

14 Fri. ...Miss Slater here in evening. Alex, Ethel, Ed & Margaret to Art Monteith's in evening. Bill Jeffrey & wife here; got apples.

16 Sun. Lovely day. Alex, Ethel & I took walk. Nelson & Bob Cardwell here...

18 Tues. ...went to sale of Clark's with Jim Thomson & Bill Jeffrey. Bought bull \$62.00; delivery \$1.50...

19 Wed. ...to city. Interest \$9.10; borrowed \$500; Insurance \$34.60, last premium; lunch 20¢...

20 Thurs. ...Alex working around house. Joe Tanner, Art & Allan Monteith here; played cards.

21 Fri. Alex & I cut wood... Harry drew wood for house. Rec'd pedigree (for Bull) from Clark.

22 Sat. Cold, raw wind. I went to city (with) democrat... Got a battery at Kalbfleish Bros...

26 Wed. Drew manure. Alex & Ethel to city by car. Mae went to hospital. Ed, Margaret & Miss Slater here in evening. Alex brought out (Nel's) children.

Mar. 26 Marjorie Helen Loghrin born

30 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson took girls to hospital. I took walk to Nelson Monteith's.

April, 1930

2 Wed. ...Harry & I sawing wood in bush. Alex Rae brought his mother down...

5 Sat. Harry & I to city (with) car; roads soft... Alex helping Percy Lupton with sap.

8 Tues. I ploughed sod. U. F. O. agent here; signed up for livestock contract...

10 Thurs. Harry & I to sale. Bill Rae, Eph Meadows & Jack Payton here. Rae got \$8.00 timothy on acct.

13 Sun. ...Mae, Nelson & family out. Harry & I to church. Cardwell & Bob here; also Percy. Willie Monteith in evening.

16 Wed. Don Jeffrey here selling seeds... seeds 25¢.

17 Thurs. ...E. Lawton & son here in evening. Alex set brew. School holidays for 10 days.

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<sup>1</sup> Mary Fairless Lawton, George Lawton's wife, died at the age of 89 and is buried in Avondale cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

- 20 Sun. ...Art Monteith, Art Roth, Allan, Cardwell, Maud & Willie Monteith, Nelson & family here. Nelson took 4 doz. eggs to Wat Murray.
- 22 Tues. ...went to St. Pauls and got repairs and oil. Alex in city at dentist. Nelson here in evening...
- 23 Wed. Snow storm... rec'd candies from Helen.
- 25 Fri. Circled wood all day, 7 hours: Art, Bob, Jim, Jack Schellenberger here. Harry to city... Pd. Jim Dempsey \$7.00 sawing wood.



From the 1928 diary

- 27 Sun. Chored. Alex & Ethel took walk; also Harry. Cardwell & Bob here; got tires blew up.
- 30 Wed. Cultivated wheat land; sowed some in afternoon... Alex working at garden...
- May, 1930
- 4 Sun. Alex & Ethel took walk. Nelson, wife & family here for afternoon...
- 6 Tues. ...Harry cultivating. Got telephone fixed. Harry, Ed & I got calf at Sal Richardson's, Guernsey \$4.00...
- 9 Fri. I got Joe Tanner's (seed) drill; also 2 bags of fertilizer at Percy Lupton's by Andy Rae. Sowed 4 acres of barley in afternoon. Harry working 3 horses.
- 11 Sun. Art Monteith & family; also Nelson Monteith & wife here. Harry to church. I went to John McKay's funeral.
- 12 Mon. Drawing out manure for roots. Total eggs (sold) to date \$299.00.
- 14 Wed. Institute Meeting at Margaret's in afternoon. I ploughed for buckwheat...
- 19 Mon. Raining heavy all day... Harry & I to city; got chickens from Horman's: 22 rocks pd. \$3.00; 100 leghorns \$15.00...
- 20 Tues. Harry & I digging posts holes; fixing fence to road. Went to St. Pauls in evening; saw Roxborough about litter carrier (repair).
- 21 Wed. Got fence stretcher at Cardwell's... Rev. Duncan & wife here; also Court kids selling cards...
- 23 Fri. ...Harry & I fixing fence... Harry working at car; went to city in evening with Cardwell's car...
- 24 Sat. ...worked on mangel ground... Alex & Ethel fishing with Margaret. Harry took in 40 doz. eggs on acct. to Delemere. Slept and went to Bimini dance in evening; also Ethel, Alex & Harry... 40 doz. eggs @ 36¢ = \$14.40
- 25 Sun. Cold day. Art Monteith, Jack Cook here; also Percy Lupton, Nelson & Mae...
- 28 Wed. I Ploughed for turnips. Bought pair of glasses; pd. \$1.00 (to) T. Steele...
- 30 Fri. Alex and I fixing fence in lane; took off barb wire. Albert Young and Harry Monteith here...

June, 1930

- 3 Tues. Harry & I to city; saw Dr. Rankin... Went to Lupton's soft ball game.
- 8 Sun. Ed Murray & Cardwell here; also Mrs. Rae and Nelson & family. Stayed around house. Nelson took 6 doz. eggs to Wat Murray; to be settled.
- 13 Fri. I got turnip sower; sowed 1 acre of turnips; took drill to Hosford's... Jim Dempsey here for haircut. 1 case (of) eggs to Whyte's, 30 doz, to settle,
- 14 Sat. Harry, Fanny<sup>1</sup> & I to city. Fanny stayed at Nelson's; Harry & I to Holstein picnic. Played ball; good time... Ethel & Alex away.
- 15 Sun. Lovely day. Fanny in city; I did chores. Went to Cardwell's; also had dinner at Schellenberger's.
- 20 Fri. ...went to school; put in 3 glass (window panes); worked at Payton's rest of afternoon... to city in evening. Helen & Sam at Nelson's... got hat from Sam Loghrin.
- 21 Sat. ...Fanny, Nelson & family came out (from city). J. Dempsey, Ed & Margaret here...groceries \$3.67, (fence) staples 35¢, laundry 14¢, stationery 20¢; Harry got 50¢.
- 22 Sun. Lovely day. Took drive to Bimini; also to city. Drinks 30¢.
- 23 Mon. ...Alex & Ethel went today. Fixing waggon box; got load of wood from bush...

Alex and Ethel had been "home" since November 18<sup>th</sup>. They returned to Northern Ontario.

<sup>1</sup> This is the first time Tom recorded a trip to town for Fanny since her hospitalization in December, 1929.

- 24 Tues. Built fence. Harry ploughing. Played soft ball<sup>1</sup>.
- 26 Thurs. I ploughed sod. Teacher over in evening; pd. in full \$500.50.
- 27 Fri. I ploughed in afternoon. Harry cut weeds. Stone wall fell out.
- 30 Mon. Les Jones hoed mangels... I scuffled corn and turnips.
- July 1, 1930
- 1 Tues. I ploughed... Les hoeing. Harry, Mae & kids to No. 4 picnic. I went in evening... played soft ball.
- 2 Wed. Cultivated for buckwheat... Helen & boy friend came at 3 p.m; he & I to ball game at Avonton, good time...
- 3 Thurs. ...Harry, Jones & I to Rotary picnic, good time. Took Helen to catch bus for London. Mr. Redhouse went at 10 a.m. Cardwell & Bob here in evening; got shaft for side rake. Les Jones got 50¢ on wages.
- 5 Sat. ...All at Payton's raising...
- 6 Sun. ...Punk<sup>2</sup> (Elliot) McEwen here. Mae & kids over home (at McEwen's).
- 9 Wed. ...Pd. Les Jones \$4.50 in full.
- 13 Sun. ...Harry away. Mae, Nelson & family out in evening.
- 14 Mon. Haying...Mae & sister house cleaning. Letter from Ethel...
- 18 Fri. Drew in hay all day; very warm, not using (hay) loader. Bob Cardwell, Fanny & Harry to St. Pauls - ice cream 25¢...
- 19 Sat. Working at hay... Fanny, Harry & I to city in evening; Fanny to Dr. Rankin... Got beef ring meat in morning.
- 21 Mon. Harry to St. Pauls; got slats for loader; he repaired it. I raked and cut hay... drew in 3 loads...
- 24 Thurs. ...Raked and drew in 2 loads hay... Harry to city to hear McKenzie King.
- 26 Sat. Finished drawing in hay. Mae, kids, Fanny & I to city by Downie St.
- 28 Mon. Election day. Fanny & I went to vote. Jas. Monteith defeated by 710<sup>3</sup>...
- August, 1930
- 1 Fri. Very warm weather; cutting barley. Drew in a load of new oats in evening. Fanny & I to St. Pauls for twine; did not get it... tobacco 20¢, ice cream 5¢, gas 81¢.
- 4 Mon. Drew in barley all day - 5 loads. Bill Robertson, Mother & Mr. J. here. Dave Frawley here selling cars. Fanny, Bob Cardwell, Harry & I to St. Pauls; got 50 lbs twine \$7.50...
- 5 Tues. Cut oats across creek all day; shocked it up; binder not going too good. Jas. Thomson's man here in evening; went for a swim.
- 10 Sun. ...Harry & I & Helen to Monteith's and (then) Halfway House; took Helen to bus...
- 12 Tues. ...finished shocking and drew in barely & wheat mixture. Harry, Fanny & I to Bimini in evening...
- 18 Mon. Lovely day; finished harvest... Nelson setting up radio.
- 25 Mon. Cleaned granary; got ready for threshing...
- 26 Tues. Threshed all day, 9 hours...
- 28 Thurs. ...Harry ploughed; I went to Ed Murray's threshing.
- 31 Sun. Stayed around home. Bob Cardwell & Harry away in car.
- September, 1930
- 2 Tues. Working on wheat land. School started. I put window in school in evening...
- 4 Thurs. Took up early potatoes; 8 bags, good quality. Electric hydro man here; also St. Marys tombstone man.
- 5 Fri. Harry, Fanny & I to Sal Richardson's; got calf \$4.00. Sent veal calf to Kitchener 195 lbs @ 8½¢ = \$16.60.
- 6 Sat. ...Clarence (Snelgrove) brought Helen up from London. All went to city in evening; pd. Massey Harris repairs to binder \$5.80...
- 9 Tues. Warm & dry. Paid (Stratford) Herald man \$2.00 on acct. to August, 1930.
- 12 Fri. School Fair. Harry, Verta (Slater), Fanny & I to St. Pauls... had dinner there; took Cardwell's car. Expenses \$1.10.
- 15 Mon. Went to Art Monteith's threshing all day... Harry ploughing (with) Cardwell's plough. Helen came home

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<sup>1</sup> Tom was 52 years old at this time.

<sup>2</sup> Punk and Fat McEwen were Mae (McEwen) Loghrin's brothers; i.e., Nelson's brothers-in-law.

<sup>3</sup> Samuel James Monteith, Conservative, was defeated by Frederick George Sanderson, Liberal in South Perth in the 1930 Federal election.

in afternoon.

- 17 Wed. Went to (Stratford) Fair with Cardwell. Borrowed \$100.00 Royal Bank; renewed note \$600.00, 3 mons. @ \$10.85 interest...
- 20 Sat. Put heifer in (beef) ring - 830 lbs live weight. Cut corn around field. Harry, Fanny & I to city (with) Cardwell's car. Fanny to see Dr. Rankin...
- 23 Tues. Alf & Alvin Lupton here all day; fixed stone wall. Lovely day. Pd. Lupton \$5.00 check, B. M. Loan Co.
- 27 Sat. Bill Fetter & I cut corn ...Harry & Cardwell at Tavistock Fair...
- 28 Sun. High wind and cold; lit furnace. Kathleen (Jeffrey) and two kids here in afternoon; stayed for supper.
- 29 Mon. Harry cutting buckwheat; I shocked corn... Got cider press at Cardwell's.
- 30 Tues. I went to city (with) load of wood to Don Campbell. Got (window) sash for barn at Pounder's (Hardware); also bag of cement for Percy Lupton. Rec'd \$5.00 on wood; still owing \$1.00.

Drugs	
1928	10.00
1929	16.58
1930	35.23
	\$61.81

October, 1930

- 2 Thurs. Lovely day. Drew wood from the bush; also shocked buckwheat & corn. Mr. Graham here about ploughing match. Harry ploughing stubble.
- 3 Fri. Drew up wood all day. Harry ploughing. Miss Slater here after school.
- 4 Sat. ...Helen & I to city (with) democrat... shoeing horse \$1.50
- 5 Sun. Fanny, Harry & Helen to city by Nelson. I stayed around house in morning. Took walk to Art Monteith's in afternoon.
- 6 Mon. I picked apples all day. Harry ploughing stubble. Meeting of ploughing match; did not go.
- 8 Wed. Harry & I drew in 3 loads of buckwheat.. Harry & Cardwell to Horman's sale... Mrs. Duncan here selling tickets for church \$1.00...
- 11 Sat. Jim Thomson brought meat at noon - last time. Harry & I worked at mangels; took up half of them... Jas. Nairn here about ploughing match...
- 13 Mon. I went to ploughing match with Jack Tanner in morning; stayed all day. Lunch 25¢...
- 14 Tues. Went to ploughing match with Cardwell... Fanny & Harry also.
- 15 Wed. Went to ploughing match; got a ride.
- 17 Fri. Went to ploughing match; also to banquet in Knox church with Joe Tanner and Jack; good time.
- 29 Wed. Ploughing sweet clover sod. I went to vote in morning; Richardson elected... Ploughed with two teams in afternoon.
- 31 Fri. Ploughed sod and drew in turnips. Harry & Bob Cardwell to Halloween Frolic in evening; cold.

November, 1930

- 5 Wed. I went to St. Pauls; 2 (plough) points sharpened... coal oil, matches, tobacco. I finished picking apples, very cold...
- 6 Thurs. worked around barn; frozen ground; too hard for ploughing. Went to beef ring meeting... our beast dressed 417 lbs; we rec'd 457 lbs meat...
- 10 Mon. I ploughed sod in morning. Harry & I to Fairview; got manure carrier pole...
- 11 Tues. Fanny & I to city; got Cardwell's buggy... Harry ploughing... telephoning Fergus 30¢. Nelson & wife out in evening.
- 16 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson & Mae out for supper. I went to Ed Murray's. Wrote to Helen.

Sold in 1930	
1 cow	80.00
14 calves	280.00
5 pigs	89.30
eggs	460.00
cream	50.00
poultry	50.00
fruit	25.00
	\$1034.30

Note: There were no diary entries until Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

December, 1930

- 8 Mon. Mild & snowing. All to city; took in battery. Rec'd \$89.30 for 5 hogs... Pd. taxes \$97.48...
- 10 Wed. Harry sawing wood at Bill Schellenberger. I chored and ploughed sod in afternoon. Hyslop boys here in evening.
- 13 Sat. Stayed at home; put on storm door. Got clippers at Ed Murray's. Harry drawing gravel. Lupton here; got check for \$25.30 in full for threshing; borrowed from Fanny.
- 14 Sun. Cold. Nelson & Mae here for dinner...
- 16 Tues. Went for chop and coal oil; took democrat. Coal oil - 75¢; chop - 50¢.
- 18 Thurs. I went to St. Marys with Don Ridley (with) 3 calves; Pd. \$1.00 trucking, 1245 lbs @ 6½¢. All to the city in afternoon: drugs \$1.15; Pd. interest \$10.70; Renewed note for \$600.00; Pd. fire insurance \$14.00; Pd.

Acreage in 1930	
Buckwheat	6
Mixed grain	4
Oats	29
Hay	24
Roots	4
Bush	6
Pasture	25
Orchard	2
	100

- Fanny \$10.30 borrowed (for) threshing...
- 19 Fri. I took up oranges and candy to school... got plough at Cardwell's. Cut up pig and worked around house. Getting about 10 eggs a day.
  - 20 Sat. ...shooting match<sup>1</sup> here in afternoon. Shot about 15 ducks & geese; rec'd about \$15.00. 30 boys & men here. I got 2 ducks & 1 goose; sold for \$3.00 to Bates. Broke even on shooting.
  - 22 Mon. Picked 3 geese and five ducks, 1 rooster in afternoon...
  - 23 Tues. I went to city; sent fowl to Toronto and New York. Express \$1.20; Pd. duty cigarettes \$2.35... Nelson & Stone out in evening.
  - 24 Wed. All to city in car; got Christmas goods. Harry \$2.00; Presents \$1.20; Groceries \$5.00 Pd. Dempsey killing beef ring - hide and \$1.85.
  - 25 Thurs. Chored. Nelson & Mae here in evening. Helen phoned from New York. Aunt Jane (Robertson) sent presents by N. Monteith. Wrote Sam Young. Lovely day. 15 eggs.
  - 26 Fri. Nelson & Mae here most of day. I went for chop... took sleigh.
  - 31 Wed. Stormy. Chored and went to school meeting... elected trustee. Joe Mac(Namara) gets wood (contract) at \$14.00 (per) cord. Rec'd \$10.00 for services. Harry away in evening.
- January, 1931
- 1 Thurs. Very cold; did chores. Nelson, Mae & family here for supper; had goose.
  - 5 Mon. Very stormy... walked to No. 4 and voted. Aborgast elected reeve; Strausser headed poll. Got ride home with Jim Dempsey.
  - 7 Wed. Harry & Allan Monteith shooting jacks (rabbits); got 2. I chored and cleaned out pigs.
  - 8 Thurs. Drew up 3 logs from bush... Bill & Jack Schellenberger here; played cards in evening. 40 eggs.
  - 9 Fri. ...J. Hammond & Neil Murray here collecting for Carl Richardson's time, Tues. evening 50¢...
  - 10 Sat. I went to city with cutter, good sleighing: clipper plates 90¢, diary \$1.25, drugs \$2.25, groceries \$3.30...
  - 13 Tues. ...Man here from London testing cows... Ed, teacher, Margaret and us to Sal Richardson's; presentation to Carl Richardson, good time...
  - 14 Wed. ...I drove Fanny to Nelson's Institute meeting<sup>2</sup>. Very cold.
  - 17 Sat. ...Joe Hammond and inspector here... cows okay (for sale)...
  - 21 Wed. Chored in morning. Took 3 cows to Fetter's to go to Parkhill; rec'd \$158.25 check...
  - 22 Thurs. ...Sent for tobacco by Allan Monteith. Very cold. Mare colt (filly) died<sup>3</sup>.
  - 23 Fri. ...Felt sick; stayed around house; bagged apples. Harry killing time...
  - 24 Sat. ...to city (with) team: sold 3 bags apples @ \$1.25; 25 doz. eggs @ 20¢; 5 doz. to Nelson @ 18¢...
  - 27 Tues. Lovely day, snowing. Alf Lupton here; dehorned 11 cattle; played cards in evening. Ed & family here.
- February, 1931
- 1 Sun. Fanny, Harry & I to Art Monteith's for supper.
  - 3 Tues. ...Harry to city; got buttermilk. Percy in with him. Schellenberger's sale; did not go. Ferny Champion & Percy Lupton here; played cards in evening...
  - 4 Wed. ...Mrs. Payton & boys here in evening; played cards. Bob Cardwell here in afternoon.
  - 5 Thurs. ...to Ed. Dunsmore's; looked at roosters... Helen phoned in evening from New York.
  - 10 Tues. ...Fred the white washer here in evening.
  - 16 Mon. ...Fanny & I to city; saw Dr. Rankin; took in radio, battery 75¢...
  - 19 Thurs. Lovely mild day. ...drew some manure. All to Mrs. Payton's in evening; good time; home at 3 a.m.
  - 20 Fri. ...Luther Clark bought tobacco 40¢...
  - 21 Sat. Drew out manure; cleaned (cream) separator...
  - 27 Fri. I went to city for coal \$7.70...
  - 28 Sat. Harry to St. Pauls for skis...
- March, 1931
- 3 Tues. ...to city (with) cutter. Got 2 batteries for radio \$2.98. Sleighing gone in city. Verta Slater here in

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson and Howard (Monteith) to shooting match, from Nelson Monteith's diary.

<sup>2</sup> W. I. meeting here. 27 in attendance from Nelson Monteith's diary.

<sup>3</sup> The filly had been "down" for a week.

evening; also Bill Schellenberger; played cards.

4 Wed. ...drew manure. Harry helped to wash clothes. Art & Allan (Monteith) here in evening; played cards.

5 Thurs. ...made hens' nests...

6 Fri. Did chores and went to city with sleigh; did not go uptown... 180 doz. eggs to date \$36.66...

13 Fri. Milder... Harry & I cut down elm tree in afternoon...

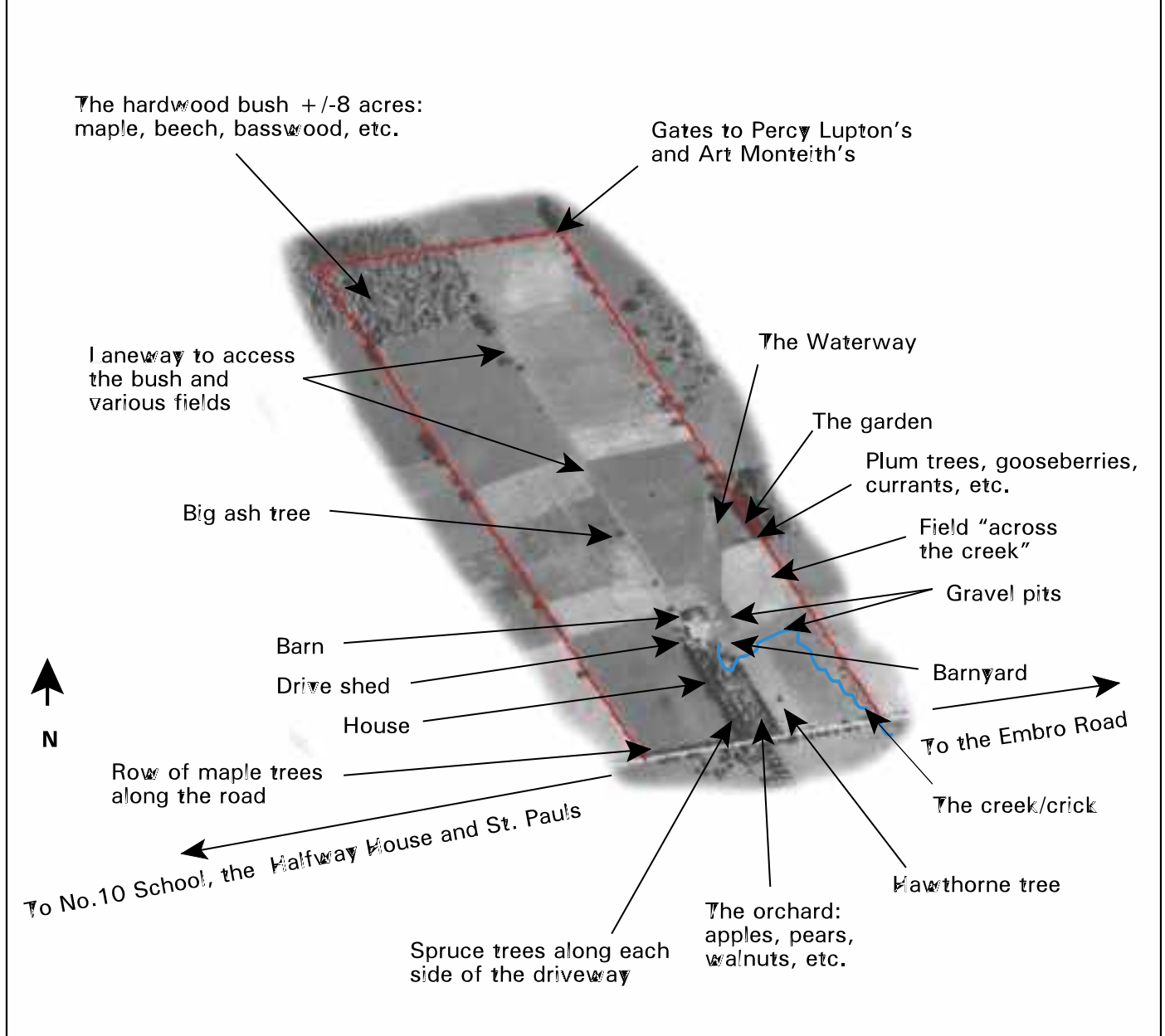
18 Wed. ...took 4 ducks and 8 roosters to Percy's.... Bought 3 young sows \$25.50...

20 Fri. Harry & I in bush... Dr. Dunbar here for heifer... heifer died; he rec'd \$3.50 cash.

21 Sat. Harry went for chop. I trimmed trees and skinned heifer. Alf Lupton cut Harry's pigs. Cleaned stove pipes.

25 Wed. ...Harry disc harrowed snow... Geo Tuer<sup>1</sup> died tonight @ 7 p.m.

## **Farm Details**



<sup>1</sup> George Washington Tuer was about 75 years old and is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

- 27 Fri. ...I went to city (with) democrat; snow on sideroad. Repair to democrat 75¢; 51 doz. eggs @ 15¢ & 19¢ = \$8.40; axle grease 25¢...
- 29 Sun. Nelson, wife & kids, Art & Percy here in afternoon. Lovely day...
- April, 1931
- 4 Sat. Harry helping Percy Lupton. Big run of sap; rec'd syrup in return. Nelson, Stone & family here in p.m.
- 6 Mon. Fanny to city about insurance policy coming due. Geo. Stone took her in...
- 9 Thurs. Harry & I drawing out wood for sawing... Helen sent parcel from New York - smocks.
- 13 Mon. Circled wood in afternoon, high wind. Art (Monteith), Percy (Lupton), Payton & Bill (Jeffrey) here... Pd. Jim (Dempsey) \$5.00.
- 15 Wed. Harry & I working on land; sowed 3 acres of early oats and barley on wheat. Got 1 bu. alfalfa and 3 of peas at Bill Horman's \$7.00.
- 17 Fri. ...Harry to city... got licence car and permit... Assessor here; did not see him. Licence \$5.00; permit \$1.00.
- 18 Sat. Sowing oats... to city (with) car, 1<sup>st</sup> time. Stayed at Nelson's; home at 4 a.m.
- 19 Sun. Helen phoned; rec'd letter also \$30.00 from her. Stone, Duke, Nelson & family here...
- 23 Thurs. Too wet to work land... Harry papering bedroom. Miss Slater here in evening. Snowstorm...
- 28 Tues. Working around barn; wet and cold. Art Monteith & Geo. Cook here in evening.
- May, 1931
- 1 Fri. No seeding today; too wet. Digging post holes at back...
- 4 Mon. ...I fixed fence. Rec'd check for insurance of Fanny's in full \$786.00, Excelsior Insurance Co.
- 6 Wed. Cultivated and sowed ash tree field; oats & peas... Got a letter & seeds from Helen.
- 7 Thurs. Wet; fixing fence. Bill Keith here in evening.
- 8 Fri. Fixing fence. Fanny, Harry & I to city; Fanny stayed in...
- 14 Thurs. ...All to city; Miss Slater also. Went to Les Dunseith's on way...
- 16 Sat. ...sowed 3 bags peas & oats; last of season. got load of hay at Bill Schellenberger's...
- 17 Sun. Nelson & family out; went to bush.
- 18 Mon. ...I went to St. Pauls meeting of school trustees...
- 22 Fri. I rolled mangels. Harry ploughing for corn. Harry & I to city...
- 27 Wed. I ploughed sod for buckwheat... Sent Eaton's \$2.61 - Fanny shoes & dry goods.
- 30 Sat. Cardwell & Harry to St. Marys; got tomato plants...
- June, 1931
- 3 Wed. ...went to John Waldie's funeral; also to Mitchell Conservative meeting. Had supper at (Uncle) Nelson Monteith's in evening... Fanny & Harry to city in afternoon.
- 4 Thurs. Harry & I drawing manure for turnips... went to ball game at Lupton's. Stopped in at Art Monteith's.
- 9 Tues. Took paper off wall; went to McKay's with Verta Slater. He is coming Thursday (to paper). Went to Binell's?; had lunch.
- 11 Thurs. Harry got Jas. McKay; (he) papered dining room... I sowed turnips and hoed in afternoon. Pd. paperhanging \$3.00.
- 13 Sat. All to city, flowers, etc. Home at noon. Harry sowed buckwheat... Fanny planting pots...
- 17 Wed. Hoeing mangels. Bred a young sow to boar of Douglass. Ball game in evening at airport...
- 18 Thurs. ...went to dance at Women's Institute dance at Bimini in evening...
- 23 Tues. I went for calf to Thistle's... Jim McKay here hanging paper...
- 25 Thurs. Hoeing turnips. Teacher here in evening. Pd. balance of salary \$400.00... Heavy rainstorm...
- 26 Fri. ...to city; got ice cream for picnic; flat tire. Good picnic. Verta Slater (teacher) handed in resignation.
- 27 Sat. Cut hay, sweet clover... went to ball game in city... Bill Jeffrey here taking census.
- 29 Mon. ...Joe Mac & family, Fanny, Harry & I to Lakeside...
- 30 Tues. ...hoeing and scuffling. Too hot to work.
- Hired teacher @ \$850.00 per annum.
- July, 1931
- 1 Wed. ...hottest day yet, about 100 degrees...
- 6 Mon. I took 4 bags chop to mill...Went to Avonton ball game; No. 5 won out beating Harmony. Got some flowers at Mrs. Schellenberger's.
- 7 Tues. Coiling clover... We all went to Rotary dance, also Edna Schellenberger...
- 8 Wed. ...Fanny & Margaret (Murray) at Bill Low's, Institute meeting.
- 10 Fri. ...planted cabbage. Mae & Nelson out in evening.





Monteith)<sup>1</sup>

- 10 Mon. Cutting oats. Nelson & Ruth (Monteith) looking for school. Broke mower; went to city...
- 11 Tues. Drawing in oats & barley... Miss Spec here looking for school.
- 12 Wed. ...went to Art Monteith's threshing in afternoon. Got chokecherries...
- 14 Fri. ...Dan Court here in evening about school. Also Mr. Seale about teaching school.
- 20 Thurs. Drew in oats all day. Presentation to Verda Slater at Murray's. Fanny there. Harry away in evening.
- 23 Sun. All to Slater's in afternoon for tea, good time. Home at 12 a.m; also Margaret & Ed.
- 24 Mon. Put load of grain above shed; helped Cardwell draw grain... Sam Monteith & Andy here from Philadelphia.
- 25 Tues. Cleaning yard. Harry repairing car... Went to St. Marys; saw Mr. Seale; also Joe Mac(Namara)... Janey, Alf Grey and family here in evening.
- 26 Wed. Sent letter to St. Marys engaging Mr. Seale at \$715.00. Fixing fence; Harry ploughing stubble.
- September, 1931
- 1 Tues. ...cleaned calf & bull pens... Mrs. J. Thistle here collecting for Helen Monteith shower - 50¢ by Fanny.
- 4 Fri. I sowed (fall) wheat... Fanny at shower at Andy Monteith's...
- 5 Sat. All to city. Fanny & I stayed in. Harry came home; did chores. Had dinner & supper at Nelson's...
- 7 Mon. I picked 18 baskets of plums... Mrs. Morris, Mae & family out in evening. Mrs. Mac, Frank & family here; got 2½ baskets plums; rec'd 30¢,
- 8 Tues. Lovely day. Harrowing across the creek; burning twitch grass. Got elderberries at Cardwell's. Art, Ella (Monteith) & Geo. Cook here in evening; (they) got 2 baskets of plums...
- 10 Thurs. ...white washing all day. Did cellar and colony house. Pd. \$4.00 to Fred Blake.
- 17 Thurs. Harry & I at Cardwell's threshing; moved here in evening. Bill Jeffrey here; got apples for fair.
- 18 Fri. Finished threshing at noon... I went to school fair. Bob Cardwell, Frank & Joe Mac here in evening.
- 19 Sat. I went to Alex Rae's silo filling for Fetter. Harry got binder at Bill Jeffrey's and cut corn.
- 20 Sun. Nelson & family here in afternoon. Letter from Helen; coming home. Young boys from States here.
- 21 Mon. Harry & I to city in morning showing apples & pears. Pd. \$100.00 on note; pd. interest 3 mons. \$9.30...
- 22 Tues. Shocked corn in the morning... to (Stratford) Fair. Kathleen (Jeffrey) with us; also Mae & children. Took 5 prizes amounting to \$3.15. Vic(toria) got wages in full \$4.00.
- 29 Tues. ...I took in 5 loads mangels. Harry at Ed Murray's for Bill Fetter.
- 30 Wed. I drew mangels all day. Helen came by bus to the Halfway; I met her at 4 p.m. Kasy, teacher, here...
- October, 1931
- 1 Thurs. I drew in corn & mangels. Harry at Simon Rae's for Fetter. Embro Fair. Nelson & family here. Helen & Kacy (Seale) to show.
- 2 Fri. Harry & I worked at mangels. Rev. Duncan here... Kacy Seale of St. Marys here for upper.
- 7 Wed. Went to Art Monteith's threshing... picked apples; had a shave. Casey (Seale) here in evening.
- 10 Sat. Harry ploughing all day. I picked apples; went to St. Pauls for plough points; also chop... Helen and Casey away at St. Marys...
- 11 Mon. Cream man here; got 13 doz. eggs & cream... Mrs. Morris & Mae here; got baby buggy, eggs & vegetables.
- 14 Wed. ...took in veal calf 230 lbs @ 6½¢ = \$14.95...
- 16 Fri. Harry & I ploughed sod all day; cold & raining. Bill Keith here at noon. Casey here in evening.
- 23 Fri. I picked apples, spies... Harry at Schellenberger's threshing bcukwheat. Mrs. Aikens here for apples, 4 bags, \$2.00. Young sow had 10 pigs living, Douglass boar. Casey here in evening.
- 25 Sun. Helen & Casey away; I took walk. All went to Mrs. Morris' in evening.
- 26 Mon. I picked apples... Chris threshing. (I) got Bill Thomson for Ed Murray's threshing (for me) @ \$1.50 a day. Harry working at turnips.
- 27 Tues. I went for 5 bags chop... Alf Lupton cut pigs at noon. Harry & I to city; got tooth out \$1.00... Casey here at noon.
- 28 Wed. I picked apples; Harry ploughing. All went to No. 4 school Halloween party. Helen won Ladies prize; salt & pepper shakers. Battery charges for car \$1.00.

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson and Ida's son was William Nelson Monteith; Tom usually called him *Willie* or *Willie Nelson* to differentiate from his father.

29 Thurs. Picked apples... Beef ring meeting in evening...  
 30 Fri. I picked apples and topped turnips... Helen got Verda Slater at corner...  
 31 Sat. I took up carrots & beets... Casey (Seale) & Jack Gibb here in evening; they went to city to show...  
 November, 1931  
 2 Mon. Cold. Drawing turnips. Harry, Helen & Casey to city Frolic in evening.  
 4 Wed. Sick all day. Helen to city; also Edith Rae. Concert at No. 10 school in evening; good time. Mrs. Seale and Casey here in evening.  
 7 Sat. Snowing all day. Casey here in afternoon. Harry & I ploughed... Bill Jeffrey got 2 bags mangels... Played cards in evening...  
 10 Tues. Drawing in turnips. Harry & I to city (with) Helen's car... Nelson, Dan Morris & about 20 people here; played cards; very quiet time - no fun.  
 13 Fri. ...Jack Gibb here; got 3 roosters for a calf... All to Loghrin (Memorial) Home in evening; good time; home at 3 a.m. Was the highest man playing cards; lost on cut...  
 14 Sat. ...Helen & Casey to city, also London. Jas. Dempsey over in evening.  
 16 Mon. Ploughing turnip ground. Harry drawing gravel for road. Helen to city: groceries \$1.60.  
 18 Wed. Harry & I to city. 20 chickens @13¢ = \$13.60... Dan Morris out; got car of Helen's.  
 19 Thurs. Fanny to city; got 3 teeth out... Pd. Fanny \$2.00; still owe \$4.00 borrowed...  
 24 Tues. Drew up some wood... Harry fixing barn doors. Played cards... 5 eggs a day.  
 28 Sat. Did chores; went to Art Monteith's cutting wood. Mr. Love here fixing radio; also Casey. Harry hanging paper.  
 December, 1931  
 4 Fri. Cold & raining; worked around barn. Frank Mac(Namara) & family here in evening; played cards. Also Casey (Seale) all day. Norman Monteith & Ed here; got 8 bus. wheat borrowed 2 years ago.  
 6 Sun. Nelson & family here; he left his car for winter...  
 10 Thurs. Harry & I to bush in morning. Percy Lupton took me to Dan Court's sale.  
 12 Sat. Lovely day; did chores... Casey here till dinner - a full week all but 4 meals.  
 15 Tues. Jack Aikens took battery to Houck; brought registered letter... All to Art Monteith's in evening; good time. Home at 3 a.m...  
 16 Wed. ...Nelson out in evening. Pd. him 4.50 expenses to radio. I owe Fanny \$4.00 on radio...  
 21 Mon. Sawed wood in afternoon; Alf Lupton & Bill Schellenberger here. Went to concert at No. 10 in evening. Pd. Jim Dempsey \$2.00 in full; borrowed from Fanny.  
 22 Tues. ...Harry & I picked 9 chickens & 3 ducks. Casey here in evening...  
 23 Wed. ...Sent 2 parcels to Toronto 80¢. Casey, Harry & Helen to Rae's in evening... Getting about 30 eggs a day; price about 30¢ doz.  
 24 Thurs. Raining in morning. Casey & us to city. Pd. interest on note \$9.02; borrowed \$10.00 from Fanny...  
 25 Fri. ...Nelson & family & Casey here for dinner in evening.  
 26 Sat. Helen & Casey to New York by bus at 11 a.m. Ed Murray took them to corner...  
 30 Wed. Did chores & went to school meeting. Joe Mac re-elected trustee. Rec's \$10.00 grant for services...  
 January, 1932  
 5 Tues. Joe & Mrs. Mac(Namara) here about school opening; she taught 1½ days. Sent telegram (to) Casey 60¢... Pd. Fanny \$10.00 owing renewing note.  
 6 Wed. Harry & I cut wood. Casey here for supper.  
 9 Sat. Harry & I cut wood. Harry Monteith here in afternoon. Young heifer calved steer; our bull.  
 12 Tues. ...Sid Richardson's presentation; all there; good time...  
 15 Fri. ...Harry fixing clocks. Casey walked to corner.  
 19 Tues. Cut wood in bush. All to show in evening; good play; Casey's treat...  
 21 Thurs. Wet & snowing. Cut wood in bush. Payton family here in evening; stayed late.  
 27 Wed. Did chores. Heard about (Phineas) Cardwell: fell off load of straw; broke neck, also skull and collar bone. Harry & I cut wood in bush in afternoon.  
 30 Sat. ...went to city; also Leo Payton. Was pall bearer at P. Cardwell's funeral... very stormy & cold...  
 31 Sun. Art & Allan Monteith here... Casey came at 8 p.m. Rec'd board in full to date \$39.75...  
 February, 1932  
 4 Thurs. ...heavy snow storm. 20 doz. eggs @ 18¢ = \$3.60...

- 6 Sat. Harry drew up wood in morning to school. I drew in afternoon; he helped Harry (Monteith) make cupboard in the kitchen. Need 1 more load to make 6 cords. (Tom had the contract to supply firewood to the school.)
- 10 Wed. ...drew wood out of bush. Casey in St. Marys. Bolton boys here in evening; played crocinole.
- 13 Sat. ...Harry working at cupboard in kitchen. Cleaned stove pipes; picked over apples. Old Harry (Monteith) to Art's; got (news)papers.
- 16 Tues. Chored & went to city (with) car; no snow... Helen sent candies & cards from New York.
- 17 Wed. ...All to No. 4 concert in evening; good time; crocinole. Casey on programme... expenses 30¢.
- 19 Fri. Bob Cardwell here. I wrote letter for him about cream separator parts...
- 20 Sat. ...Art Monteith brought groceries; chg Dominion Store 64¢.
- 21 Sun. Chored. Harry to Art Monteith's; got groceries. Read & slept all day.
- 23 Tues. Chored and walked to Halfway for bread 14¢. Cold wind; got a ride home.
- 26 Fri. ...Harry & I to city... Pd. taxes & interest \$73.06; haircut 25¢; gas 75¢; groceries \$4.42...
- 27 Sat. ...Harry Monteith making drawer for cupboard... Harry at dance at No. 4 in evening. Fanny sick; could not go. I went to Cardwell's; good time.
- 28 Sun. ...Nelson & wife here in evening. Casey came... Bob Cardwell here... wrote letter for him.
- 29 Mon. ...Harry did Bob's chores at noon. ...took apples to Bill Jeffrey. Alex Jeffrey got nail in foot.

March, 1932

- 1 Tues. ...Nelson out in evening; brought battery; got apples, potatoes & some eggs. Rec'd Casey board (for) Feb. \$12.75...
- 3 Thurs. I got calf at Bill Dempsey's and took one to Pork factory (with) democrat. Lovely day; took in cream... calf weighed 190 lbs @ 5½¢ = \$10.45. Casey at Joe Mac's for evening.
- 10 Thurs. ...did only chores. Ken Rae here in evening; played cards.
- 14 Mon. ...chored & stayed in. Old black cow sick.
- 16 Wed. Did chores; cut down maple tree. All to No. 4 dance at schoolhouse in evening; also K.C. Good time... Expenses 25¢.
- 19 Sat. ...Bob Cardwell and Jaggard boys here for manure fork at noon... to city... called at Geo. McKay's...
- 21 Mon. ...working at old car trying to lift her. (??)
- 25 Fri. ...Harry & I sawed cord wood in bush. Harry Monteith putting tackle on cow to pull her up.
- 28 Mon. ...to St. Pauls. Got chop; also brought Victoria<sup>1</sup> from (Halfway) corner... Bob Cardwell got fanning mill... Pd. Garf McLeod in full for plough points \$1.40...
- 29 Tues. Took big sow to Fern Champion's boar... to bush; drew out cord wood. Vic & Harry to Schellenberger's in evening.
- 30 Wed. ...to city with democrat: Pd. interest \$9.17...
- 31 Thurs. ...Harry Monteith & I to bush... Harry & I went to No. 4 school crocinole game...

*Very stormy, cold & stormy, bright & cold, Harry broke road, etc. 'til Easter Sunday, Mar. 27th.*

April, 1932

- 1 Fri. ...heavy snow storm. All to city in evening; No. 5 dance at the Loghrin Home; good time; expenses \$1.40...
- 3 Sun. ...Nelson & family here in afternoon; also Victoria. Reta (Nelson's 5 yr. old daughter) stayed out. Casey here in evening. Pd. Victoria in full \$4.00.
- 7 Thurs. ...Pletch wants eggs for Saturday; also Mrs. Art Whaling wants eggs Wednesday. Got 1 qt. syrup at Percy Lupton's.
- 8 Fri. ...Harry Monteith went to Art's; also to Guelph. (Little) Harry fixing stone boat.
- 11 Mon. ...Percy Lupton here... Harry Monteith came in afternoon (from Guelph).
- 12 Tues. ...Harry & Casey to St. Pauls send off for John Haines.
- 13 Wed. ...Harry took 100 eggs to Bill Fetter... Harry's sow had 13 pigs living.
- 17 Sun. Nelson & Mae here; also Fat (Harold? McEwen). Art Horman here looking at colt. Casey came in evening...
- 19 Tues. Burning brush; also made fire on stone; broke it and drew it off.
- 23 Sat. ...sowed sweet clover down on creek front pasture (S.E. corner of farm)... Horse collar, Hannan; pd. \$2.20, owe him \$2.00...

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<sup>1</sup> Victoria (Henkell?) has been mentioned several times in the diary but she has not been fully identified; she may have been helping Fanny as she is paid.

- 24 Sun. ...blue heifer calved at noon; found goose nest in morning. Casey came in evening.
- 28 Thurs. Harry sowing oats; I disc harrowed and harrowed. Harry Monteith working at colony (chicken) house. Went to Bill Horman's; got 2 bus. alfalfa \$12.07; called at Cardwell's...
- 30 Sat. ...Mae & kids here; also Vic. Don Jeffrey (Bill & Kathleen's 15 yr. old son) here at noon. Nelson out in evening.

May, 1932

- 1 Sun. ...Bob Cardwell; also vet from Sebringville here to see heifer... Rec'd board (from) Casey \$14.25.
- 2 Mon. ...Harry rolling. I went to St. Marys... sent calf to U.F.O.<sup>1</sup> in Toronto...
- 4 Wed. Lovely day. Sowing & cultivating at haw tree field. Nelson & family here in afternoon - half holiday. Nelson repairing car.
- 5 Thurs. ...Rec'd check for calf from U.F.O. 200 lbs. @ 3½¢ less expenses = \$5.57...
- 6 Fri. Finished sowing oats & barley in front field... Casey away to bush; arbor day. Harry repairing (manure) spreader...
- 10 Tues. ...planted rhubarb & cleaned box stalls. Harry took ½ holiday at Percy Lupton's... Casey, Harry & Fanny to hospital in evening.
- 18 Wed. Drew manure for mangels. Took \$2000.00 wind insurance; \$10.00 note due 30 days...
- 22 Sun. Harry Monteith here... High jumper hurt at airport.
- 24 Tues. I went to Sal Richardson's; got 2 calves, no charge... Nelson & family here; planted garden seeds...
- 26 Thurs. ...Harry ploughing for corn. Jack Tanner here; got hen & ducks from Harry... Tom Dickson & Art Wilson collecting for J. Meadows - \$1.00.
- 29 Sun. ...Casey here in afternoon. Rec'd \$11.25 board for May...
- 31 Tues. Harry working on corn ground... Fanny not well today...

June, 1932

- 1 Wed. (Harry's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 2 Thurs. Rainy most of day... finished fence across creek; stretched wire. Played soft ball at school in evening. Coddington here; bought 9 doz. eggs @ 12¢ = \$1.10 cash.
- 7 Tues. Planted 2 bags Cobbler potatoes... Helen came home at noon; Harry to Halfway (House)...
- 9 Thurs. ...all to city (sold) 37 lbs roosters @ 15¢ = \$5.64. Rec'd 85¢ on eggs at Dominion Store; groceries \$2.81... Helen & Casey at show.
- 11 Sat. Covered potatoes; planted beans & onions. Casey & I walked to Dempsey's; got ride to city; saw ball game and stayed in.... groceries \$1.65. Helen & Fanny to city in evening.
- 13 Mon. Harry harrowed corn. I scuffled; drew manure for turnips... Fanny hanging wall paper.
- 15 Wed. Harry hanging paper. I drilled up turnips and sowed them. Played soft ball.
- 17 Fri. Lovely warm days. Rolled buckwheat... Verda Slater, J. Gibb & Payton boys here in evening. Rec'd \$1.50 for two roosters from Alex Waldie.
- 18 Sat. ...Jas. Thomson brought first (beef ring) meat...
- 19 Sun. I took walk to Bimini. Casey here all day...
- 20 Mon. I hoed some mangels. Practising soft ball.
- 21 Tues. I cleaned hen house; Harry ploughing across creek. Bill Jeffrey & I to Schellenberger's for beef ring beast... to No. 4 dance in evening; expenses 80¢.
- 22 Wed. ...Harry to city with beef ring beast weighing 790 lbs @ 5¢, to settle. Tom Kitmore & Fern Champion here playing bridge. Went to ball game at Lupton's in evening.
- 23 Thurs. I ploughed across creek. Harry scuffling corn; high wind. Played ball in evening; No. 4 won.
- 26 Sun. Nelson & family here; also Clarence Snelgrove. Casey (Seale) came at noon. I walked to Cardwell's...
- 27 Mon. Hoed mangels in morning; cut wood in afternoon... Boys playing ball...
- 29 Wed. Harry & I hoed mangels... All to No. 4 picnic at Bimini in evening; expenses 10¢. Played soft ball.
- 30 Thurs. ...I went to city with Dempsey's truck. Pd. interest on note \$9.21...

July, 1932

- 1 Fri. I hoed mangels; Harry fixing mower. Helen & Casey to Port Stanley. Vic away in evening...
- 2 Sat. ...to city with 21 boxes strawberries = \$1.67... Rec'd \$15.00 board Casey... to Avonton soft ball - 80¢.

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<sup>1</sup> The U. F. O. may be the United Farmers' of Ontario, a co-operative and political party. Tom was a member but his involvement was not described.

- 5 Tues. ...Vic & Helen cleaning kitchen & papering. I hoed mangels...
- 6 Wed. ...I scuffled corn. Percy Lupton here; also Nelson & wife... Nelson & Mae planted potatoes & cabbage.
- 8 Fri. ...I ploughed for wheat. Casey, Helen & Harry started for St. Marys; had a flat tire; got home in early morning.
- 10 Sun. Raining most of day. Bill Thomson here; I had sleep. Helen, Casey & friend to Toronto...
- 11 Mon. ...Helen & Harry to city (with) Helen's car; got licence, also paint for the car. Nelson & Fat here in evening fixing car. Helen to St. Marys....
- 12 Tues. I went to Percy Lupton's; went to Goderich with Jim Dempsey; good day - expenses \$2.40...
- 15 Fri. ...Big white cow served today. (Stratford) Beacon Herald (newspaper) \$2.00 check.
- 18 Mon. ...Harry to Percy Lupton's about a hive (swarm?) of bees. Percy over & got bees in evening. Nelson brought out car and groceries.
- 19 Tues. ...went to Mrs. Dunsmore's funeral<sup>1</sup> (with) Nelson's car. Pd. Nelson \$1.00 gas for the car.
- 20 Wed. ...Harry working at binder. Bill Jeffrey & Coddington here; got eggs. Bill got 12 doz. @ 16¢; Coddington got 6 doz...
- 22 Fri. Percy sow had 15 pigs - Champion boar...
- 23 Sat. ...started cutting wheat. Casey & Helen here for supper...
- 24 Sun. Lovely day. Bob Cardwell, Art, Allan (Monteith), (Geo.) Cook<sup>2</sup>, Nelson & Casey here. I went to Chris' for dinner... Helen & Casey to Milverton in evening.
- 26 Tues. Harry & I got scaffold poles in bush & put them up in barn.
- 29 Fri. ...I shocked wheat. Verda Slater & Jack Gibb here in evening. Verda here staying for time.
- 30 Sat. ...Helen came at 6 p.m. All to city in evening; big time; old boys in town...

#### August, 1932

- 2 Tues. ...Mr. Jeffrey & Mother here; also Sheppards... Pd. John Sheppard \$5.00 on acct; owe him \$31.50.
- 3 Wed. Rained. All to Rotary picnic... went to city in evening with Jack & Verda; watermelon 30¢. Bill Jeffrey here; got 10 doz. @ 16¢...
- 5 Fri. Lovely day. Harry finished cutting oats in front... Casey & Helen came at noon. Casey, Verda & Jack here in evening; Verda went home. Rained heavy.
- 7 Sun. ...Casey brought Helen's car. Nelson, Mae & family here...
- 10 Wed. Monteith reunion; did not go. Cut oats all day... Mae got hen (with) 10 chicks.
- 14 Sun. Went to cemetery today; Mrs. Murray<sup>3</sup> buried today. Bob Cardwell returned slings. Pd. Coddington wages \$1.00 a day. Nelson's girl, Marjory (2 yrs. old), came out with us.
- 21 Sun. Lovely day. Clarence (Snelgrove) here; also Nelson fixing car. I got some thimble berries. Helen & Clarence away in afternoon.
- 23 Tues. Drew in oats all day. Helen & Casey to Hyslop's... Institute weiner roast.
- 25 Thurs. Finished harvest. I cultivated 3 horses for wheat... Helen to London. Casey here at noon.
- 28 Sun. Lovely day. Picked some thimble berries... went to Joe Mac's and Mrs. Payton's; arranged about school

#### Haying in 1932

##### July

- 4 fixing mower; repairs \$2.40
- 5 Harry cut hay
- 6 Harry cut hay
- 9 Working at hay all day
- 13 Drew in hay; Harry raked
- 14 Drew in hay
- 18 Harry & I haying
- 19 Harry cut hay; drew in 2 loads
- 21 Drew off alfalfa & 8 loads hay
- 22 Drew in & cut hay all day
- 25 Raked hay
- 27 Harry cut hay
- 29 Drew in hay & cut some
- 30 I cut hay; we drew in 3 loads

##### August

- 1 Drew hay
- 5 Harry raked hay
- 6 Harry cutting hay
- 8 Drew in hay; all but 2 loads
- 9 Finished haying

<sup>1</sup> Mary Amelia (Salkeld) Dunsmore, Joe's wife, died on the 17<sup>th</sup>; she was 65 years old and is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.

<sup>2</sup> George Cook may have been Ella (Koch) Monteith's younger brother: i.e., Art's brother-in-law and Allan's uncle. From the *1901 Canada Census*. He often came to the farm with the Monteiths.

<sup>3</sup> Mary M. (Dunsmore) Murray, wife of William, died Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> and is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. She was likely Ed (Edwin) Murray's mother. From *Find A Grave* and *Census* records.



cleaning; he got keys.

- 31 Wed. Ploughing and drawing out manure. Bill Jeffrey got 6 (doz.) eggs 95¢. Went to Halfway (House); played horseshoes...

September, 1932

- 1 Thurs. Drew manure all day. Broke spreader; got Bob Cardwell's in afternoon. Rained.  
2 Fri. Drew manure. Casey (Seale) here in evening; went to corn roast (with) Art Monteith; good time.  
3 Sat. Raining; stayed around home... Casey & Helen to city; flat tire. Got a ride home.  
4 Sun. ...Clarence here; all to St. Marys. I stayed at Halfway (House); caught trout; saw Fetter...  
5 Mon. Lovely day. Ploughed in morning; went to Avonton ball game... (with) Coddington & Bill Jeffrey...  
6 Tues. Bob got (his manure) spreader; Harry working at (our) spreader. Helen at Toronto Fair with Clarence (Snelgrove). I went to school fair meeting... Fanny & Harry to Chas. Dunsmore's.  
9 Fri. Harry drawing manure for (Fall) wheat; I rolled and disc harrowed. Casey & Helen away at bush. Helen's friends here from Kitchener; stayed all night; also Chesterfield and Miss Rae.  
14 Wed. Drew out manure in morning. Took up 7 bags potatoes across creek; got elderberries at Cardwell's.  
15 Thurs. School Fair; did not go...  
18 Sun. Lovely day; went to Dick Clyne's. Clarence here. Nelson & family out in evening. Bob Cardwell, Ken Rae & Geo. Cook here.  
21 Wed. Cloudy & mild; picked pears. All to Fair; also Bill & Don Jeffrey...  
23 Fri. ...dressed 4 chickens. Helen & I to city (with) her car.... Nelson here; got radio. Helen, Casey & Fanny to Clyne's in evening.  
24 Sat. I went to Art Monteith's threshing; finished at 9 a.m. Moved here; threshed all day...  
27 Tues. Threshed at Cardwell's till 3 p.m... Bill Fetter here; started cutting corn... Harry (working) at Tom Clyne's for Schellenberger's.  
28 Wed. Bill Fetter finished cutting corn... Bill Jeffrey here for eggs; had none. He owes me 90¢.  
29 Thurs. Picking pears and apples. Helen went to New York at 4 p.m. Harry took her in her car... sent in 2 bus. apples to Dominion Stores.  
30 Fri. Shocked corn all day... Bob Cardwell here; borrowed some tea.

October, 1932

- 1 Sat. ...all to city... Pd. interest on note \$9.16...  
2 Sun. Lovely day. Chored. Got some elderberries; Harry getting grapes. No one here.  
4 Tues. Drew in load of corn and ploughed stubble. I took up 5 bags potatoes... Casey pd. \$9.00 board for Sept.  
6 Thurs. Jim Payton here; got \$7.00 check for cleaning school. Teachers' Convention today... Ploughed and drew up wood to house.  
9 Sun. ...caught 6 trout in morning. Nelson & family here in evening. Harry away.  
16 Sun. ...Took walk to Kelly's & Morris'. Art & Ella; also Bob Cardwell here. Casey came in evening.  
18 Tues. Drew off buckwheat; Harry ploughing. Harry & Casey to city; Community Club dance. Mild today.  
20 Thurs. Andy Hesson cow calved steer. I bunched buckwheat... Art, Ella & (Geo.) Cook here; played cards.  
23 Sun. Raw east wind. Percy Lupton here; Nelson & Mae here.  
25 Tues. Drew in balance of roots and drew in corn... All to Art Monteith's in evening; played cards. Home at 3 a.m. good time.  
27 Thurs. Cold & raw, rainy at times... saw Bill Jeffrey's roosters. Picked 8 bags spies (apples) in afternoon; Harry ploughing. J. Schellenberger here in evening.  
30 Sun. ...Harry & Cook away. Nelson & Mae here; pd. telephone by Nelson \$9.45...  
31 Mon. Raining, too wet to plough. Harry & I got meat at noon; 72 lbs pork; pd. \$5.00...

November, 1932

- 1 Tues. ...we ploughed sod... Chas. Lupton here about threshing; \$18.50 to pay Saturday... Harry & I to Bill Jeffrey's; got 6 roosters, value \$6.00. Pd. him in grain, all but \$1.00.  
2 Wed. Harry at Schellenberger's threshing all day. I ploughed sod... picked Ben Davis apples - finished. Snowing & raining. Rec'd board Casey;

Stratford Fair 1932

Harry got trailer at Bill Fair's  
Took in Maud mare and colt  
Harry got 2<sup>nd</sup> on colt in colt class  
4<sup>th</sup> on mare  
4<sup>th</sup> on colt in Agriculture class  
Making \$10.00 in prizes  
2 1<sup>st</sup> prizes on pears  
2<sup>nd</sup> winter cooking (apples)  
2<sup>nd</sup> McIntosh Reds  
2<sup>nd</sup> Granages ??  
Making \$5.00 on apples

Fanny's trip to Prescott

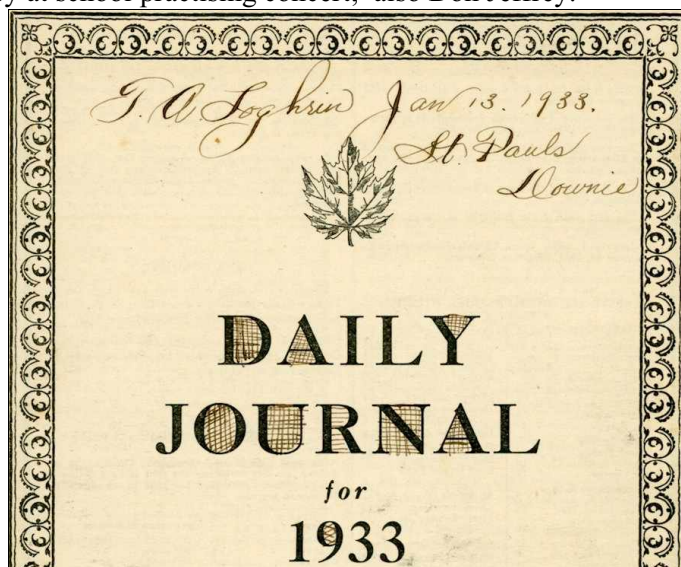
Fri., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Harry took Fanny to city; going to Prescott & excursion to Montreal \$6.50. Back on Monday.

\$13.55 including 50¢ telephone.

- 6 Sun. Chored. Art, Allan, Cook & Art Roth to Norman's (Monteith)... Nelson here; brought hen.  
8 Tues. Raw east wind. Harry & I ploughed root land... Harry to Coddington's playing cards...  
11 Fri. Raining & snowing...put cattle & colts in barn. Getting about 20 eggs a day; price 35¢ & 30¢<sup>1</sup>. Geo. McEwen & Nelson here; Harry away with them.  
13 Sun. ...G. Cook here; Harry & him away. Nelson, Mae & Fanny (eldest daughter) here for supper...  
16 Wed. Heavy snow. Allan (Monteith) & Harry after jacks (rabbits). I did chores.  
18 Thurs. Did chores. Harry & I to city; No. 4 dance at Y.W.C.A. good time...  
19 Sat. ...to city... got Helen's parcel. Sold 12 doz. eggs @ 30¢...  
21 Mon. ...got 2 gal. coal oil 40¢... Harry at St. Pauls dance in evening.  
22 Tues. I chored and went to Sebringville for cider... Nelson here; got raisins & sugar... Casey here.  
23 Wed. Cold; did only chores; high wind. Don Jeffrey here in evening. Pd. breadman \$5.32.  
27 Sun. ...Art, Allan, Geo. Cook, Harry & I to Norman's; got bird. Vic Henkell here in evening; also Nelson & family for supper. Percy Lupton here when we were away.  
30 Wed. ...drew some manure. Harry took 2 young sows to Douglass. Shooting match at Ed Murray's... Bill Jeffrey & family here. Casey away at city....

December, 1932

- 2 Fri. ...Harry & I cut wood in bush; he shot jacks at noon. Jim Payton & Jim Thomson here collecting for A. Rae.  
4 Sun. ...Took walk to Chris' in afternoon; Nelson here... Total eggs to date in 1932 \$158.13.  
5 Mon. Harry got scraper at McEwen's; opened gravel pit... dressed 2 roosters in morning. Casey away.  
6 Tues. ...to bush; quit early. All to show; lunch 30¢, show 80¢.  
7 Wed. ...Harry to school practice for concert.  
8 Thurs. Very cold. Took chop to mill; also eggs to Coddington. Went to Rae's in evening; big crowd...  
13 Tues. ...All to city (with) car... Cow calved; easy milker, a steer by our bull.  
14 Wed. ...cleaned stove pipes; Ken Rae here; Casey here. Sent flowers to Wm. Kinkade's child<sup>2</sup>...  
15 Thurs. ...I chored and picked 6 chickens. Harry & Casey at school practising concert; also Don Jeffrey.  
17 Sat. ...went to Halfway House. Had shooting match; about 40 boys there. Shot off 17 ducks. Expenses 75¢.  
21 Wed. All to city (with) car. Took 2 bags apples for church... Candy & oranges for school \$2.45.... Sent 7 chickens to Sheppard express 30¢... Got parcel from Helen, Christmas goodies; also from Mother & Aunt Jane.  
22 Thurs. School concert. Casey here in evening. Fanny at school; Harry shooting; I split cordwood.  
25 Sun. Stayed at home all day. Very mild, rained during night.  
28 Wed. Did chores in morning; school meeting in afternoon. J. Thompson elected trustee... All to No. 4 school dance, good time...  
30 Fri. Rained most of day... Jas. Thomson & I cleaned closets at school...



January, 1933

- 2 Mon. Harry shooting rabbits. I went to mill; got 5 bags chop; coal oil 40¢; chopping 40¢; rec'd \$1.80 for 6 doz. eggs.  
4 Wed. Bill Aitcheson here collecting for church; Beacon Herald collecting, pd. \$1.00. Harry & I to bush.

<sup>1</sup> It was a challenge to keep hens laying in the Fall and Winter months. Tom fed his hens well and was able to sell some eggs at the higher prices during that season.

<sup>2</sup> William and Gertrude Kinkade's 8 year old son, Kenneth Bruce Kinkade, is buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. From *Find A Grave*.



- 6 Fri. Harry went to bush; I ... took lumber to Fetter...  
 8 Sun. Art Monteith & Geo. Cook here; also Nelson & Frances (Loghrin).  
 Fanny not well today.  
 11 Wed. ...went to St. Pauls; got 460 lbs salt; pd. \$2.60... Harry in bush;  
 Casey (Seale) here in evening.  
 16 Mon. Lovely weather. Chored & cut wood in bush. Art Monteith &  
 family here in evening; played cards. Art got gander on acct.  
 17 Tues. ...went to mill....Took some apples to Bill Jeffrey.  
 18 Wed. Raw east wind. Chored and cut wood... Casey & Harry to school in  
 evening; concert practice.  
 25 Wed. Did chores. Harry & I to bush drawing out wood. All to Art  
 Monteith's in evening; played cards; good time...  
 26 Thurs. Did only chores. Stayed around house & slept. Betsy cow calved steer by our own bull...

Estimate expenses 1933	
Groceries, coal oil, bread,	
butter, eggs	350.00
Interest	90.00
Telephone	24.00
Taxes	70.00
Insurance	<u>16.00</u>
Total	\$550.00

February, 1933

- 3 Fri. Art Monteith drawing wood to No. 10 school on waggon. Norman Monteith here in afternoon. All to city in  
 afternoon... All to No. 4 debate & dance...  
 5 Sun. ...Art Monteith here; also Nelson & Fat  
 McEwen. Pd. Art (for) wood; check; school  
 \$24.00. Stayed around house.  
 6 Mon. Harry drawing wood to school; poor  
 sleighing. Harry & Casey at school in evening  
 practising play. Rec'd \$6.75 board (from) Casey.  
 7 Tues. Chored & drew wood to school. Heavy,  
 soft snowfall. E. Lawton & Leland (Dunsmore)  
 here...  
 12 Sun. Cold; stayed around house. John  
 Schellenberger here; got lantern glass.  
 19 Sun. Lovely day... Geo. Cook here at noon.  
 Percy Lupton here; also Nelson and girls stayed  
 for supper.  
 21 Tues. Did chores. Harry took Fanny to Art  
 Monteith's. All over to Art's in evening. Casey  
 & Elva's (Monteith) birthday; home at 3 a.m.  
 23 Thurs. ...Harry working on scaffold in barn...  
 Casey here in evening.  
 25 Sat. Sleet storm; did only chores around barn.  
 Bill Jeffrey & Alex<sup>1</sup> here selling needles; bought  
 10¢.  
 27 Mon. ...Harry & I to city (with) car... Harry got  
 clarinet. Casey here.  
 28 Tues. ...pd. taxes \$65.24... Drew out manure.

#### Transactions on Jan. 13, 1933\*

Harry & I to city (with) car.

Received:

4 doz. eggs to Mrs. Edwards	\$1.15
4 doz. eggs @ 25¢ to Mrs. Kinkade on acct.	\$1.00
6 doz. eggs @ 25¢ to Waldie cash	\$1.50
6 doz. eggs @ 25¢ to Birrell 50¢ gas; \$1.00 pd. on acct.	
139 lbs cream to Dempsey	\$2.00
1 bu. apples to Bradshaw to settle	\$1.00

Paid out:

groceries	\$1.77
Pd. owing to Dominion Store	75¢
diary at Kenner's	\$1.25
fish	30¢
brush	5¢
laces	10¢
laundry	20¢
tobacco	20¢
Pd. balance telephone for 1932	\$4.10
Pd. School Insurance	\$12.00

\* This provides a typical list of transactions for a trip to  
 the city. It's unusual in that they took the car in  
 January.

March, 1933

- 2 Thurs. Chored & went to bush; sawed maple.  
 Casey & Harry to school in evening.  
 6 Mon. Chored & killed sow & young pig. Chris, Bill & Jack (Schellenberger) here... Vic<sup>2</sup> washing.  
 7 Tues. ...Harry cut up pig. Vic went home in evening by Nelson. He got some meat.  
 11 Sat. Stormy & cold. Harry breaking road... to city... Vic Hankel came out...  
 13 Mon. Cleaned box stall; rained; cleaned stove pipes. Harry & I to Dave Tanner's time; home at 3 a.m...  
 15 Wed. Chored. Edgar Wilker tuned piano; pd. him \$1.75... Geo. Cook over in afternoon...

<sup>1</sup> Alex, Bill's son, would have been 10 years old at this time.

<sup>2</sup> Vic/Victoria has not been mentioned for some time.

- 16 Thurs. ...to city... set dishes \$28.50... Art, Cook, Allan & Ella here in evening...
- 17 Fri. ...chored & cut wood. Gregory here to see Vic. (Getting) 6 eggs a day.
- 18 Sat. ...to city. Pd. Dr. Rankin \$25.00 on acct... floor wax 43¢... groceries 38¢...
- 19 Sun. Worst day yet; east sleet storm. No person here; only Vic.
- 20 Mon. Sleet... Sam Young here in afternoon and evening. Played cards. Allan (Monteith) came for him.
- 22 Wed. ...Harry & Fanny to hospital in evening...
- 24 Fri. Chored & went to bush to cut wood... Alf Lupton here; dehorned 9 head cattle 90¢. All went to No. 10 concert at St. Pauls, good time.
- 25 Sat. ...fanned up some seed oats. Verda Slater & Geo. Cook here in evening... Verda all night.
- 26 Sun. Mild today. Verda Slater here; going to Murray's. Harry's sow had 8 pigs...
- 28 Tues. ...Harry, Victoria & I to city. Pd. Vic \$2.00...
- 31 Fri. Did chores; went to bush in afternoon; cut maples; also cut down elm tree in lane. All to No. 4 dance and play in evening; also Casey. Roads very bad.

#### April, 1933

- 3 Mon. Harry took calf in 200 lbs @ 5¢ = \$10.00... Pd. Vic wages \$3.00 in full. Spread manure in afternoon.
- 4 Tues. ...Harry & I to city. Pd. \$50.00 on note and interest for 8 mons. \$8.00...
- 6 Thurs. Raining most of day. Harry making wiffletrees... spread manure in afternoon.
- 9 Sun. Nelson & Mae here for supper. Geo. Cook here in afternoon. Cold, raw day.
- 11 Tues. Rained all day. Cleaned hog pens, etc. All to Art Monteith's in evening, good time. About 20 people there: Meadows, Ed Monteith & Alf from States.
- 16 Sun. Raw east wind; stayed at home. Art, Ella & Elva (Monteith) here in afternoon. Set goose on 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 22 Sat. ...Young Bill (Jeffrey, 12 years old,) in hospital.
- 27 Thurs. ...Fanny & Harry to city; got Helen's parcel...
- 29 Sat. ...sowed 3 acres barley behind barn. All to city... Bill Jeffrey & Thomson came out with us...

#### May, 1933

- 1 Mon. Working at fence all day; rained during night. Geo. Cook here in afternoon. Casey at cousin's funeral.
- 6 Sat. Cold & misty. I got colony house ready for chicks...
- 9 Tues. Working on land; cold & backward.
- 10 Wed. ...Fanny to meeting at Andy Monteith's; went with Mrs. Thomson...
- 11 Thurs. Working at Dempsey's line fence. Harry harrowing & sowing back field. I disc harrowed. White cow died of blood poison.
- 13 Sat. Got 6 bus. barley & 6 bus. oats; also some pig feed in exchange for our seed oats. Harry planted 6 trees along roadside... All to city...
- 14 Sun. Lovely day; stayed around house. Harry away at Bimini ball.
- 15 Mon. Harry & I got load of hay at Rae's making 5 loads... Simon Rae here buying young pigs.
- 16 Tues. Harry & I to city. Got trees by express; planted some in evening... took 500 eggs to Coddington...
- 18 Thurs. I harrowed across creek; Harry sowed five bags mixed grain; also grass seed. He planted trees from Government. Tom Sanderson & Annie Brown out. Played ball at No. 4 in evening. Casey here.
- 20 Sat. ...good growing weather. Have seven young geese.
- 21 Sun. Cool, did chores. Played ball at Bimini in afternoon.
- 22 Mon. Drew out manure for mangels... Tom Clyne here; pd. me \$40.00 for 6 pigs, 800 lbs. Had some beer...
- 23 Tues. ...worked on root land. Ball game at Bimini. No. 4 lost to No. 6, big score...
- 24 Wed. ...Harry at Bimini in afternoon... Jeffrey kids here; got some apples.
- 25 Thurs. ...sowed mangels... Went to ball game, No. 6, with Percy Lupton & E. Lawton; tobacco 20¢; game 10¢.
- 26 Fri. Working on land... Took 3 setting hens to Bill Jeffrey.
- 27 Sat. Harry working on corn ground... Planted 1 bag early Irish Cobblers (potatoes); got 5 bags Watler Raleigh from Reinecker in evening - \$1.80.
- 30 Tues. Cut wood at bush with axe... Played No. 5 at Bimini in evening...
- 31 Wed. Made chick coops. Harry working land for buckwheat...

#### June, 1933

- 1 Thurs. Planting potatoes. Went to game at No. 8; No. 4 won 12-14. Stopped at Halfway; candy 20¢...
- 5 Mon. Fixing fence. Rec'd for cream from Maple Grove \$3.70. Harry scuffling roots.
- 7 Wed. ...Biggest storm at 10:00 a.m. in history. Blew down tree in front of house and also some shingles off

driving shed. About 12 barns blown down including J. Rennie & Les Dunseith.

- 8 Thurs. Repairing drive shed... Played ball at Bimini; Legion & No. 4; Legion won. Played cards at Art Monteith's in evening.
- 9 Fri. Shingling drive shed and repairing clothes line. 50¢ shower to Ruth Monteith<sup>1</sup>.
- 11 Sun. Chris Schellenberger & Geo. Cook here in morning. I went to Bimini. Heavy rain & wind at 4 p.m. did no damage. H. Bradshaw and family here; got 6 doz. eggs @ 15¢ = 90¢ credit.
- 13 Tues. Cutting thistles and fixing fence. Jim Thomson and all men on (the) line to Dave Barton's; cleaning up after the storm...
- 16 Fri. Cutting thistles. Harry to Avonton soft ball game. No. 7 won over No. 4.
- 17 Sat. ...Dr. Eckert cut colt at noon \$1.50. Harry & I to city... pd. telephone \$4.20... rec'd \$11.88 for cream...
- 20 Tues. I scuffled corn & potatoes. Went to No. 4 ball game; played 1<sup>st</sup> base; players only half there. They won by big score...
- 21 Wed. Putting braces in barn that fell out during storm<sup>2</sup>. Harry repairing mower. Went to Lupton ball game...
- 22 Thurs. Cut (hay) across creek... Played soft ball; beat No. 9 11-15; good game. Geo. Cook here in evening.
- 23 Fri. Repairing hay loader... to St. Pauls; repairs for mower & loader... Speckled cow calved steer.
- 26 Mon. Haying... Played ball at Bimini. No. 7 - No. 4; 13-6. Bill Rae here (with stallion) no mare on.
- 30 Fri. Cut thistles... Harry hoeing mangels. All to No. 4 picnic at Percy's; Con Mac & boys went also...

July, 1933

- 3 Mon. Harry cut in morning. Raked & drew in hay in afternoon. Served Nellie mare by Rae's horse.
- 4 Tues. I hoed turnips. ...to city... rec'd for cream \$10.00; pd. car insurance \$5.30; pd. interest on note \$7.66...
- 6 Thurs. Haying in morning. Went to Avonton ball games; No. 6 beat Harmony... ice cream & drink 20¢.
- 9 Sun. Lovely day... Harry & I to Sal Richardson's; got 180 lbs chic feed @ \$1.40 per cwt.
- 12 Wed. Making hay all day. Mae, Nelson & family here. I put poison on potatoes. Nelson drove team; drew in 4 loads hay...Stayed for supper and all night. Picked red currants...
- 14 Fri. ...have about 45 loads hay in the barn. Geo. Cook here in evening.
- 15 Sat. Harry & I to city... Fanny sick...Geo. Cook here; repaired barn roof; rec'd \$1.00...
- 18 Tues. Cutting wheat; I cut hay. Ella (Monteith over in afternoon...
- 21 Fri. Harry & I to Rotary picnic... Downie lost to Macton: ice cream 25¢, drugs 70¢, hair cut 25¢...
- 23 Sun. Helen came at 2 p.m; Harry to Halfway. Nelson & family here...
- 24 Mon. Harry fixing fence; I cut barley... Got wood from bush...
- 25 Tues. Harry & Helen to city... got here trunk & groceries... Drew in 3 loads wheat... went to school; elected Frank Wilkerson as trustee.
- 31 Mon. I got wood and raked wheat stubble. Harry cutting oats across creek. (Looked) like rain at noon.

August, 1933

- 2 Wed. Drew in oats in morning; I went to Chris' threshing in afternoon. Harry fixing barn floor. Mrs. Sal Richardson & daughter here in evening. Pd. Nelson for goods, medicine, etc. \$2.25.
- 4 Fri. Chas. Mills threshed (here) 4 hours @ \$2.00 per hour... Mrs. Hayes & daughter here.
- 10 Thurs. Drew oats all day. Tom Sanderson here. Aunt Jane & Willie (Robertson) here...
- 11 Fri. Drew oats all day... No. 10 gave Casey (Seale) presentation at S. Rae's; collected \$10.00...

Fanny sick

Jy 9 Fanny sick today.

Jy 18 Fanny sick.

Jy 24 Fanny very sick.

Jy 29 Fanny sick in bed for 3 weeks

Jy 30 Fanny no change

Dr. Rankin & Dr. Kenner out

Au 1 Fanny very sick

Dr. Rankin here often

Au 9 Mrs. Dickson & Flannigan brought flowers

Au 10 Fanny still very weak

Au 11 Nelson brought out medicine

Au 13 Fanny not much better

Se 13 Fanny up short time each day

<sup>1</sup> Ruth, Tom's first cousin and daughter of Nelson and Ida Monteith, married Roy Packham on June 14th.

<sup>2</sup> The barn always leaned to the east as a result of that storm.

12 Sat. ...Miss Park, Harry & I to city...

13 Sun. Got some thimble berries... Jack Gibb & Verda Slater here in evening.

16 Wed. Harry to city; got meat; also Miss Park... Pd. Miss Park \$8.00 wages. Rec'd (for) cream at Swift's \$2.60.

18 Fri. Both teams ploughing wheat stubble all day...

23 Wed. Working on wheat land; finished drawing manure. Nelson out; Harry & him putting top on his car.

24 Harry & I ploughing stubble. I went to Art Monteith's threshing at 4 p.m.

26 Sat. I went to Percy's threshing till 11 a.m... Jim Thomson got lend of bull... Miss McLagan here; signed contract for teacher...

29 Tues. Harry & Helen to city. I stayed around house; cut finger with axe...

31 Thurs. Ploughing back field; very hard.

September, 1933

2 Sat. ...Rae boys here; got 20 bus. wheat to settle acct. for hay & peas. Jim Thomson, Wilkerson & I cleaned school closets... Harry fanned seed wheat.

3 Sun. Don Jeffrey here for dinner. I repaired chair; got some elderberries at Cardwell's. Young Bill Jeffrey here.

4 Mon. ...Harry Monteith here for dinner. Harry & I to Avonton ball tournament; expenses 50¢...

6 Wed. Harry & Helen to city... Patricia & Ilene Clyne here. Pounder here looking over house for fireplace...

8 Fri. I painted (house) all day. Harry shingling... Pounders here; started fireplace; 2 men for dinner. Harry, teacher, Jim Thomson & I to St. Pauls school fair...

9 Sat. I painted house all day. Harry shingling veranda... Harry, Bill Jeffrey & I to city...

10 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson & Mae here; also Harold Bradshaw & family... Ella & Mrs. Joe Tanner here...

12 Tues. Painted cornish house green. Pounder putting in fireplace. Dry & hot weather.

13 Wed. Painted house all day. Harry put floor in veranda...

15 Fri. I painted veranda ceiling. Harry at Rae's silo filling.

16 Sat. Harry at Simon Rae's silo filling for Jas. Thomson. Harry & Helen to city...

17 Sun. Nelson & Mae, Art Monteith here... got some pears to show for Art. Percy Lupton here in evening.

19 Tues. ...Kathleen (Jeffrey) & kids & Helen all to Fair... Vic came out with us; grapes 50¢.

20 Wed. I painted veranda. Harry, Don & I to Fair; rained all afternoon. Expenses 25¢.

23 Sat. Lovely day. Harry cultivated & ploughed all day. I painted upstairs room, shocked buckwheat and picked pears...

24 Sun. ...Art & Ella; also Mrs. W. Dempsey here. Helen at Kitchener. Ella got 1 barrel pears.

29 Fri. Both teams ploughing wheat stubble... cleaned eaves trough; took home ladders to Chris...

30 Sat. I shocked corn. Harry at Rae's threshing for Fetter... Clarence Snelgrove here in evening...

# October, 1933

1 Sun. Nelson, Mae, Clarence Snelgrove & Kathleen here for dinner...

4 Wed. Harry, Helen & I to city: returned paint to Waldie, pd. interest on note \$8.31...

8 Sun. Helen, Harry & I to church. Nelson & Mae out in afternoon; also Ella, Art, Allan & I to Norman Monteith's... Ed Murray very sick with pneumonia.

11 Wed. Helen & Harry to city; got groceries... I went to Schellenberger's threshing all day... Harry & Helen took Victoria to city; pd. her \$8.00...

13 Fri. ...We threshed till 10 a.m; moved to Bob Cardwell's. We had \$17.00 threshing bill including both times. I picked spy apples for balance of day.

14 Sat. Harry at Cardwell's; also Jack Clifford's threshing... Tom Sanderson & Annie Brown here.

15 Sun. Lovely day. Helen, Harry & I to church, Sacrament Sunday... took walk in afternoon.

20 Fri. Harry & I fixing eaves troughs... rebuilding chimney; sold some apples \$2.00... Miss Brown brought out Tom Sanderson...

21 Sat. Harry got load of sand at Tanner's 50¢; also 24 bricks at Bob Cardwell's...

22 Sun. T. Sanderson, Nelson, Mae, Frank Walsh & wife here... lovely day.

23 Mon. Bill Jeffrey here getting apples for apple butter. T. Clyne here about cutting school wood. T. Sanderson went to city by Miss Murray & sister. Men here; picked apples; rec'd \$4.00 @ 50¢ a bag.

25 Wed. Ed Murray died today...

26 Thurs. Harry & Helen to city in morning... Mrs. McEwen & Fat here in evening. Harry & I to Ed Murray's. Helen to city with Casey.

- 27 Fri. Very cold. Helen, Harry & I to Ed Murray's funeral... Andy Rae & Payton came out with us.  
 28 Sat. I picked apples. Harry working at stone work. He took Helen to St. Marys at 4 p.m; going back to New York...

November, 1933

- 1 Wed. I ploughed. Harry at stone wall corner... Harry & Bill Jeffrey to Tavistock for apple butter. Nelson here; got apple butter in evening.  
 5 Sun. Very cold east wind. Nelson & Mae here in afternoon; got apples, etc. House very cold.  
 6 Mon. ...I drew wood; put in cellar. Harry working around barn. I ploughed mangels; ground frozen up in morning. Furniture men went back to work; strike lasted 7 weeks.  
 11 Sat. Art Roth, Allan (Monteith) & G. Cook here. Snow deep. They went shooting. I went to mill, good sleighing.  
 16 Thurs. Very stormy; worked around barn. Harry making storm window (for) cellar on west side.  
 18 Sat. Good sleighing... to city (with) cutter. Took cream, chickens & apples...  
 20 Mon. Chored and went shooting (with) Allan, Cook & Brown. Got 2 jacks & 3 cottontails... snow heavy.  
 23 Thurs. ...drawing up logs for wood. Harry took 8 pigs to Jas. Thomson, rec'd \$10.00.  
 24 Fri. ...Frank Brown and brother here; got 20 bags spies (apples) @ 50¢; rec'd \$10.00.  
 26 Sun. Snowing & cold. Bill Schellenberger, Nelson & Mae here. Boy here; got Bob Cardwell's gun.  
 30 Thurs. Chored & picked 4 chickens. Harry at dentist (in city); stayed for Junior Farmers' dance.

Harry worked at the stone wall for about two weeks. What wall was it?

December, 1933

- 3 Sun. Raining most of day. I went to Art Monteith's. Nelson here; also Andy Rae.  
 6 Wed. I split cordwood & started sawing wood (with) our engine and Clyne's saw... Insurance man, Geo. Armstrong here; got new policy @ \$14.00 per annum, \$7000 insurance. All to Brooksdale saw No. 10 play... Ella Monteith there with us... good time.  
 10 Sun. ...Nelson & Geo. McEwen here... I went to Schellenberger's in afternoon.  
 12 Tues. ...sleighing poor... Bill Schellenberger here with bull; served black heifer.  
 14 Thurs. ...Geo. McEwen here; got pheasant... Harry to city with sleigh; pd taxes \$67.10... Geo. Cook, Frank Brown & friends here in afternoon... Harry to Chas. Mills dance at corner in evening...  
 17 Sun. Bob Cardwell here with cow in morning. Nelson & Peggy (Marjorie) here. I went to Schellenberger's...  
 18 Mon. Picked fowl all day: geese, ducks & chickens.  
 19 Tues. Did chores. Harry & I to city; sent fowl to Toronto and Helen (New York). Express \$1.81...  
 20 Wed. Miss McLagan here for supper; also Nelson & McEwen here; got cider...  
 21 Thurs. Fanny, Harry & I to city; got box of presents from Helen. Took apples & potatoes to church... School candy & oranges \$3.00... left candy at Jim Thomson's.  
 22 Fri. ... Harry to St. Pauls nomination with J. Schellenberger. Percy Lupton & Scott Green running councillors...  
 24 Sun. Did chores; very quiet. No one here all day.  
 25 Mon. Fanny, Harry & I had dinner here. Nelson & family here for supper...  
 27 Wed. ...went to school meeting in afternoon. Alex Rae elected trustee for 1933. (My) books O.K. Handed them to Jas. Thomson. J. Clifford got wood (contract) \$7.75.  
 28 Thurs. Very cold, stormy... Chris & boys came over; we killed heavy veal calf about 500 lbs. Fanny & Peggy here (Nelson's daughters). Harry walked to No. 4 Institute dance; roads very icy.  
 31 Sun. Nelson & Mae here; got some meat, cider and apples. Bob Cardwell here.

January, 1934

- 1 Mon. Fanny & I voted at No. 4... Percy Lupton defeated by large majority... All to Nelson's for supper...  
 3 Wed. Geo. Cook, Frank, & Harry shooting; got 2 rabbits...  
 4 Thurs. ... Harry & I to city (with) car. Harry got tooth out. Pd. interest on note \$8.40...  
 5 Fri. Harry went for chop; I worked around house... Fanny sick in bed.  
 11 Thurs. I went to J. D. Monteith's<sup>1</sup> funeral, very large. Went by Andy Monteith; came home to corner by Bert

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Joseph Dunsmore Monteith died on the 8<sup>th</sup> and is buried in Avondale cemetery, Stratford. He was mayor of Stratford in 1917-18; he was an M.P.P. representing Perth North for a decade or more and was in office at the time of his death. From Memorial #135194832, *Find A Grave*.

Bradshaw; walked from there....

- 18 Thurs. Harry took white ash log to mill for tongues (poles). I took heifer to Chris' bull... Tom McKay buried.  
21 Sun. Harry to Schellenberger's for bread & butter; I owe them 3 lbs butter. Cold, raw east wind; roads heavy for car.  
24 Wed. Harry to St. Pauls. Got cant hook; also some irons... G. McLeod still owes me 90¢ on apples; chop 24¢.  
27 Sat. I went to city by Mr. Manson; came out by J. Thistle. Mild. Pd. telephone \$3.00; diary 50¢...  
28 Sun. Very mild & stormy. Art Monteith, Cardwell, Nelson, Fat & Clyne boys here.  
30 Tues. ...Harry making flat rack. Very stormy & cold.

February, 1934

- 1 Thurs. ...Harry & I took 4 pigs... to city; roads very bad, icy... 4 pigs 840 lbs @ 9¢ = \$76.40...  
3 Sat. I went to city (with) cutter... pd. Fire Insurance \$14.00... Harry & I to Joe Tanner's oyster supper for ball team... good time. Expenses 50¢.  
4 Sun. Very cold. Mae & Nelson here... Jim Thomson stuck in snow at gate. Wrote to Helen, postage 5¢.  
6 Tues. ...Ken Rae here; Harry & I to bush. Harry took cutter to dance at Halfway...  
8 Thurs. Did chores and sawed some wood... 25 below zero.  
12 Mon. ...took sleigh to Halfway in evening, all the road (everyone on the road) good time. Home at 4 a.m.  
23 Fri. Very cold. Harry skating in evening. Art & Allan Monteith here in evening; played cards...  
28 Wed. Milder today... Bill Rae and Neil Murray here; also Bert Doig... Harry away skating in evening.

Feb. 26 Very cold weather  
for 3 weeks below zero.

March, 1934

- 2 Fri. I went to city (with) light sleigh; rainy most of day... rec'd (for) 2 bus. apples \$1.50; 2 chickens \$1.50; 15 doz. eggs @ 38¢ = \$5.70... Very soft, poor sleighing. Con Mac(Namara) came out with me.  
3 Sat. Harry helping Schellenberger's to take 5 cattle to St. Marys. I chored & drew out 2 loads manure...  
8 Thurs. ...Took calf to Bill Jeffrey's; rec'd \$5.00... Harry cleaning pig pens.  
9 Fri. Very cold. Chored and killed 2 pigs. C. Schellenberger over; cleaned a goose for Tom Sanderson.  
11 Sun. ...Nelson & Geo. McEwen here. I went to Fern Champion's; pd. balance on wheat \$7.20. Nelson got some meat & potatoes. Nelson took goose to Sanderson; also brought some salt.  
12 Mon. ...Harry's sow having pigs; all 11 died.  
13 Tues. ...went to Alex Innes' sale... got ride (with) Jas. Thomson... Pd. Chas. Mills threshing in full \$17.00.  
16 Fri. Harry in bush... to city (with) democrat; broke wheel. Ed Dunsmore came out with me...  
18 Sun. Did chores & went to Bill Horman's; saw Ed Dunsmore; had supper. Good walking across fields. Bob Cardwell here.  
19 Mon. ...Harry helped Bob kill pig. I stayed around house. Fanny sick in bed with sore throat...  
21 Wed. Did chores. Lovely day. Harry & I sawed wood in bush... Good sap day...  
25 Sun. ...Ella & Mrs. Tanner here; also Nelson & family. Three teated cow calved sick steer calf....  
30 Fri. ...got some elm logs... Nelson & Mae here; left Peg & Reta. Coddington's here in evening; had lunch...

April, 1934

- 1 Sun. Lovely day; stayed around home. Peg & Reta here...  
4 Wed. Did chores and Harry in bush. I went to Art Monteith's ... sap running. Getting 50 eggs @ 15¢ a doz.  
5 Thurs. ...went to city (with) democrat. Reta went in also. Pd. \$25 on note from Fanny. Interest \$7.50 for 3 mo. Pd. Telephone \$2.00; rec'd for saxophone 25¢; candy 20¢; skipping rope 10¢; tobacco 30¢...  
8 Sun. Harry away at Payton's with saxophone.. John Schellenberger here in morning.  
10 Tues. Snowstorm... baker here; pd. 7¢ one loaf. Harry over to Schellenberger's; got word about threshing clover at Murray's.  
12 Thurs. Jack Schellenberger and Harry put 2 loads clover on waggons; went to Tom Murray's; got it threshed; about 2 bus. all told. Paid \$4.75 for job. Very cold & stormy. Candy & matches 15¢.  
13 Fri. I took heifer to Chris' bull... Subscribed to Canadian Farmer \$1.00 paid for 3 years.  
14 Sat. Sawed wood for house... Fanned up (cleaned) clover seed in afternoon...  
15 Sun. I took walk to Dempsey's and Cardwell's. Nelson & Mae here; (they) got 5 doz. eggs 75¢.  
18 Wed. Bill Schellenberger and man here sawing wood at barn; also assessor. Put ad for cows in paper.  
21 Sat. Cold, raw wind... I went to city (with) democrat. 6 doz. eggs Mrs. Edwards 64¢; 6 doz. eggs Bradshaw on acct; !2 doz. A&P rec'd \$1.17. Rec'd (for) cream \$3.46... Took T. Sanderson apples; rec'd cigarette roller &

books.

- 22 Sun. Did only chores. Don Jeffrey here in evening driving horse and buggy.  
24 Tues. ...went to Gilbert Ford sale by Art Monteith. Bert Bradshaw & Ezra came and got cows; rec'd \$64.00...  
25 Wed. ...Bill Dempsey here in morning... Bill Jeffrey and wife here in evening...  
27 Fri. Cold, snowing... Cleaned stove pipes; also furnace pipes. Harry to Simon Rae's dance in evening...  
28 Sat. Got load of hay (from) Jas. Thomson's in morning. Harry & I to city (with) car, 1<sup>st</sup> time; licence \$8.00...  
Had supper at Mansion House with Chas. Richardson, McCully and Mr. Fisher.  
30 Mon. Took saw back to Tom Clyne's; got load of hay at Jas. Thomson's... Fanny, Harry & I to St. Marys. Saw Mrs. Seale... had flat tire on way home. Lovely day.

May, 1934

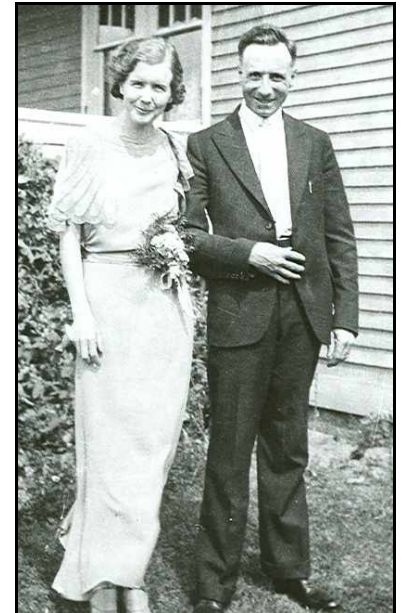
- 1 Tues. Set duck eggs; also goose, 2<sup>nd</sup> one. I burnt brush at back field in morning.  
3 Thurs. Working back field (with) 5 horses. Sowed banner oats...  
4 Fri. I disc harrowed wheat; Harry sowed oats and barley...  
7 Mon. ...Harry went to city; got seed barley; also trees from government...  
10 Thurs. Harry discing root ground. I planted some early potatoes; ploughed behind barn for trees.  
12 Sat. Got load of hay at Jas. Thomson's... took up pup and some trees. Harry working his tractor<sup>1</sup> in the afternoon. I cleaned the colony house; sowed some grass seed and harrowed it...  
13 Sun. Rained all day; Nelson and kids here in evening...  
14 Mon. Harry planting trees behind barn; I harrowed oats at back. McNeil here buying cattle; also Jew buying feathers.  
18 Fri. Rec'd flowers and seeds from Helen; planted seeds in afternoon in garden. Harry drawing manure.  
23 Wed. I planted onions, peas and flowers in front field. Frank Brown here in morning... I planted some poplar trees from government... Saw ball game at Bimini; No. 4 beat No. 5...  
25 Fri. I sowed turnips... Harry drawing manure. Rolled and ploughed for corn. Vivian Coddington here for eggs (but) got none. Harold Bradshaw and family here; got 5 doz. on acct... Fanny got telegram from Prescott; Mrs. Holmes very sick.  
26 Sat. ...caught skunk, hawk and 2 crows on corn ground. Allan Monteith here; got some mangel seed. 6 goslings out; also 13 ducks.  
27 Sun. I took walk to Bimini. Bill Keith and wife here in afternoon for supper. Nelson and Mae here; got 4 doz. eggs...  
29 Tues. Harry to city; also Fanny... I went to Lupton's ball game...  
31 Thurs. I ploughed for buckwheat... All went to Ruben Tanner's<sup>2</sup> in evening; he got kicked by horse and killed... Took 5 doz. eggs to Coddington's...

June, 1934

- 2 Sat. ...Fanny & I washed shirts & sheets in afternoon. Very warm, no rain; grain drying up. Bob Cardwell here in evening.  
10 Sun. Rained heavy in the morning, 4:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> rain in a month... Nelson & Mae here for supper; got some potatoes... Grain very dry.  
11 Mon. ...Sam Twist here. (My) beef ring beast weighed 900 lbs @4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢; my share \$21.25... We have 25 ducks, 17 goslings and 17 chicks Richardson's.  
14 Thurs. ...went for lumber at mill... went to ball game; Harmony won 15 - 13; good game... Maud mare foaled in night; mare colt (filly) from Bill Rae's horse...

Spring seeding begins.

Emma & Bill Keith from Bill's collection



<sup>1</sup> This is the first mention of a tractor on the farm. Was it the Eagle, the Sawyer Massey or neither? Also, it is the only mention of a tractor owned by the Loghrins in the diaries.

<sup>2</sup> Reuben J. Tanner was buried in Avondale Cemetery in Stratford the following day; his wife was Rebecca Florence Doig. Memorial Id. #153596169, *Find A Grave*.

- 15 Fri. Raes drawing earth for filling. Harry & I went to sawmill; got balance of lumber. Pd. \$3.00 cash; balance \$6.00 in white ash for 1500 feet...
- 19 Tues. Election day. Henry gov't defeated by big majority.<sup>1</sup> I voted at No.4 at noon. Lester Lupton here for Fanny; did not go. Ball game in evening; No. 4 beat No. 7.
- 22 Fri. Harry ploughing across creek. I hoed potatoes... scuffled roots. Sebringville trimmed No. 4; 12 - 6 at Bimini.
- 24 Sun. I got some wild strawberries. Harry & Fanny to Mrs. Payton's. Bill Heiden here; got pup from Harry; rec'd \$1.00.
- 26 Tues. Dull and misty all day. Put up hay fork... Telephone man here; pd. him \$3.56 on acct.; owing \$3.00. Fred Mitchell here about premium on car insurance.
- 27 Wed. I rolled buckwheat land and sowed it. Thin sow had 11 pigs living...
- 29 Fri. Harry and I hoed roots. All to No. 10 picnic at Holman's; good time; everyone there of section; home at 12 p.m. Nelson brought out girls at noon; Reta and Fanny.

July, 1934

- 1 Sun. Very hot day. Helen coming home today. Reta, Fanny & I got some strawberries. Bob Cardwell here...
- 4 Wed. Harry went for meat. I cut sweet clover, raked and drew in hay in afternoon. Very warm today.
- 11 Wed. Cutting hay in morning; hoeing turnips. Harry and I to Avonton ball game tournament; No. 6 won out...
- 14 Sat. Harry cut hay for Monday... all to city. Casey (Seale) here for supper...
- 15 Sun. Casey here all day. Picked some blackberries... also Verta and Jack Gibb here in evening.
- 16 Mon. Harry and I drew in 5 loads of hay. Lovely day. Nelson and family out in evening picking red currants; Fanny & Peg stayed out... Harry Monteith here for dinner.
- 17 Tues. ...I put poison on potatoes. Bill Rae here; served no mares... Fanny and Helen to Horman's Women's Institute picnic & meeting.
- 18 Wed. Cut hay and drew in 2 loads. Nelson and Mae here. I went to Rotary picnic with Art Wilson; came out with Art Horman...
- 20 Fri. Rained during night. Went to ball tournament at Bimini; No. 4 won out; did not go to dance in evening; Harry there. Expenses 50¢.
- 21 Sat. ...drew in balance of hay about 30 loads... All to city but Fanny; Vic came out with us...
- 22 Sun. ...picked some currants and gooseberries. Percy Lupton here in evening. Harry, Percy and Helen took Victoria home; had flat tire.
- 24 Tues. Harry cutting mixed grain; I shocked wheat... Harry Millman here selling cars.
- 25 Wed. ...also Tom Newell sold Helen Essex car; \$250.00 cash and old car \$25.00. All went to Mrs. Morris' wake<sup>2</sup> and to Lakeside in evening... Nelson and Mae here; brought out children.
- 29 Sun. Harry took old car to city in morning... Helen, Fanny, Harry and I to London (with) Helen's car. Stayed at Bill Keith's; saw some friends of Helen. Also to Springbank; home at 9:00 p.m. Lovely day.

Haying season
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August, 1934

- 1 Wed. Harry cut oats all day; I shocked oats. All to Payton's in evening; good time. Sent 4½ lbs meat to Coddington's.
- 3 Fri. ...Harry took horse (mare) to Bill Rae's; served Maud mare.
- 6 Mon. Civic holiday. Harry & I drawing in mixed grain. Nelson & family here in afternoon. Mae & I picked choke cherries and wild black currants. Peggy and Fanny here all night.
- 9 Thurs. Very warm. Nelson brought Mae out to stay a few days. Harry & I ploughing and drawing oats.
- 12 Sun. I took walk to Halfway (House); got haircut and tobacco; drink 15¢. Nelson here; family went home in evening. Mrs. Edwards 3 doz. eggs to settle.
- 13 Mon. Twist took calf to Kitchener; 250 lbs @ 3½¢ = \$8.75. Bill Schellenberger brought over bull; served black easy milker heifer. Helen came home at noon from vacation.
- 17 Fri. Ploughing 2 teams on stubble field. Very warm and dry.

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<sup>1</sup> Mitchell Hepburn and the Liberals won a decisive victory in Ontario.

<sup>2</sup> Catharine Cline Morris and her husband, James Edward Morris, are buried in Avondale Cemetery, Stratford. Memorial Id. #177635902 *Find A Grave*.



- 19 Sun. Very warm and dry. Bill Keith here in afternoon; stayed for supper... went to Bill Jeffrey's...
- 21 Tues. I dug out 2 plum trees that died of black knot. Harry harrowing wheat land.
- 22 Wed. Got ready for threshing... Mills came at 4 p.m. threshed 2 hours. Art, Bill Schellenberger & man here. Nelson and Payton's here in evening...
- 23 Thurs. Threshed one hour in morning; moved to Payton's...
- 25 Sat. I cut alfalfa hay second crop in front field all day... Annie Brown brought out Tom Sanderson to stay a few days...
- 26 Sun. ...All went to London; also Springbank; had supper at Bill Keith's; took apples and eggs...
- 28 Tues. Harry drawing manure for wheat... Helen, Harry and Tom Sanderson to show in evening.
- 29 Wed. Cut weeds and also corn with hoe (on) headlands. Harry ploughing sod. Helen to Listowel with Exeter lawyer (Jim Manley). Tom Sanderson and Harry saw Bill Fetter about cutting corn. Alex Rae brought meat. Very dry weather.
- 30 Thurs. ...I drew corn and disc harrowed for wheat. Helen and Nelson's kids to city, also Tom Sanderson...
- 31 Fri. Bill Fetter came at noon to cut corn; he and Harry cut corn all afternoon. Casey here in evening, also Payton boys and sister. Kathleen Jeffrey here for dinner... Rae boys got two loads of gravel...

#### September, 1934

- 1 Sat. ...Kathleen Jeffrey here for dinner. Helen, Kathleen and Harry to city; also took her home in evening... Fanny and Peg here; Mae (their mother) at Toronto Fair.
- 2 Sun. Picnic at Bimini... Helen and I went to city; got Tom Sanderson and all went to Kitmore's in afternoon...
- 3 Mon. Harry at Percy Lupton's threshing all day... Fetter finished cutting corn. Pd. him \$1.80 - 2 balls of twine; still owe him \$7.50 cutting. Fred Mitchell here about insurance; owe him \$2.80.
- 4 Tues. Harry and I sowed (fall) wheat... Tom Kitmore and Chas. here in evening; also T. Sanderson.
- 5 Wed. Harry at Art Monteith's threshing all day. Helen took Tom to city... I fixed hog pens...
- 6 Thurs. Helen at Toronto with Jim Manley. Fanny and Helen at Art Monteith's for supper. Nelson and family out in evening.
- 7 Fri. ...Harry took Helen to London to go back to New York. I picked wealthy apples, about 2 bags...
- 8 Sat. All to city in morning at market; Fanny bought vegetables...
- 9 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson here in morning... Bill Keith and wife and Lizzie came; also Tom Sanderson...
- 10 Mon. Shocking corn... Harry to city (with) Helen's car; fixed at Gillis.
- 14 Fri. I ploughed sod; Harry at Simon Rae's silo filling. I went to St. Pauls Fair; home with Art Montteith...
- 16 Sun. ...Nelson & Mae here; got Peggy. I got some mushrooms...
- 18 Tues. Drew up wood for cellar. Did not show colt; trucker did not come. Went to Fair in afternoon...
- 19 Wed. ...I went to silo filling at Clifford's... Harry started cutting buckwheat. 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Stratford Fair...
- 23 Sun. Lovely day. Wrote to Helen. Got some mushrooms. Nelson and Mae here; got some apples.
- 24 Mon. Harry cultivating. I put cement step in cow stable... Repaired stone boat and drew some filling for stable door.
- 25 Tues. All to city in afternoon... went to Mrs. Cook's funeral<sup>1</sup>.
- 26 Wed. Harry ploughing in morning. Harry & I to Jim Clyne's sale; bought nothing... Nelson, Mae & Kids here; brought out 4 ducks to feed.
- 27 Thurs. ...Harry at Jim Thomson's silo filling for Jack Clifford... Raleigh man here: soap 25¢, cloves 25¢.
- 30 Sun. Lovely day. Nelson and Mae here. I went to Cardwell's in afternoon.

#### October, 1934

- 4 Thurs. Harry ploughing corn stubble. All to city in afternoon: Pd. \$300 of note; renewed balance for 6 mo. \$125 Pd. Budd \$25 on acct; balance \$17 Pd. Kalbfleisch \$10; balance \$2.95 Pd. Kenner & Rankin acct. \$10... Peggy came out with us in evening.
- 5 Fri. Harry and I took up potatoes all day, about 50 or 60 bags... Twist bought old Betsy cow \$4.00...
- 6 Sat. ...Harry and I finished potatoes... Harry bought bull (from) Bill Schellenberger for \$24.00...
- 12 Fri. Harry drawing manure (with) spreader. I went to Chris' threshing at 4 p.m.
- 14 Sun. I got some beech nuts in morning. Sal Richardson, wife and daughter here in afternoon. H. Bradshaw got 3 doz. eggs on acct. Art & Fred Brown here in afternoon; also Nelson and Mae. Harry & I to Halfway; I got

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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Koch, wife of George Koch, died on Sept. 23, 1934 and is buried in Tavistock. From *Find A Grave*.

haircut 10¢...

- 15 Mon. Harry at Bill Schellenberger's place threshing; moved to Ed. Murray's in evening. I drew mangles...  
16 Tues. ...Harry & Fanny to city; brought out Mae in evening...  
17 Wed. ...We threshed at 10 a.m. Moved here from E. Murray's; finished at 5 p.m. Had supper and moved to Bob Cardwell's. Good threshing...  
18 Thurs. Cleaned barn floor; drew out weed seeds and burned them... Harry at Cardwell's. I picked 10 bags spies (apples)... heavy frost during night.  
20 Sat. All to city at 10 a.m. I topped turnips till 9 a.m... sent letter to Helen. Harry to Jas. Thomson's threshing clover and buckwheat...  
21 Sun. Raining in morning; I did chores. Harry sleeping.

This is **the last of Tom's diary entries**. It is not known why he did not continue. However, the diary record does go on until early 1936. The author is not identified but, based on the handwriting and the unusual spelling of some words, it is almost certainly Tom's son, Harry. The style is much more cryptic than Tom's record but it continues to give insight to the farm operation and family life.

- 22 Plowing all day across the creek; took big sow to Fern's. Adams bakery 3 loafes bread at 8¢. Rainy damp day.  
23 Tues. Plowing in morning. Tom topping turnips in afternoon. Harry Monteith here for dinner. Paid to date of April, 1933. \$40.00...  
27 Sat. Fixed car in morn... Snow in afternoon... Cattle in for first time.  
30 Tues. I ploughed sod all day 2 teams... Fred Mitchell here; got 2 ducks... Tom to Schellenberger's at night.  
November, 1934

- 1 Thurs. ...Jim Thomson here; cut pigs... Black heifer calved; B. calf.  
2 Fri. Picked 5 ducks in morn; to town in afternoon... Ducks sold for 15¢ lb; 4 ducks at \$3.00.  
4 Sun. Rained all night. Dark day. Bill and Emma (Keith) here for supper...  
6 Tues. Ploughing buckwheat... Bill Jeffrey here for dinner; stayed all night...  
9 Fri. Tom finished ploughing buckwheat... drew in 2 loads turnips and 1 load corn. I went to Tavistock in morn with apple butter; had 34 gal. cider... I went to beef ring meeting at night; drew n. 15 beast...  
11 Sun. ...Nels & Mae here; also Jack Finley. Nels got 2 ducks...  
15 Thurs. Finished making wheelbarrow. Tom to Tanner's sale in afternoon. I drew gravel...  
16 Fri. Killed 6 ducks in forenoon... Ed McLeod here in evening; also Bob Cardwell and Bill Thompson...  
20 Tues. I ploughed sod all day. Tom worked around the house... Took load of turnips up to Coddington in morn...  
23 Fri. Did chores in morning. Went to town in afternoon; No. 5 club dance at night adm. 70¢.  
25 Sun. Did chores. Cold, raw wind. Bill & Emma here; also Nels.  
28 Wed. ...I went shooting in morning; got bird of paradise...  
30 Fri. Went to town with 6 ducks. Joe Tanner's barn burnt down at 8:45 in evening...

December, 1934

- 2 Sun. Cold, windy day. Nels & Mae here; gave Nel 25¢ for phone to William Keith.  
5 Wed. Did chores. Bill Keith here... Edna (Schellenberger) here at night...  
6 Thurs. ...Went to play practice at night. Willy Nelson (Monteith) and Art here collecting for Joe Tanner \$2.00...  
7 Fri. ...picked four ducks; to town in afternoon... ducks \$3.05... Rec'd letter form Alex...  
9 Sun. Nel and Mae here for supper. I went to Payton's in afternoon. Nel got 1 duck. Very cold.  
10 Mon. ...I cleaned spark plugs in Essex (Helen's car). Alvin Lupton here about geese. Bob Cardwell here with cow...  
12 Wed. Did Chores. Mother to Art Monteith's meeting. Dave Tanner here.  
13 Thurs. I made storm door for cellar; picked 4 ducks, 3 hens, 1 chicken...

Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grocery List ¢	
lard	24
bananas	19
sweet potatoes	9
raisins	22
salmon	12
beans	25
br. sugar	25
wh. sugar	50
drugs	10
gas	50
tobacco	25
tea acct.	50
fuel oil	40

- 14 Fri. Went to town in afternoon. Sent parcel to New York, U.S.A. 81¢...
- 17 Mon. I went to St. Pauls with tongues and radiator to solder... Annette came down with me; had supper and went to play practice.
- 18 Tues. I put radiator in car. Went to play practice at night.
- 19 Wed. ...went to play practice at night.
- 20 Thurs. Went to city in afternoon; sent 3 geese to Toronto. Rec'd Maclean's magazine from (Roy) Perry...
- 21 Fri. Did chores. Pressed clothes in the afternoon. All went to Christmas concert at night. Adm. 45¢.
- 22 Sat. I went to school in afternoon for platform... Rec'd parcel from Shephard's.
- 25 Tues. Christmas day. Nel and family here; also Bill Thomson.
- 30 Sun. Very quite [sic]. Bob Cardwell here; Mother sick.
- 31 Mon. Went to bush in afternoon. Mother sick...

*Drew in lumber pile in morn  
Tom took 9 bags of chop to mill  
Leow Payton took up platform  
to school. We layed it in after-  
noon. Nestor Bakery. here. 2 loaves.  
Grad. .16  
Chop. .72  
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Harry's entry for Saturday, Dec. 15, 1934

#### January, 1935

- 2 Wed. I went for chop; got tongues (poles) at Garf's; also sleigh...
- 4 Fri. Nice day... Harry Ford here for dinner; offered \$35.00 for bull. I went to Art's in evening... Easy milker (cow) calved.
- 5 Sat. Went to bush in afternoon. White heifer calved. Andrew Rae here...
- 7 Mon. Very soft. Drew 2 loads of wood; dragged roadway.
- 13 Sun. Nels here. I went to corner (Halfway?); also to Payton's. Tobacco 30¢.
- 15 Tues. Took cedar to school; rec'd \$3.00. Went to No. 4 in evening with Jim Thomson. Adm. 25¢. Bill here in evening (Crazy Bill).<sup>1</sup>
- 18 Fri. Went to bush. Payton's; also Bob Cardwell here in evening.
- 21 Mon. Tom for chop. I cut corn for Bob...
- 23 Wed. ...rec'd \$1.00 for cutting corn for Bob. Starter spring for car 50¢. Art's in evening.
- 27 Sat. Very quiet. George Cook here for supper.
- 28 Mon. Took 2 calves to Embro @ 5¾¢...

Adams Bakery  
4<sup>th</sup> 3 loaves  
8<sup>th</sup> 3 loaves @ 8¢  
10<sup>th</sup> 3 loaves  
14<sup>th</sup> 4 loaves  
17<sup>th</sup> 4 loaves  
Deliveries continued  
all year; the price  
remained constant.

#### February, 1935

- 1 Fri. Headache. Went to No. 4 in evening. Admission 25¢.
- 10 Sat. Nels here. Very quiet. Tobacco 10¢.
- 22 Fri. I had cold. Payton's here at night.
- 23 Sat. Tom for chop. I got load of wood.
- 24 Sun. Very quiet. I went to Bob's (Cardwell).
- 25 Mon. I went to Embro with sleigh... 4 calves \$41.00 at 5½ & 6¢; 3 pigs @ \$8.15 per cwt.
- 28 Thurs. Went to bush... Jimmy Payton here... I went to Neil Murray's at night; presentation for Beth...

*Went to bush, went for chop and  
drawing manure are frequent entries.*

#### March, 1935

- 1 Fri. ...Went to No. 5 school at night with Andrew Rae. Cigarettes 10¢; Admission 25¢. Hesson cow calved.
- 2 Sat. Tom to city: salt 60¢, horse (stall) 15¢, gloves 75¢, nails 12¢, tobacco 10¢, (cigarette) papers 5¢, soda 10¢, flint 10¢, matches 10¢...
- 6 Wed. Went to bush. Ed MacLeod stuck in snow. Bill Rae here in morning.
- 7 Thurs. Cleaned seed oats... Fred Mitchell here; took out wind insurance with (him). Policy to come in force on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1935 for \$3000.00 at \$12.00 for 3 years.
- 10 Sun. Very quiet. Turning softer. I was working at car.
- 13 Wed. ...to city. Tom for car license and driver's permit \$14.00... 1 lb. tea 50¢...
- 15 Fri. ...Tom to city with Tommy Murr looking for cows... I was fanning oats.
- 21 Thurs. I cut up pig. Don Ridley here at noon. Tom in bush... Last heifer calved today.

<sup>1</sup> Who was "Crazy Bill"?

- 27 Wed. Vincent here; got 195 lbs mixed grain... Sold Queen mare for \$89.00 to Frank Salkeld...
- 29 Fri. Went for chop... cleaned seed barley... Frank Brown here; got tongue at \$1.50... I went to No. 4 dance...
- 31 Sun. ...Nel, Mae & Bob (Cardwell) here. Went to Payton's in evening...

April, 1935

- 2 Tues. Drew out wood all day... went to Coleman's (presentation) in evening.
- 3 Wed. Went to city; rec'd for cream \$5.10... cleaned clover in afternoon.
- 4 Thurs. Delivered pigs to Bill Rae; 607 lbs @ 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢...
- 5 Fri. Went to bush... Bill Keith here in afternoon.
- 9 Tues. Went to city; pd. bank \$79.50 to renew note...
- 10 Wed. Fixed machinery. Tom harrowing and rolling...
- 19 Fri. Broke colt this morning. Rolled in afternoon. Tom fencing. Nels here for dinner; Reta & Peg here for weekend. Got cultivator tooth at Crises (Chris').
- 23 Tues. I cultivated all day. Twist here; I received \$68.72 for 4 pigs @ \$8.20 per cwt; 1 select, 3 bacon. Cultivated 26 acres to date; Tom planting trees.
- 25 Thurs. I sowed piece next Art's with barley & Alaska oats... Tom to Halfway...
- 30 Tues. I ploughed this morning. Rainy in afternoon, dirty day. Went to show *Lest We Forget*; adm. \$1.05.

May, 1935

- 1 Wed. Ploughed with two teams all day on corn stubble. Bert Appleback passing through.
- 5 Sun. Nels here. Don Jeffrey here... fixing Nels car.
- 8 Wed. I was cultivating in afternoon. Fred Mitchell; also William Keith. Mother (Fanny L.) to Mrs. Dempsey's (Institute?) meeting with Mrs. Thomson. Harold Wilson here; also J. Payton. I went to the lake; took the Payton boys.
- 9 Thurs. Fixing fence behind the barn. I went to Halfway; ordered barb wire @ \$4.05 a roll... Mr. Jeffrey died today in Toronto.
- 11 Sat. ...Tom to Toronto \$1.80 return (for his step-father's funeral)... I went for Helen at night.
- 12 Sun. Art & Ella here for dinner; Nels here; Crazy Bill here. Helen & I to London.
- 15 Wed. I drew stone & mud for (rock) garden. Tom harrowing.
- 17 Fri. Drawing manure all day. Tom working at rock garden.
- 18 Sat. ...Fanny & Helen to city. Ploughing in afternoon. Harold Wilson here.
- 23 Thurs. ...Got chickens today; 164 @ \$19.25... Went to Conroy dance... Fanny & Helen to Dempsey's presentation.
- 24 Fri. Helen went to New York at 9 a.m. I sowed turnips and mangels. Nels here; sowed garden. Tom fishing...

June, 1935

- 1 Sat. Discing corn ground in forenoon... to city... Pd. life insurance \$25.00; pd. wind insurance \$12.00; pd. collectors in full \$40.00...
- 6 Thurs. A horse colt born to Nellie mare, strong colt... Went to ball game at No. 4... Art here; got some potatoes.
- 15 Sat. I plowed for buckwheat. Very warm. Went to city in evening...
- 17 Mon. Rainy today. Went to St. Marys; got (cream) separator repairs at \$3.50...
- 21 Fri. ...Helen arrived from New York on 4 p.m...
- 23 Sun. Wet in morning; Nels here all day. Bill & Emm<sup>1</sup> here in afternoon...
- 24 Mon. Working at barn floor all day. Went to ball game at Halfway; then to George Aitcheson's, Richardson's and Coddington's...
- 25 Tues. ...to city in morn; got trunk (Helen's?) at station... Helen's car in to install radio....
- 26 Wed. Hoed all day... to city with Miller for car. Pd. for radio \$2.85; work done at Hudson Essex...
- 27 Thurs. ...I hoed... Tom working in garden.
- 30 Sun. Bob (Cardwell) here in morn. Got ferns at Nelson's in afternoon.

July, 1935

- 4 Thurs. Scuffled today; very hot. Went to ball game in evening...
- 5 Fri. I scuffled all day corn & roots... Tom hoeing potatoes.
- 9 Tues. ...to city; got paper hanger. Papered all day.
- 10 Wed. Cut hay... went to ball tourney in afternoon; No. 4 won; adm. 40¢

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<sup>1</sup> Bill Keith married his second wife Emma Grace Draper on Aug. 16, 1933.

- 11 Thurs. Drew in 3 loads hay. Fanny & Helen to city; also to Thomson's meeting...
- 12 Fri. Drew in hay; raked in afternoon. Got hayfork rope sliced at Schellenberger's 25¢...
- 13 Sat. Fanny & Helen to city... got 9 loads of hay off field at barn.
- 17 Wed. ...Mae here; worked at garden.
- 19 Fri. Drawing hay; cutting piece in back field. Very hot, 93F.
- 21 Sun. Went to Ormond Beach (on Lake Erie near Port Bruce); 26 miles return.
- 24 Wed. Fixing binder; started cutting wheat... Tom at Rotary; Nels here...
- 27 Sat. Drawing 4 loads hay; cutting mixed grain... Bill & Emm (Keith) here for supper.

#### August, 1935

- 2 Fri. Cut grain... Howard Orlove here from New York; arrived tonight.
- 4 Sun. I went to Tanner's for bug killer 50¢. To Kitmore's in afternoon. Paytons here. Sow had 11 pigs.
- 10 Sat. Went shooting in afternoon.
- 14 Wed. Cutting oats... Institute (meeting) here today. Nels here...
- 15 Thurs. Finished cutting oats. People here from Ft. William.
- 24 Sun. I went to Art's (Monteith); Nels here; Jim (Dempsey) also. Percy (Lupton) also.
- 28 Wed. Very windy, drew grain. Payton here in afternoon; Nels here...
- 31 Sat. Finished harvest... Payton helping day and half \$1.50...

#### September, 1935

- 1 Sun. Harry Monteith here; I went to Bill Jeffrey's.
- 5 Thurs. Tom threshing at Chris'. I drew manure all day. British American Oil here: 10 gal. coal oil \$1.30; 25 black oil \$2.63.
- 6 Fri. Tom threshing all day. I drew manure... went to London... Helen left for New York at 6:50 p.m.
- 13 Fri. Tom threshing at Jim's. I raked hay in morning. Bob (Cardwell) helping in afternoon.
- 17 Tues. Went to (Stratford) Fair. Showed colt; prize money \$5.00; Trailer \$1.00; Adm. \$1.00...
- 19 Thurs. Tom ploughing. I went to silo filling for Raes...
- 24 Tues. Plowing with 2 teams.
- 27 Fri. Went to city. (Started) threshing in afternoon. Ella (Monteith) helping.
- 28 Sat. Threshing all day; finished 11 hours @ \$1.75... Bill Keith here in morning.
- 29 Sun. Nels here. Tom went to London, rec'd \$3.00.
- 30 Mon. I cut corn in afternoon. Scott Green here. Tom back from Toronto; went to Liz Cook's funeral. Bill & Emm here for supper.

#### October, 1935

- 1 Tues. I cut corn. Tom ploughing... Went to hospital; saw Kathleen (Jeffrey?).
- 4 Fri. Drawing manigolds (mangels); 8 loads; snowy at times.
- 9 Wed. I went to Art's threshing in morn. Shocked corn in afternoon...
- 13 Sun. Very quiet. Nels & Payton boys here.
- 14 Mon. Plowing today. Went to vote... Pd. interest on note \$2.75; due \$50.00 in Jan.
- 17 Thurs. I topped turnips. Went to No. 4 supper. Donated 2 chickens. Louis here; collected for Dunsmore 50¢.
- 22 Tues. Ploughing in morning... Went Harrington at night; Dunsmore's presentation.
- 24 Thurs. Shooting squirrels in morn; drawing turnips in afternoon. Took Nels to city.
- 28 Mon. Drew corn... Got load of wood. Went to school practice.
- 30 Wed. I ploughed corn ground... Went to school at night, good time.
- 31 Thurs. ...Delivered 46 ducks to Rotary... Total \$32.20; profit \$1.50...

#### November, 1935

- 1 Fri. Took sow to Percy's... worked at apples for apple butter. Beef ring meeting tonight. Pd. for meat \$2.91; season's meat \$34.14.
- 4 Mon. ...ploughing corn stubble; started to rain about 11 a.m. Jimmy Dempsey here; worked at calf box stall.
- 7 Thurs. Ploughing sod with 2 teams; milder today. Pd. Grange Tea Co. \$1.00; owing \$1.00.
- 15 Fri. ...Picked 3 chickens & 1 goose. Tom threshing at Chris'...
- 17 Sun. Nels & Franky Brown here.

#### Cattle drive

- N 12 Jim Thomson here wanting help with cattle
- N 13 helping drive cattle from Seaforth  
drove them 23 miles
- N 14 Drove cattle to Jim's  
Pd. \$1.00 a day and expenses

24 Sun. Nels here. Annetta & Wilk here at night.

28 Thurs. ...to city... Sent parcel to New York... Went to J. Thomson's supper at night.

December, 1935

6 Fri. Circled wood in afternoon. Paid Jimmy (Dempsey) \$7.00. Pd. \$3.00 plowing in 1929.

8 Sun. Art Horman here; also Nels.

10 Tues. ...to city. Paid taxes \$63.66; drew on acct. \$60.00.

11 Wed. Drawing gravel... to Art's in evening. Fanny to Tanner's meeting...

12 Thurs. Drew gravel; Tom to sale at Houck's...

17 Tues. Tom sick. Circled wood at Art's.

21 Sat. Went to city. Sent parcel to Toronto; rec'd parcel from New York.

24 Tues. Went to city; car not working. Geese to Avalon; profit \$6.00 on 14. Came out with G. McEwen...

25 Wed. Nels here. Very quiet. Tom sick.

January, 1936

1 Wed. Very quiet. Nels & Fat (McEwen) here. I went to Kitmore's.

6 Mon. Went to Embro with calf; 165 lbs. @ 8¢. Also to city... paid insurance \$14.20.

13 Sun. Nels here; very quiet.

16 Thurs. Drawing wood, very cold...

24 Fri. Drew cream, very cold.

**There ends the Loghrin diary record.**

September, 1936 *from Nelson Monteith's diary*

9 Wed. **Thos. Loghrin died last night.** I made up obituary for *Beacon Herald*. Ida, Marg, Grace, Nelson and I over to Loghrin's.

10 Thurs. Ken Jeffrey and Fanny here from Sarnia. Margaret (Murray) over to Loghrin's. Ken here all night.

12 Sat. Thos. Loghrin's funeral. Fanny, Roy & Reta Perry and Anne Sheppard here for tea with Fanny (Jeffrey) going back to Toronto. Bearers were: Art Monteith, Wm. Dempsey, Joe Tanner, Art Horman, Simon Rae and Bill Schellenberger.

## Appendix I: "Home from the West"<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Loghrin arrived home yesterday after spending the summer in the west. He spent four months in the Edmonton district and says the country is rapidly being settled; the soil is very rich and can be bought at \$2 to \$10 an acre. The only drawback is it is subject to frost. He came back to Manitoba for the harvest and reports a very wet fall. He says almost half the grain is still in stook and is starting to sprout. The farmers say they never experienced anything like it for the last ten years. The crop yields 25 to 30 bushels to the acre and only half threshed means a great loss to the farmers. Mr. Loghrin did not get a very good impression of the country and thinks there is no country like our own.

## Appendix II: A letter tucked into a diary from Jessie Loghrin to Fannie Holmes

Miss Fannie Holmes<sup>2</sup>  
Prescott, Ont.  
Postmarked: Oct, 1902

The Stone House<sup>3</sup>  
Stratford

My dear Fannie,

I received your letter and was so pleased to hear from you and hope you are having a good time. I was sorry to have been away the day you called.

You asked me about Tom (Jessie's brother-in-law). He is fine; he does not even take a glass of beer so he is alright. He came into the (Stratford) Fair and came down to our place for tea. And then in the evening we went to the show in the Opera House<sup>4</sup>. Tom often speaks of you; he says you are a fine girl. Poor Tom is not bad.

My sister (Mathilda "Tilly") and (her husband) Dr. Craig have not gone home yet. I wish they would stay all winter with us. Miss Smith and I went out to Tom's and then called a few minutes to see your Mother<sup>5</sup>. Tom was there (at Joe Richardson's) threshing<sup>6</sup>.

Let me know when you are coming home. I heard you were going to be married at Prescott and that Tom was going down. Mrs. Jeffrey believes you are going to be married and Tom does not deny it.

Father (John Fredrick Scholz) is pretty well. Write soon as I like to hear from you. What kind of weather are you having? The weather here is cold. The ink I am using is very poor.

Lizzie (Jessie's sister) is going to Toronto this afternoon. I went to Fred Hill's wedding. Mr. & Mrs. Nelson

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<sup>1</sup> An undated, unsourced newspaper clipping from "The News", a scrapbook kept by Tom Loghrin's stepfather, William Jeffrey. This clipping is among others that are dated 1898.

<sup>2</sup> Fanny married Tom Loghrin on Mar. 4, 1903.

<sup>3</sup> This was the Scholz/Loghrin house and later became the Stratford Legion.

<sup>4</sup> Tom's diary entry for Oct. 1, Wed. *I cut corn in morning; went to Fair in afternoon. Cold and damp. Had supper at Scholz, Blakeman also. ...to theatre in evening "Wireless Telephone". Paid Massey Harris note \$61.50, Fair 35¢, Watch repair \$1.50.*

<sup>5</sup> Fanny's mother, Ellen (Hayes) Holmes was Joe Richardson's housekeeper; Joe's farm was across the road from Tom's.

<sup>6</sup> Tom's diary entry for Sept. 10, Wed. *I went to Joe's threshing all day; finished all but about an hour. Asked hands for my own (threshing) in evening. Jess and Miss Smith out in afternoon. Lovely day.*

Monteith (Tom & Sam L's aunt & uncle) were there. I did not go to any of the millinery openings. I got my hat in London; just a cheap one.

All send love and write soon. I am your sincere friend, Jessie L. (Sam Loghrin's wife)  
P.S. Tom is not going with any girl.

Appendix III: A letter tucked into a diary from Sam Loghrin to his brother, Tom

25/10/15 (Oct. 25, 1915)

In my dugout somewhere in Belgium  
Dear Tom,<sup>1</sup>

We are in reserve about 1 mile back of the firing line and it is raining all day today so I have the time to write some letters. I was away for a week's course of instruction in trench warfare. One officer from each regt. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Can. Division. It was a very interesting and instructive course. We tried out several telescopic sights to find out which is best suited to the Ross rifle for use by our snipers.

Don<sup>2</sup> has been made a Lance Corp. just put his stripe on today. Some soldier. I believe he holds the record for fast moving from the time he enlisted until he reached the firing line. But without my assistance, he would not have been able to do it. Don is very cool under fire and never gets excited. That is one of his good qualities, he is very popular with the boys. "Jeff" as he is called, the big first baseman of the 18<sup>th</sup>, has a host of friends in our regt.

Say Don tells me that last Friday he had a close shave. He was one of a working party of about ten who were doing some repairs in the front line. They saw a German artillery observation officer on his hands and knees behind a shrub near the German trench watching the result of their own artillery fire. A sniper of ours with a picked? rifle shot this officer right in the head. The Huns sent a dose of shrapnel after the working party, one man a few yards from Don had his head blown off. The rest of the party beat it, scared but not hurt. These kind of small scraps occur almost every day. For over a week things have been quiet, no heavy bombardments since we left the front trenches. During our last time in front trenches we had two men killed and about a dozen wounded in our company. A week ago last Wednesday was the heaviest bombardment I have yet been in. In three hours enough metal passed over our heads and around us to start a good sized foundry in business. The Canuck batteries fired 4000 rounds over our heads into the German lines. Say it was fine sight, trees over a foot through were blown into the air, mud, planks and cement could be seen flying in the air. After a time the smoke got too thick to see the German trenches. We expected to get orders to go over the parapet and assault the Hun line, but the order never came. Perhaps it is just as well, for sure some of us would not be here now.

When it comes to making ourselves comfortable, the Canucks are great hustlers. We build fireplaces in our dug outs. Make them out of tin. I found a 6 in. sewer pipe which I use as a chimney. It works fine. Lots of good wood around here. I found a row of walnut trees which had been smashed by artillery fire last fall. Chopped my week's wood out of the tops, dry and the best of wood.

I visited a ruined Belgian village on Sunday. Brodie, my servant, brought back a table and I grabbed a chair and a few decorations for my dug out. My dug out is built into a bank on the side of a road. Just a square excavation about 16 ft. long by 9 feet wide all underground but 2 rows of sand bags. On these two rows of sand bags rests the rafters. Roof is corrugated iron. Whole top is covered with about 3 ft. of earth to prevent shrapnel from smashing it. No windows, use candles for light. I am writing this letter by candlelight at four in the afternoon. But say that walnut burns fine and this place is quite comfortable. Found a patch of potatoes that were planted in spring 1914. When war

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was written by Sam Loghrin to his younger brother, Tom Loghrin.

<sup>2</sup> Don Jeffrey was a younger half brother of Sam and Tom Loghrin.



broke out, they were partly taken up by German soldiers. Enough were left in the ground, small ones I suppose, for seed. These grew a nice crop which was well hidden by weeds. I took up a sand bag full and the tubers taste fine. Potatoes are not issued in the rations and cost here, bought from Belgian farmers, 2¢ per pound. I am going to pit a couple of bags from that patch and believe me, I will hide the pit. Wandered through a ruined distillery yesterday. No booze anywhere; the Germans sacked the place a year ago. The vats reminded me of the tannery and days gone by.

Canadians are the real rustlers, in fact, I heard an English officer say he believed the Canadians would steal the Cross of Christ. But he was a little sore because he was late in finding the place.

I was in a ruined Belgian farm one day. Saw a broken cream separator and a gas meter. Must have been an up to date agriculturalist. It will take years to replace this country, whole villages smashed to pieces and rows upon rows of trenches 6 or 8 ft. deep. It took 3 armies to put them there and it will take an army to fill them in.

If today is a sample of Belgian winter weather, I am sure going to rustle everything I need for life in this dug out. A dug out is a cross between a root house and a milk cellar. But it's up to each man how comfortable he makes himself. If you sit around here and shiver, you will get the nerves. But if you get out and hustle and make yourself comfortable, you will be all right. One of our officers had nervous collapse and believe me he sure was a wreck, shook like a leaf, could not hold a cup of tea in his hand. Was sent back to England.

I have to post this letter by five. The mail goes out at night. Everything goes in and out of here after dark. It is not safe to drive a wagon up here in daytime.

Write soon. Give Bill<sup>1</sup> this letter to read but be sure the newspapers don't get hold of it. "We fight, not advertise" is the 18<sup>th</sup> motto.

With love to you and Fannie and the family, I Remain, Your Brother, Sam

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<sup>1</sup> Bill Jeffrey was also a younger half brother of Sam and Tom Loghrin.

## Glossary

beef ring - a co-operative way for a group of farmers to have a supply of beef during the warm weather period; each farmer supplied an animal as required to have a continuous supply.

chop - course flour from grain, used for animal feed

circling wood - sawing firewood with a circular blade and sliding table driven by an engine/tractor

cock up hay - put the hay into small piles with vertical sides and rounded tops to shed the rain. From *Wikipedia*.

colony house - a shelter/ building for young chickens

Dorking - a breed of chicken

draw - haul as in "I drew in a load of hay."

fanning mill - a fanning mill cleans chaff and weed seeds from grain; usually hand powered.

gang plough - a plough with two or more furrows.

girts - horizontal beams used in timber frame walls

joint ill - also known as septic arthritis, a bacterial infection that can be fatal.  
From *Wikipedia*.

litter carrier - a carrier suspended from a track to carry manure from the stable to the outdoor manure pile

mangels - beets which can be used as cattle feed. From *Wikipedia*.

paris green - an insecticide used to kill potato beetles

purlins - horizontal beams used in timber frame roofs

shine - social or party that included dancing

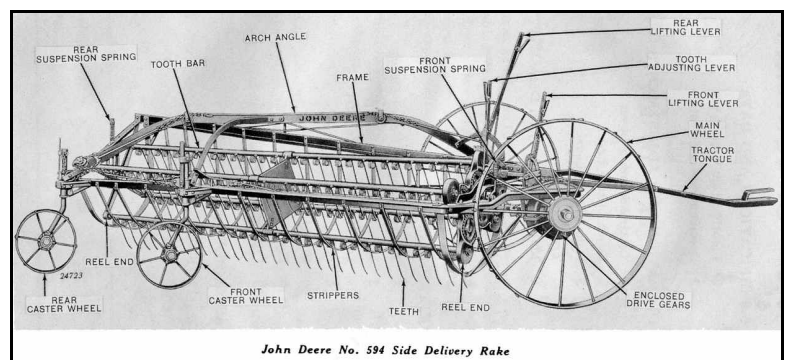
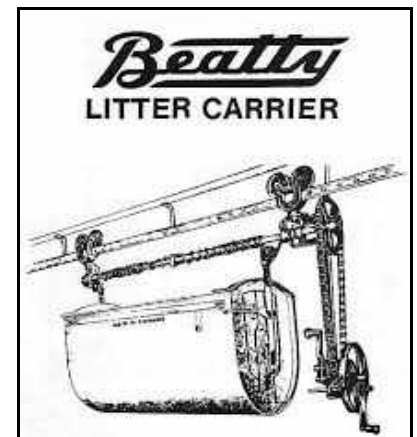
shocking - also known as stooking; in either case, several sheaves of grain or corn are set up with heads together in order to dry

side rake - a rake pulled by horses or tractor to move mown hay sideways into a windrow

time - party or social as in "We went to Art & Ella's time."

tongue - a pole to go between a team of horses when pulling a wagon, sleigh, etc.

White Rock - a breed of chicken.



Side rake

## Afterword: Personal reflections

Writing this synopsis has been fascinating and challenging; perhaps more so than any project I have attempted.

We are fortunate to have the 1895 diary in the collection. It's a record of Tom's life before he had the responsibility of running the farm and it's well worth reading; he was a young man willing to try a variety of things. His interest in sports and politics was life long. In fact, he recorded the results of local, provincial and federal elections in all his diaries; he played baseball for most of his life.

Tom's interaction with his step sister, Reta, and half siblings is revealing. I grew up not knowing of Marguerite Winnifred Jeffrey, Wm. Jeffrey Jr's first child; yet Tom was close with Reta (his spelling) and Roy Perry, her husband. They were regular visitors at the farm and exchanged gifts at Christmas. In later years Reta and Roy often brought Tom's mother, Fanny, with them from Toronto. Each of his Jeffrey siblings is mentioned many times. He and his half brother, Willie, worked closely together especially as Willie got started in farming. It's difficult to gauge his relationship with his step-father whom he referred to as "The Boss", "Mr. J." or Mr. Jeffrey but Tom often stopped at the Jeffrey home in Stratford in the early years of farming.

Tom almost never wrote of his emotions. Even when he lost his brothers, Sam and Don; then later his sons, Donald and Willie, he simply recorded the facts. We know though that he and Fanny, after they married, attended many neighbourhood parties that went on 'til the wee hours. Tom seemed to enjoy a good time and on one occasion wrote of a party attended by his son Nelson's friends as a "very quiet time - no fun."



"The man with the horse is your grandfather at the farm." Note from Bill Keith.

Tom supported his daughter, Helen, as she attended high school in Stratford and nurse's training in London. She, in turn, was generous in her contributions to the family when she went to work.

Family lore is sometimes at odds with his diary records. For example, it's widely believed by the family that Tom had a stallion(s) that served mares in the neighbourhood. He never mentioned having a stud although he did write many times of taking his mares to be served at neighbours' farms. He also sold many horses over the years. Even the

picture included here is puzzling. If this is Tom with the horse, where was the photo taken? He made no mention of a silo or silo filling on his farm .

The late 1920s were difficult. Willie died suddenly in 1927 and in the following year Fanny was ill for lengthy periods. Then, in 1929, Harry was hospitalized with appendicitis and Fanny was in hospital twice with an unspecified illness. The financial cost was significant and the emotional impact is unknown. Tom continued the farm operation as usual.

Finally, when Tom stopped writing the diary in late 1934, Harry continued the record into early 1936. Harry indicated that he took on many of the farm operations and at least some of the financial transactions. Was Tom not feeling well? Are those in the family who believe that Tom had rheumatic fever as a child correct? Whatever the reasons, Harry had begun the transition to running the farm before his father's death.

There are many questions still to be answered!

Tom Loghrin, 2018

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1929 sickness expnse	115	Blacklock, Joe	44	Coddington, Vivian	137	Hurl, Almeda	30
1930 acreage	120	Blake, Fred	124	Colony house	148	Hyslop, Bessie	61
1930 sold in	119	Blakeman, Dick	16	Concert practice	130	Hyslop, Mrs.	96
1932 haying	128	Bolton, Miss	110	Connaught, Duke of	58	Jeffrey, Don	64
1932 Stratford Fair	129	Bothwell, Mrs.(Fanny)	46	Conway, Bill	39	Jeffrey, Peggy	88
1933 expenses	131	Bradshaw, Bert	96	Cook (Koch?) Geo.	122	Jeffrey, Wm.	142
1933 Jan. 13	131	Bradshaw, Harold	134	Cook (Koch?) Jack	117	Kelly, Patrick	41
1934 grocery list	140	Bradshaw, Miss	56	Cooney, Tom	14	Latimore, John	16
28 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	2	Brennen, Pete	65	Corbett, May	8	Lawton, Margaret	82
<b>A</b>		Britton, Mrs.	31	Court case (Nelson L.)	93	Lawton, Mary	116
Adam's Bakery	140	British Mortgage & Trust	6	Court, Dan	116	Loghrin, Donald F.	45
Ahrens, Fred	41	Broken arm (Alex L.)	55	Craig, Dr.	18	Loghrin, Jessie	59
Aikens, Jack	125	Brown, Annie	132	Craig, Mathilde	14	Loghrin, Sam	64
Aitcheson, Bill	130	Brown, Bob	105	<b>D</b>		Loghrin, Tom	144
Aitcheson, May	105	Brown, Frank	135	Daly, Bob	10	Loghrin, Willie	105
Aitcheson, George	76	Brown, Fred	139	Dandelion wine	80	McCarthy, John	54
Aitcheson, Stacey	102	Brown, Mrs.	8	Davis, W.	4	McEwen, ?	12
Aitcheson, Wilkie	73	Brown, Tom	73	Deaths:		McEwen, Kate	67
Appleback, Bert	142	Burk, Jack	7	Auger, Eva	33	McKay, David	28
Armstrong, Geo.	135	Business College	5	Baker, Fred	24	McKay, John	117
Attic pipes frozen	47	Byers, Lily	84	Ballantyne, Will	12	McKay, Sam	74
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Auto races	80	Campbell, Don	119	Bothwell, Fanny	77	McKay, Wm.	87
Baker, Bob	7	Camping	4	Bothwell, Muriel	70	McKay, Wm.	109
Baker, Herb	12	Cardwell, Bill	54	Bradshaw, Allan	42	McLeod, Caroline	52
Baker, J.	7	Cardwell, Bob	93	Cardwell, Mrs.	32	McNamara, Joe	95
Ballantyne, Bob	24	Cardwell, Ed	70	Cardwell, Phineas	125	Meadows, Margaret	48
Ballantyne, Dave	108	Cardwell, Fred	108	Cardwell, Ruby	62	Monteith, Alfred	22
Ballantyne, Wm.	6	Cardwell, John	50	Clyne, James	8	Monteith, Elizabeth	42
Barn addition	26	Cardwell, Phineas	54	Clyne, Pat	18	Monteith, Ethel	79
Barn raising	26	Carr, John	15	Coddington, Alice	84	Monteith, J. D.	135
Barton, Dave	133	Cattle drive	143	Cook/Koch Elizabeth	139	Monteith, John N.	58
Barton, Lizzie	8	Champion, Fern	120	Cook, Liz	143	Monteith, Maggie	48
Bean, Miss	64	Chop	148	Dempsey, Hubert	35	Monteith, Matt	73
Beef ring	50, 148	Christmas activities	98	Dempsey, John	95	Montieth, Sam	71
		Christmas parcels	130	Dunsmore, Allan	52	Morrow, Hazel	24

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Morrow, Mrs. J.	114	Dockerty, Billy	40	Ford, John	28	Hill, Fred	23
Morrow, Rachel	88	Doig, Bert	62	Fork in foot (Nelson L.)	60	Hill, George	24
Morrow, Samuel	19	Doig, Jack	28	Foulston, Ike	29	Hill, John	14
Murray, Ed	134	Douglas, Willie	73	Foulston, Wm.	32	Hill, Newton	56
Murray, John	108	Driving shed plan	7	Fraleigh, Hazel	111	Holmes, Fanny	8
Murray, Mary	128	Drug costs	119	Frame, Alex	89	Holmes, Mrs. (Ellen)	10
Orr, Dr.	79	Dunbar, John	71	Frame, Allan	94	Hooper, Cecil	36
Pinch Martha	28	Duncan, Rev.	106	Frame, Murray	48	Horman, Art	126
Radcliffe, Sam	114	Dunlop, Andy	12	Frame, Sandy	33	Horman, Bill	122
Rae, Mary	25	Dunlop, Bob	8	Fraser, Jack	97	Horman, Henry	52
Rae, Mr. (Walter)	115	Dunn, Bill	11	Frawley, Dave	78	Horman, Hugh	57
Rankin, Chas.	34	Dunn, Bob	27	Frier, Edith	28	Horse race	82
Rankin, Sam	34	Dunn, Jack	8	<b>G</b>		Hosford, Bill	13
Richardson, Frank	73	Dunseith, Frank	13	Gang plough	148	Hosford, Arn	103
Richardson, Jim	41	Dunseith, Les	122	Gasoline engine	78	Hosford, Ernest	59
Richardson, Joe	76	Dunsmore, Art	62	Germany wants peace	71	Houck, Frank	48
Richardson, John	108	Dunsmore, Alex	63	Gibb, Jack	125	Houghton, Winnifred	1
Richardson, Margaret	51	Dunsmore, Allan	8	Gibb, Sam	28	Hunt, John	18
Ridley, Kate	82	Dunsmore, Chas.	79	Gibson, Andy	8	Hurl, John	21
Ridley, Mac	113	Dunsmore, Ed	30	Gilliard, Chas.	8	Hyslop, George	87
Ridley, Martha	110	Dunsmore, Eph	42	Gramophone	55	Hyslop, Greer	67
Ridley, Mrs.	47	Dunsmore, Fred	14	Grand Bend	70	Hyslop, Jas.	52
Robb, Sam	66	Dunsmore, Harry	43	Grand Jury	116	Hyslop, Tom	67
Rutherford, Abe	100	Dunsmore, Jack	7	Grant, H.	4	Hyslop, Wm.	92
Salkeld, Joseph	38	Dunsmore, Jas.	85	Grant, Miss	23	<b>I</b>	
Satchell, Chas.	113	Dunsmore, Joe	16	Grafting apple trees	57	Ische, Frank	49
Scholz, J. Frank	23	Dunsmore, Leland	34	Green, George	11	Ische, Memno	42
Scholz, Jane Hill	36	Dunsmore, Lizzie	68	Green, Scott	135	Innes, Alex	103
Tanner, Mary	97	Dunsmore, Marion	77	Green, Wat	111	Innis, Bill	9
Tanner, Reuben	137	Dunsmore, Matt	7	Grey, Alf	93	Insurance for Fanny	47
Tanner, Wm.	70	Dunsmore, Verna	67	Guelph Fat Stock show	75	<b>J</b>	
Thistle, John	60	Dunsmore, Wilmot	76	<b>H</b>		Joint ill	148
Thistle, Margaret	79	Dunsmore, Wm.	38	Haines, John	126	Jeffrey, Alex	126
Thistle, Robt.	52	<b>E</b>		Hall, Bob	15	Jeffrey, Andrew J.	1
Thistle, Sarah	94	Early Years map	17	Hall, Jack	22	Jeffrey, Annie	28
Thistle, Wm.	19	Eckert, Dr.	133	Hall, Tom	24	Jeffrey, Bert	46
Thompson, Catherine	74	Edwards, Mrs.	138	Hamilton, Mrs.	106	Jeffrey, Don	12
Thompson, Rowland	60	Ellison, Bill	42	Hammond, Joe	120	Jeffrey, Dot	80
Tuer, George	121	Entrance exams	74	Hanna, Eliza Loghrin	3	Jeffrey, Duncan	5
Waldie, John	122	<b>F</b>		Hanna, James	3	Jeffrey, Eddy	10
Dempsey, Arduis	74	Fanning mill	148	Hannaberry, John	26	Jeffrey Hardware	1
Dempsey, Austin	15	Farm operations	62	Harris Abattoir Co.	54	Jeffrey, Jack	97
Dempsey, Dan	10	Farm purchase	6	Hayes, Chas. M.	41	Jeffrey, Jane (Jennie)	3
Dempsey, Edith	68	Farm spring activities	63	Hayes family visit	58	Jeffrey, Kathleen	88
Dempsey, Hubert	7	Farmers' Club	69	Hayes, Melinda	50	Jeffrey, Kenneth	16
Dempsey, Jack	18	Farmers' Institute	51	Hayes, Miss	61	Jeffrey, Reta	28
Dempsey, John	29	Ferguson, Duncan	53	Hayes, Sid	31	Jeffrey, William Jr	1
Dempsey, Jimmie	68	Fetter, Bill	101	Heath, Mrs.	103	Jeffrey, Wm. (Willie/Bill)	16
Dempsey, Miss	82	Finley, Jack	140	Heiden, Wm.	54	Jeffrey, Willie buys farm	
Dempsey, Willie	21	Fireplace building	134	Henderson, Miss	46		57
Devlin Brewery	62	First car	70	Henkell, Vic(toria)	130	Johnston, Billy	45
Devlin, Earl	13	Fisher, Mr.	137	Hepburn, Mrs.	69	Jones, Harry	113
Devlin, Felix	74	Flannigan, Frank	70	Hepburn, Wm.	15	Jones, Les	113
Diary, last entry	140	"Flying machine"	55	Herd management	31	<b>K</b>	
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Digging out skunks	73	Ford, Gilbert	137	Hewing bee	26	Keith, Bill	55

Keith, George	3	Low, Wm.	73	McAuley, Will	16	Monteith, J. D.	102
Keith, Mary Loghrin	3	Lupton, Alf	18	McDermot, Angus	19	Monteith, John	7
Kelly, Billy	47	Lupton, Alma	8	McEwen, Jim	13	Monteith, John C.	5
Kelly, Jim	30	Lupton, Alvin	70	McEwen, Fat (George)	104	Monteith, Louise	82
Kenner, Dr.	115	Lupton, Bill	115	McEwen, George	35	Monteith, Margaret	78
King, G.	4	Lupton, Chas.	129	McEwen, Kate	29	Monteith, Matthew	6
King, Henry	18	Lupton drain	93	McEwen, Leonard	18	Monteith, Maude	49
King, McKenzie	102	Lupton drain map	95	McEwen, Mac	95	Monteith, Minnie	45
Kinkade, Wm.	130	Lupton, Flossy	74	McEwen, Punk (Elliot)	118	Monteith, Norman	7
Kitmore, Tom	127	Lupton, Lester	138	McEwen, Tom	12	Monteith reunion	114
Knott, Art	61	Lupton, Percy	62	McGregor, Dr.	106	Monteith, Ruth	124
Knott, Bert	29	Lupton, Peter	80	McIlhargey, Chas.	89	Monteith, Sam	12
Knox church burned	54			McKay, Dave	68	Monteith, Simon	40
<b>L</b>		<b>M</b>		McKay, George	61	Monteith, Uncle Nelson	2
La grippe	65	MacNamara, Cornelius	7	McKay, Jack	53	Monteith, Wm. (Willie)	8
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Lawton, Russell	103	Mangels	148	McLagan, Miss	134	Morphy, Hugh	49
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visit	115	Shortcut & Drain	95	McNeil, Bill	108	Morrow, Henry	53
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Loghrin, Fanny		Douglas, Wm.	63	Meadows, Ken	79	Moving old house	45
hospitalization #2	114	Jeffrey, Jane &		Meadows, Neil	22	Murphy, Jas.	47
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Loghrin, Fritz	53	Jeffrey, Wm. & Thistle,		Mills, Chas.	135	Murray, Margaret	91
Loghrin, Harry		Kathleen	63	Mitchell, Fred	138	Murray, Mary	106
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Loghrin homestead	1	Scholz, Jessie	6	Monteith, Allan	91	Myers, Duncan	26
Loghrin, Jessie funeral	59	Loghrin, Tom &		Monteith, Art	21	Myers, Harry	44
Loghrin, Jim	33	Holmes, Fanny	21	Monteith, Andy	11	Myers, Jas.	72
Loghrin, Lizzie	59	Monteith, Art &		Monteith, Chas.	105	Myers, Joe	41
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Loghrin, Maud	1	Tanner, Miss	48	Monteith, Elva	131	Nairn, James	119
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Waldie, Ken (Sask)	80	Rae, Jas.	Schellenberger, Ezra	21	Tanner, Miss	48
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Payton, Jim	129	Rankin, Ramsey	Scholz, W. F.	19	Thistle, Alf	52
Payton, Leo	125	Rankin, Sam	Scott, Chas.	2	Thistle, Art	34
Payton, Pat	10	Rawleigh man	Scott, Herb	113	Thistle, Elwood	93
Pepper, Harry	9	Redford, George	Scott, Peter	60	Thistle, Harold	88
Pearce, Billy	24	Relief of Pretoria	Scott, Will	35	Thistle, Jack	8
Pearce, Frank	46	Rennie, J.	Scours in calves	74	Thistle, Rob	25
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Pethick, H.	2	Richardson, Chas.	Seale, C. hired	124	Thomson, Jim	74
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