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August

TUESDAY 1

This is a fine warm morning, but yet reports are coming in for the failure of the Fall wheat from Rust during the late close damp weather.

I was all through Mr James Morrison's new stone dwelling house which is nearly ready for the Painter. I also examined Mr Thos Gowdy's new ^{red} Brick house which is large & roomy, and are now lathing it ready for the plasterer, both situate on Liverpool Street.

The council are making great improvements on Liverpool street cutting down the hill behind Mr Elliotts and filling up opposite Walkers and Bells new houses,

WEDNESDAY 2

This is another very warm morning, And my Brother James D. Allan is busily loading up a Cart with his furniture to be landed at Goderich, thence to be conveyed by waggon to Bayfield, where he has now got a house erected on his own land ready for his family of wife, 2 sons & 2 daughters, and intends leaving here tomorrow.

August

THURSDAY 3

1876

This is also a fine morning and warm & dry
at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 to take farewell of James Allan and his
family, who left at 9,45 for Goderich, the car with
all their furniture having started before them
at 6 o'clock a.m., I observe by this morning
papers that Douglas & Bannerman's saw mill
near Georgetown was all burnt up yesterday
afternoon,

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TUESDAY 15

This is a very warm morning 80° by 9 o'clock a.m.

Peter Idington came up this afternoon,

WEDNESDAY 16

This is not quite so warm this morning as yesterday, but still dry and warm. We are making preparations for starting the Steam Engine, and have been getting some new patent packing for the piston rod.

August

THURSDAY 17

1876

This is another dry morning, and no appearance of rain, there is reports of great fires in the woods in the Eastern provinces. We got the Engine a going this forenoon and began to smut some wheat and after dinner all these runs were grinding

FRIDAY 18

This was also a warm morning, and during

Had Mr Robert Glendenning of Philadelphia & his daughter Mrs Norman to tea & a few friends to meet them

John C. Allan returned from Sullivan after viewing his land there

SATURDAY 19

This morning was not quite so warm as yesterday morning, but as the day advanced it became quite warm. William went off to Kinocardine by the 12.30 train

John McPherson has been busy there several days in replacing the broken lights of the green-house with sound ones, and putting up all defects, and painting the baks above the putty.

Sheriff Grange died to night at 10 O'clock

August

MONDAY 21

1876

Yesterday was a cool morning, but the middle of
of the day got warm But last night was quite cool
and extra clothes were required on our Bed
frost was seen early on the shingles,

TUESDAY 22

This is a warm morning

I attended the Funeral of Morris Grange as Pall
bearer at 3 O'clock this afternoon, the attendance
was large, his age on the Coffin was 68 years

WEDNESDAY 23

This is another fine morning

August

THURSDAY 24

1876

This is a dull morning and looks like rain
we intended to have started for King to visit the Rev'd
Mr Lawse family, but Mrs A did not feel well enough to
go to day.

The Union Picnic comes off this afternoon

After all parties were on the ground and the children
busied at their sports and before they had time to
get any refreshments it began to rain and drove
them off, some went home others took shelter under
Sir Guthrie's verandah, and went at it again after
it got fair

I discharged Nat's Mortgage on the back of the Hill property to day

FRIDAY 25

There has been rain during the night,
and looks dark and gloomy yet
I'm went down to Toronto by the 9 o'clock train
Mrs A & I go at 11 on our way to King, station,

SATURDAY 26

Mr Robert Holt of Dundas died to day aged 76 years
a native of Sussex England & settled in Dundas in 1834
and carried on Brewing ale for many years there
of an excellent quality, and

August

MONDAY 28

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TUESDAY 29

WEDNESDAY 30

This has been another very warm day Mrs Allan
and I left Lake Couchiching 88 miles North of
Toronto this morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 and arrived in
Toronto at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 p.m.

August

THURSDAY 31

1876

This is a very warm morning, and every thing
very dry and the grass becoming quite Brown

At 2 O'clock the Thermometer stood at 86°

September

FRIDAY 1

This is a dull morning, but much cooler than
yesterday, a very fine shower fell during the night
and looks as if we were going to have more,
This is our first Day,

A smart shower of rain fell this afternoon

SATURDAY 2

This was a dry morning

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September

MONDAY 4

1876

This is a dull morning and looked like rain but the signs disappear as the day advances

at 1.30 yesterday afternoon a fire broke out at the City of St Hyacinthe at the West End, and fanned by a high North West wind, and before it was arrested 600 houses were destroyed, and the loss roughly estimated at \$2,000,000

A large fire broke out in the Town of Seaforth this morning about 2 O'clock when property to the amount of between \$80,000 and \$100,000 was destroyed, Mr James Murphy among the rest, formerly of Quebec.

TUESDAY 5

This is rather a cool morning

A fire broke out in Dunbars or rather Lowell's Swamp East of the Bridget farm and set fire to a couple of panels of my fence which was soon put out, but I had to keep watch till late, for if the wind which was fortunately N. West had turned towards the N East would have destroyed the Road (Boundary line of Town) which is founded with brush and timber & covered with swamp earth and gravel, and would burn deep into the ground if once it caughted in my meadow

WEDNESDAY 6

This also is a cool morning 45°, and no signs of rain as yet

This is the Monthly fair Day
The attendance to at the Fair is but small

There was a very few drops of rain fell on our way to the Prayer meeting

September

THURSDAY 7

1876

This morning looks dull, but yet no rain comes down

FRIDAY 8

This morning looked very much like rain, but none fell. The glue factory near Berlin was destroyed by fire last night. It was insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$4,000 & Wellington for \$2,000.

SATURDAY 9

This has been another dry morning, and still there is a strong appearance of rain,

It continued dry the whole day

September

MONDAY 11

1876

We had a fine rain yesterday morning, which lasted till 11 o'clock when going to Church, but nothing more after that. The rain began slowly about 6 o'clock & appears likely to continue

TUESDAY 12

This was a fine morning though a little dull yet it was a splendid day, for the Guelph Academian Society, holding their first annual gathering, which was large, and all went off in splendid style

WEDNESDAY 13

This was a dull morning, had some light rain but soon went off again

September

THURSDAY 14

1876

This morning is a little wet, and threatens to rain this forenoon

FRIDAY 15

This is a dullish morning and looks a good deal like rain, preparing to start to Toronto.

Got down to Toronto by noon, and had great trouble and exertion to fall in with Sir John A. Macdonald, and after being at his house found that he had left at 11 and went off in the Northern train, & would not be back until Monday. The Offices in the New Custom House are now being occupied, The British American Assurance Co's New Office is far advanced and they are now building at the 3^o story, the workmanship & design is very splendid

SATURDAY 16

This is a very fine morning, my clerk - Mr Alex Mackenzie went off by the early train to New York hence to Philadelphia

Hignbotham wife & children, William do & son Thomas went down to Paddington at 3 pm & ret^d p past 9.

September

MONDAY 18

1876

Yesterday was pleasant and cool.

In the afternoon it began to look rainy like, and began while in Church but not heavy, but heavier at night.

This morning it was quite wet and continued till about 8 o'clock. It is determined now that Higinbotham and William will leave for Britain on Wednesday, if all well.

I went up to Fergus to day at One O'clock to see Mr George Ferguson & got a introductory letter to his brother Robert in London, business is but very moderate in Fergus no wheat offered as yet and the River almost dry, lower than ever I saw it.

TUESDAY 19

This is a dull morning, & threatening rain. There must have been some falling through the night.

No rain fell and it cleared up very fine. Peter Edington & wife were here to day.

WEDNESDAY 20

This is a fine morning, though dull and heavy looking, I missed the first train going to Hamilton but went by the 1st past 9 train to attend the Provincial Show held there this week.

On my return home at night I was told of a fearful accident that happened about 6 o'clock, that a heavy stone wall had fallen and killed one man named John Watt and injured another, they were masons engaged at an inside wall next the Court yard.

September

THURSDAY 21

1876

This is a dry morning, went up to see the buildings where the wall fell

FRIDAY 22

This morning was a little wet

At 2 O'clock to day we took leave of Higginbotham & William who started for Liverpool & to sail on Wednesday the 27th.

SATURDAY 23

This has been a wetish kind of a morning and cloudy looking, falling like a fine mist

James D Allan came down this evening from Bayfield to see his wife,

September

MONDAY 25

1876

Yesterday was somewhat of a dull day, yet no rain but only a kind of drizzle

This morning it is quite mild and soft, yet no rain, James Allans wife is very low this morning and scarcely knows any one, she could hardly speak yesterday to be understood,

It began to rain about 9 O'clock very heavy and continued after, ten and during the night.

TUESDAY 26

This morning is fair, but shows great signs of heavy rain having fallen through the night

WEDNESDAY 27

This is a cold disagreeable morning; it rained and blew hard a great part of the night The day was cold and stormy

The mill was shut down to allow the men to attend the funeral of James Allans wife at 3 O'clock. it was well attended,

September

THURSDAY 28

1876

This is a dull morning

FRIDAY 29

This is also a dull and coldish morning
and the eves dropping as if there had been
rain last night

Alex^r McKenzie returned home this evening by
the 6 o'clock train

SATURDAY 30

This was of any thing a cool morning
Yet it continued fair, and a great many
people attended the market to day which
was very large, probably with all kinds of supplies
for the Central Exhibition next week

We have hard times in the Priory without a
servant, she started off last night,

October

MONDAY 2

1876

This is a fine morning and likely to be a fine week for the Central Fair which begins tomorrow

We have drawn off all the water in the Mill Dam for the repairs of the gates, flume &c, before the cold weather sets in. We are putting in another centre post for the gates of the outlet flume next the Steam Mill

TUESDAY 3

This appears to be a fine morning Bright and pleasant for the show

A change in the weather has come about between 9 & 10 O'clock it became quite dull, and fine rain began to fall, George Corbet from Owen's Sound called this forenoon

WEDNESDAY 4

This was a dullish morning but it cleared off during the forenoon, and seems to continue dry but it is yet chilly, a great many carriages of all descriptions fill the streets, fully as many as ever I have seen Peter Idington wife, son & daughter here today,

October

THURSDAY 5

1876

This is a fine clear morning but the wind is chilly
But the day after all has turned out to be a fine
dry day and the attendance at the show very
large said to be over 10,000 people

Upon examination we find that all the cedar
joists over the flume in the Steam Mill and the
Elm beams are quite rotten and have begun
to lift the floor to replace them with sound ones.

FRIDAY 6

This was a wet morning, and had rained heavily
during the night, the forenoon was tolerably dry
but the afternoon was cold and wet
The show breaks up at 2 O'clock, this afternoon
is cold and disagreeable My brother James & children
started off by the 10 O'clock train for Bayfield Miss Cooper
went with them

SATURDAY 7

This is a wet cold morning, more in the way
of showers of sleet, hail, and snow,
and continued with a cold wind
all day

We had notice by Telegram from
Montreal this afternoon that the Sythia steam
ship had arrived ~~the day~~ at Queenston, Yesterday

October

MONDAY 9

1876

Yesterday was a chilly wintry kind of a day with frost enough during the night to make ice on the pools, This day is very wintry like with frequent showers of fine snow &c
Charles Davidson started with his daughter to Philadelphia at 2 o'clock,

TUESDAY 10

This morning is also much the same as yesterday and through the day it was somewhat better, though the roofs were white, Miller of Ingersoll got a sample of flour and was to make an offer tomorrow.

Mr Alex^r Thomson of Thomson Birket & Bell of Hamilton is at present laying very ill with a Brain fever, a consultation of 3 Doctors was held to day, and thought the case very precarious,

WEDNESDAY 11

This morning the roofs were not so much covered and the day has been fine clear and dry, yet a cold wind is blowing
No change in Thomsens case for the better

October

THURSDAY 12

1876

This is a cold raw morning, with cold wind

We are still working at the flume next the water wheel
the plate beam on the top of the posts of the Breast
above the throat was completely rotten and not wishing
to disturb ~~the~~ the posts nor the front planking this season
~~we~~ cut off the old tenaants and a portion of the
wost of the posts, put in a new beam lower down
where they were sounder, then removed the
iron stay back to stone where we got a good
hold to support the pressure of the water,

FRIDAY 13

This is a very fine morning, ~~and~~ dry
and bright Thermometer ^{28°}.
The day has turned out
remarkably fine, and looks as if it was
going to be the beginning of the Indian
Summer,

SATURDAY 14

This is a wet morning with light rain, but
it must have rained heavy during the night
as the ground is very wet

The day has continued fair but windy and
very cold and wintry like. Have begun to day
to repair the water wheel.

October

MONDAY 16

1876

Very hard frost, Saturday night & Yesterday morning
the ice on the water Barrel in the Garden was over
one inch thick, the day was dry windy & cold

This morning is cold, 2° below freezing
and still blowing cold from the North

People of the Town have begun to vote
on the By-law for \$30,000

Box of Horseshoe 25 coach screws 4 inch x $\frac{3}{8}$ at \$3.30 per 100,

The death of Young Gosset & Robertson near Philadelphia
is announced this forenoon,

TUESDAY 17

This has the appearance of a fine morning
hardly any frost I find that 2 whole quarters of
the inside lining of the Water Wheel is completely gone
& I propose to put a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch bolt down through the shrouding
with a nut on the inside,

WEDNESDAY 18

This is beautiful morning, a little frost on the
ground, The glass at 7 a.m was $2\frac{1}{2}$ above zero.

October

THURSDAY 19

1876

This morning was not so cold, yet there was frost on the ground, but the day was beautifull, and a good deal of Barley brought to town, Wheat on account of the War like news has gone up 5 cents since yesterday.

I attended the funeral of Young Robertson and Cosset, their graves were near together, it was the largest funeral I ever saw in this Town.

FRIDAY 20

This appears to be a fine morning, not quite so bright as yesterday morning, am hurrying to finish my only letter to my Son, this being the last Friday morning that we can send by the Allan line, and have great doubts, if it will reach England before they leave.

John Black a Mason but lately a farmer in Paisley died this morning after a protracted illness, aged 78 years he acted as our foreman at the Building of the Court House here in 1842 & 3.

SATURDAY 21

This was a warm morning, and there had been rain during the night, at 7 a.m. the glass was 48° and at 10 it was between 50° & 60° and as high as 70° went out for a short drive in the afternoon John Mauderson died to day aged 70 years, originally a mason but lately a farmer in the Paisley Block,

October

MONDAY 23

1876

Yesterday was a fine mild day, at 1 O'clock the glass stood at 65°.

But to day it is very wet having rained very heavy all night, and seems to continue this forenoon also,

There was no Mason or outside carpenter work done to day, the afternoon chilly and raw & a little wet.

Had news from England to day, a letter from Willie to his wife from Queenston and one from Neigunbotham to his wife from Liverpool & all well,

TUESDAY 24

This morning was dry, but it became showery in the forenoon, This afternoon has been also showery and chilly,

WEDNESDAY 25

This has been a disagreeable day wet showry weather,

Our old Millwright Johnson Gilson died at Braut this morning aged 58 years, 5 mos he entered my fathers employ and has continued with ever since with the exception of a few months this summer I had 3 newspapers from William, 1 from London of the 7th inst & 2 from Edinburgh of the 9th inst,

October

THURSDAY 26

1876

Chilly morning. ~~gas~~ 34°, and a light shower of
hailstones and snow, Have got the water wheel
started to day and, now elevating spring wheat
Have been sadly detained in completing a
quantity of flour that is sold for a delay in getting
fall wheat forward from Detroit, but is now
reported to be near at hand

FRIDAY 27

This is a dull morning, with frost on the ground

Have got a load of fall wheat from McDonald
of Aerfoyle to enable us to finish a shipment that should
have been sent off last week, and have the steam on again
to finish it. Have also begun this morning to
grind up the middlings as it is a loss of money to keep
them on hand, and have plenty of water to drive
the mill,

SATURDAY 28

A good deal of snow has fallen through the
night and on the level places measured $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches
deep, and likely to lay over to day as there is
thaw nor frost of any consequence

Saw Oldington in town to day

October

MONDAY 30

1876

Yesterday was a tolerably fine day, and the snow
is melting away gradually. This is a mild morning
and the snow is melting fast away.
Have a Meeting of Directors of the Mutual
Fire Insurance Co, to day.
I am lifting the covering
of the rain water Cistern & going to pump it all out
as it has been spoiled by the Kitchen dishwater
running in to it.

TUESDAY 31

This is quite a mild morning and very foggy, almost
enough to make a fine shower of rain.
I had a letter from William, dated Glasgow 19th Octo.
McLagan, had one from Nat,
Working at the Cistern to day also.

November

WEDNESDAY 1

This is a warm close foggy morning, with
the Thermometer at 54°. This is our Monthly Fair
day, We are grinding flour with 3 pair of stones
with steam, and 2 pair on middlings with water.

November

THURSDAY 2

1876

This is a very mild morning, but of any thing cloudy
went up to the train & met with Rev T. McLeenan who
is about to enter the Bank of Commerce, here,

About 1 o'clock it began to rain, and continued
more or less through the afternoon All business was
suspended to day

FRIDAY 3

This is a cool raw day but no frost They are harring
on with the New Post office, and close up for the
winter when the 2^d story joists are laid, and that
the walls are nearly ready for them

Sandy Glass lost a fine little girl this afternoon
one year and ten months old, of Hooping cough & diphtheria
Alex Thomson Esqr of Hamilton died at 8 o'clock
of brain fever,

SATURDAY 4

This morning there was a slight touch of frost
on the side walks, but the forenoon was
fine weather but damp in the afternoon,
Road 1 load of coal to the Office

The steamer passed farther point at
4 am this morning, the names of F.W. Stone &
his 2 daughters & Mrs Webster are among the passengers

November

MONDAY 6

1876

Yesterday was a very fine day, attended funeral
of Alex^r Glass Esq^r

This was a dull morning, but now it's damp, Glass at 40°

It began to rain about 10 O'clock, and continued with little intermission all the afternoon, at 8 O'clock it was very heavy. The Assizes began to day Justice Galt on the bench Church Meeting to day at 2 O'clock

TUESDAY 7

This is also a dull morning, But as the day advanced it appeared more settled and kept dry

At 3 O'clock I attended the funeral of Mr Alex^r Thomson late of Hamilton to his last resting place in Guelph it was largely attended by no less than 56 gentlemen from Hamilton

Great doings to in the United States, for the Election of the New President, Tilden or May

WEDNESDAY 8

This is another doubtful morning, no frost but a very few snow flakes fell this forenoon

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funeral
at 40°
inued
8 O'clock

November

THURSDAY 9

1876

This is of any thing a more promising morning yet by no means clear,

Yet during the forenoon the sun shone out pretty fair for a while,

In the afternoon it again got cloudy & heavy I had a visit from my old friend Mr James Gow of Windsor, for a short time

FRIDAY 10

This is a dullish morning, yet it is dry, and there had been sufficient frost during the night to make ice on the tubs &c $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick, The sun shone out in the forenoon

No proper decision yet as to who has the majority as President, but the general opinion is that Tilden will be the man

Have got our Hall Stove rigged up to day and the Parlour one also

SATURDAY 11

This morning Have got the tin gutters in front of the verandah leading to the soft water cisterns

The gardener & Bulger have been cleaning out all the short dung out of the hot beds &c and top dressing the cow park with it and as soon as the parsnips are out of the ground will have no farther need of Busby after the vines in the Grapery are wound round with straw ropes

The day has been fine, large market & have seldom seen so many fowls offered at this time of the year The Advertiser closed this afternoon

November

MONDAY 13

1876

Sabbath morning the glass was about 28° or say 4° below freezing the frost during the night must have been hard as the ice on the tubs in the garden was $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and the Mill Dam was frozen over for the first time this season

This morning glass at 30° the ice on the dam gone, the ground is white, repairing the covering of the mill race at the old House and the stairs, also the wooden exhaust pipe from the Engine is quite rotten in places and caved in so as to interrupt the escape of the steam

War News looks more eminent and exciting in Europe

TUESDAY 14

This morning the glass was between 30° & 40° but gradually got colder, and in the afternoon became quite dull

Peter Livingston in town & both of us called at Guthrie's & Mr Watt set Tuesday the 28th inst for Meeting of Miss Worsley's Executors, at 12 O'clock some few flakes of snow fell

It is reported that Hon John H. Cameron died at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock this afternoon, going in his 60th year

WEDNESDAY 15

The ground was all white this morning with snow but so light that it mostly melted all away during the day

The Hon. John Hillyard Cameron was born at Beaucaire, Languedoc, France, in April 14th 1817 received part of his early Education Kilkenny College, and came to Canada in 1825. The funeral is to take place on Friday at 3 O'clock,

November

THURSDAY 16

1876

This is a cold raw morning, though not freezing hard just now. Yet it must have froze hard last night as the ice on the Barrel is over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. The day however was dry and chilly,

FRIDAY 17

This was a fine mild morning, and the day turned out a moderate day.

We took a drive out to Hellenburn and then to the Cemetery.

SATURDAY 18

This morning was milder than yesterday and continued so through the forenoon. The afternoon was dull and looked like rain, but only a few drops fell. We have been talking about our dear son & son-in-law likely to have left England to day,

November

MONDAY 20

1876

yesterday was of any thing a wet day, a constant drizzle of fine rain or dissolving mist.

To day the weather is much the same, wet for the most of the time, the roads are getting very muddy now.

TUESDAY 21

This is also a soft morning, fine close rain like mist falling, and continued during the forenoon.

The afternoon was much the same as the forenoon, with a fine drizzling rain. ^{was down at Mr. Stones house, Mr. Lemon called,} John Stone is very ill & not able to speak, and is quite helpless & can take no food,

WEDNESDAY 22

This has been a drizzling morning, yet not cold the glass about 35° , continued to blow a little colder and slight flurries of snow fell, and towards the afternoon the cold increased. Have been taking up my Parsnips ^{to day} and the salery tomorrow,

November

THURSDAY 23

1876

There has been a little frost during the night
but enough to produce thin ice on the tubs out in
the garden, but it is becoming milder again
and dark and dull as if there was going to
be a fall of snow, I feel somewhat disappoint-
ed in not getting a letter this week from William
in England, But have hopes yet that one or other
of us may hear from them before the end of the week

My daughter got a letter from her Husband
to day, from London dated the 10th instant, stating
that they were to sail on the 18th for home in the
Steam Ship

FRIDAY 24

There was a little ice on the water in the garden
this morning, and white on the tops of the
Celery and leeks, both of which are being
taken up this morning, The day is clear
and as the wind is from the North it is getting
colder, I am also getting the double windows
put in,

Attended a Lecture by Professor Delaney on the
Catacombs of Rome,

SATURDAY 25

There was a light sheet of ice on the Dam
this morning and the ground frozen,
but as the day advanced it became mild
and the side walks and roads sloppy.
Have been grinding with three pair of
stones in the water Mill this morning but as
the day advanced the water got short and
had to take off one run It has begun to snow
to night, but hope it may all melt yet and
produce more water both for the River and
also for our soft water cisterns which are empty

November

MONDAY 27

1876

There was about 2 inches deep of snow on the ground yesterday morning & a part of it melted away where the sun beat on it

But this morning other 2 inches have fallen, and still falling lightly this morning

But the snow continued to fall heavier during the afternoon

Had a Telegram from Mr Carpenter of Lilliett Minn to meet him at the Royal Hotel

Mr John Stone, 2^o son of Mr Fredk Stone, died yesterday afternoon
~~Met with Mr Carpenter of Lilliett U.S. this morning~~

TUESDAY 28

Meeting of Miss Worley Execution a 12 O'clock
Bal^c to divide \$408,28, Rec^r, Ebs \$99,05 & Miss Reeve \$198,12
^{by our fees \$12.00}

This morning looks wintry like, more light snow falling and, the Dam all covered with ice and snow

I attended the funeral of Mr John Stone this afternoon at 2 O'clock,

WEDNESDAY 29

This is a dull dark morning, with light showers of snow, but about the middle of the day it was quite pleasant weather, several sleighs are seen driving about town

November

THURSDAY 30

1876

There was sharp frost this morning, the snow is laying all over, and a few flakes fell this morn,

The mail announces the arrival of the Parthia steamer at New York yesterday

Had a Telegram from William that he would leave New York to night

December

FRIDAY 1

This is the coldest morning we have had this season, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 a.m. the Thermometer stood at 5° above Zero & no wind, It was quite cold the whole day, This being our Fast Day ~~the~~ yet the attendance was not large the wind North West,

William got home this evening at 6 O'clock quite well

SATURDAY 2

This is not such a cold morning as yesterday the glass about 15° above Zero, have been drawing off all the water of the distillery pipes, even at this early period of the winter some of the cast iron elbows have burst

A. Heimbach arrived this evening at 6 O'clock quite well with the exception of a black eye, he got from a heavy lunch of the ship in a storm

December

MONDAY 4

1876

Yesterday was a fine moderate winter day and the
Churches were all attended

This morning at 7 the
glass stood at 15° above Zero, and during the day
was milder.

Have been confined to the House
all day with a sore heel, having skinned it with
my Boot pressing on it where there was a hole
in my Sock,

TUESDAY 5

This is a very moderate winter morning
yet the frost has burst some of the elbows
in the pipes

WEDNESDAY 6

This morning has not been severe
and as the Sun got stronger about the
middle of the day, it softened the ridges
on the roads

This being the Monthly Fair
a good many people were in town

December

THURSDAY 7

1876

This was a moderate morning, and the ground bare

FRIDAY 8

It froze pretty hard last night, and a little snow fell

SATURDAY 9

This is a very stormy morning, and has been all night, the wind is very fierce, and the snow drifting very hard all day, the Thermometer about 10° above Zero. It is by far the most stormy day we have had.

December

MONDAY 11

1876

Yesterday the 10th the morning was calm and hardly a breath of wind, at 7 a.m. the Thermometer stood at 5° below Zero, the ground generally covered with snow several inches and enough in places to make tolerable sleighing, it snowed in the afternoon.

To day the glass was 5° above Zero at 7 a.m. and what snow that fell during the night has made

TUESDAY 12

This morning was quite mild about 7 a.m., the glass stood about the Freezing point and milder as the day advanced, a good deal more snow fell during last night and has made tolerable sleighing,

A great many cattle are comming into town this afternoon to be exhibited at the fat cattle show tomorrow, the days are very short just now having to light lamps at 1/4 to 5 Some of the Workshops close at 1/2 past 4, and start about 8 in the morning. We are very dull now, the Distillery standing so long, and the Mill doing but very little, & only 4 hands ~~working~~ at work & the Pedler.

WEDNESDAY 13

This is a mild morning, the glass just about Freezing and no more, This being the Fat Cattle Show day, a great number were shown as Prize cattle and a great many ordinary cattle for sale, as well as a splendid lot of fat Hogs & Sheep as well as a large lot of fat Poultry, it was thought to have been the largest show that has been yet, the weather was all that could have been wished for, and much of the snow thawed away.

Nat & William went down to Toronto to see the President of the Bank of Commerce W^m returned to night but Nat remained over till tomorrow

December

THURSDAY 14

1876

This morning was much colder than yesterday and a cold wind blowing, and no such thing as thaw to day. Had a letter from John Smith of Bridge of Allan announcing the birth of a Son.

FRIDAY 15

This is a cold morning, with a little more snow having fallen during the night

During the forenoon the wind increased in coldness and after one o'clock, the wind increased to a furious snow storm and continued all the afternoon and evening, but during the night it blew still harder and the cold increased

SATURDAY 16

This is a very cold stormy morning, and the glass at 8 a.m. stood below Zero a little, The sleighing is but poor yet. It is rather a dull cheerless cold day, and all our works standing still makes it more so.

December

MONDAY 18

1876

Yesterday was another cold morning at 8 am the glass stood at zero and during the day only got to 3° above zero.

This morning it was also about 3° but about the middle of the day 7° above there had been a considerable fall of snow during the night which has made very good sleighing, which makes somewhat more stir in town.

One of the Twins in my Brother Johns family died this afternoon at 1/2 past 3 named Mustanly.

TUESDAY 19

This is a stormy morning, but not so cold as yesterday morning, Thermometer stood at 13° above zero at 9 o'clock. It blew hard last night.

It is nowing heavy this forenoon, and the wind from the West

H.B. Gordon Architect
x of Toronto, called on the 21st

WEDNESDAY 20

This morning at 7 am Glass 2° below zero and the day was cold

F.W. Stone, N. Hogenbotham William and A. Mackenzie, went down to Toronto to day to see the President of the Bank of Commerce about the arrangement of my affairs, and were engaged over 3 hours.

I attended the funeral of Johns child this afternoon and got my hands almost froze in driving. The grave was dug according to order 7 feet deep.

Nat and William returned to night by the 8 o'clock train

December

THURSDAY 21

1876

* This morning was more mild at 7 it was 10° above Zero and more snow had fallen during the night, and the sleighing was splendid, and a large Market to day of all kinds of Produce. Hogs especially the highest price \$7.00

Rec'd from Thomson & Jackson interest on Mr McLean's Mortgage \$20,00 (is not so much as last time)

FRIDAY 22

This was a moderate morning about 10° to 14 above Zero, with a little more snow.

There was again another large market this morning, the sleighing is very good, I decided to put on the fire in the Distillery on Tuesday next, to test the pipes &c,

Our Sabbath school children's meeting to night was largely attended by both parents & strangers, & all went off exceedingly well.

SATURDAY 23

This morning is also mild and snowing a very little, glass about 18° above Zero.

December

MONDAY 25

1876

Yesterday at 8 am the glass was at zero and calm

Christmas Day was a very fine morning
the Thermometer stood at 10° above zero at 7 am
the sleighing was very good, calm & pleasant

TUESDAY 26

This was also a pleasant morning, and a
large market

This afternoon according to notice given
the principal part of my Creditors met in
my Office, where the state of my affairs was
laid before them,

WEDNESDAY 27

This morning was also calm and pleasant
the sleighing was improved by the light fall of
snow through the night

Had a meeting of the
Directors of the Wellington Mutual fire Insurance
Co. to day, there was a full meeting and a good
deal of business done, and an assessment of
6 per cent called ordered.

We got notice that the Bank
folks from Toronto are to be here tomorrow,

December

THURSDAY 28

1876

This is at moderate morning. We have been informed that the President Mr Wm McMaster and the Manager, will not be here before $\frac{1}{2}$ past One having had to go round by Hamilton, (he missed the train) When only Mr Anderson came, & part of time Mr Macsmith also, Mr Andrew Lemon, Mr F.W. Stone & Mr Edington, and Wm G. I sat the whole day talking over in what way the funds could be raised and the Works kept going. Mr Anderson taking part in the conversation and at the same time had in his pocket Insolvency papers that were signed in Toronto on the 27th

John Edington went on home by the 6 o'clock train

FRIDAY 29

This is quite a stormy morning, blowing & drifting at a fearful rate. The 11 O'clock train going East was far behind time & did not go past here till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12, when Mr Wm Smith, Manager of the Bank of Commerce handed me a document requiring me to hand over my Estate & effects as per Insolvent act of 1875.

And the same to William in the afternoon, But not being a partner of mine, not yet a Trader according to the Act, he will require to be treated differently,

SATURDAY 30

This morning is moderately cold say about 20° with a little snow, & some had fallen during the night. We were all surprised to find this morning that The Engineers of the Grand Trunk Railway throughout the whole line had struck work at 8,30 last night. The Dutch Mail as it is called uncoupled on the track here near the Market, and a freight train with 12 cars of live pigs left at the freight station with all the feed pipes disconnected & the water run off the boilers, some at Breslaw Station & all over as far as Port Hope & Sarnia.

December

SUNDAY 31

1876

This was a fine morning 12° above zero
plenty of snow for good sleighing, and the
churches well attended

~~Monday 1st January 1877~~

~~This is a very fine morning~~

~~William Dickson Esq. of Galt
Died this day aged 77 years & 8 months~~

entered all in new Book

~~Tuesday 2nd Jan^u 1877~~

~~Fine weather all day~~

~~Have been waiting
all day expecting Mr John Wellington down from
Stratford to consult on matters of insolvency
But towards the end of the afternoon I
went up to Mr John Smith's Office and signed
the document of Assignment.~~

Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—JANUARY.

Rec'd.

Paid.

~~Wednesday 3^d Jan'y 1877~~

~~At 7 am Thermometer 2° below zero and quite calm
This being the Monthly Fair Day
a great many people are in Town
but very few cattle that are fit for Beef~~

~~Thursday 4th Jan'y~~

~~This morning was not so cold
William went to Shatford this afternoon~~

~~Friday 5th~~

~~Fine winter morning Glass at 7 am
at 10° above zero,
calm and fine
slightly Peter Idington here
and his grandson Patrick~~

~~Saturday 6th Jan'y~~

~~This was a milder morning
and thawed a very little about
the middle of the day
there was a good many teams
in Town~~

Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—FEBRUARY.

Rec'd.

Paid.

~~Sabbath 7th Jan'y 1877~~~~This was a fine day about 10° above
at church time~~~~Monday 8th Jan'y 1877~~~~This was a fine moderate day
and the sleeping improved again
by a light fall of snow all busy laying
all things in order so as to take an inventory of them~~~~Tuesday 9th Jan'y~~~~This is another moderate morning
a little more snow has fallen
during the night. Mr. Wm. C. Stewart
was here & went to Waterloo by noon train~~~~Wednesday 10th Jan'y~~~~This is a moderate morning, clear
and pleasant the frost during the night
was about 21° above zero But at 10 a.m. it was~~~~Thursday 11th Jan'y~~~~Was also moderate, this is my Birth Day
Towards night it began to blow & snow a
little went up to the station expecting
to meet John Wellington, who used that he
would come, but did not then, but came
by the late train, and had an interview
with the Barker & Lemon on my account~~
~~Dr. Keoggs is not well this week~~~~Friday 12th was a very cold morning
at 7 it was 11° below Zero, and even up
to 10 o'clock it was 5° below. The Annual
Meeting of Directors of The Wellington Mutual
at the Queen's were dined together & had the
general meeting for the election of the
new board of Directors up stairs when
all the old ones were reelected, there was
a much larger meeting of strangers than formerly~~

Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—MARCH.

Rec'd.

Paid.

~~Saturday 13th Jan'y~~

This is not so cold a morning 5° above Zero
but the wind from the North began to get up
during the Day and the cold increased very
much towards evening.
I called on Dr Hogg and found that
~~he was better to day than yesterday~~

~~Monday 15th Jan'y~~

~~Yesterday was a moderate day at 7 a.m.
it was 10° above Zero, but in the afternoon
it got to be colder, a Mr Frazer, preached for
us yesterday (a student from Toronto)
Dr Hogg passed a bad night~~

~~And this Morning was about the same
temperature, and a change came on in the
forenoon as if there was going to be a thaw
or snow storm, when after 2 p.m. the wind
sprang up from the N.West with a
continuous fall of snow and cold going
against the wind, Dr Hogg no better
to day, and spitting up blood from the lungs~~

~~Tuesday 16th~~

~~Moderate Morning 10° above Zero at 7 a.m.
a good deal of snow fell last night
and is laying still there being no wind
to drift it, but the trains are very
irregular in arriving~~