

James Cameron (1824-1912)
1859

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December the 23rd 1858

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island Lake St Francis

23rd Of any time this Fall the Ice had not such a notion as this Morning as the Anchor Ice partly Jam'ed between here and Christees I went to the Upper Point to Fix my Canoe Drew home a Drag Fixed the Canoe at the Lower Point Fixed and Drew the Big Canoe & Red Canoe the Boat and the other Canoe all in a Block on the stocks Before the Door. 3 & Boat Before the Door 1 at the Upper Point and 1 at the Lower Point making in all 5 canoes & 1 Boat Freezing hard ice not taken yet and its night 1 hen Froze

24th The Ice taken Between us and Christees But the air hole is Before the Door *{written above line}* count Day in Williamstown Took in the afternoon. Between us and Francis Isla{nd} crows flying about

25 Christmas Day all alone crossed the Ice in the afternoon met henery & Jim Nicholson on North Side of Francis Island Went to Henerys no Christmas came Home ice not very Good Jim Hopkins crossed at Davids Heard of Lewis Bosell got his Foot Hurted shot at a Gull and Killed her as I supposed put out my Canoe and She Began to Flutter and Went off

26th Sunday Charlie came up I went to meet him Henery Lashy and Jim Nicholson came to fish EEIs

27th Charles went to the store for me 1 quart of Whiskey 7½ Bushing the Road on the Ice. Snowing & Thawing some in The Ice Thin at the Little Island

28th Charlie went home Gave him a)

29th Charlie went to Lancaster Came up here to Tell me about the Baker had Molasses & Bakers bread Bushing the Road to Hamiltons

the 29th 1858

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island **Dec**

East Wind the Coldest night this Winter As yet, set 2 Traps for the Mink at the Upper Point

30th Charlie here a Cold Day and night Potatoes froze some

31st Charlie Went Off The Last Day of the Old Year Went to Lancaster Got 5 Loaves 2p Firing the old Year away Went Down to meet Charlie Making Candles The Owl Flying around The Ball in Williamstown tonight

1st Day January 1859 Charles here Nicholson's taking away their Stack of hay got the Loan of a Rope Charlie went home

2nd Sunday all alone went to the head of the Island

3rd Allens Birth Day Council in Williamstown I Went to Bakers Bought of A Summers 1^D worth of sweets got a Paper from Davy Andrew Baker got the molases out of the Barrell 5 went Across 2 of Nicholsons & 3 Bosells to hunt Rats got the Coat at Bakers pipes {written above line "almanack" ?} Went the upper Point Road Came Back By Francis Island in at Nich{olsons} at Semows Dan henon Departed in Williamstown the Road not Bushed at Summer's's but good crossing

4th at home cutting Wood set out poison 3 Bates for the Fox the Water commencing to Rise on the ice

5th Drawing Drags Angus Came had a Basket of varieties took Back a Broom & Basket of & history of England for Ellen Horse Rug & an Almanack a Roman paper Writing the song the California Boys EEL fishers Down on the Ice

January the 6th 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island

Drawing Drags from the Pitt Point Went to Fish EELs cut 2 Holes got one

7th Chopping Looking for Broom Sticks

8th Went to Williamstown henerys Dog here heavy Wind Last night middling frosty after the Rain

Sunday the 9th Preaching on the front a very cold Frosty Day and the night the Frostiest on Record with no wind Angus came as far as Bosells with the horse got 4/4½ in Cash from him for the Ginger and soap got the cloth got a Baske{t} the Dog met us on the Road near the Roman Church The Red Boy wanting the Pistol the Broach to be Fixed The Cattle all right

10th a cold Day something wrong with the small Bull, chopping stove Wood

11th very Cold E Wind ~~Fst~~ seen a fox Right Back of the house the calf Bull Died Skinned him almost impossible claned Part of the pipes and the Top of the Big stove 2 Mock Suns in the West before the Sun went Down & 1 Right over her The Air hole before the Door shutting up Wonderful

12th Drew home 2 Drags very Cold

13th took my Trousers to Bosells Paid for them 2p George & I went to Fort Covington Bought 2 pipes at A Summers 1^D a treat at Davids 7½ David Gave us a Ride over to hopkins Got my Catalogue From Evans & Co N.Y The Dog Followed us Gave Lukes wife 7½ Clear Met John York on the Ice Bought D{ink blot}amen- Ginger 6^D soap 1/3 Bought of {?} J. Camer{illegible} sugar 10½ shirting 4/7¾ Braces 7½ Bought of Winkler mak{illegible} 1/3 sweetys 4^D got the Broach fixed 7½

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January the 13th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Frances

Kenneth McDonell taking a Load of Tea across got a Ride home from him stopt at Kenneths for the first time I was in his new house got a treat came Down to Bosells made supper for George & I came home

14th Seen the Fox around the Barn

15th Charlie here 2 Traines up Fishing EEIs at the Door The Marriage of Laplantes Girls Charlie got the Loan of Commodore Ansons Voyage Round the World The Ice with the Rain Freezing on the trees coming Down making a havoc in the Bush

16th Sunday all alone Slippery Walking for the Cattle to the River

17th East wind & stormy in the forenoon Charles Rose & George Bosell here took home my Trousers had a Game of Cards

18th Breaking the Road to Draw drags the crust about an 1¼ inches thick Walter Bakers Bee a Dance at a Grants

15th Drew some Drags Went to Nicholsons for a Rope got it Took home their Bottles Charles to Williamstown John McDonald's wife Departed in the glen on the {blank space} of January 1859

20th Old Bill & Young Bill Smithe here Trading horses Ge{ss} went of Grey stopt in her Place took out the Wheat 3 bushels & so on and the Rest A very fine Day A Raffle to be at Williamstown to night Lent my Dream Book to Bill Smith

21st St Agnes night The Garter & Stocking night

22 Chopping John Nicholson for the Mill The Traps stole on George Bosell & Jim Nicholson

23 Sunday alone

24th Tried Grey Draws well

January the 24th 1859

Mr James Cameron opposite Charlottenb{illegible}

Went to Bakers Bought of A. I. Baker 1 lb sugar 7½ paid Bought of A Summers 1 Quart of Syrup 10 paid

25th Burns's Birth Day Drawing 1 or 2 Drags paid went to Nicholsons for their cutter Clucky here gave 3 pence & salt Stopt all night They in Salmon River about the traps

26th not very well got ready to go to Williamstown got there about Dusk

27th Went to Dundass Street Got what I went for stopt at J Smiths chained the Bull Dog 2 came home by Lancaster Met Robert McKillop after coming from Montreal came home then went home with Nicholsons Cutter

28th Chopping

25th Dan came Brought my shirt sent him to Bakers for 1 Quart of Molasses 7½ 1 lb Sugar 7½
Paid Drawing Drags Set Poison in the Bush:

30th Watch came home after being away since the 13th of January Dan went of gave him 6 pair
a Sox Katechisin

31st Monday Began to thrash Wheat Thrashe{d} about 2 Bushels

1st of February Went to Bakers. Nicholsons came home with the Mill Bought of A Summers 1
pint /4^D got a Paper from T Munroe John Carey very poorly in to see Campbell the Weaver

2nd Fanning 2 bushels of Wheat Thomas Munroe here for fur 14 Rats 10/6 1 Mink - Jessima, a
Bee to Day Drawing

3rd very Stormy E wind

4th Went to Charles Tupper for his ashes Gave him 1/10½ cash for them Charles came up with
me I went to Bakers 6 Bushels of ashes 5p and 5p Cash to Be put to my accompt which Leaves
me in Debt 3/

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Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **Feb 4th**

Bought of A Summers 1 Quart syrup & Whiskey which came to 1/3 paid seen Horatio at Bakers

5th Semo came to Thrash I sent his Boy after Nicholsons Cutter did not get it gave the Boy /3
& Breakfast Charles went home I went to Williamstown stopt at Bosells got a Ride From the
Rail Road crossing From McGregor Made a Bargain with Gudgeon

Sunday 6th Got a Ride to Francis Island expecting Semo tomorrow

7th Semow Did not come went to Semows chopping for Walter Baker

8th James Ranald Married I went to Williamstown Brought 2 Bushels of Wheat 9 carpet Balls
Wool 1 Sheep pelt 1 Calf skin axe Spy Glass to Get Fixed Left the Jar Quart took Home Bread
towel

9th came home Before Daylight Semow did not come

10th Semow and son Francis came Sent Francis to A Summers for Whiskey 7½ paid Jant De Nee & Big Bill here for the New House treated them

11th Francis went home George came in his place

12th Fanning Wheat 4 and near a 1/2 Semow got the Loan of a Bag got 1 Bushel of Wheat sent for the Loan of Nicholsons cutter did not get it Went to Williamstown Met Grear on the Ice coming for Straw Seen Gudgeon got 2, over at Earls got 3 coppers from Dan Jo Laplants child Died & another on Sunday Sale in Williamstown Brout out 1½ Bushels of Wheat 2 Baskets 1 Cook Book

13th Came home Got 3 Loaves Came up the Glen Road in at Campbells For the Books he was away came Down By Hamiltons on the Ice

14th the St Valentine Celebration at Summerstown Williamstown Lancaster & Mar{illegible}

14th of Feb 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Went to Semows. Semow Sick could not Thrash

15th I went to Bakers Bought of A Baker half Gallon Syrup 1/10½ Paid Seen Donald Summers Raining.

16th Drawing Drags at Semows put out poison chopping.

17th Charlie here Looking for cranberries The {illegible}an Sant a nève in the new House

18th James Hughs Birth Day I went to Semow & Nicholsons at Henerys he cut my hair.

19th Went to Fort Covington Bought of J & J Cameron 1 Bunch Cotton yarn 6/3 1 lbs sugar 9 cents 1 pennys worth Candy Put My Letter in the P. O 1 Dollar & 18 cents pa/id all, for Mrs Partingtons Carpet Bag of Fun Mosses Evans & Co 677 Broadway New York got a Ride over with Dug Rose Henery and San De nee on 2 Basswood Logs got a Ride Back from Patrick Buchannan stop at Lukes had 3 Glasses not paid came to Bakers then home got Ready for Williamstown

started at 5 o Clock Spent all my Money. Seen Mr Gudgeon got the Watch paid 12/6 a Man killed at the Railroad Crossing Seen Thomas & Sandy McDonell in French Mills James Hopkins married some time the fore part of this week to Miss Truax

20th come home Sunday from William Raining some High Wind snow melting on the Ice Thawy weather.

21st went to Semow at night ice slippery Semow chopping for Peter B Grant Walter Bakers Big Horses came home very Poor from the shanty ~~22nd~~ Watch came home the Dog and only stopt one night

22nd went off) Thrashed 1 bushel of oats

the 23rd 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **Feby**

23rd Looking at the poison nothing at it but mice, mice {at} eating mice Went to Sumerster Bought 1 plug Tobacco /1 1 Cake cheese 1/9 1 yard tape /2^D from A J Baker which comes to 2/ Paid this Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Candles /6^D Treat /4 Envelope 1/2 comes to /10½^D Paid (at Davids 2 Treats 1/7 not paid a Seen Pat Glacken. Left a Letter for John Carey Seen James Davidson a Quere Lad A Summers A Bee putting over Logs Left my mits at Bakers Seen Clary, very bad with a Cold a Dance in the New House

24th East Wind chopping Going the Ice at Frashers to Lancaster Cutting a Waterhole

25th 26 East Wind Stormy Drifting and snowing some cold Gathering Rags & Paper Rags found a Mouse or Rats nest in the hay a Tin Basin full al clean Williamstown Francis Laplante
{written between lines}

27th I mistook it for Saturday it was Sunday I went to Williamstown stopt at Thum{illegible} got a Treat in the P.O Got to Williamstown after Dark as usual

28th Came home Lost My Watch either in the House or Raising up the Cutter Shaft Thinking of Semow here before me Came home went to Semows came home began to thrash Oats 1/2 Bushell

1st of March Thrashing Wheat 1 Bushel an Indian here.

2nd of March Thrashing 1 Bushel Went to the Post Office got a Letter & Book & a catalogue 10^D {pence} to be Paid the Soiree in Williamstown Sold Locket Came down to Semows my Mits Lost I Bought a Pair Franc to Pay for them 1/3

3rd Court Day in Williamstown I went to Salmon River Paid Luke 6 pence I owe 4^D pence Bought of Kimball 4 lb Ginger 2/0 Bought at Baker 1/2 lb Tea /10^D got an almanack for nothing

March the 3rd 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

In Mr Huttons Shop came across to Summers Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Candles 0/6 paid Got Phillip Lalonde to Come and Thrash Bought 1 plug Tobacco ?/1^D Phillip commenced the Oats

4th I went to A Summers Bought 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ 1 Quart syrup 10½ paid Phillip went off Thrashed 3 1/2 Bushels Gave him 1/3 cash Clucky here wanting Tea & Salt got it Wanting to see if Semows Father might come and Thrash Put the straw out of the Barn in the shed

5th I Went to Williamstown Gave Andrew Summers the Catalogue of Books Seen A McR{em}y Gave him a Ride Brought out the Locket & the Book Mrs Par B of Fun the Big Pot and 2 Bushels of Oats Quart of vinegar and 4 lb of Ginger

6th Came home Went to Simows for to See the Old Man went to Charlies Charlie came up the old man came Semow Boy a Draw{n} of Tea

7th the Old man Thrashing at Wheat Charlie went home Tom Davis here Brought Cabbage Plants

8th Stormy The old man and I Fanning 2 peck Stroke measure Tom here

9th Ash Wednesday Tom crossed I gave him 2 Razors to fix I went to Salmon River Bought 1/2 lb Tobacco 7½ 1 Twisted Ball 5 cents Paid Grange 2/6 {ink blot}{Bo}ught 250 crackers 6/3 paid Luke 4^D Bought of Buchannan 1/2 lb powder 7½ Came home Went to Williamstown Brought out the Beaver Seen Tom Kingsmill took out the Cabbage Plants Got my watch glass Broke

10th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **March the**

Came from Williamstown Semow's Wife for straw for Hats Wild Geese in the Airhole before the Door for the first that came 14 or 15 of them crows plenty ice Good yet Went to Salmon River Bought of Winkler 5p worth of crackers About 12 lbs Bought of J. J Cameron 9 Balls of Twisted yarn in Balls at 3^D per ball 45 cents Bought of David Baker 1/2 Gallon Syrup 11 per Quart 1/10 1 pint Whiskey 4^D The Loan of a Bottle to be returned helping Allen McInnis with his Load of Logs the Little River getting Bad but People Travelling on it yet

11th Fine Day Sacrament in Williamstown Black Birds came Poisoning crows

12th Fanning Wheat 5½ Wheat Stroke Measure. Went to Williamstown took out 2 Bushels of Wheat took the Cotton Balls 8 and 1 Before Ice Good yet in the channel The Bytown Begun

Sunday the 13th came home Seen Mrs Munroe there Bomen came

14th Went to A Summers a Foot Bought 1/4 lb candles 3^D 1¼ lb of nails 4^D A Seisure at Kenneths Barn of Tea Tobacco Mike Anderson & Bruce up From Lancaster helped Derby with his Boxes to Get away Drawing Brick for the School house Archy Grant in a rage about his Bush got the Tablet Paper got a Fox Skinned him me and the old Man Christee Here me at the Store

15th the Ice not good I went to the Little Island Sturgeon Island South Side crows dying with the poison.

March the 16th 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island Lake St Francis

One cutter came Down the Ice I went over to See to the Little Island Ice opened at Francis Ice opened Before the Door Down to the Sturgeon Island Fixing Irons in the Boxes up stairs 19 Panes of Big glass 2 of small glass 2 Big ones Broke

17th St Patricks Day in the Morning Fanning Wheat 6½ Bushels thats 14 Bushels the Old Man Thrashed, not a going to stand for Semo. Began the oats A Fox on the Island Trying for EEs got none 1 Cat Fish Ice moving very slow Robins came Cutting the Traverses and Drawing them in one place Christee or some one crossed over at the Foot of the Island

18th Raining Bonum, Mending his Maggasens {*written above* "- or Moccasins"} East Wind Ice moving slow G Shooting commenced Ducks in abundance Lots of Hay and straw pease Wheat oats some corn stalks

{writer seems to have changed}

19th Thrashing Bonum Ice going Down

20th Hens Commenced to Lay the first Day of Spring and it Sunday Went to the Head of the Island

21st Shot a squirrel Ice going slowly

22nd shot a Duck

{writer changed}

23rd Launched the canoe at the Lower end Shot a Duck Charlie here brought 4 Quarts corn I went to Bakers Bought of A. J Bak{er} 4 lb Cod Fish 8^D paid Bought of A Summers 1/2 Gallon Syrup 1/9 1 plug tobacco 6 for Bonum 1/2 for matches paid. 24 Sheets at Bakers

24th went to the Bush for Wooden forks for Bonum

25th Raining the Ice not away from the shore yet Bill here for the Red Canoe to Be returned Monday

26th Done Thrashing Began to Fan the oats 16½ Bushels Bonum crossed to Semo{w} I went up to the store stopt at Sidney's

Lake St Francis

Mr James Cameron **March the 26th 1859**

Bought of A Summers 1/2 gallon syrup 1/9 & 1 plug of Tobacco /6 which comes to 2/3 on Credit and the Loan of the Jar to be returned

27th Sunday at home all alone

28th Bonum here for his Grain Got 1 Bushel & a peck of Wheat Got 1 Bushel & a peck of Oats the rest stood for the Tobacco I Bought him took 1 of Semows Flaits home East Wind Set 5 traps in the Marsh Went to the head of Island

29th swallows came stormy & South Wind the Big White owl here got a Muskrat 2 Indian canoes to Charlies Spearing {ink blot} in the mud got 1 EEI the Ice loose From the Oak Stick the Wind too high to Fix it ice going Down in abundance

30th up round the Island

31st set Traps in Back marsh Putting oil on the Colt hens wanting to hatch

1st of April got 2 Rats Windy Weather All Fools Day Fishing EEIs got 1

2nd Charles here Fishing EEIs Hiram came Went to F. Covington Bought of Walter Buchannan 5 lb crackers 2 lb shot 1 Quart Whiskey 1/2 gallon Mollasses Bought of D Baker 1/2 lb Tea 1 Box of Caps 1/2 Canister Powder Took Gollacher across 2/6 a Treat at Davids Gave Charlie 7½ Gave hiram 7½, 3^D Charlie & Hiram here.

4th Windy Charlie & hiram here Seen a canoe Leaving Charlies Laplants here Peter Bosell and Henerys Boy come to see the Place Looking at the Bulls Jo wanting one thinking of Coming this Week.

5th 6th Charlie Went home hiram shot a squirrel Fishing EEIs A Bail Passed the Head of the Island to Lancaster got part of the square stick at the Lower Point Hiram & I {Sa}wed & Drawed it Tapt trees

April the 6th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Hiram Tapt Trees

7th Went to Lancaster Bought of Nicholson the Baker 9 Loaves of Bread 3/9 1 Box of Matches stopt at Batteance Frapp's Found a Basswood Stick of Timber Slatted. Tied it to the Light House Making Vinegar Hiram went off shot a crow got some potatoes From Charlie made a Taste of Mollasses

8th a Great Storm of Snow through the night Wounded 2 Ducks did not Get them Trying for EEIs put Tobacco Juice on the Colt

9th Fired a Shot at the Big Owl Broke the minute hand of my Watch thinking to cross did not

Sunday the 10th of April Semows 3 Boys here wanting Hay Tried there Short Gun Gave them 2 small Bundles Richard Nicholson Left Bero{e}s cellar after being almost paid for it

11th Monday alone Let out the Pig for the first time ever he was out since the 12th of August put him in again Snowing and Raining Great shooting at Christees the Ice not gone out of the Bays here yet

12th The Laplants came took their cow dog Mare & Colt & Furniture and part of their seed no hay 4 pigs 4 Hens.

13th I went to Summerstown took 1 Fox 7/6 4 Rats 88 cents 11/8½ sold to Thomas Monroe Bought of A Baker 1 Bunch Matches 1/2 Bought of A Summers 1/2 Gallon syrup 1/9 1/2 lb candles /6 Tobacco -/1^D caps - 5^D powder -/4½ shot -/6 soap -/9 which comes to 4/4½ Returned the Jar to Davy

the 12th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **April**

Went up to Secors told David Summers he might take the Basswood stick at the Light house Nicholsons sent home the canoe Charlie here

13 Windy

14th Raining got a Duck

15th got 4 Rats gave Molty 1 plueg of Tobacco Molty Drawing the slabs on the Pitt Point Hens not Laying very well Molty got a Ducks nest George Semow here for the Pickaxe got it got all the Rigging for the Horses Traces Wippletrees cluvises Harness got 2 Hooks with the Big chain to Draw the slabs on the Pitt Point

16th got 2 Rats Wind high George Bosell & Francis Laplante here stopt all night Duncan Ross poorly

17th Palm Sunday Molty & his wife crossed to Bosells got 2 Rats Killed their Dog

Monday 18th Duncans Birthday I went to Salmon River with 8 Rats to Streeter 1 Dollar in cash 22 cents for Rats which comes to 8/9 & 5p in cash 13/9 I paid took another pair at 4 Dollars now I owe him £ 3-9 Bought of Winkler 3 Loaves @/5 per Loaf 1/3 Bought /3 pence worth of crackers Bought of B Buchannan 1/4 lbs Sugar 1½^D had a treat at Lukes for 3 of us /6 not Paid Donald Summers crossed over seen old Rankin and Peter Grant Slutach after coming out of Jail Left my old Boots at Streeters to Be fixed Walter & Angus came in Thomas Boat had a Round of Whiskey Light in the Light House Welland & Gildersleeve went Down

April the 19th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Angus & Walter crossed over Forgot his handkerchief George Nicholson here for a canoe did not get one St Lawrence Went Down Went Down to Charlies in the Evening Stopt all night took the 2 Bushels of Wheat to Allen Roys on the Morning of 20th got Mr McLean to make a Bolt for the Point of the Plough /6 paid Bought of the Baker 3 Loaves 1/3 gave Charlie /2 for a treat Got cabbage or Ruta Baga seeds from Charlie got peppermint from him Mrs Laplante & Francis came the Bouquet went into Salmon River for the first time got 2 Rats the Gildersleeve went up with a tow Found a Ducks nest Charlie and me

21st got a Ducks nest 4 Eggs Went to Baker's with ashes 1/6 got my accompt From A Summers 15p in it Gave Thomas 4 Rats 4/4 got a Dollar from Thomas Gave Andrew Summers 5p toward my account Bought of A Summers 1/2 gallon syrup 1/6 1 lb shot /6 Matches -/1 1/2 lb sugar /3^D Got Robert Bruce from Peter Grant got 2 Papers From him Working on the Roads putting on stones McDonell McDougalls son in Law Dead Francis & Molty to Lancaster for flour I stopt at Hamiltons them working at their cellar The Salleberry came out of Salmon River the Boston Went Down a Schooner Anchored at the Foot of Hamiltons Island

Good Friday the 22nd 1859

James Cameron Sir Johns Island **April the**

Got 4 Rats. pikes in the marsh but Wild Bitterns came High East Wind

23 Snowing & Raining High high East Wind the Water high cannot go to my Traps Charlevoix went up with 4 vessels in Tow Salaberry in to the fort The Bouquet in to Salmon River. Schooner at anchor at the Foot of Hamiltons Island yet the Boys getting. Ducks nests Hailstones

24th Easter Sunday Plenty Eggs

25th Went to the Little Island North Side Charlie came up Went to Salmon River with ashes Bought of the Baker 6 Loaves 2/6 Bought of Buchannans Watch guard 7½ Treat 2^D Went up to Hopkins a Race Bettwen the Ranger & Whitby.

26th Went to Bakers paid A J Baker for the administraton 3/1½ Gave A Summers 5p Walter Gave me 7/6 Sold my Rats to Thomas Munroe 7 Rats 7/6 took home Peters Papers Archy Grant mortgaging his Farm to the Brockville Loan companys Agent Archy Fraser.

27th Henery & George here I went to Hunt with them to Movile Island Shooting at BlackBirds set 40 traps The Fashion went in to Salmon River

28th Got 12 or 13 Rats Went to Stuards Point took Finner on the Island stopt on Courvills Island

29th got 8 Rats searching for the Big Trap a Long time came Home Rafts going down Fine Weather Got 6 Rats for my share John Nicholson here got some Hay Planting corn Making Garden Broke the Plough got Bosells

April 30th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Went to Bakers Bought of A Summers 1 Bushel of Barley 4/4½ Signed for the News of the Week paid A Summers 3/4 all clear now up to this Date Sold 6 Rats at 10^D a peice 5p Molty went to Salmon River for shoes Francis up as Pilot for the Raft got his cant hook {??} Amelia's & George Bosell here set some traps

1st of May got 1 Rat John Nicholson & Allen McInnes here for hay

2nd John & George here for hay I went to Salmon River with 1 of Wheat to mill sold 1 Rat 7½ got 1/3 Fra{illegible} and Baker Bought of I Cameron 2-1lb Tea 2p1p 1 pair of Braces 7½ 5 glasses at John Fergusons /10 1 orange /2^D 3 pence worth of Candy at smallmans Bought of Buchannan

1/2 gallon syrup 1/10½ I owe 10½ to Peter a Treat at Plumadoes a Treat at Lukes not paid I
Lost or Left my purse or Bag of money seen Jim Fergusons Wife & son George My Big trap stole
I found it

3rd I went to Williamstown Met Pat & Charlie speaking to Loney gave Clucky a 1/2 took out the
Handkerchief & seeds

4th came home Bought of McEdward salts & matches George Bosell & Dug came home in the
canoe to Bosells took over Jos Boy & Dog got a Rat 1 pike a Great smoke gave Frapp a paddle
Bosell & William set another Line Jo Laplante here

May 5th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Went to Summerstown Brought Amelia across 3 Rats to T Munroe 2/3 Bought of A J Baker Soap
1 Bar 7½ 1 pint Whiskey 4^D to 1 Hat a fight Between Francis Tyo & Jacop ↓ George Bosell on the
Bosure Bosell got Sturgeon for the first seen one of the Chiefs Talking about a Cow John
Cameron in A Summers's store Card play going on

6th Court Day in Williamstown sowing Wheat 2½ of Black Sea & 2 Bushels & not Quite a 1/2 of
Scotch Wheat Thomas Munroe here in the night a Load for Lancaster came up aside shore
took a nap at Thomas's'es Breakfast & Dinner Bought 2 Oz of salts at Lancaster my Paper did not
come Bought of William Poppo Indian 1 Hat 2½ Bargained for a Butternut Plank 12 Length 18
inches Breadth 1 pipe 1/2 a Treat 4^D Got the Loan of Nicholsons canoe Gave me 2 Rusters 1/2
lb Candles swapt Hats with John Francis & Moly crossed seen old Mrs Wright Mrs Hamilton
Poorly came home

8th Sunday

9th Went to Salmon River got my Purse Frank Bought Hooks Bought 1 Quart Whiskey 7½
Sugar /6 a treat at Normans 7½ Lukes house on fire

10th went home with Nicholsons canoe stopt at Nicholson all night

11th At William Lavellettes Raising the House helping the Stone with Archy

May the 12th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Came across got Semows Canoe Amelia came Sowing Pease 2 Bushels 6 of pease 1 of ours Walter Baker here with his horse Francis & I crossed Bought of A Summers 1 lb Butter 1p got the Loan of the Bowl Bought 1½ worth of starch

13th Making ashes Making the Harrow Bought 3 Bushels of potatoes Francis Francis and me set out the Line for Francis

14th Amelia crossed & Josua with the Hats Sowed 1 Bushel of our Pease 1/2 Bushel of Molty A Summers sent to Toronto for the Paper got a Paper from A Summers

15th Sunday Jo La Plante here & Molty's Brother Bosells here Mrs La Plante crossed with Jo

16th Fishing Perch got a good many got a Sturgeon on their Line for the first The Ticks Bad Fixing the Carpet stuff in a Bag 19 lbs allowing a Pound to the Bag

17th Tom came with the Line the Experiment Began the route

18th I crossed for Tom came home put the Hooks on the Line 64, 17 of mine

19th Sowed Wheat 7th Planting the corn over planting some Potatoes Jo Laplante here and Moltys Brother Fishing with the light got a Good many Tom spinning strings on the Barm

20th Went for Mrs Laplante to Bosells Got a Book From George High Wind no sturgeon yet Sowing Oats 6 of ours Went to Williamstown stopt at Charlies Tom & I Left the Bag at Allen Roys

May the 21st 1859

Mr. James Cameron Lake St. Francis

Came to Lancaster from Williamstown met Thomas Munroe Lumberer sailed Hom Fits Stephens & I fishing Perch sowed 2 more Bushels of our Oats 8 all together Done Ploughing sent Home Jo's Mare 2 canoes Tom crossed with them for the Paper Baited the Line got my Overall's stuff in Williamstown A Race Between the Welland & Saleberry

22nd Sunday Secor here & Wife Fishing Perch stopt all night

23rd Secor Went home The Watchmaker & Birch here on the Upper Point Going to the confessin up The Front.

24th Queens Birth Day Tom came Went off to A Camerons with Perch A Party on The Bouquet. Stopt at Hamiltons Wharf did not Get the Right Paper it was the 12th of May I got Buya & Wife here fishing

25th They went to Salmon River Buya crossed in my Canoe Left it at Henerys Bought of A J Baker 2 lbs Butter 2p Credit John Hamilton on the Experiment took home Semows Canoe no Potatoes

26th Fishing Perch Measuring oats for Salmon River 2 bushels

27 Went to Mill 1 Bushel of Wheat Bought of D Baker- 2 Bushels of Potatoes for 2 of Oats to 1/3 for perch Bought Barley 1 pound 3½^D Saleratus 3^D to 3 coppers From Mrs Laplante for saleratus 2lb sugar 1p crackers 3^D Bought of Luke Bowen 1 Auger 3/9

Lake St Francis 1859

Mr James Cameron **27th of May**

Found the Missing Man of the Steamer Salaberry I Got Hooks 45 Different Kinds small and Large paid Buchannan what I owed 18 cents stopt at Lukes with the Storm took Supper Tom & I stopt all night Angus on the Front the Bouquet aground The Experiment look her off

28 came from Lukes ~~Bought~~ Windy P

29 Sunday Moltys Brother here Molty & Wife crossed

30th Molty to Salmon River I went to Bakers got no paper yet great Playing cards in the Ashery Brought over Walters Bottle to Rob Summers

31st Went to Salmon River 3 of Oats got 3 Bushels of Potatoes good measure

1st Day of June got 1 Pickerel on the Line Planting Potatoes Charlie here Burning Brush Amelia Bosell here Mrs Laplante Went to Williamstown Christee Bought 1 Broom & Basket paid Broom to give him a Sturgeon for the Basket gave 3 or 4 sticks to Christee for Brooms

2nd Frank crossed with Amelia got 1 Sturgeon for the first The Reaper Indian here for Basket & Broom stuff 8 sticks on the halves, Baskets on 1/3 Grinding his Axe Raining Wet the ashes Tom & S to the Bush Baking

3rd got a Sturgeon in the Bush the Boys went dig A Camerons cellar Charlie here

4th Went to Bakers Tom & I Bought of A Summers 3 lb Butter at {11} per lb 2/9 matches & pipes paid 1 {illegible}

June the 5th 1859

Mr James Cameron L St Francis

Sunday went to Charlies stopt all Day

6th at Charlies came home got his Iron to sell for him 76 lbs

7th at the ashes the cattle spoiled them Baiting the Line

8th Raining at the Ashes Williams Wife for straw

9th Mary's Birthday

10th George, William & Pete here with the Wind Frank & Molty came Playing Ball Wrote a Letter to Williamstown at night forgot about the Basket sent the Knife in the Letter

11th Molty Frank & Philomen went to Church to Willamstown taking home Wood set fire to the Maple tree very cold taking ticks of the Colt Tom came Baited the Line This Week Nancy Ranald Buried Duncan McGillis Sale this Week School commenced on the Front & at Frashers this Week Ellen on the Front

12th Preaching on the Front got 2/6 cash Sugar

13th Bosells put their Mare here Raining Francis crossed & Molty & Big Frank Tom and I at Ashes in the Bush Bought of Mrs Laplante 1 lb Butter 0/10^D Baking Gave a Glass to them Paid the Butter

14th Fishing Caught a Pickerel Went to Lukes Jim Hopkins taking their Bull home Brought the Sturgeon to Luke for the Auger

15 Went to Salmon River Brought the Iron Rags & ashes of My own Ashes 8 Bushels 6/8 Iron 60 lb 1/6 Charlie 76 lbs 2p Mrs Laplante 5 lb 2½ cents Rags ?/9 Flour 5p corn 2/6 Bought for Charlie 1 Tin Kettle 1/10½ mug /4 1 Tea pot for Mrs LaPl{ante} 2/ Bought of.

June the 15th 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island Lake St Francis

Bought of David Baker 1/2 lb Tea /10 1 lb Tobacco 1p alspice /1½ Salt 1/3 Bought of Buchannan 1/2 Gallon Syrup 1/10½ Tobacco crackers /4 came home the custom House officer very Poorly Mr Quinroot Mrs Henery here Very Stormy

16th Henerys wife got straw at the Ashes

17th at the Ashes

18th Francis went to Williamstown sent out a Basket to Granny Finished the Maple tree of Ashes the Indians got the Loan of the Big Canoe to go to their Raft Gave Tom 1/3 got a lb of Butter from Mrs Laplante on accmpt of the 4/1½ to Be taking out of it which is Due me Tom Fixing 2 chairs for me fixed 2 for them White Washing and Scouring this Week

19th came with the Canoe gave some Biscuit & Pork Raft went off Ranald McDonell's Wife Departed this Life at Williamstown

20th Tom fixing the Big chair Gathering the Ashes

21st Charlie here him and I Fishing I Lost a Muskinonge Tom went of gave Charlie his Kettle & Mug for the Iron I went to Redmans Raft stopt all night with the Boy

22nd Came up home got 2 Boards from the Raft Francis & Mot crossed, Our Dans Birth Day Broke my hook at the Kit Kit Island Fishing at night caught a Pickerel or as some so call it Wall eyed Pike

23 corpus Christie Looking for the Heifer most part of the Fore noon Fishing put 40 Hooks on the Line Again and moved the Stone Cooking the Last of my Flour in Bread 6 Loaves got a Sturgeon

the 24th 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **June**

Went Down to Charlies. Charlie came up

25th Went to Salmon River with Wheat & Ashes Gave Hermans Boy a Turtle Bought of D Baker
1 lb Butter /10^D 1 Bar of Soap 1/3 Starch 3^D per Paper 8^D cash 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ Crackers 4^D
Went down with Charlie Amelia Bosell here

26th All Day at Charlies came home Walter here

27th got an EEI & Sturgeon got Got minnows from Henery & Lashey

28th Fixing the Big Canoe Fishing minnows took Home a load of Wood in the canoe Fishing
Perch got 2 Sturgeon Went with one to Christee Tom came from Lancaster

29th Crossed with Tom gave the Watch maker Dashney his Hammer a Picnic stopt on Hamiltons
Island Mat & George there I Went to Francis Island Ottawa went Down for her first Trip
Downwards Thunder showers Windy gave tom his Bag Brought me 17 strings & 1 Bottle Ink
Drew up the canoe Bowmanville going Down Kingstons chace Towing a Raft Charlevoix coming
up Salaberry coming up

30th Fishing Perch for Bart Molty came home

1st July Dan Cameron & Manning here Fishing Burning the Big Elm

2nd of July Went to Williamstown Brought 2 sturgeon & 2 EEIs Bought of Jacop 1 EEI 3^D Gave
Charlie a sturgeon Bought Whiskey Lancaster 6^D High South West Wind cleaned the sturgeon
Angus took Flour From Lancaster

July the 3rd 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Charles Tupper and I from Williamstown Sailed Down the River and sailed Home Took Breakfast
on Suses Island Above Lancaster to 2/6 for cotton Balls

4th July Went to Bakers Bought on credit 1 Quart of Whiskey for Semo) not Paid 7½) 1 Bunch
matches 1^D & 1 Lead pencil 1½ Bought of A Summers 1 J Knife 1/3 credit) 1/2 lb Saleratus 3^D

paid the Postage of News of the Week for the year 1/4 The Tailor fighting & F{Ph}illip {Ph written below Phillip}

5th of July Our John's Birth Day Got a Sturgeon Killed him

6th Pleasure Trip On Board the Salaberry Got an EEI A Race the Ottawa Chief & New Era New Era a-head the Dog away All Day Fishing making Ashes

7th A Race the Welland & Passport Boys hoeing & Claning Potatoes

8th Went to Christees Philomen & I got a Sturgeon Raspberries Began to ripen A very Warm Day Sacrament in Lancaster

9th I crossed for the Paper to Summer's's Bought of A J Baker 1 lb Rice 4^D pipe & crackers 1^D paid Bargained about the Boat {letter crossed out} 4½ The Tailor left the Front A Race the Welland & Banshee Frank went to confess to Williamstown, came home Late From Bakers

10th Sunday Sacrament in Lancaster Fine Warm Weather the Gaff put in the canoe

11th Went to Bakers with Ashes 4 bushels 7½ 2/6 to my accounts Bought of A J Baker 1 Bottle Pain Killer 7½ 1lb sugar 6 1/2 cash 1/3 Lent Hamilton the Big canoe for sand

12th of July Went to Salmon River - Bought of D Cameron 4 balls 1/6 at Mary Vass's pint 5^D

July 12th 1859

James Cameron L St Francis

Got my Boots From streeter. Bought of W Buchannan 1 lb sugar 5½^D 1/4 lb candles 3^D 6 Balls 1/6 Tobacco 4½ Sold 1 sturgeon 1/3 to Buchannan) Sold 1 to Luke Bowen 1/3 had a treat at Lukes Charlie here Sold the Grindstone 4/6 to Francis) Sold the Scythe snarth to Molty 2/6 Gave Charlie a Hat for {illegible} Started for Williamstown got over with Bosells

13th Fixing 2 posts at Duncans Grave at the Tailors ~~Get~~ {written within a circle - \$10½ Take care} seen A Summers out at the Prayer meeting seen Sandy Cooper settling

14th came home Bought of A Summers 3½ yds 10 2/n Thred 2^D spool of Buttons Bought of A J Baker 1 lb sugar 6½ 1 pipe 1/2 got Semos canoe Sandy Hamilton put me accross Semo went to christen his child to Williamstown Friday

15th Mowing

16th Went to Williamstown Angus on the Front took over Allen & James Hugh to the Island took vinegar smoothiron out Charlie Went with me out Had the Red Canoe

17th Jo Laplante here picking Berries Playing Ball

18th Went to A J Bakers with Ashes 2 Bushels 1/3 Bought of A J Baker 1/2 Gallon syrup 1/10½ 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ Raisins -/1 got the Loan of a Bottle Which comes to 2/6 got credit for Ashes 1/3 Bought of A Summers 1lb sugar 6½ Lining for Trouser{s} 4^D Brought the wool to A Summers paid ths Eat new Potatoes

19th Mowing in the calve pasture put in First Hay ours on the South West half of the Barn old hay N W half GBoys & me Gathering ashes Grey for the Barrl Indians Down.

Mr James Cameron Island **July the 20th 1859**

Cutting the Barley {me} Luke Bowen & Sommerfield here had a Round Gave Luke a Paddle Luke gave me 22 cents new Coin & tobacco Gave Luke the Chunk of Oak Staving Brought the Sow here Francis 4 dollars Mowing the ~~Upper~~ Lower Feild Back of the Garden

21st Gathering some hay in the afternoon Began to cut the Upper Feild

22 Mowing the Upper Feild Some Rain for the First this long time Tom came to Fix his Canoe

23 Amelia crossed I went to Bakers with Ashes 3 Bushels 1/10½ Bought of A. J. Baker 1 Quart of Syrup 11½^D 1 lb crackers 7½ Licquorice (1^D penny paid)

24th Jim Hopkins here a Berrying and the Bush Full of all Kinds

25th Started for Williamstown Allen & James Hugh shooting crows came to Charlies Gave him new coin 1 cent stopt at Lancaster 1 P 4^D sweetys 1^D Shooting coming up the River took Dougall McGillis a Peice up pipe 1/2^D

26th Came Down stopt at HughAn Kays Working at hay stopt at R S McDonell Shanty above Lancaster Bridge Came to Charlies Stopt all night

27th Came Home Tom Fixing chairs Henery here Got the Ear rings to Fix Left my Gun Powder caps shots there B Got Charlies Rags 7½^D

28th Went to Salmon River with 1½ of Wheat 6½ of Rags 11^D Gave D McRae 5p towards what I owed him to the Watchmaker /10½^D Bought of I. J. Cameron 2 lb sugar /10^D Bought of D Baker 1lb sugar 5^D 1½ of Crackers 1/4 lb Candles 3^D A Treat From Luke The Row of seeing Montrey the Experiment Mrs. Laplante made my Overalls Thrashing the Barley 7 Bushells.

Lake St Francis

Mr James Cameron Island Lake St Francis **July the 29th 1859**

Fixing Tom's Canoe crossed for the Paper Peace Jo Snider at Home Got an EEI from Henery

30th Tom Went off Semos Canoe stole. Fanning Barley Francis to confess A Pic Nic Luke & a Party of 15 from Dundee over on the Pitt Point Took Toms Line left 2/6 Cash with me for Tom Bought of Jacobs wife 2 EEIs Gave one to ... at the Little Island North side Fishing at night

Sunday the 31st Went to Charlie's stopt All Day

August the 1st Lammas Day Henerys wife here Boys crossed

Aug 2nd Josuah crossed Semo here for the Big Canoe to go to Christees Raising Sand Went to Bakers Bought of A J Baker sugar 6½ Bought of A Summers 1 lb sugar 6 1 lb shot 6 {1} lb {illegible} 9^D comes to 1/9 Bosells Bee the Turtles went off got 2 oak staves Hunters at Bosells

August 3rd Christee here for the scythe Pleasure Trip of the Salaberry shows Salmon River I went to Williamstown 2 Bushells of Barley to them) 1 I Kept for myself The men came for the Oak stick Gave me £1⁵ 0 3

4th Raining Heavey £

Sundy the 7th 8th at the hay at Duncan Farquhar

9th at The Hay

10th Allen got hurted by James Bush's Horse

10 Allen very bad

{note covering bottom left of page listing Crops of Grain}

Crops of Grain

Barley 7½ Bushels July 14th

19 august Thrasing Wheat 4 bushels to them all

38 Traces of Corn 19 Traces I got &

2 Barrels of Loose short corn

36 Bushels of Pease 18 Pumpkins {figuring -100 50 or or}

Hops 1 Slip

{Next two pages are repeats of July 20th etc. page and the July 29th etc. page with the above note covering the entries on the bottom. Following is the remainder of the entries on the July 29th page}

11th 12 13 14 13 16 17 18 19 20 in Williamstown making Out Accounts

21st Sutherland came with me put him across Pat there & Charlie Went Down with them got 3 1½ Dollars from Lewis Blonde stopt all night.

22nd came home from Charlies Went to Bakers Bought of A Baker 3 lb sugar 1/6 & 2 lb at A Summers for Mrs Laplante 2 1/4 {illegible}

L St Francis **1859**

Mr James Cameron **22 of August**

Settled up to this date with A. Sumers Gave him an order on L. Blonds & 3/10 in cash Jo Snider poorly Seen the Indian about the Brooms

23rd Making a stack of Oats & Putting in some Pease the Experiment Basted some of her works

24th went to {F Covingt} Bought of D. Cameron 2 1/2 yards of cloth at 1/10 {illegible} 4/8 Thread 2^d Soap 7½ Gave Streeter 5p to my credit Paid the Watchmaker 3/9 but gave me Back 7½) Left him another watch to charge nothing Fixing my Gun Gave him a 7½ Settled with David Baker up

to this Date Gave them three and ten pence Bought of Walter Buchannan 1½ of Sugar & Tea 1/3 paid Took 4 Bushels of Wheat to Mill Francis) of Hogle and Miss Watson Married to Day the Black Propeller Went up Salmon River Raining

25th Cutting Pease Angus Came with the sheep Making my pants The Raftmen here The man of the Barge for Potatoes Duncan Farquhar out a Hunting him and George Henon

26th Cutting Wheat & Pease me sick sent my Shirt a bar of Soap 20 Eggs Pipes Towels Basket Finished my Pants to pay her for the Lining

26th Raft went off Gave me 4 Dollars to send me 4 more by mail {illegible - ink blot} a crane got him the next morning {illegible - ink blot}ing Wheat Ducketts Francis Chatuaguay

St Francis August 27th 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island Lake St

Went to Bakers Settled with A. J. Baker up to this date got a Receipt Bought of A. J. Baker 3/4 of yd of cotton 4½ paid Got an order From Lewis Blondeau On A Summers's Bought on Order 2 lb Butter 1/6 1 pair Braces 1/3 2 lb sugar 1p 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ 1 lb shot 7½ of Powder 10^p two Shillings to get yet on the Order A storm of hailstones shot a hawk Molty Francis & I crossed to Bosells high Wind 1 Box Matches {76} at Summers) Paid)

Sunday the 28th Walter Baker & Amelia Laplante here

29th Helping Francis with the Pease & Wheat All the Harr{illegible} Done now Molty & the Dog came

30th I went to Bakers Bought of A Baker 1 lb sugar /6 ½ worth of Crackers Bought of A Summers 1 pipe exchanged the Braces Be Returned the plate bought for Francis 1/3 of salt 2½ lb sugar the Tailor on the Bosure Donald {Suple} started for Williamstown Left the Canoe at Nichols{ons} Late getting in to Williamstown

31 at Williamstown till the 13th came home Donald Suples Raffle

1st of September in Williamstown Francis Laplante ther sent Nicholsons Gun home with him Bought of 1 Pedlar 1 needle 1 ½ bottle of Essence of Peppermint Bought a Bible for HughAnn The Highland Game in Montreal abot the 6^o or 7th of this month.

Settled this all **Island**

Mr James Cameron St Fr

18 April I Rec 1/3 from A J Baker

21st April From {Tellumor} 5p

30th April Rec 5p From A Summers for the {Colorust}

25th May Bought of A J Baker 2 lb Butter 2p

4th of June Bought of A Summers 3 lb Butter at 11^p per lb 2/9

4th July Bought of A Summers 1 Jack Knife 1/3 Bought of A J Baker 1 Quart for Semo 7½

11th Bought of A J Baker 1 lb sugar 6½ pain Killer 7½ Cash 1/3 to ashes 2/6 credit to me

18th 2 of Ashes 1/3 to my acc 1/2 gal syrup 1/? 1 Quart Whiskey 7½ Bottle Lent to be Returned

23 Returned the Bottle 3 Bushels of Ashes 1/10½ 1 Quart syrup 11½ 1{2} lbs crackers 7½

Settled the above with Baker & Summers

James Cameron **13th Sept 1859**

13th Taking in corn came across from Nicholsons Took Dinner there Stormy Weather of Wind Got my 2 Papers at the office

14th the 2 Amelias here with the wind

15 Crossed Over Taking in Pumkins 4 Cart Load hard Frost a few grains of snow on the 14th snow

16th Went to Salmon River Gave Streeter 7/6 cash towards my debt Bought of J & J Camerons 2 lb sugar @ 2½ charged 5 Dollars at Dan Camerons Left my Pistol with Wolf the Tailor to Give to the Watchmaker Bought of B & B Brother 1/2 lb tea 1/1½ 1/2 lb crackers -/3 1 lb sugar 4½ Glass/1 Bought of David Baker 1 lb of Butter 1p stopt at Lukes The Races in Cornwall Went to Williamstown at night Brought 3 hens Eggs Alfred Fork 3 Bottles of Vinegar got there in the morning **19 18 19 20** the Games in Williamtown in Williamstown till 29 Started for Home Bought of the Baker {4} Loaves 1/8 stopt at Charlies all night

30 came home for a Book to New York Sent a letter to {words unreadable - blacked out} Duckett at Nicholsons

Mr James Cameron 30 of Sept 1859 Big Island L St

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Gave Henry Wife 1 dozen of Pumpkins

Oct 1st Molly left here to go to McLean's Turned Back

2nd Thunder & Lightning Crossed with the 2 Amelias to Bosells

3rd Cut the Boar Pig for the 1st I Ever cut the Boys thrashing First setting {for} my Traps Raising sand 12 in one Pile 3 in the other

4 got 2 Rats Walter & {missing} Snider here Had a Bottle I went {missing} Salmon River as far as Lukes stopt all night Had a Round 7½

5th Treated old Mr Cameron {missing} Keiths Tavern Bought of Dan Cameron 1 lb {missing} cent Bought of Congdon 1 lb shot 10 cents {s}weetys 3^D Bought of J. J Cameron 1 B{illegible}ck of {c}otton Yarn 1/6 to Be Paid Bought of Baker {missing} lb Candles /6 {illegible} speaking to McLean about the {W}ood a treat at Lukes /9 Had Dinner at {L}ukes Got my Watches fixed at the Watc{hmaker} {G}ave him 5p Cash took home my pistol

6th Went to Salmon River Brought Luke 5 Pumpkins Bought of Grind{missing} Streeter 1 Pair of Fine Boots 18/9 Bought of Minkler - 1 Loaf of Bread {missing} Bought this Paper From Walter Buchan{n} {missing} 1/2 Quire -/6 Treated to a cellar of Sap seen McLean Master of the Barge {illegible} Glen shee said he would come for the Wood had a Treat at Plumad{er} {missing} Got a Tow from the Experiment Behind McLeans Boat as far {as} Hopkins Clukeys Boy Drowned on {missing} Sunday the 2nd James Cameron & Co Dissolved Partnership in Fort the Boys Thrashing the Pease the Charlevoix aground yet Morton {missing} Drinking hard {l} Owe £ 1- 10-
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Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island Lake

October the 7th 1859 Got 1 Rat Shot a crow and a Hawk The Boys Finished Thrashing the Pease stacking the straw on the shed shot a {illegible} 2 men here of a Raft From the Racket one of them a Robidoux Grinding their axe the Chars{illegible} Steamer Tug went Down seen a Plover at the Foot of the Island

8th East Wind Began to Fan the Pease 34½ Bushels. Fanning 1 Bushel of Oats put in the Stack of Oats in the Barn Molty went off Paid me my Peck of Pease The Raftmen got the Loan of my Canoe to go to Bosells The Captain Lafave of the Barge Queen Belonging to Evans here for to see the Wood

9th Sunday Francis crossed to Bosells Jo Laplante & Wife Amelia here Jim Nicholson and Henerys Boy here got a Loaf of Bread from for my Flour got the Remainder of the Butter of the Sugar East Wind Ice froze in the Canoes Frost ice Preaching on the Front Fine but cool Broke the Glass of my Watch got a Rat Talking of Going to Brockville

10th Monday The Barge Began to Load Drawing 3½ Cords out of the Bush Gave Francis 3/9 for Drawing Left the culls small sticks paid me 23½ for the Wood Josuah got Hurted HughAnn on the Front after nuts Old Angus McDonald here with Bosell I went to Charlies Charlie came up Fixing the sail

11th Cattle Fair in Williamstown Charlie and I went A heavy Load for the Canoe Leaked very Bad.

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis **Oct 11 1859**

Took 7 Bushels of Pease 12 Traces of Corn 19 Pumkins The Bunch of cotton yarn The Slip of Hops nuts apples 2 slips for {Kill?} Left the Beech Block at Charlies {ink blot} Brought 23 Dollars Cash Gave Charlie a /7½ Bought at Lancaster 1 pint /4 set 3 Traps up the River Found a Stone & Feathers Mrs McDougall Archys Wife Died got my Prizes {illegible} Buttons no Book Called at the Lancaster Post Office got 2 mink skins 7/6

12 ~~4~~th Came home took my Gun From Charlie got a Bags From Charlie took 3 From Williamstown Bosells took their mare away 4 months But 1 Day Francie took his horse here I went to Summers for my Papers Bought indigo & Candles Brought Walters Bottle home serving

summonses on on the School folks Bill McLeod gave Charlie the scythe & snaith Took a Load of culls with him

13th Putting out manure Cutting Pumk{ins}

14th Shelling Corn 1½ Bushels Marked the Bags of Raffles

13th at Santa Nees of a Clock High Wind shot a Crow Raining Amelia Bosell here

15th Santanee A Bee on Jacops Island I crossed to Bakers Bought of A J Baker 1 Quart of Whisky & Bottle 7½ 1/2 lb Powder /9 Bought of A Summers 2 lb sugar 1p 1 lb shot -/6 Sent a Letter to D. W. Evans New York City Broadway Paid 3 cents a Raffle in Williamstown on the night of the 14th of a Gun Seen Mr Spink at the store Jacop Baker Down. The Chieftain going Down with a Raft Wild Geese.

Oct the 16th {illegible}

Mr James Cameron B. I. L. St Francis

Mr Thomas Davies here Gave him 2/6 for to Get at A Summers's Went to Charlies stopt at Charlies all night Jacop got 2 EEs in the mud

17th Came up from Charlies Began the Potatoes Had 2 Bags from Charlies 2 from Francis 5 of My Own Measured 15½ in the bags 15 {circled}42 on the Floor of the House which makes 20 Bushels to take out 14 Bushels they put in the cook House Fixing my Canoe Began to Plough Before the Door

18th 2 Bags from Nicholsons 1 from Semo stopt on Francis Island all day & all night

19th Came home Got a Plate of Butter from Mrs Laplante for being at the Potatoes Francis came had his Over coat 7½ Price Cut a Tree of Hickory that was cut Down at the Head of the Island Went Down for Charlie Windy could not come withe the Wind

20th at Charlies Taking in Corn at Charlies Began to snow took up all the Potatoes at home at Charlies till Sunday the 23rd Charlie and I come up Brought the carrots Thrashing 4 of W Wheat & Oats {illegible written above line} George Bosell here

24th Hughs Birth Day Charlie and I to Williamstown with 20 bushels of Potatoes Bought at Lancaster Crackers & Whiskey 7½

25th {illegible}ay Birth Day Came From Williamstown Shot a 3 Snipes Found a Bottle stopt at the Bakers Bought 5 Loaves 2/? 1 candle /1½ about 90 Bushels of Potatoes I am to pay for Motly 1/3 to Bosell Came up from Charlies Began the 25 Bushels of Potatoes Put 16 Bushells in this heap Back of the Cook House took home the Bags Donald Finnan McDonald Departed on 21st.

James Cameron **Oct 25th 1859**

James Cameron my Birth Day in Williams{town}

{doodling Mr C} **26th** Put 5½ Bushels in the heap at the Hog Pen so that only makes 21½ Bushels in the Heap and 20 that went to Williamstown so there must be a - - - something some place that would only be 83 Bsl of Potatoes covered pretty well (measuring the Wheat 4 Bushels I got 1 Bushel of it thats 7 Bushels for them of Wheat 5½ Bushels of Oats thrashed this time marked this on the 23 of Oct) Francis got his stove on the 25th here Banking the House Feeding the Pumkins to the Bulls Francis Brought a sheep yesterday Forgot my candles at Charlies

27th Went to Salmon River with my {me} & Francis's Grist High Wind Wheat Oats & Ashes my Boots not Finished Bought of Buchan{nan} & Brother 1 lb candles / 7½ per lb 2 lb sugar at /5 -/10 2 pipes 1/2 Paid all this) (1 Cake of Cheese 12¾ lb 5 p not Paid) Bought of Norman McDonald 1/2 lb Crackers 3½ Came to Hopkins Seen Ma{z}s Man there Came home wind very high coming home Francis could not cross to the Contract

28th Jo Laplante & William & Pete after Francis to cross Drawing Wood Amelia here

29th I Crossed over stopt at Semos with the Bags & at Nicholsons Bought of A Summers 2½ lbs Butter at -/11 per lb 2/3½ Brought home the Pickaxe took Semos Gun set 2 Traps Francis went to Williamstown Came home told me About the Book Reason W{ind}y Got my Newspapers Playing Chequers at the store.

Lake St Francis 18{59}

Mr James Cameron Oct the 30th

Sunday Shot an Owl got 2 Rats

31st Ball here {ink blot} Fixing more Ground on the Potatoes Francis Amelia & I crossed I stopt at Nicholsons all night crackers nuts Holy Eve Murphy child Died Buried to Day Ho{illegible}ery on the Bose{illegible} Semow to Cornwall with Turnups

1st of November All Saints Day I crossed from Nicholsons stopt at Bosells for Francis 2 Indians fishing EEIs at the Little Island Philomen & Francis & Josuah crossed Burning some of the Marsh

2nd Francis came Amelia got a Large Rat The Ice thinking to take in Salmon River to night Jim Nicholson & Henery on Fergusons Island

On the **3rd** Captain Frasers Raff{*piece of page bent over covering words on right side*} at Lancaster Francis Went home with Bosells ca{*covered*} Making a Door for the Pig Pen 1/2 Bushe{I} of Pease to soak for the 1st Pease I gave him Plastering the house no Boats in to the salmon to D{ay} Boats Running in the Salmon

4th taking home the fence to cover the sheds Fixing the floor Big Frank here going to Beauhornois got a Rat East Wind some snow Went to Bakers bought of Walter 1 Butter Plate /3^P 1/2 lb shot -/6 Bought of Julia Summers 2 lb Butter 2p 1/2 lb Candles Returned Andrew's Bakers Bottle I got on 13 of October & Walters Bottle

5th Killed the sheep Frank crossed George Bosell and Frank came speared a sucker Thunder & Lightning hail & rain

6th Captain Fraser here and his Wife John Nicholson here Wedding Party crossed chasing a squirrel {*words illegible - covered with black*} coming out of Salmon River.

Nov 7th 1859

James Cameron Island

Ellens Birth Day Francis Laplante Married I and Motly crossed took 2 Canoes for the Weddingers stopt a While of the night Motlys Brothers here and Sister

8th I crossed to McDonells with Walter Baker took home his horse gave me 2·6 cash {illegible}
Went to see Semo Went out to Nicholsons Bush came home Went to Charlies. Charlies came up

Went to see Semo Went out to Nicholsons Bush came home Went to Charlies Charlie came up
Boats Runnig Gave Charlie 1/2 Bushel Corn to be Returned

9th Went to Salmon River took the Guns Traded the Long Gun with Dashney got boot Fixing
my French Watch 7/6 for Gave me a Powder Horn Ram Rod Treated to a Quart Cider A Treat at
Lukes gothering nails Put a Glass in my Watch 7½ Bought of Baker sug{ar} 2 lb 16 cents 1 lb
Buckshot 7½ spent 2/3½ got yellow Wire from Lukes came home sees Neil Mathieson came
home Charlie stopt all night

10th Charlie here Stormy E wind

11th Taking home Wood Charlie Went home gave him a Bottle with Vinegar Fired out of the
short Gun at a Squirrel for the First time cleaning Out the Canoes splitting a stick for an axe helve
Gave another 1/2 Bushel of Pease to the Hog thats 1½ Bushels I gave him The Magnet went
Down yesterday

12th stormy snowing Raining Put a Handle in one of our old axes Fixing the colts Place some
Wild Geese Flying Went to the Head of the Island Draw{ing} up the Canoes

13th Sunday Raining Heavy

14th Went to Williamstown Bought of W & A J Baker 1 Bottle Ronson 1/3 1 lb Shot /6½ not got
my Paper A Summers in Montreal Nicholsons lost there Canoe took home Semows *{black
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getting {near}

November 15th {illegible}

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Duncan Farquhars sale Council Day in Williamstown

16th Came home Tom came to Butcher Killed the Brown Bull 8 Ball in him Late at Work got
Thomas Munroe Boat Some of A Summers Goods Came in on the Sallabery Got Charlies Shirt
Heard of Janet Sharpine being Married

17th Killed the White Bull Sam Edwards & Angus went off Sent 2 Traps {O}wls Paw 1 Handkerchief 1 Book Grammer French 7 pair of sox to Left 1 quarter of the Brown Bull with us salted it Motlys Wife & Emilea here Francis crossed to Beros Bush Fine Day took home Jos Dog 1/2 Bushel Pease to the Hog

18th Charlie here gave him his shirt gave him the Head Francis Killed his 2 Hogs Lewis Bosell came Frank and I to A Summers's Candles 1p soap 1/6 Syrup -/9 Knife 1/3 Salt 1/1½ Starch -/6 A Bet on the Coat 1 Bottle of Porter 7½ Paid this) Another Treat 7½ Paid this Gave Lewis Christee -/3 Borrowed From A J Baker paid this to Walter) Speaking to Francis for an axe Franciss Girll going to get married

19th Wet Weather Raining Hard Old Country Vessels going up to the Lakes Seen Wet{ry)as Christee at the Head of the Island

Sunday the **20th** Some Snow Windy Salaberry going up A Race the Charlevoix & a Propeller Charlie bet

21st This Day of the Month Donald McMaster Departed This Life Francis crossed East Wind Salaberry came out of Salmon River Taking home Wood Drew up the Barge Cedar Bun)

22 Jane McDougall Married

23rd {Illegible} Bosell and Francis came Making a Places for the Cows in the shed {Illegible} Baker sick.

1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis Nov 24th

Francis & Peggy crossed Josuah & I went to Charlies Took Dinner Jacop & Family & crew came there Took up a Bag of Charlies Ashes got a 1/2 Bushel of Corn for what I gave him going to Salmon River Francis & George Bosell took Over Amelias Cow Boats Running yet Chickens dying off with the cold got a Rat Ducks in the Channel New Moon Came in to Day

Friday the 25th St. Catherines Day Killed the Pig Francis came home From Beros Bush Henerys Girl came home from Below The Last Trip Down for the Salaberry

26th high Wind The Huron aground at the Scow Light House cutting brush on the Pitt *{page bent over covering words on right side}* Francis thrashing Wheat 1 bushel *{written above line - Black Sea}* Trying to Break t*{covered}* Taking home Wood Horses out at to-night

27th We*{illegible}*ing on Hercules took the huron off A Race The Herc*{ules}* The Huron and the St Lawrence Emelia W*{covered}* Baker & William Rose here a a Bottle of Good stuff

28 Cutting on the Pitt Point Frank to Mill got my Boots from Streeter

29th I cros*{sed}* met the men at the Head of the Isl*{and}* Ellen came 4 men bought of *{A}* Summers 1 coat \$/ 7½ 1 axe 6/3 1 Quart of syrur /10 1 Box of Pills 1/3 axe h*{andle}* 0/0 My Canoe went of

30th Bought of A J Ba*{ker}* ¾ yd cotton -/3 1 fine comb -/6 St Andrew a Raffle at Davids stopt at Sec*{or}* all night came home Ellen went *{covered}* the Dance Lewis Bosell here Thomas & Moses Blondeau here put Passengers to Frashers Semow a Bee chopp*{ing}* Sent a Letter yesterday to Francis Ducket Chatuaguay Envelop 1/2 Sweetys -/1 got 2 Papers a Treat a*{t}* Bakers -/9

Dec the 1st 1859

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis

Sandy Snider & Lewis Bosell here From the Dance and Amelia B Laplante Drawing Drags

2nd Opened a Pitt of Potatoes that I put 6½ Bushels in All Rotten But About 3½ Bushels of good Put some Ground around the Front of the house

3rd Angus came and Sheilds took Flour 1 Bag Motly & crew came from the Front 1 lb Tobac*{co}* 1/6 from A Summers for the men and Angus sent 2 lb by Mrs Lapla*{nte}* 3p

Sunday the 4th Snowing & stormy the sheep came home the night a *{edge of page covering words}* Storm Began to Feed the cattle *{a}ll*

5 Motly went of I measuring w*{covered}* the men chopped the first 1 man chopped 7½ cords 3 others 17 cords

6th Crossed over Ellen and I took Charlies Ashes 1½ Bushel Took a Due Bee Got of A J Baker 3/9 Cash Bought a Ticket Nos 18-45-70 and he was to put in the Dollar 5p thats 8/9 I Got From him Gave Ellen 2/6 Cash a Treat at Davids 7½ spe{covered} Bought of A Summers 25 lb of Pork {½} Gallon Syrup 1/10½ 5 lb Butter 1/2 lb saleratus 1 lb Tea 1/10½ Broom -/5 Envelopes 2½ paid Candy {1/4} lb -/5 Paid)

7th the men chopping

8th Francis & Motly came Holy Day Motly Thrashing at night Christians {illegible}

9 Francis tried his Colt Took home Wood the men Broke the Wedge

10th Measuring their Wood 61 cords Took them across in the Canoe high Wind Gave them a Black Bo{covered} 7 Bushels I got 6 Motly

H. L. Morgan Box 78 White Horse New Jersey.

Dec 10th 1859

Mr James Cameron Island

Bought of A Summers 1 Coat £1-8-9 (1 axe 6/3 1 Handle -/6 For Hiram) 1 {lb} Pint Brandy 1/3 one penys wothe of Hoar hound Candy Brought Hiram seen Kery at the store Alex Oceans Wife Died on the On The 6th of Dec Ellen took my Letter Book

Hiram Lewis came with me Bought the axe for hiram me to pay for it and him to pay me in cutting wood at 1/3 per cord

11th Sunday fine Day East Wind

12th Stormy Day and cold hiram Began to Chop up on the south West of the Bay

13th Taking home Wood

14th Francis crossed Very cold Weather those Days

15th Choping with hiram h{covered} for each

16th Chopping Mrs Laplant{e} and hiram crossed a Fine Day Hiram stopt at Hamiltons all night
go{t} my paper

17 came home Cording the Wo{od} what we cut Between us $3\frac{1}{2}$ in all tha{ts} $1\frac{3}{4}$ for each of us
he has $3\frac{3}{4}$ cut this Week Franc{is} got 1 lb of Tea on my account at A Summers 2{p} a Stormy
night Ice took Remarkable well with the E Wind

Sunday the 18th Storm{y} and cold Ice took across to the Kit Kit and Litt{le} Island

19th Turned soft Ice opened again Looking for a Sleigh-crook for Fra{ncis} cutting Firewood on
the Bank to{ok} home Wood owls Plenty

20th Francis Chopping Maple tree $1\frac{1}{4}$ Cor{d} me Chopping and Clearing $\frac{1}{2}$ Cord Seen a Mink
up at Where we wa{s} chopping hiram shot a squirrel.

Dec the 21st 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island Lake St Francis

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To Day the Mutual Benefit is to be Drawn in New Jersey to Day Chopping

22nd Hiram & Amelia & Francis crossed Hiram Brought 1 lb Candles From A Summers 1p Set
my Trap for the Mink To 1 Pair of Mit for Hiram at Bakers 2/6

23rd Chopping $\frac{3}{4}$ of Wood Stormy Day of snow

24th Freezing very hard Ice tak{ing} very well not all shut at Dar{missing} Hiram in the house All
Day Taking home Wood in the forenoon Chopped $\frac{1}{4}$ Cord in the Afternoon

Sunday the 25th Christmas Day Crossed the Ice I went Part of the Way hiram and Francis
crossed

26th hiram Went to Williamstown

27th Wen{t} to Charles Tupper Bushed the Roa{d} Henery Fishing EELs

28th Crossed Over Took my Trousers to Henery's Wife to make Bought of A Summers 1 cap 13/9 to ~~7~~3/4 of Cheese ?/3½ per lb Seen Angus on the Front Boug{ht} {o}f Bakers 1 Dozen of Buttons -/2

29th {C}ame home Lent Henery my Traps 5 of them Gave Francis Laplante an Order on A Summers for 10/- Went to Williamstown on Thur{sday} In Williamstown on Friday the 30th

31st Started for Home stopt at Charles Alders in the 2nd Concession took Breakfast and treated me well came to the Front Bought of A Summers 2 lb sugar 1p got my Trousers from Henery 1 lb Wool 1 Dozen of Pumkins P{illegible}s {illegible}ith that crossed the Horses.

New Years Day Jany 1860

Mr James Cameron Sunday Lake St Francis

January 1st 1860 Sunday New Years George Tupper Birmingham Heneage Street

Jo Laplante Big Frank Motly & Wife Peggy & Lewis Bosell William & Henerys & Williams Girl Phillip Lalonde Charles Tupper Jo Wife & Children all to Dinner

Monday 2nd Council Day in Williamstown the New Years Ball to Be to night Frank Thrashing Wheat

3rd Allen Birth Day I Crossed to Summers Bought of A Sum{ers} 1/2 lb tea -/10 Rory McDougall Lost his horses in the Crack saved the sleigh A Great many at the Ball Francis to Williamstown to mill I sent a Bushel good measur{e} in the Flour Council to Day in Williams{town} to days

4th hiram came Henery Fishing EEs with Henery & George

5th hiram chopping Drawing Wood to the Ho{missing}

6th Drawing Wood Holy Day hiram Chopping Turning soft

7th Gave an order to Hiram on A Summers for 3/5½ in Goods hiram went off I crossed Over Bought of A Summers 1 pint of H Wines 7½ 2 lb 14 oz of Butter at -/11 Per lb Bought a Lottery Ticket No 1• 25• 51 M B To be Drawn on the 31st of January 1860 A Ball To Be at David Summers's to Celebrate the Boys Bound for California on the 12th of January 1860 Bought of Hiram {to} 1 Book 2 Bottles of ink 1 Flute 1 Double Barrel Pistol 7/6

8th Sunday at Home

9th Chopping A Thaw

10th chopping the Wisha crossing with Horse for Francis Motly & Wife came

11th Thrashing Oats a cold Raining.

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