

James Cameron (1824 - 1912)

1879

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Mr James Cameron Island January 1879

New Years Day crossed with Gordon to Hamiltons Landed below the Lighthouse a Good lot of ice Going Down Gordon after the Fox Gordon going to stop at AJ Bakers for a Few Days as AJ is going up West to stop till he comes Back then he is going out to Williamstown to School (to 16 cents) Freezing some got 2 papers at Hamilton Kind of N West Wind

2nd Fixing the Shed Door put in the stack Randolph and I cleaning the stove and Pipes Windy cold the ice would take only its so Windy & Breaking the ice

3rd Allens Birth Day chopping Wood around the cattle put Maud in the Big Shed very cold the ice took from the Sturgeon Island over to Christee's to Day but there is in the Rushes open that wont take with the Wind the ice took across to night to Alexis Island near Morning a Good many Ducks and the White headed Eagle is after Ducks thats wounded or froze in or on the ice Great Banks of Snow Drifts

4th Stormy in the morning got calm snowing some hail West Wind Went Down to Lower Point over to the Pitt Point awful Banks of snow ice not taken across a great many air holes chopping stove Wood Feeding the cattle extra these cold Days

5th sunday cold and Fine

6th Drawing Wood West Wind Went to head of the Island {a}nd its very Frosty Steamboat channel Full of Anchor Ice Going Down but dont Jam snow Deep

7th chopping Drawing Wood Kind of Warm Went to the West End of the Island Lots of ice Going Down the Channel {f}ull of ice

8th HughAnn's Birth Day 13 {y}ears old to Day Went to upper End to see {t}he ice and its all opened out at the h{ead?} snowing Drifting cutting Brush at th{e} Marsh hay stack

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all open in the steamboat channel not cold West Wind North and South Wind Drawing Wood chopping stove Wood slippery for the Mare where there is ice as she is not shod yet Let out the sheep to Day our yard Full of Snow Banks 1 Stack of Marsh hay Finished

10th cold and Frosty Lots of anchor ice Going Down went to the upper end of the Island to see the ice very Frosty I think it will take in the Steamboat channel to night chopping Wood around the House Broke on the marsh hay stack about 2 Tons in it put the stake holes in the Little sleigh put ashes in the Leech Barrel as the other 3 is Full

11th The ice must have taken through the night as I went to the head of the Island and its taken across went up a peice on it and turned Back as its only a shell but if it Freezes to night it will be Good tommorrow Randolp and I on the north side for cedar chopped the ends of a soft maple for a Log 11 Feet a Fine Day not Freezing much some Freezing to night Finished Making Bismarck's Coat

12th Sunday a very fine Day the ice taken across to Hamiltons before Daylight Freezing some to night

13th 3 men Fishing EEls Back of the Island I crossed to Hamiltons took Dinner Went up to the stor{e} Got a Letter in the office from Dan with 2 Heard Gordon went to Williamstown put a few small Bushes on my Road Bought 3 lbs of Rice 15 Bought ½ lb Tea 20 2 spools of Thread 8 pipe 1 the ice very Rough took supper at Hamiltons came home the ice is only a shell christopher McRae cross{ed} at Hopkins to Summerstown

14th crossed to Day Brought Gordons Pants to Hamilton exchanged HughAnns Boots 25 on exchanging them Bought of Mr Ward 50 Wt of Flour 21..30 castor oil 10 {Illegible} 12 Bought of summers 3 ½ yds of cotton 28 Go{Illegible} of sugar from Mr Ward {Illegible} night at Hamiltons Frosty Frosty

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A Fortunate Day I came from Hamiltons took part of my Flour as the Ice is very Rough a Frosty Fine morning Broke some of the Jammed Ice Down so to Get through it Fine But turned very Frosty Freezing hard to Day and to night chopping stove Wood Feeding the cattle more than extra as its cold Wrote a Letter to night to sent to Dan

16th very Stormy North East Wind Drifting and snowing Freezing hard Fixing some of the chairs put a Handle in the Little Axe Bismarcks, turned more moderate in the afternoon

17th Drawing Wood Randolph and I some cold some Cutters and Teames crossed Summers's Road for the first Drew a soft Maple Log from the House to the Bank 11 Feet some Water coming in the swamp John Hamilton to Lancaster to Day Lost his cap

18th I crossed to put the Letter in the P.O 3 cents paid JS addressed it for me Bought of Mr Ward 8 cents worth of matches got 2 Bunches a very fine morning snowed a little Turned to Drifting, Blustering Water Raising some near shore John Hamilton to Cornwall early this morning on the Bosure Tom thrashing Took the rest of my Flour over to Day I made 2 halves of it the other Day so it would not be so heavy on the rough ice and the ice is very Rough a social up at Mr {Illegible}kins Last night made 17 Dollars {T}om Summers Tom Munroe Donald Angus to cornwall to Day pay up J Grants affair {c}utting Stove Wood

19th Sunday a very fine Day the sun came out in the afternoon awful warm went around the Lower Point put the snow out of the canoe and raised it up some Quit milking the cows twice a Day to Da{y}

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most awful Frosty to Day north West Wind and very Frosty to night cutting Drags and Drawing some Feeding the cattle extra this cold Weather crossing a Good Deal on Summers's Road the Airholes smokes hard to Day our yard all Blocked up with snow-Drifts

21st St Agness Day Frosty Frost Falling snowed some East Wind Bushing the road from the house up around to the Cord Wood Bay put a few Bushes from the Back Bay for the Pitt Point so if any one comes around that Way they wont cut through the Back Marsh cutting hay on the East mow

22nd a Fine Day crossed Wrote a Letter for T Jack to Enterprize Company put it in the P.O Registered it to Boston Mass, 8 cents postage and Registering got a certificate stopt all night at Hamiltons a cold night stormy John Over with cheese to Dundee

23rd Came home {Above it reads: Pig Gone} chopping stove Wood putting out Some Bushes to the Light House James McDougall Crossed over to Hamiltons to night as they expect the Thrashing Mil men tomorrow Bill Cameron there to Day

24th at Hamiltons all Day Bought of JS Summers 5 lb of Rice 25 cents the Mill Did not Come came home this Evening Got from John Flour Drifting to Day Charlie's Tupperts Birth Day They Bushed it Down to the Lighthouse to Day

25th Robie Burn's Birth Day and a Fine Day and a Wild Day Thawed Froze wind from Every Quarter Snowed hard some hail Drawing Drags Snow Deep Blowing and Drifting a very Wild night

26th Sunday put in some of the Stack as I am going tomorrow to Hamiltons Cold and Wind{y} Drifting

27th N East Wind I went to Hamiltons to help them as they got the Thrashing mill McCormick & McPherson Cold Day at oats and Wheat

28th Thrashing

29th 2 Indians here Lewis Smoke stopt all night Fishing EEIs

30th Thras{hing}

30th Thrashing Fine Weather

31st at oat stack Got Mr William spink to Help a{nd} Mr Bell here for a peice of Rope The Fishermen)

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Saturday Done Threshing about 12 oclock came home took some Wheat oats Barley for the Hens Got ½ lb of Tea from J Summers 20 cents a Fine Day Drifting North West Wind Roughf going on the ice some Water coming on near shore chopping stove Wood

Sunday 2nd West Wind Cold snowing Drifting frosty Water Raising on the Marsh This is Candlemass Day so if the Bear comes out to Day he will not see his shadow or the Racoon either the sighn of a hard year when the Dont come out no sunshine to Day George Renshaw no Fire But Whiskey kept him warm very Cold to Day

3rd A Fine Day ÐPutting Wood of the Bank up on the South Side near the upper Point Dead Basswoods

4th A Fine Day Crossed to Summerstown Got some Flour from J Hamilton and about 6 lb of Cheese AJ Baker promised me 10 Dollars if he would Get his Fortune thats coming to him Burying Mrs Doherty to Day seen A Smallman and A Tyo at Summerss Treated me Rookey wanting me to Trade horses for Cow Got a Letter from J Angus from the House of Assembly Toronto 3 cents in it Postage stamp the Marsh hay stack about Done

5th Broke on the 3 Ton stack in the Back Marsh Drew some of it to Day a Fine Day E Wind snowing some Drift {Illegible}t some seen a Bunch of something Down at the Kit Kit Brash or EEI Fishers

6th 2 Teams Drawing to the Lighthouse to Day and very Busy too made a Good many trips {Illegible}a a Ball at Summers's to night Drawing Wood Randolph and I from the upper Point Broke a Road in the swamp a very fine Day W West and calm and a most Beautiful night for the Ball Folks

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 7th 1879

I crossed to Summerstown Sent a Letter to John Angus Toronto Marlborough House sold 6 lb of Tallow to Mr Ward 8 cents Bought 20 lb of oatmeal 1 Pipe Matches JS Summers took me up to the House to have Dinner and Treated me a Good many at the Ball Last night Mrs Hamilton colouring made me take of my Comforter and she coloured it a Fine Day turning to snow and Blow cold some

8th Gordon's Birth Day cutting and Drawing wood his Heifer calved this Evening a Fine Day Tom Jack to Mill to Day

9th a Stormy Day cold West Wind Drifting

10th Randolph and I to Mr Hamiltons Got a Bag of Flour and a Bag of Grain for the hens Heard Gordie Arman and one of Summers Girls is to Be married Maggie) and Julia was to be married in the spring to an operator Tom Summers mad at Jimmy Grant Got 130 Dollars from his Mother a Fine Day But the wind is from the East Turning Cold and Frosty took Jess across to Day for the first time

11th a Fortunate Day Drew some Marsh hay from the sta{ck} East Wind Snowing and Drifting

12th West Wind snowing Drifting Blowing Working at the clock

13th cold Frosty West Wind got 1 cut of hay to the Bottom of the Mow Making a Fork handle as I Broke the handle this Morning Water on the ice and Lots of snow

14th St Valentine Day very Frosty W Wind Broke a Track up near the Upper End of the Island Broke a Track to the Bush shovelling snow

15th in the Bush Cold turned Stormy

16th Stormy drifting & snowing

17th Cold went to the Bush

18th James Hugh's Birth Day skinned the Ram yesterday Went to the Marsh hay stack snow too Deep all covered went to head of the Island to B{Illegible} A Road took home some Wood

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 19th 1879

Randolph Drove me up to the head of the Island snow deep I crossed stopt at hamiltons took Dinner John Harnessed up the horse and we Drove up to the Store Got a Letter from John Angus from Toronto and a Lot of newspapers a very Frosty Day East Wind Bought of Julia ½ lb Tea Got a Peice of Meat from John wrote a Letter to night thinking of of Going to the PO tommorow Got the Book of Moses from Hamiltons

20th Stormy Drifting East Wind cold too cold to cross to Day

21st crossed Got 25 cents from G Renshaw a very cold Day West Wind Drifting Jim Hopkins Working all this Week at Dickinsons Wharf Got a Ride Down from John Hamilton and Tommy Jack with the 2 young colts Jack & Charlie and they go well for the first time they were in a sleigh Bought of Mr Ward 5 lb of Barley Races in Dundee to Day sent A Letter to J Angus to Day Toronto Rooky Moving

22nd cut Down a Dead cherry at the head of the Island Bismarck Randolp and I a Fine Day turned Blustery E Wind Began some of the Marsh hay on the stable Loft put some snow of Made 2 Waterholes

23rd Fine some snow {e}nough to make Drift the Fox came close to the Barn {L}ast night

24th Cold Drifting cutting some firewood in {t}he Bush Drew it home put out Poison in the Back Marsh cutting Stove Wood see a sleigh {c}rossing at the Kit Kit to Lancaster and then there was 3 sleighs came Back this is the first {t}ravelling on that road cant Get in to the Marsh hay stack we Broke on such drifts of {s}now

25th St Matthias) chopping Firewood E Wind {t}urned stormy Blowing hard Drifting Frosty {i}n the Morning cut a Birch to Make a Broom the First one I ever Made

26th Ash Wednesday E Wind turned to Raining some then the Wind changed to the West and Blew very very hard Kind of soft but made a small crust went for a Load of Wood but it Blows too hard clearing snow Drifts made Last night seen a Fox crossing a Good Lot of Travelling to Lancaster on this Road Below the Kit Kit

Mr James Cameron Island Feby 27th 1879

Very Frosty and cold

28th Went across got a Ride up From Hamiltons from Tom Got a Letter from John Angus Heard
George Renshaws had an other Boy or Girl Last Monday A Bee at Dickinsons Wharf Drawing
Stones yesterday matches oil

1st of March St Davids Day came in Like a Lion snowing Blowing wind all around the compass Kind
of Soft and cold Went across to Hamiltons Met Gordon coming from Williamstown Got Flour and
cornmeal and Beef from Hamiltons had the horse across and the Road is awful Bad with Deep
snow heard either Gibson or his wife Died out at the hill John Richards Daughter seen 3 Foxes and
a crow to Day First crow seen this Winter Gordon Brought Blue Beard to HughAnnie A change in
the Moon this Morning its awful weather this Winter This Day is the Festival of the Welsh

2nd a Fine Day

€ 3rd Crossed with Gordon to Hamiltons sent some sugar and Sturgeon with Gordon to
Williamsto{wn} Gave a small Peice to Hamiltons John and the Wife away to Alexandria took Dinner
with Tom Jack Gordon Randolph a{nd} I Got a Paper from John Angus Randolp and I Drawing
Wood a very fine Day warm and soft

~~3rd~~ 4th Killed the calf Fine Raining and Blowing very hard from the West

~~4th~~ 5th a Fine Day Thawing some cleaning out from before the stable Doors cutting stove wood

6th Stormy snowing

7th I crossed to Summerstown plate of Butter ½ lb Tea 2 spools of Thread ½ lb soda Darning
needle Matches to 5 cents cash spent to this John Hamilton & Wife went to Dundee signed Andrew
Cameron Bill for to only Run the Mail 1 Trip a Day Heard the officers of the Bohemians wages was
cut Down took Dinner at Hamiltons Thomas G Renshaws Marriage Day some year

Mr James Cameron Island March 8 1879

East Wind Raw but Fine Great Lightning and some Thunder not very Loud here but must be far
south chain lightning it must be heavy in some other Parts as it shows very bright here about 9
oclock till after ten I then went to Bed Drawing Wood to Day Basswoods thats leaning over the
Bank 3 men Fishing EEs at the Lower end of Alexis Island then went Down Below the Pine Tree on
Christees Island

9th A Fine Day Thawing Raining some to night seen a Fox crows plenty

10th cut Down a Big stump of Basswood split one Log and Randolph and I saw the Butt Log very
hard to split went around the head of the Island Down on the north side for cedar for Brooms
Randolp got in a crack near shore Broke a Road to the Bottom of the Marsh hay stack as the snow
is soft very unwell with a Bad Cold most of us all in the house Down with bad cold Thawing hard to
Day

11th cut and took home some Firewood took home some Marsh hay very Bad with a cold not
muckh Travelling on the ice Roads Thawing to Day a very fine Day Geordie Annan and Miss
Summers Married to Day at Andrew Camerons old Slapford Buried to Day Light all)

12th an Unfortunate Day On this Day of the month McMaster First came to the Island and the ice {o}pened that Day Peter Baker Married to Day to Miss Murchison took over som veal to J Hamilton {a}nd his Bag took Dinner at Hamiltons went up to store {w}ent over with George to see the Barrel Got a Peice of the {W}edding Cake at Hamiltons stopt at Hamiltons all {n}ight Bad Travelling on the Roads now all of us very bad {w}ith cold

13th came from Hamiltons Drawing Wood

{1}4th Drew some Wood all Bad with Cold

15th I crossed with Butter 5 lb Bought of J Summers 5 ½ yds Cotton RRR {Radway's Ready Relief} Bottle Bunch of Matches I owe 13 cents Got J Hamilton to come for ton of Hay for aJ Baker Bought of Mr Ward 18 lb Corn Meal {a}ll he had 2 lb of Barley ~~to~~ this I Paid

Mr James Cameron Island March 16th 1879

Very unwell all of us Laid up with bad Cold Gordon came from Williamstown bad with cold had 2 papers of Tea 1 lb of crackers 3 Loaves of Bread T Stuff that Donald McDonald Gathered for me a thing I knew any thing at all about took it From Hamiltons where it was Left with a Lot of Other Stuff they told Gordon for me to go after tommorrow Gordon took Coffee and soap from Williamstown

17th St Patricks Day I crossed to Summerstown Brought 1 sheep Pelt 1 calf skin allowed me a Dollar Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Soda 1 Pail Paid for the Corn Meal and 2 lb of Barley I got saturday Leave a Due Bill of 43 cents St Patricks is Stormy And Wild J Hamilton and Wife to Cornwall the things that Donald McDonald Gathered for me I took from Hamiltons 4 ½ Bushels of Wheat 300 Wt of Flour about 10 lb of Pork 10 lbs of Beef 21 Herring 1..90 or Cash Gordon and I came home Quite a surprise not any thing at all about it nor would I want them to Do that for me Old Mr John the Priest Departed

18th AJ Baker and Peter for Hay Took a Load Gordon crossed with the Bag I got the stuff in cleaned th{e} stove and Pipes splitting sugar Troughfs 25

19th Began to Draw Wood took my Jumper to Renshaw{aw} Got Georges sleigh 3 Loads Got 1 Bottle of H Wines from George for the Wife and children sent him a Peice of sugar Brought a Little sleigh Got a new Whiskey Cask from him an awful Bluster of snow from the West Run into Hamiltons took the Taurus Down

20th First Day of spring this Evening Quite a Fine Day skinned the Taurus took up a Load and I went to Hamiltons wi{th} a Bottle of Milk they have a Bee to Day Drawing from Fleickes went wi{th} a Load afternoon Drew some upon the {Illegible} EEI Fishers at Christees

Mr James Cameron Island March 21st 18{79}

Finished Drawing to Georges Got a Bag of Potatoes from Allen Cameron in the concession

22nd I went to the store with the Hide 37 lbs to Mr Ward Bought of Mr Ward ½ Bus salt 2 lb of nails 4 Bunches of Matches went over with G Renshaws Sleigh Got Tallow and Candles turned very Stormy E Wind came to Hamiltons 2 men Fixing the Lighthouse tinsmith Gordon came from Hamiltons with me could hardly see the way to come home with the East Wind storm Heard One of the McMasters was ggoing to be hung in the Back Hills for shooting a Man very Stormy to Day

snowing Drifting Georgie Bosell and Billie here for the adze to make Troughs George to Cornwall to Day and Antwine scotch moon to Day 3 times crazy

23 Sunday a Fine Day

24th Gordon Went for AJ Bakers sleigh and Harness went straight Down the ice to Henery Genies Port Lewis John Stalkers Daughter Departed stopt at the Lake View Hotel Bought 30 55 cents worth of H Wines st annicet) Lablaw)

25th at Henery went Down to Jos Tavern went to see old mr Rankin the Blacksmith and he is Poorly

26th Jim McDougall {h}ere for the sugar Bush Pete Bosell here with the adze We came home from Port Lewis Received From Mr Henery Genie 1 Bag of Wheat 1 Bag of Rye Bag of oats corn & pease Buckwheat 25 lb corn Meal 35 lb 18 lbs of Pork 46 yds Cotton 9 cents 15 yds of Calico 10 cents 3 lb) 3 spools of Thread 15 cents 1 Bag of Flour Boots {Illegible}..50 John H. Birth Day {Illegible}ain

Mr James Cameron Island March 27th 1879

Gordon crossed with AJ Bakers Sleigh got a Paper from Charles Tupper Workhouse Walton on the Hill Liverpool England Gordon crossed over to Mr McDougalls to Let them Know about the Sugar Bush cut A Load of Black Oak on the Bank at the Pitt-Point East Wind Drifting and snowing some Rain Freezing some to night Gordon got a Pair of Boots at Mr Wards cutting up the Weeb of Cotton

28th I crossed to J Hamiltons Sacrament on the Front John & Wife went and came Back James & Rorry McDougall here Brought over some of the Sugar Bush Rigging Filling the Barrels with water a very fine Day Ducks Flying plenty

29th Robins came Grey Birds came Blackbirds came Rory came to Cut Wood Running All Day Making spoils and sharpening some of the old spoils have 25 Troughs new one made at the Door they have their sap Dishes and spoils 2 pots Barrels

30th Sunday snowing E Wind Gordon and Randolph went up to the Bush

31st Gordon and Rory cutting a Buck came over on snowshoes as there is water thats not Froze hard enough to carry Drew the Troughs Barrels Pots chains to the Bush Randolph and I

April 1st All Fools Day Gordon and I made {Above it reads: Blary calved} 22 Troughs to Day soft map{le} Drew some {Above it reads: Wild Geese} stones from the House to the Sugar camp

2nd Gordon to the store Bought of J Summers 2 yds at 40 cents Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb soda 5 cents Thread 5 cents Matc{hes} 3 cents Gordon Kept 5 cents stormy to Day Drif{ting?}

3rd AJ Baker here 2 Galernea and Boy Back from Salmon River

4th St Ambrose Day Ned Santinee for ½ Ton of Hay and cam{e} for my ashes 14 Bushels Peter Rooky here Rory here Gordon to Hamiltons for steelyard

5th making Troughs Jim Hopkins here 50 c{Cut off} sap not running Tapping Some

Mr James Cameron Island april 6th 187{9}

A Fine Day

7th Went with Hamiltons {Above it reads: Maud calved} steelyar{d} home

8th Made 2 Gallons {Above it reads: Raisins pepper} of Mollasses for the first

9th Gordon crossed to the store ½ lb Tea Rope sturgeon oil Matches pipe miss Grant the schoolmam and one of the Mr McDougalls Little Girls in the sugar Bush made 22 lbs and small cake and a Basin of Litere on the snow this is the first Sugar made

10th seen a Team crossing Summers's Road Jim McDougal came with a cake 11 lbs this is out of the 22) Gave him a Taste of Sturgeon {Above it reads: made 22 lbs of sugar} to take home

11th Good Friday Stormy snowing Drifting East Wind Fine all Kinds of Weather to Day Drawing Wood in the sugar Bush

12th crossed with the Horses McDougall this morning and went right Back as the ice is Getting Bad Took a canoe across and hand sleigh & Jim Cox and Rory and Gordon in the Bush Boiling ice opened at the channell straining all they Boiled to Day chopping Stove Wood Keeping in the {Spring Garden?} a Fine Day 2 men Fishing at the Little Island Frosty nights White Frost Last night the 2 stopt to night for the first First cranes came Pheabes or Pe-Wit came Fan Tailed Blackbirds {c}ame

13 Sunday Rory crossed Jim Cox stopt {g}athering sap a Fine Day

14th Jim McDougall {a}nd Rory came across James McDougall stopt all night Lots of ice going Down

15th Drawing Wood Mc in the Bush

16th Drawing marsh hay seen the first swallows Taking {f}ine hay of the Stable Loft putting it in the Barn

17th put the Bull Don Pedro in the stable

18th Our Duncans Birth Day Drawing Wood

{1}9th Rory and Miss Grand and Elizabeth Mary Sugared {i}n the Bush to Day 16 lbs Made a Water Troughf for Don Pedro put out the canoe on the 17th

Mr James Cameron Island April 20th 187{9}

A Fine Day North West Wind Lots of ice going Down and ice at our shore,, 2 Indians Fishing EEIs in a Bun at the Little Island Frost Last night Cows crossed the swamp to the Sugar Bush Salted them at the Lower Point got a small (Rock-Bass at the shore) struck him with a stick

21st 2 Indians in the Tent sugared about 40 lb Mr Smallman's steamer sparrys First Trip A Fine Day making Pickets Water coming in to the cellar set Fire to Front Marsh Lots of ice Going Down Loons came Gave the Indians some Hay for their Bed Frogs Began their Music not very well Bad with Rheumatism and corns on my Both Feet gave a Round on 2 at the Lower Point with the Plough

22nd First Laying of Hens Frosty nights Got 3 Eels from the Indians a Great many Fishing Eels from the mud taking the Banking from the East end of the House

23rd St Georges's Day Made Mollasses Gave a small cake to Miss Bella McDougall old Gabriel came and Rivers

24th a Fine Day set nets Got none Got a Rat

25 St Marks Day East Wind cloudy and Fine Mr Genie came and Pickot and Boy Paul Gray and his Boy here all night got a Bag of Potatoes from Genie Got a chain for Don Pedro the Bull

25 26th Genie and I trying for Eels Gave him my 2 Lines Tobacco seeds sold him my Musket to Pickot for chairs Gave Genie his Bags took Hay seed in them made Mollasses to Day Gordon Crossed to McDougalls with James Cox Mr Genie went of{f}

27th E Wind Fine went up around the Island

28th Gord{on} and James Cox came took all their rigging out of the sugar Bush the Boys Boiling 17 Pails West Wind Got a Letter from Dan Got a Rat a Fine Day Rainin{g} a Little W Wind Got a Letter from Dan and a P{aper} from Charlie Tupper England

Mr James Cameron Island April 29th 18{79}

Black cow calved Gordon Boarding the Tent with Mr Gabriel taking home sugar Bush rigging

30th Gordon and Gabriel the Fisherman crossed to Summerstown I Planted 130 hills of Potatoes Randolph and I Ploughing at the Lower Point

1st of May Gabriel got salt Got 3 pikes from them shingling his Tent Raining Gordon Barked 2 Chairs

2nd Lost their Line Blowing hard Ploughing at Lower Point Gave them some Tobacco Grappling for their Line

3 made a Broom for old Gabriel made a Runner for the Jumper Gordon ploughing **at** Door and the Bean Fence Garden A Propeller went Down and 2 Tow Boats and St Francis came up Blowing

4th a Fine Day Gordon crossed to Go to Williamstown Randolph And I to Bosells Got a Ducks nest on Frank Island Moses Jessama and Family here George Renshaw sent a Bag of Potatoes Down with Moses to me Algerian went Down Randolp with Gabriel

5th Harrowing working at the Banking Raining

6th Harrowing Planted 80 Hills Raining some Ground his Pepper Spartan went Down

7th Bohemian came up Drawing Dung Got a pike Got a Rat

8 Harrowing the Lower Point Drawing off stones

9th Went to Summerstown with 2 Plates of Butter at 15 cents paid J Summers 33 cents I owed him Bought 4 yds of Cotton 40 cents {Illegible} 4 yds Calico 40 Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea Soda Starch Tin Cup Thread Salts Soap matches cloves oil had 3 Rats got a Letter from Williamstown

10th Sowed near 1 ½ of Wheat at Lower Point harrowed it

11th Randolph Bismarck and I to Sturgeon Island Kit Kit Island to Lizard and Butternut Island Found a copper on the {K}itt Kit Island took Dinner on Butternut Island {T}homas Reesor the Indian here to Buy suga{r} none to sell

Mr James Cameron Island May 12th 1879

Ploughing at the peice at the Door Finished Ploughing this Peice Looking at the Fence On the Pitt Pitt Point

13 Harrowing Planting some Potatoes but the Potatoe Bug begins to show himself I'll not Plant no more so I'll put the rest of the Peice in corn

14th Finished Planting the Corn

15th putting Manure on the Garden and on the Potatoes some on the Garden and On the Potatoes some on the Hay ground Bismarck planted 24 hills of Potatoes

16th Henery Bosell here for a stick to make oars Gave Randolph a ¼ taking out manure I got ½ Bushel of Lime from Lancaster 10 cents Gave 15 cents 5 cents of a Mistake of mine

17th Gordon Came across with George Bosell Gave George what sour Milk we had for his Pigs 6 pails went across with Gordon to Summerstown to get his coat Fixed paid Amelia Laplante 50 cents 10 cents for Cotton Bought Mr Ward {Illegible}rick oil 25 8 Bunches of Matches 2 pipe 8 cents Bought a Bag 25 cen{ts} Bought of J Summers 2nd Book for Gordon 25 cen{ts} Settled with AJ Baker for the Hay Rec Payment Got an Overcoat

18th Rogation Sunday A Fine Day Heard Dan was canvassœing and Rayside Francis the Indian he{re} Gave him Dinner Gordon crossed with him Potatoes up some Blades of Corn up

19th St Dustans Ploughing a Peice East of the sho{p?} and Barn and taking out stones fine Day warm working at the Garden Front of the House put in 10 Beds of Top Onions 2 ½ Beds of Potatoe onio{ns}

20th Baking churning scalding the House putting out manure Harrowing Lots a Harrowtooth Let the Calves out in the Lane Digging some in the Garden for Cucumbers and Melons a Fine Day East Wind in the Mor{ning} and West at Night cutting Brush in the {Illegible}er Feild one of these Fishermen that went to {Illegible} Regis to Fish had to Leave

Mr James Cameron Island 21st 1879

North Wind New Moon this Morning Whitewashing

22nd Whitewashing the appletrees up in the Hens {Between the lines it reads: Tea From Lancaster 25 cents} as they are at the Corn setting Fire to some heaps of Brush

23rd Frosty Morning Working some at the Lane Fence

24th Queen's Birth Day Randolph and I to Christies Firing some volleys in the Morning hoisted Colours a fine Day Burning Brush in the Evening Great Bonfires St Francis to Montreal

25th Mr Genie and Picott here fishing Perch stopt all night Got a Sturgeon from {Illegible} Darashie the first we Got Let the Mare out for the first time this spring oiled her well and Let her to the Pit Point as the Ticks are Bad Dry Dry weather Thunder to the North but no Rain here high north wind this Evening cold to night 4 Men Supposed to be Drowned near Granadier Island came from Valleyfield to have a Time on the Queens Birth Day 2 Englishmen and 2 Frenchmen

26th Genie and Picott went off early Making a Door for the Milkhouse put a Board on the cookhouse floor

27th Putting a Pile of Manure in to the {y}ard from the Back Stable Door

28 Fixing the Wheat 5 Bushels and 1 ½ of Rye in Bags {Above it reads: Solomon Falkner and Mr Stark here} to get Ready to go to Mill

29th Royal Oak Day Went to Mill Brout 29 lbs of Butter sold to Jo Lemay 14 cents Bought ½ lb Tea 18 ½ lb Tea 23 cents Salt 10 lbs 10 pipes 3 cents Spoon 25 cents Tub 25 2 Tin Basins 2..50 Matches 13 4 yds overalls 64 Bottle of Hatches oil 25 Pink & senna 10 {Illegible}andy heard Emmanuels Girl Departed {t}he Sparry into Lancaster with a Load for {t}he St Francis a very fine Day had Mr Derushie's Boat a Great many Trowling in Salmon River took Dinner {a}t D Summers Got some Garden pease

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making the Calves Pasture Fence Ploughed the Back Garden over again

31st Plouged and Planted Beans to Day Fixed the Bean Fence George Renshaw here Going Down with Captain Rankin First Trip Gave George a cake of sugar Told me about the st Francis striking the Barges coming out of valleyfield

1st of June The Glorious First of June Rowena's Birth Day 1 year old to Day Whit Sunday Rained some

2nd Drew some Basswood sticks sheared the sheep some cold

3rd Ploughing some Rows of Corn

4 of June old George the 3rd's Birth Day Went to Na-Houstas Island Randolph and I Killed a Large Black Snake with a Large Lizard in his mouth on Na-Houtas Island a Good many Boats a Going and Towing

5 Election Day Dan & Rayside Mr Derushie the Fisherman to Lancaster the old man went to Montreal as his pay did not come up on the Boat Ploughing the West side of the Corn Potato Bugs Plenty Planted Pease in the old Garden and Beans Keeping in the hens Let out the 2 sheep Keeping in the Black wether as he is not smart made a Bonfire to night and Fired a heavy Volley Frost to night Rained some thunder A Meeting at Summerstown yesterday Evening

6th Set the {Leech?} Barrel for soap Raining went around the Island Windy West Frost this morning
Dan Elected with a Majority of 50 Heard so

7th George Renshaw here took Down the old Man took my strainer {to} get Fixed to Cornwall

8th Gord{on} with Thomas Munroe and Geor{ge Rens}haw

Mr James Cameron Island June 9th 1879

Hoeing Corn Marys Birth Day 1813) 70th Working at the Potatoes and Bugs

11th St Barnabas Went to Hopkins with Milk yesterday the 3 of them Gordon HughAnn and
Randolph went to Summerstown Got the strainer and ½ Doz of cups and saucers 40 cents strainer
25 cents Got Lime from George Bought of J Summers Soda 5 cents needles 5 cents Got the Dog
snap from Hamiltons Working on the Roads on the Front J Hamilton Path Master

12th Corpus Christie crossed with 28 lb of Butter to Mr Ward Paid for Gordons Boots Bought 3 yds
Calico 24 4 yds Cotton 40 2 yds of overalls 40 Pail 25 Soap 6 Caps 10 Got some Hooks and
snoods at Hamiltons Working at Corn Bugs

13th Cold night with Frosts most every night Fine

14th Went to the Bush cut a Stick for oars put the Black Weath{er; as in wether} Down in the Brush
in the sl{Illegible} Dead yesterday StrawBerries Getting Ripe Keeping in the hens Beans peeping up
Potato Bugs Bad 2 Men here yesterday stopt all night Vondell and Johnston Caught a Lunge
Thursday Hamiltons Cows eat their Provision Broke thier Rods and Lines

15th Raining some E Wind Mr Genie here Going to Cornwall Gordon went with him Stopt all night
here

16th Genie went off took a Tow from the Traveller {a}t the Corn

17th Lots of Trowlers

18th Waterloo a Fine First time this spring I went to Fish caught a Good many perch Mr Tuthill and
Dan Summers here to night had a Good many Fish Treated Got a pepper Dish and Mustard and
Vinegar from Mr Tuthill Gordon crossed for Buttertub 5 cents hair pins 5 cents

19th the cow Blary suc{Illegible} the Genie Cow Keeping her in

20th a Fine {Day} Indians for oarstuff angus cameron and his Boy here on the 19th

Mr James Cameron Island June 21st 1879

Went to Fish Bismarck Leander Fernandez and I to the Back Bay First Day of Summer

22nd Our Dan's Birth Day Mr Genie here Came Last night Brought me 18 lbs of Flour Left his
sawLog some strawberries

23rd Cutting weeds for Don Pedro Drawing Wood set 3 Line at the Head of the Island for Mr Derushie Randolph Fishing wit{h} him put out the stove into the cookhouse Gave Genie 16 Harrowteeth Mr Tuthill and Dan Summers had a nice lot of Fish

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24th St Johns the Baptiste Day the Masonic Day Jim Hopkins and Kibby and Blood here Jim for a Milk Got some Hooks from Mr Kibby and Blood

25 Let out the Don Pedro Maud with Pedro crossed to Hamiltons for the Bun a very warm Day Heard that Mary and Henerys Girl Departed Sunday and George Grant at Lancas{ter} Finished all the Hoeing of the Potatoes

26th Got a Pair of Oars that the Indians made me

27th Drawing Wood Hoeing Corn taking Beetles of Potatoes Brindle with Pedro

28 Black with Pedro

29th Betsy Bone and Billy here Gave them milk the Old Man Getting Sturgeon now they Bite well

30th Hoeing Corn Digging Tobacco Peice

1st of July Dominion Day Randolph Bism{arck} Leander went to Squaws Island Butternut took Dinner or Pic nick on the 2 Islands Antwine and Wife Ed Jessima and Wife Miss Robideau and another and 2 children made a Pic nick in the Grove Norry with Pedro John Spink went across Line 40 {Illegible} Married a Great Time all over {Illegible} Great Boat Race is over {Bottom line is illegible}

{M}r James Cameron Island July 2nd 1879

2 I went to summerstown Bought of Mr Ward 12 cents worth of Coarse Salt pipes Seen Angus Cameron Treated me to a Glass {of} Ale John Summers Building his house Potatoe Bugs Bad took Dinner and Tea at J Hamiltons Got an old Musket Lock from John wind High John Rowed up Tom Jack went to the Springs got the {o}ld Mans Boat Gordon Fishing with Mr Derushie since Monday The Steamer came with the Oil and Supplies to the Lighthouses to Day Heard Jo McPherson Broke his neck

3rd Gordon to Lancaster with Mr Derushie

4th American Independence very windy

5th Gordon and I went to Salmon River took the wool to be carded did not Got {i}t to Day 32 lb of Butter 12 cents a lb Bought of Jo {Le}may 25 lb of Corn Meal Fine salt coarse salt Tea Liquorice Blue Peppermint 2 Spools Left it on counter Matches of 16 of another 5 of another calico 4 yds of overalls Downs Elixir {h}ooks soda soap

6th Sunday Gordon crossed {Illegible; page folded over} Hamiltons took his clothes

7th {Illegible} mowing some in the Gr{Illegible} {Above it reads: hail Rain}

{8}th mowing {Illegible} David Bowen for milk

9th put in some {Illegible}

{1}0th went for the wool Eggs {Illegible} 2 peices of Rope at {Illegible} ½ Doz Bought of Burdo 2 Rakes 1 Box {Illegible} Hamiltons matches Boots 2 ¼ stone Lock {Illegible} parted in Williamstown Thread did not get the Thread J {Illegible} the Time Before Got a scyth {Illegible} John Hamilton and from Dan Summers Brought {Illegible} Brought {Illegible; Bis}marcks Birth Day {Illegible} Baker some sturgeon to Mr Baker {Illegible} Sent a Big Paper of Sweetys to {Illegible} shirt from John {Illegible} the children 7 ½ lb of Rowls at {Illegible} crossed with {Illegible} cents a lb to any Canada man John {Illegible} Gordon gave {Illegible} Hamilton here for the Bull {Illegible} it Back to him {Illegible} hard here the Bull {Illegible} he did not take as he horned him

20th Buried {Illegible} Day and a Large Funeral

{Illegible} cents {Illegible} 2..25R .. 20s 48 {Illegible}

Mr James Cameron Island July 11th 1879

Mowing Grinding Scythes Got a scythe fro{m} J Hamilton yesterday

12th Orange-Man's Day Firing heavy shots colour up a Fine Day seen Peter the Indian at the Head of the Island

13th Hall and his woman and Johnny Bowen for Berries

14th Mowing

15th Mowing St Swithin Day Rained some to Day

16th Mowing

17th mowing Put in some

18th Mowing

19th Fernandez Birth Day 5 years old to D{ay} Gathering and cocking hay 36 cocks up Mowed a Road Down on Top of the Hill around the west end of the Wheat

20th Peter Tree here and Family {Illegible} Brought me 2 oars Gave them their Knife they los{t} Last year

21st Put in 36 cocks of Hay first hay on the East side of the mow Mr Durushies Daughter and son-in-Law came from Montreal

22nd Mowing Back of the Barn Rain some

23rd Raining Livinina went to D{own} to see the old Mans Daughter at the Tent

24th They went off The old Man to M{Illegible} with his Daughter I Slept in the Ten{t} with Randolph while he was away Mowing some

25th P Blaw here putting in some 40 cocks hay Windy East Thunder

26th the old came from Montreal Mowing some at the corn John A McDonald Towing a{Illegible} Mowing Below the old Garden Rained ha{iled?} to night the old Mans Daughter sent a{Illegible} up to the Baby Rowena Dogs Days n{Illegible}

27 {amoot?} here

28th Gokey h{ere}

29th putting in Hay

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1879

Mr James Cameron Island July 30th

Mr Oxly here Randolph and I to the store he went up Bought ½ lb Tea I stopt at Hamiltons till Randolph went to the store Heard John Aleks wife Departed John Hamilton Lost 1 or 2 of his Cows seen hopkins Hotel up

31st Went to Dundee 37 ½ lb of Butter 6 ½ for the Tub Bought 50 lb and 25 lb of Flour Tea soda salt stone 4 yds of overalls stuff 10 yds of Calico Got scythe & 3 nets from Baker Hooks Tub pipes sweetys made 12 cocks of hay

1 of August Or Lammas Day putting in hay Mowing

2nd Minnie's Birth Day Picnic on the St Francis

3rd 3 Men Stealing cherries Livinia and I to the Head of the Island Amoot and Wife here

4th Mowing

5th Taking in Hay

6th Randolph's Birth Day Mowing

7th Mowing

8th Mowing some

9th mowing

10th Lewis Blondeau and Greeny here

11th Cut the Wheat

12th put in the Wheat

13th Mowing Dan Summers here for Bread the old man for Breads Randolph went Down to stop all night at the Kit Kit

14th Mowing

15 mowing

16 Mowing Lemays Boy at the old Mans wanting to Buy a Line Leaving his Gold King till he would pay him Windy Raining

17th Found 2 peices of Rope at head of the Island it me Be J Hamiltons E Wind Raining Angus Departed in Williamsto{wn}

18th Mowing Mr Oxly and son here E Wind Rain some Ellen McDonald poorly

19th John Hamilton and Gordon come to Give me word angus was Dead {Above it reads: Bismarcks Birth Day} Got a hat and shirt from John {a}s my own was not ironed crossed with {Jo}hn got out to Williamstown Gordon Gave me 50 cents but Gave it Back to him Dan came through the night

20th Buried very warm Day and a Large Funeral

1879

Mr James Cameron Island Augt 20~~th~~ 21st

in Williamstown Allen McDonald Buried to Day in the Roman church for the first time

22nd I Came Home Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb of Tea Janie Spinks Departed I seen her Last Breath as she Left this World pipes and Matches Gordon put me across with Willie Roses Boat Don Pedro went off on the 19th and the oxly Heifer came

23rd putting in Hay Mowing

24th very sick

25th Mowing Fixed the Jumper putting in Bucky here got and old scythe

26th putting in hay

27th Dan Summers here early this morning very unwell

28th Got a Sturgeon and EEIs the old Mans Line D Summers took 50 lb of Flour from Dundee for me on credit

29th Got 3 Sturgeon

30th the old Man from Montreal Gokey for Corn and Butter

31st Got a Line and 95 Hooks and snoods from the Old Man Mr Derusher Randolph went with the old man to Fish a Fine Day Let the Cows in shut the Back Door of the Barn yesterday

1st of Sept Mowing in the upper Feild

2nd Taking in corn that Rip cutting Cutting cornstalks

3rd Dan's Birth Day 1846 putting Hay on the Barn Floor helping the old Man with his Lines to set Laurie and Granny Morn's came Henery Bosell and Lashey here with pickerel for the old Man at 12 o'clock at night the old man off Henery mad at him

4th Amiot for Butter Laurie went Down to Kit Kit Wind Raised Black cherries Ripe taking in corn

5th – John Angus Birth Day 1850

Mr James Cameron Island Sept 6th 1879

Working at corn and cornstalks cutting in the upper Field Granny Laurie and Dan Summers went home Randolph Bad with a Large Boil sent to Wards for Tea soda

7th Went to head of Island

8th at hay

9th at hay

10th Working at hay in the upper Feild

11th cutting cornstalks

12th Taking in corn

13th putting in hay

14th sunday

15th Got the Boat from Dan Summers at Kit Kit

16th Went to Salmon River Tea Flour soap salt castor oil Salts RRR Matches 4 spools {Above it reads: yeast} 5 yds overalls stuff cotton calico Braces powder shot Hammer Knife Buttons scissors 2 Butter Tubs scythe stone

17th went for nuts

18th at nuts

19th Raining

20th Dan Summers G Renshaw here Andrew Cameron Departed cut the Tobacco

21st Sunday Did not Write Down anything till the 29th

29th Went to Hamiltons Heard the Fellow that Murdered his Father Clark Brown was sentenced to be hung the Last Day of October Heard Liza Vipond was married to the Frenchman that Lived with them Bought of Ward Tea Knitting needles Got from Hamilton 25 cents 1 Bag of apples and crabapples very Bad with my hand poisoned oil

30th at hay

1st of October Did not write anything {Above it reads: 2nd went with wood to Bosells}

5th of October Sunday David Bowen a Fine Lad in Drawing his Gun out of the Boat it went off and shot him Dead about 19 years of Age

6th at hay

7th George Bosell and Wife and 3 children here

8th

9th

10th HughAnn McMaster Birth Day I went to Mill called at Lukes never heard David was Dead till Luke told me and showed me the spot 6 Bushels of corn Bought 15 yds of Cotton 12 yds of Calico 12 yds of Batting 2 yds of overal stuff a pair of Braces 1 lb of Tea 1 lb of shot ½ Quire of Paper Loaf Bread Lead Pencil matches

11th Cutting hay

12th 13th 14 15th 16 17 18 19 20th I wrote nothing in these Days

1879

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 21st

Working at hay

22nd Colouring Cotton for Quilts

23rd Livinia Birth Day 1868 11 years old to Day Quilting

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day

25th My Birth Day cleaning out the Big Shed Dan Summers here to night and a Passenger from Lancaster almost Froze that man with him Gave him an old Stove Pipe hat

26th 2 men camped on the Pitt Point from Prescott one of them Keeps a Livery of Boats they are Hunting Ducks

27th Luke Bowen and another man here they have a steam yacht at the Foot of Christees Island covering the shed with marsh hay

28th Mr Derushie the Fisherman went to the Store sent for Soda 1 lb 2 spools of Thread

29th Drawing wood out of the Marsh Back of the Sugar Bush for sugar Bush Wood the Barges the Maxwell Run aground some time ago got off to Day

30th Nory Blawa wanting the grapes to make wine

31st Holy Eve Drawing Wood cracking nuts

1st of November All Saints Day Amiot here for nuts Got a Rice Bag from him Drew the old Man some wood

2nd Sunday Gordon and Tommy Rose here sent some Tobacco to Andrew Rose East Wind Began to snow through the night Put in the calves to night and the Mare

3rd East Wind snowing and Blowing hard shelling the corn nubblings to Day all the Best of the corn shelled before this the cattle all went to the head of the Island with the East Wind Went up for the cattle as its very stormy Feeding the cattle

4th Drew some Wood the old Man Mr Derushie for onions

5th Guy Fawks Day sharpened the saw Mr Durushie the Fisherman to Lancaster sent for Tea and comb taking up the Traps Sawing stove Wood Salmon Rive Froze as the Sperry had hard work to Break

Mr James Cameron Nov 6th Island 1879

cold some Drew some Drags plastering the stables Piling up Firewood Tied Royal Charlie the Bull in the Big shed Lots of shooting to the South side

7th Plastering Went Down to the Kit Kit Island Randolph and I took some Fat Pine my old scythe salt Water Very Low East Wind Lots of shooting the Alexandria went up very slow A Fine Day snow Thawing Helen's Birth Day

8th Peggy Bosell here with the yarn paid her to Day 58 cents and Gave her 50 cents when we Brought the wool to her 6 ½ lb of Wool Drew some wood Brought the sheep from the Bush Amiot came from cornwall where he was Fishing lot of Rope from him and gokeys Bake Pot Bohemian came straight up did not go into Lancaster its on account of the water being so Low

9th Sunday Fine Blowing Hard Raining

10th Cutting Drags and Drawing Wood

11th Banking the East end of the House cut some Marsh hay for the Banking

12th Old Hallow Eve or St Martins Banking

13th Went for a Broom of Cedar Amiot making Blinds for Du{Illegible} The Steamer of Avrils went off to Day Wind high

14th Amiot and Nory went off

15th Raining Making Decoy heads

16th Sunday went around the Island Bismarck and I

17th Gabriel Derushie took up his Lines helped him with them Fixing the porch took up.. Boards that Amiot Left

18th snowing stormy East W chopping stove Wood helped the old Man with his nets packing them up

19th Mr Derushie went off helped him with his sturgeon and Pickerel Load up his Boat Left his Bun {h}ere and chest and Rods turned stormy {a}t night south W Wind snowing

continued 19th 1879

Mr James Cameron Island

Took up his Rigging from his Tent took up his Bun St Francis and Bohemian went Down Together stormy to night Drew some Drags from the Lower Point Seen a Big White owl on the Lower Point Got a Rat Lots of snow on the Mountains Feeding the Milk cows and the Mare and calves the Duck away for 2 Days but came back to the Shore

29 20th stormy snowing South Wind

21st on this Day of the Month Do McMaster Departed 1846 {Above it reads: sparry not out} sharpening the crosscut saw Windy

22nd Went to Look for the sheep cold Windy Broke on the West Marsh hay stack Feeding the cornstalks on the stable loft

23rd Sunday a Boat aground this 2 or 3 Days Below Mr Halls Light one of the Kingston Lumber steamer a Propeller coming up gave her a Jerk and Left her I think its the Kendrick that came Down and took her off Stormy south West Wind snow Big Flakes St Francis and Bohemian went Down the Sparry did not come out since the 20th

24th Chopping and sawing Wood

25th at Wood Tying the Heifers in the shed

26th stormy snowi{ng} cutting and Drawing Wood on the Pitt Point

27th Fixing a Door on the Big shed put King{Illegible} cold some

28th a Fine Morning I crossed Boug{ht} of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea 28 cents ½ lb soda 5 cents Match{es} oil Bought of J Summers Thread 10 Pins Pipe 3 c{ents} Received from G Renshaw 1 Dollar for a

Hemlock stick the Wind Raised stopt at Mr Hamiltons The Kendrick Went Down with a Barge to Valleyfield carries J Hamiltons and Normans Abrams Wood Sacrament on the Front Mr McNish from Cornwall

29th at J Hamiltons Parisha a Bee Ploughing The Last Day for cattle to go into the stable cold

30th Sunday St Andrews Day came home fr{om} Hamiltons a Boat at Renshaws Wharf Last night continued

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 30th 1879

No Light in Mr Hills Lighthouse to night the other 2 Lights of Johnstons Lit up to night cold and Frosty St Andrews Day

1st of December setting the Marshes a Fire Light of Floating Light and Cherry Island Kept in Blary most part of the Day as we think of Killing her Tommorow

2 Killed Blary Light on cherry Island

3rd cutting up the Beef and salting it East Wind

4th and snow cold and Fine Drew up the old Mans Bun in the Grove Drew some Long Peices at the Door and Past of the stable

5th all the Hay Done On the Barn Floor commenced the East Mow of Fine Hay Jim Hopkins here and one of Paul Jes Boys cutting and sawing Stove Wood East Wind cold Lots of Ducks Making Decoys a crust on the snow

6th a Fine Day Drew a couple of Drags snow soft Went to the Head of the Island

7th Sunday Blowing hard not Cold

8th Jim Hopkins Charlie and Billy Bone here was Down at charlies Island got no Ducks Randolph and I set the Decoys Down at the Tent near Bismarcks Bay Fine Day

9th cold some chopping and sawing Stove Wood

10th Leander's Birth Day 1872 a Fine Day Working at putting up the Petition Boards or the stall not very well

11th cutting up a Buck that fell with the Wind Bad with a pain I took a Good Deal of shooting up the Way of the Hog Island

12th Drew some Drags and 2 Loads of Tops of Beeck {Beech} Limbs Lost my Pipe and Found it Fixing stems in the Pipes Freezing hard to night

13th a Fine Morning East Wind new-Moon a Scotch moon that comes on Saturday is in General a Rough moon that comes in on Saturday Tying a Bushel of Corn took us all Day Wind changed to West Blowing hard some Grains of snow Freezing some to night the cattle picking {o}ut in the Daytime

1879

Mr James Cameron Island Dec 14

Sunday some cold no snow on the Ground E Wind a Good many Ducks this morning not very Well

15th Went to the Bush for the sleigh took home 3 Drags Drew the Fish-Box to the Barn for to put Hayseed that on the Barnfloor in it cleaned up the Barnfloor Kind of Stormy snowing cutting stove Wood

16th Moving the Hay from the West mow to the East mow so to get at the Wheat some cold turned fine in the Evening Frosty to night

17th some snow North West Wind Freezing Cold Frosty to night Began the Wheat to Thrash Thrashed 3 Floors Got the Clock to start it stopted about 2 Weeds Making Bismarck a comforter

18th very cold Windy Thrashing

19th Thrashing very Cold East Wind got Kind of soft through the night

20th snowing West Wind Some cold First Quarter of the Moon this morning Finished the Thrashing put it in 2 Boxes till I can Get it Fanned a Good Deal of ice in the Bays and out to the edge of the Rushes Water Low Windy to night and all the time cold

21st Sunday the Water all in a skim of ice Freezi{ng} hard and calm till near night when the East Wind and snow and Drifting began its an awful night

22nd stormy till near night the ice taken across last night Grea{t} snowbanks and Drifts the Potatoes and squashes Froze in the cellar

23rd some cold I went to try the ice I crossed but its very thin went to Summerstown Bought of Mr Ward ½ lb Tea 20 soap 10 Bought of J Summers matches and pipe 3 cents Got a Letter from Dan a Happy New Years ca{rd} Breaking the Roads Ward Butchering Took J Hamiltons Horse home from the Roads as it is Lame Mrs Hamilton sent a peice of cheese to Livinia and apples to the children

1879

Mr James Cameron Island Dec 24th

soft Raining and hailing East Wind Feeding the cattle extra as its Christmas Eve and cold Weather cutting wood

25 Christmas Day Fine but cold West Wind changed at night Keeping to Day as it should be Kept a Holy Day

26th cold East Wind I crossed stopt at Mr Hamiltons then went to Mr Ward Got on credit 100 Wt of Flour 3..50 Bought ½ lb Soda 5 Darning needle 1 Got a Ride Down with Tom Jack a very Frosty Day Bill Morris crossed with a horse I Heard to Day Left my Flour at Hamiltons till I would got to-morrow after it

27th stormy this Morning Turned fine {Above it reads: Broke on a stack of Marsh hay} Randolph and I crossed to Hamiltons for the Flour put out some Bushes for our Road Tom Jack went to Gather ashes to Day East Wind snow sun Draws water 2 Loads crossed the ice to Hopkins I Dont Know what it was

28th Sunday a very Fine Day E Wind and an Eclipse on the Moon and a change in the Moon Full Moon to Day A Great many Fishing EEs over From the squaw Island a Good many air holes But a Great many shut with the stormy night of the 21st

29th Our Angus Birth Day set 4 Traps in the Rushes a Fine Soft Day cut some holes for EEs

30th cold chopping Stove Wood

31st Cold and stormy E Wind Last Day of the year

1st of January New Years Day 1880 a very Fine Day Breaking Roads Drew some Wood W Wind shot a Wood Pecker not Duck shooting

2nd Soft W Wind Randolph and I to pit Point There a Bushing the Road from McPhees to Lancaster {D}rew some Wood Brok a Road up in the swamp seen where the Fox eat a Bluejay

3rd Allen's Birth Day cold Wind Frosty cutting Brush up in cord Wood Bay a good {de}al of crossing Summerstown Road to night commenced to hail Raining Freezing to night

4th Sunday Raining Foggy slippery {Fi}ne W Wind Gordon came From Hamiltons seen a Fox crossing here crossed the sugar Bush Water on to the ice

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