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Eclipses, 1893.

In the year 1893 there will be two eclipses, both of this kind.

1.—A total eclipse of the sun, April 14th-15th, invisible in North America.

2.—An annular eclipse of the sun, Oct. 9th, visible in the extreme west of the Dominion.

Fixed and Movable Festivals, &c.

New Year's Day	Jan. 1
Epiphany	" 6
Quinquagesima Sunday	" 29
Quinquagesima—Shrove Sunday	Feb. 12
Ash Wednesday	" 13
Quinquagesima—1st Sunday in Lent	" 19
St. David	Mar. 1
St. Patrick	" 17
Annunciation—Lady Day	" 25
Palm Sunday	" 30
Good Friday	" 31
Easter Sunday	Apr. 2
Easter Monday	" 3
Low Sunday	" 9
St. George	" 23
Ascension Sunday	May 7
Ascension Day—Holy Thursday	" 11
Pentecost—Whit Sunday	" 21
Queen Victoria's Birthday	" 24
Trinity Sunday	" 28
Corpus Christi	June 1
Ascension of Queen Victoria	" 25
Proclamation of Queen Victoria	" 26
St. John Baptist—Midsummer Day	" 24
St. Peter and St. Paul	" 29
Domination Day	July 1
Michaelmas Day	Sept. 29
All Saints	Nov. 1
Birth of Prince of Wales	" 11
St. Andrew	" 30
1st Sunday in Advent	Dec. 3
Conception	" 8
St. Thomas	" 21
Christmas Day	" 25

Bank Holidays.

Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.—New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday (Proclamation Day), Christmas Day.

Quebec.—New Year's Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Assumption of Our Lady, St. Peter and St. Paul, All Saints, Conception, Christmas Day, Queen's Birthday, Good Friday.

Also throughout the Dominion, any day appointed by Proclamation for a General Fast or Thanksgiving.

TERMS AND SITTINGS OF COURTS.

Supreme Court of Canada
sits at Ottawa on third Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in May, fourth Tuesday in October.

Exchequer Court
sits at any time and place appointed by rule of Court.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario
sits at Toronto, commencing on the second Tuesday in January, the first Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in May, the first Tuesday in September, and the second Tuesday in November. In case any of these days be a legal holiday, then on the following day; also from time to time, according to notice.

The High Court of Justice.
Sittings of Divisional Courts for the Q. B. & C. P. Divisions—three in each year—at Toronto, the "Michaelmas Sittings" beginning on the third Monday in November, and ending on the Saturday of the second week thereafter; the "Hilary Sittings" beginning on the first Monday in February, and ending on the Saturday of the following week; the "Easter Sittings" beginning on the third Monday in May, and ending on the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

Sittings of Divisional Courts for the Chancery Division—three in each year—at Toronto, commencing first Thursday in June, first Thursday in December, and the third Thursday in February.

Divisional Courts sit at such further or other times as may be directed by the High Court.

A single Judge sits as and for the Court at Osgoode Hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in each week for the Chancery Division, and on Tuesday and Friday for the Q. B. & C. P. Divisions.

Assizes for trials with and without juries, and Chancery Sittings for trials without juries, are held in Toronto and in the county towns at such times as are appointed by the High Court.

Long Vacation, both in the High Court of Justice, and the Court of Appeal, consists of the months of July and August.

A Judge of the High Court will sit in Toronto during the long vacation to hear such applications as may require to be promptly heard.

Christmas Vacation—from 25th December to 5th of January, both days inclusive.

County Court.

Sittings for trial—two—to commence on second Tuesday in June and December, except in York, where there are four sittings, commencing on first Tuesday in March and December, and second Tuesday in May and September.

Except in York, there shall be sittings for trial without a jury, commencing on the first Tuesday in April and Oct. in each year.

County Court sittings in Hanc-fort-to commence on second Monday in January, and the first Monday in April, July and October, except in York, where they commence on second Monday in January, June and October, and the first Monday in April in each year, all ending on Saturday of the same week.

County Court Judges may sit and act at any time for the transaction of business.

Surrogate Terms.

commence on the second Monday in January, and on the first Monday in April, July and October, and end on Saturday of the same week, except in York, where terms commence second Monday in January, June and October, and first Monday in April, and end on Saturday of the same week.

General Sessions of the Peace.

Sittings to be held, except in County of York, semi-annually, commencing on the second Tuesday in the months of June and December, subject to Sec. 19 of Local Courts Act.

In the County of York the said Courts are held four times in the year, commencing on the first Tuesday in the months of December and March, and on the second Tuesday of the months of May and September.

The County Judges' Criminal Court sits out of Session, without a Jury, for trial of prisoners.

The Heirs, Devisee and Assignee Commissioners

sit at Toronto, on the first Monday in January and the first Monday in July in each year, and on the thirteen days next following the said days respectively, Sundays and holidays excepted.

Division Courts.

are held in each Division, once in every two months or oftener, in the discretion of the Judge, at times and places appointed from time to time, except in Toronto, when weekly sittings of the Court are held, except in July and August.

List of Sundays in 1893.

January	1	8	15	22	29
February	4	11	18	25	
March	6	13	20	27	
April	2	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	28	
June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

INTEREST TABLE.

	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%	20%
DAVE.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
100	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
200	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
300	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60
400	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
500	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
600	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120
700	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84	91	98	105	112	119	126	133	140
800	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	112	120	128	136	144	152	160
900	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108	117	126	135	144	153	162	171	180
1000	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200
MOR.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
100	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
200	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
300	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60
400	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80
500	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
600	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120
700	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84	91	98	105	112	119	126	133	140
800	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	112	120	128	136	144	152	160
900	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108	117	126	135	144	153	162	171	180
1000	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200

Valuable Information for Business Men.

NOTES.

DEMAND NOTES are payable on presentation without grace, and bear legal interest, after a demand has been made, if not so written. An endorser on a demand note is held only for a limited time.

A NEGOTIABLE NOTE must be made payable either to bearer, or be properly endorsed by the person to whose order it is made. If the endorser wishes to avoid responsibility, he can endorse "without recourse."

A JOINT NOTE is one signed by two or more persons, who each become liable for the whole amount.

THREE DAYS GRACE are allowed on all time notes, after the time for payment expires; if not then paid, the endorser, if any, should be legally notified to be held.

NOTES FALLING DUE ON SUNDAY, or on a legal holiday, are paid the day following.

ALTERING A NOTE in any manner by the holder makes it void.

NOTES DATED SUNDAY ARE VOID.

NOTES GIVEN BY MINORS ARE VOID.

THE MAKER of a note that is lost or stolen is not released from payment if the amount and consideration can be proven.

AN ENDORSER has a right of action against all whose names were previously on a note endorsed by him.

TABLE OF RATES BY THE WEEK.

WEEK.	1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	10 days.	11 days.	12 days.	13 days.	14 days.	15 days.	16 days.	17 days.	18 days.	19 days.	20 days.
1 day.	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00
2 days.	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00	20.00	22.00	24.00	26.00	28.00	30.00	32.00	34.00	36.00	38.00	40.00
3 days.	3.00	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	21.00	24.00	27.00	30.00	33.00	36.00	39.00	42.00	45.00	48.00	51.00	54.00	57.00	60.00
4 days.	4.00	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	28.00	32.00	36.00	40.00	44.00	48.00	52.00	56.00	60.00	64.00	68.00	72.00	76.00	80.00
5 days.	5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	40.00	45.00	50.00	55.00	60.00	65.00	70.00	75.00	80.00	85.00	90.00	95.00	100.00
6 days.	6.00	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	42.00	48.00	54.00	60.00	66.00	72.00	78.00	84.00	90.00	96.00	102.00	108.00	114.00	120.00
7 days.	7.00	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	49.00	56.00	63.00	70.00	77.00	84.00	91.00	98.00	105.00	112.00	119.00	126.00	133.00	140.00
8 days.	8.00	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	56.00	64.00	72.00	80.00	88.00	96.00	104.00	112.00	120.00	128.00	136.00	144.00	152.00	160.00
9 days.	9.00	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	63.00	72.00	81.00	90.00	99.00	108.00	117.00	126.00	135.00	144.00	153.00	162.00	171.00	180.00
10 days.	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00	100.00	110.00	120.00	130.00	140.00	150.00	160.00	170.00	180.00	190.00	200.00
11 days.	11.00	22.00	33.00	44.00	55.00	66.00	77.00	88.00	99.00	110.00	121.00	132.00	143.00	154.00	165.00	176.00	187.00	198.00	209.00	220.00
12 days.	12.00	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	84.00	96.00	108.00	120.00	132.00	144.00	156.00	168.00	180.00	192.00	204.00	216.00	228.00	240.00
13 days.	13.00	26.00	39.00	52.00	65.00	78.00	91.00	104.00	117.00	130.00	143.00	156.00	169.00	182.00	195.00	208.00	221.00	234.00	247.00	260.00
14 days.	14.00	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	98.00	112.00	126.00	140.00	154.00	168.00	182.00	196.00	210.00	224.00	238.00	252.00	266.00	280.00
15 days.	15.00	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	105.00	120.00	135.00	150.00	165.00	180.00	195.00	210.00	225.00	240.00	255.00	270.00	285.00	300.00
16 days.	16.00	32.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	96.00	112.00	128.00	144.00	160.00	176.00	192.00	208.00	224.00	240.00	256.00	272.00	288.00	304.00	320.00
17 days.	17.00	34.00	51.00	68.00	85.00	102.00	119.00	136.00	153.00	170.00	187.00	204.00	221.00	238.00	255.00	272.00	289.00	306.00	323.00	340.00
18 days.	18.00	36.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	108.00	126.00	144.00	162.00	180.00	198.00	216.00	234.00	252.00	270.00	288.00	306.00	324.00	342.00	360.00
19 days.	19.00	38.00	57.00	76.00	95.00	114.00	133.00	152.00	171.00	190.00	209.00	228.00	247.00	266.00	285.00	304.00	323.00	342.00	361.00	380.00
20 days.	20.00	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	140.00	160.00	180.00	200.00	220.00	240.00	260.00	280.00	300.00	320.00	340.00	360.00	380.00	400.00

Value of Foreign Coins.

COUNTRY.	DESCRIPTION.	Value in U.S. Dollars.
U. S. of America	Dollar	\$1.00.
Austria	Florin	40.7
Bolivia	Estimado	53.3
Brazil	Milreis of 1000	24.5
China	Yen	24.5
Denmark	Crown	20.8
France	Franc	20.8
Germany	Mark	20.8
Greece	Drachma	20.8
Holland	Guilder	20.8
Italy	Lira	20.8
Japan	Yen	20.8
Spain	Peseta	20.8
Sweden	Krona	20.8
Switzerland	Franc	20.8
U. S. of America	Dollar	\$1.00.
Austria	Florin	40.7
Bolivia	Estimado	53.3
Brazil	Milreis of 1000	24.5
China	Yen	24.5
Denmark	Crown	20.8
France	Franc	20.8
Germany	Mark	20.8
Greece	Drachma	20.8
Holland	Guilder	20.8
Italy	Lira	20.8
Japan	Yen	20.8
Spain	Peseta	20.8
Sweden	Krona	20.8
Switzerland	Franc	20.8

Wm. Lunt.



DIARY, 1898.



A very fine winter day, frosty and cold but only moderate. Nothing
 notably. John and I drove up to Ouellet's in the afternoon at Ouellet's
 and voted for the old Council. The Reeve & deputy went in
 by acclamation. Every however to learn that Donald McEwen paid to
 has been run out. John Dickerson, A McEwen, and Noah Searley
 have been elected. With drove out from Guelph this evening John Mc-
 he is staying all night with us. Maggie has visited the
 at William's Theatre this afternoon. I paid John Mc-
 Kenzie ten dollars on the note he holds against me for the
 cow, he is paying his half yearly rent to Abby Mc-
 Kinnon.

TUESDAY # 4

(3-362)

A fine winter day, rather cold. Margaret and I
 drove to Guelph to day, leaving home about ten o'clock
 and getting in about noon. we did some business
 before driving down to Milnes where we afterwards went
 and fed our horse (Fred) and had our dinner. I settled
 up in full with Penfold for the paint &c for the house \$16.34
 Mother purchased some dry goods. I got my watch from Lapping
 on hair spring at Niagara. he did not charge anything. getting my
 Spectacles changed at Pringle. we heard while in Guelph of a
 terrible Calamity which happened at London last night. The
 City Hall floor, second flat, gave away and precipitated a house
 full of people to the flat below, and some to the cellar, killing some
 28 outright, and maiming between 50 and 200. it is an awful
 Calamity.

WEDNESDAY # 5

(4-361)

A fine day. Softened in considerably. beside doing up
 the ordinary work, we bagged up 2 bags of peas for
 John (234 lbs) the balance of what I owed him, and also
 296 lbs including bags for John Webb, which I borrowed from
 him. I hitched up the team and took them all home after lunch
 after which I drove up to the Saw mill, Geo & McEwen to
 get some bench planks for making pig troughs. They had not
 the lumber I expected and as it was not very suitable and they
 offered to prepare some for me I came home without any. Belle
 and the children rode down with me and remained for the evening
 when John & James Green drove down for them. They had their coat
 hitched to the Chigh. David Webb and Eddie Abbott are
 here to night. visiting they are staying all night.

A very fine day, almost mild enough to melt the snow but it does not thaw much, if any. I have had the most of the cattle & stock to attend to today. The Boys and Ewart have had quite a bit of sport today. Ewart hitched up the Colt (Maude) and drove down to Emerson for the mail. The Boys went with him and did not return. Willie called in about 8 o'clock P.M. on his way to Guelph he has cut the axles of sleighs rigs. Since he left here on Tuesday morning last, we have had a hard job to keep the calves to drink. but they have come in pretty well at last. the youngest one was not so troublesome but the oldest ones were bad.

A very fine day, beautiful sunshine which is making Johny and the snow come down. I have had a very busy day. Ewart was up early this morning and did the most of Guelph today. After feeding himself before breakfast he then went over to Johny's. Called him to help him so that they could get away to Guelph. Johny, Rosewood and him started off for Guelph about 8.30, and rather to pay taxes. -ed by way of Rosewood so as to pay the taxes. \$34.00. He paid the whole excepting five dollars that I gave him. repairing Mr. Peavoy's also \$1.04. Johny has sold his horse to Simpson's Choe to be delivered next Wednesday. it was from Simpson's day. he got the money to pay the taxes. There is quite a surprise and all party at Bellas to night. Ewart & Maggie are there. they are mostly the young people. I help sold Maggie's Choe today, and repaired her. Mother. I have had all the care of the stock on one beside and watered Johny's young cattle, by tying and untieing.

Continues fine weather. Ewart had a bad night in the past from Neuralgia in his face. Maggie and him were very late at McKenzies party. I have had the most of the choring on my hands in consequence. I have been working at our cutter case fixing stuffing of the back and putting on the plush rim round the edge of seat. Ewart helped me. John Mobb and Misters paid us a visit this afternoon and evening. they remained with us till about ten o'clock, we played awhile at the new "Star" Cards that Ewart bought lately.

Sunday 9

Another fine day. the weather this week has been uncommonly fine. The winter is getting along, and time passing away in the midst of pleasant weather. Ewart & Maggie have been twice at Emerson, Mother & I drove down to see the Robertsons, they wish me to write their father's obituary for publication in Mercury.

A fine day, and mild, really we are having extraordinary weather for the middle of winter. Ewart and I haggled up 16 bags of the mixed grain out of the Mr. Bird, and cleaned it out. Ewart took it to the mill afternoon starting away pretty sharp after getting an early dinner he returned with the grain and was home in fair time. we paid 80^{cts} for the chopping. I have been busy drafting out an obituary of Uncle Duncan. This afternoon and Ewart and Maggie drove down after night to Singing School and mailed the letter to the Mercury-office.

TUESDAY # 11 (10-355)

A raw east wind blows to day and a change in the weather seems impending. we emptied the 24 bags of chopped stuff into the bins to day, filling the 3 feed bins in the passage in front of the cattle stand putting the balance into the Mr. 4 bin in the granary. we changed the pulper from the passage into the turpentine house, it is much handier. John & Ewart hitched up our team to the sleigh and put Robert McWilliams stock rack on to it & so has to be ready for tomorrow morning to start early for Quelpah with John's pig. I got 2 planks (cedar) 12 feet long, 2 1/2 thick, 18 inches wide, and 2 15 inches wide, also 2 10 feet long, 10 inches wide, for making a floor for a pen to keep the cows in the cattle stable.

WEDNESDAY # 12 (11-354)

Raining this morning a little when we got up which increased as the day wore on. I was later early this morning and went over to John's right away to help him with his pig. he had things fairly well forward and we loaded up and was off to Quelpah at about 12 past seven. the horse rode splendidly and the roads were much better for the sleigh than we expected. the rain seemed to draw out the frost and made a glaze of ice on the surface and the sleigh slipped finely. the ten hog weighed 21/5 lbs & \$4.85 made \$105-46. we had a disagreeable ride home in the rain and arrived back shortly after dark. I was very sorry to find, when I came home, that my spectacles were not in my coat pocket as I expected. I had the glasses changed at Bringle and thought to get them all right in my pocket. but I must have missed the pocket when thinking they were going into it and thereby slipped onto the ground. quite a heavy storm & thunder and lightning this evening. there is a bright fire down by Ewart's land may be a building burning.

Cleared up to day and things have dried up considerably. Jersey as there is some little frost again. Ewart and I have been busy fixing up things around and gathering together the lumber necessary for building, in the cattle stable, a couple of pens for the 2 cows which are getting near their time for pigging. we put in all the posts (6 or 7) and nailed on some of the lumber. I was anxious to get it as nearly completed as possible so that we could get the cows into them by Saturday. which I hope to be able to get done then after getting through with the threshing at Robert Mortons which, I expect, will take till Saturday noon. we were very sorry to learn this morning that Mr Jackson's barn and buildings adjoining and nearly all the contents were burnt last night they were struck by the lightning. there were 8 head of cattle burnt, all his horses (4) and some 16 head of cattle, and sheep & hogs were saved. his stock is being distributed and cared for by neighbours. Mrs McWilliams and her niece Mr. Ren have been with us here to day.

FRIDAY 13/4

(13-352)

A little dull to day, but mild although sufficiently cold to keep the ground hard and clean. I rose a little earlier than usual and helped with our feeding before getting breakfast and going to the threshing at Robert Mortons they started to thresh at 8 o'clock, just as I was riding the hill towards the Barn the horses started to go round. I helped in the straw all day, and they put through a pretty good quantity. They did not rush the threshing but moved along very steadily and never stopped, but when moving the separator forward on the floor. Ewart has had all the work and care of the place to day while I was away. Johnny was at the threshing with his team.

SATURDAY 14/5

(14-351)

Little a little fall of snow last night and some fell to day. we continued the threshing till we finished it up at a little before 12 o'clock to day. Robert kept on the machine to do some chopping this afternoon. I offered to stay and help him at that this afternoon, but I was glad to do not need one as I wished to finish up the 2 pig pens completed in the cattle stable and get the cows into them which Ewart and I did after I returned home. I requested the McWilliams, who were to be here to day, to enquire at Pringle's and failing there to enquire also at Dr Drydens, and the Central Hotel. they failed to hear of them. they called at the wrong hotel however, so that we have not a chance (although small) of hearing of them at the Central. I paid 5 dollars to Ed. Small as interest for the money. Sunday 16

Winter but only moderately cold. The sleighing is on again although it is very thin. Maggie and Mary came back to dinner from Church. Ewart did not go in the forenoon but he drove down with Mary & Maggie in the evening. Mother and I stayed at home all day.

A fine winter day. the snow is not melting but it has not been very cold. at night the frost is heavier, I hung again up the pork to dry to day. I also fixed up the gutter in the Cattle stable this forenoon. It had got badly out of condition for some time past, our young pig Sow pigged last night and the bad luck of losing the half of her litter. She had eight, that number would have done very well for her first litter but for the half of them to be lying dead was too much altogether. I am now sorry that I did not stay up with her until she had her pig, in which case they might have been saved. I think they likely strayed away from her in the pen and got chilled. (the 4 that is left seem hearty. Willie drove out from Quebec, he & I skidded the balance of his barn logs this afternoon. Johny killed a pig this afternoon

TUESDAY 17 18

(17-348)

A very misty day, the heavy frost is showing on all exposures. it is mild too and I think, we may expect a change of some kind soon, in addition to the ordinary chores I had an extra cleaning out of the pig pen, and splitting some wood in the wood shed. Ewart was not much around to day, until after dinner that he made a little slip for Willie McFengie. Bella was here with the two children the most of the day. Ewart was skating forenoon and then Maggie and he went off with the McWilliams to a party held at Mr McWilliams. Margaret and I drove to Ewarton after tea and took some things to the Smallhorn. Mrs Smallhorn has been very poorly for a long time and we took a few dainties as well as some plain food for them. I got the loan of Chakapen for a reading. I sent away a letter to Brother Abner, to day

WEDNESDAY 18 19

(18-347)

One of the most beautiful days of the season, bright sunshine and mild, the snow, in the shade, has not melted much, but in the sunshine it has gone with a rush. we hear that a storm is raging in the northwest and that we may expect a storm soon. I hitched up the horses & clips and drove up to how & McLeag's saw mill, taking Mother to Bella's where she stayed all day. I brought from how paid \$1.68 for red brush lumber for making pig troughs. 7 pieces, planed. 6 inches wide and 3 planed 14 inches wide, 168 feet x 168 cts. paid. I stopped at McFengie and had dinner on my way home. Johny & I brought once the horse power on the stone boat with our team. Ewart drove to Ewarton with the Coll and Cutler this afternoon. I drove up for Mother after night. Uncle Thomas was there and I stopped awhile to have a chat. he had come to meet Emerson who was working in Albert's place at the Mill.

Raining almost incessantly the entire long day. long heavy rain.
 I had intended to cut straw to day, but we could not as much as get the horse power set on account of the wet. Smart and I had rather an unpleasant job fixing the five troughs in the Cattle Shed. The braces gave way and 2 lengths came down on us, and in getting them righted again we got pretty wet. John McKinnis drove to Exeter with Chopped stuff. Bella Sales went with him to do some trading. They brought the mail for us. The four of our household have spent the evening at John Webb's, we had a pleasant time in social chat, and part of the time in playing the "Star Cards". 2 parties.

FRIDAY 20 21 (20-345)

Froze up again last night, and we have once more we have dry footing, but it is terribly icy and dangerous to travel over. we set about getting ready for cutting straw, and were hindered badly by not being to find the nuckle for the cutting box. Smart remembered that Colin took it off, so he had to ride down to the corner to see him. he had laid it away in a nail keg in the shop. after getting every thing (about 3 o'clock) the straw wound round the rollers so that we thought we would have to quit, but we put through a little hay which seemed to clear the rollers and we had not much trouble afterward and ran till a quarter past 5. the corn cutting seemed to make the rollers sticky. John McKinnis stays and owns at home and many others are having a social spree at the festive domicile this night.

SATURDAY 21 22 (21-344)

A fine winter day, mild and pleasant, only that it is very icy for getting around. Margaret & I started for Guelph at about 8 past seven this morning. we took King & the cutter, we were 2 hours & twenty minutes in going in. King is not the best of our horses for the road, but he was sharper & shorter than the others. this is the first long drive we have given him since having the abscess we had 26 lbs butter, sold a quantity of it at 17¢ per lb, the balance at 16¢. I had a hank to try and find my self, but made nothing of it. So I changed another pair from Henry at 50¢ the said 4¢. 50¢ was the actual price but he and took that for them. we had our dinner at Willis, and dealt some with him. we met Emerson, Cotton & the doctor this morning as we drove down the line. Jackson has taken ill and they were concerned about him. paid six dollars to Dr. Small as interest on the note he holds against me. Sunday 23
 A very rough night in the past, windy and rainy and snowy. it makes it rather footing however and better for driving on. Smart & Maggie went to meeting this fore noon. Margaret & I drove on to see John. he is a sick boy, and gives cause for alarm. his trouble is Pneumonia and the doctor thinks he is in a critical state.

A fine day. the recent rain and snow falls have covered up the most of the icy roads and a new cover of icy snow has made excellent sleighing, after Chorus being done Ematt and I drove down to Everton (with the Colt (maude) and Cutter. She drove finely. I sent away a card to Robert Barlow, Lough, telling him that perhaps McKenzie accepted his offer of \$5.00 for the pigs. to be delivered a week from next Wednesday. I got 2 gallon Coal oil at Lps. Marshalls. John Webb was up on a visit this afternoon, he offers me a load of oak straw for feed only stipulating to give back a load of manure. Judson Tolton is not any better today, he had a bad time last night, quite delirious. Ematt & Maggie are at Singing School this evening. I carried down the cattle to day. They seem to be very itchy. likely for them. Coal oil and soap is recommended and I mean to buy it.

TUESDAY 25 (24-341)

Quite windy and snowy which makes it disagreeable to be driving out in. Judson Tolton is very bad these days. his case is a very serious one, and if a check is not given to the outward course of the disease I fear there may be bad consequences, the doctor seems to hold out faint hopes, although he allows the case to be serious.

Margaret and I drove over to see him this afternoon he is very restless and so delirious that it very difficult to keep him quiet, he is all the time rambling about being away from home and he wants to return. Johnny was to attend Sam. Allen Sale this afternoon. it is a very bad day for an auction sale.

WEDNESDAY 26 (25-340)

Calmer and pleasant today, and the fall of snow, although small, has made excellent sleighing. Ematt and I made the sleighs ready, putting on the hay rack and we went down to Webb's and brought a nice load of oak straw. John invited me to get another load on the same terms if I required it. I thanked him and accepted. if the weather is fine we will likely go for the other tomorrow. Webb's drove out from Lough, today. he left his cattle at Robert's and got Robert's light Bobs. during the morning time, he took Annie Abbott with him to help them at their milking. no improvement in Judson Tolton's condition, he is very delirious and difficult of management. John Dickerson received injuries last night at Rockwood from which he died through the night. his mother and he were coming home from Sam. Allen Sale last night when by horse runaway they opposed the horse and fell from off the railway crossing. John was left lying partly on the track and the cars tore off his arm, and thereby hurt him. he was taken on the train to Lough where he died in the hospital. Mrs. Dickerson is also hurt.

A fine day, although cold and frosty. we are having, I fear, one of the finest winters that I remember of. Ewart and I brought another load of straw from John Nallo. John did not show up to day. He is suffering from a pain in his neck. he thinks he got cold by sitting. Judson Tolton became worse this afternoon and they drove down for the doctor. he seemed to be a little better in the fore part of the day. Margaret & I drove over there and Albert was just starting for the doctor as we arrived. After the doctor saw him he said he would like to have another doctor brought. So I drove to Ewarton and telephoned to Dr. McKinnon. who soon responded. I phoned at 7³⁰. he said he would start in half an hour. He got to our place about 9³⁰ and I accompanied him over.

Dr. McKinnon telephoned for Dr. Galt to come to see Judson Tolton.

The doctor called this way and accompanied him over.

FRIDAY 27 28 (27-338)

Rather a cold and frosty day. but pleasant for winter weather. I rode over home this morning about with Albert as he drove the doctor to Ewarton, we were all night at Tolton. Judson had a bad night. I rode over last night with Dr. McKinnon. but he had to go on to Erin Village. I could not get back. poor Judson took a worse turn soon after we left and died about 11 o'clock A.M. they drove our for Mother and I soon followed. his father poor Man is feeling the blow very hard. Archie Stephens, has been there nearly all the time of his sickness and is a great comfort to them. They wrote cards and telegraphed to many of the friends. Dr. McCollough stayed over the night and Albert drove him to Ewarton this morning and I also got a ride home with them.

Judson returned to day.

Judson Tolton died this forenoon.

SATURDAY 28 29 (28-337)

Cold and frosty. I have had the stock mostly on hand to day. Ewart drove to Ewarton and had achille skating we hitched up our cutter at night and Maggie and her Mother and I rode over to Tolton. Ewart hitched up Fred to McWilliams cutter and he and George also drove over. there was a large gathering of friends and acquaintances there we stayed awhile and then returned home. Reggie came to day from Mount Forest. and Mary from Barrie. The tollon. sent out at Ewarton to day.

nothing any thing of consequence have been over at Tolton.

Sunday 30

Harshest frost of the season last night. our thermometer registered 16 below zero. we did up all the feeding and other work a little early this forenoon so as to be promptly on hand for the funeral at 2 o'clock. Nellie drove out from Guelph with her wife, John & Annie. Ewart accompanied him. George, Lou and Mary also were here and Maggie rode with them. Ewart rode with John & Mary. There was a very large funeral. There must have been about 150 men and so many people that the Ewarton building could not accommodate them. Andrew Tolton & wife were there. Ben, also and Edward & wife. Day McMillan & family. Della McKinnon rode back with me from the grave to Tolton. Ewart returned George there I left and got the graves back. I the men done up before we arrived. Nellie and his company and her three boys were with us to tea.

Funeral of Judson Tolton large gathering of friends.

Very cold, although more moderate than yesterday. The wind has been high and has drifted in the snow into the tracks on the road. The sleighing is fine now only that it is a little heavy on account of filling in of the tracks. I drove over to the Centre inn to meet the other members of the Board of Health, we organized again for this year's work. Mr. Dull is the member that was reappointed for the next three years. I was chosen Chairman again for this year. Our old white cow pigged this morning and had very bad luck. She had some six or seven pig and all dead except one and that one feeble. John McKenzie got word to day of the sale of the place. So he will have to look out another place again. It is very unpleasant and discouraging for them.

February

TUESDAY 31

(31-334)

A very cold day. The wind has been high and the snow drifting. Willie drove out from Lusk to this afternoon he brought Annie Abbott home. She has been helping them to move into their new premises. The old cow is left all alone in her glory again. The weanling pig was gone the way of the rest of the litter. I doubt whether of having quite such bad luck before. We don't undertake much more work than attending to the wants of the stock this untoward weather. The thermometer ranges away down some degrees below zero, and when the wind keeps high it is very disagreeably cold.

Willie on
from Lusk
brought home
Annie Abbott
The cow had
all her litter
had been

FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 1 2

(32-333)

Continues cold and stormy, which increased as the day advanced. Emert and I got our usual chores done up as early as possible and made ready for cutting straw. John McKenzie & family drove down this morning. John helped us all the cutting all day. We got along fairly well but I felt very cold while driving on the horse power. Young John Smith was attending the horse and stock of McKenzie. It was a cold looking operation to see them start off for home with the children. We are now letting the cows out of the stable, for water, twice a day.

Another very cold day, the wind has been very high and the roads and surroundings are getting drifted up. Johnny drove over in Parnes for his Veedpeas, twenty bushels which he pays 60¢ per bushel for, he was lucky in getting them at that price as we hear of the price rising considerably higher. I have been cleaning up the hayrack and cleaning & bedding pigs &c. and also have done some harness repairing. I drove down to Ewerton for the mail. The roads are quite heavy from the continual drifting of the snow. The thermometer has been responding about 14 below zero, which, with the high wind, makes it very cold.

FRIDAY 24

(34-331)

Continues cold, but not so severe as we have had in the past number of days. I have rather a bad cold. I suppose from being exposed in the cold while driving the horses on the horse power. I had however to go at it again, we moved the horse power over to Johnny's place to day and got it all ready for work after dinner. we cut just about 2 hours, from 3 to 5, and did very well for the time. The roads are drifting up rather badly. The winds have been high and the snow drifts. we hear that Allison sewing for his Crime this morning at Berlin. he was quite Callous and indifferent the minister (Rev. Atkinson) takes credit for making a repentant of him, and ready to wear the Crown. What a Barlucop on the boasted Christianity of the age.

Cutting
Straw this
afternoon at
Johnny's
Allison the
Galt Mountain
was hanged
this A.M.

SATURDAY 25

(35-330)

Windy to day and considerable drifting of snow. Ewerton drove to Ewerton and got the papers containing the account of the execution of Allison. I had the Choying pretty much by see after. Ewerton was washed his back yesterday and is feeling it sore. in drawing over the horse power on the stone boat, it slipped off and Johnny said he had a hard job getting it loaded again. The 4 of us drove over to Tolton's & spent the evening. we took the team and sleigh. The road over there was much hard in places with drifts. The side road was opened out, but hard to get through. and we drove through Tolton's fields. The lane was partially filled.

Johnny took
a visit of
the 4 of us
while & by
all went
over to Tolton's
on a visit
this evening

Sunday 26

Thin to day. Ewerton & Maggie have been at Ewerton as usual, but Mother and I have kept the place also as usual.

A fine day, turned much milder than what has been prevailing. Ewart and I bagged up 17 bags mixed-grain for Chop. and after dinner Ewart drove it to Coarston Mill for Chopping. he was a little late in returning home with it. a number of teams were in ahead of him and he said there was quite a stock of bags to Chop after he left. Willie and Mr. Williams drove out from Guelph to see Willie's horse. Willie says the horse suits Mr. Williams but he wants to exchange and then for him and pay the difference. Willie offered to deal that way but there is 20 dollars between them.

TUESDAY 6

(38-327)

Turned soft and very mild. towards evening it rained some. Ewart drove Ted in to Guelph to day. John and Willie were at mine yesterday to go in to day to get his name registered so as to enable him to vote. he had his trip for nothing however, as it only applied to those living in the City. he should have seen after it some time ago when it was attended to in the County. I have had a very busy day at home all alone and having a good deal of work on hand. Margaret and I drove over to R. J. Keir to tell him about going his horse to Guelph on Thursday. took the card that Simpson sent. we spent a very pleasant evening with them. there is a wonderful change wrought on the house since I was in it before. John McKenzie has been to night getting our Clough & Co. for his pigs.

WEDNESDAY 7

(39-326)

Still keeps quite soft. and rain fell awhile this morning and a little drizzle up to eleven o'clock. I was astir a little early and fed the horses. As as to have the pig ready when John came down with his load. Tommy helped us to load our pig on the Clough with the rest. John McKenzie had 6 and they weighed the 1000 lbs one Sow weighed 220. Barber paid the \$5.00 without a word to John. I took a fancy for a little Sow soon to have pigs that was unloading to Barber. he offered me to exchange at the same price per lb. so I agreed. the little Sow weighed 165 lbs. so there was \$2.75 coming to me. he was making a mistake in giving me 3.75 but I corrected him. I bought 2 an ounce each of the stuff for Mr. 2 pills. J. S. Co. from A. B. Petrie. best quality. John and I went to Miller for dinner and fed our horses. Willie drove out to our place coming by Rockwood and left a note for John McKenzie and paid his taxes.

very mild but damp and inclined to rain betimes. Miller and Ewart was early up and prepared their team 3 loads of and Elsie for getting off for Guelph with their load of the hard log from Mrs. Copeland. They started from here about 10:30 a.m. and John McKenzie was in waiting at Copeland's quite a while. They did not get loaded up till about 11 o'clock and took to day. They were getting very bare & snow especially coming - going off about 12 o'clock. Miller drove John's team, Ewart drove ours, and John McKenzie his own. It was a good move for Miller to get the timber in to day, he came back to his horse & cutter being here. I have had a very busy day. Chancing out the frozen stuff out of the pig pens and doing up the other work. They were late in returning from Guelph. I took the Forester's Car down to Mr. Williams to night.

FRIDAY 10/11

(41-324)

Continues mild and thawing off the snow pretty fast. There will very soon be nothing but the bare ground everywhere if this thaw continues. Ewart and I to day took down the two loads of manure I owed him as pay for the 2 loads of oak straw he gave us. we took one before dinner the other after dinner and we spread them on the field he is manuring out of his own shed. Mr. and Mrs. Webb paid us a visit this evening. John McKenzie and Bella were here this evening also. we bagged up 4 bags of potatoes "Green Wonders". and a bag of apples for Guelph tomorrow. The ground is in a splash at present and without good foot wear one is sure to be very wet and cold. We very present just now. I have been troubled that way for some time.

SATURDAY 11/12

(42-323)

Quite soft this morning, and looks like rain. we made ready for Guelph and were off about 7:40. John McKenzie & Bella came down and joined us. we had the Democrat. we sold our 40 lbs potatoes at 65¢ per bag. The bag apples 75¢. Margaret had 30 lbs butter at 17¢ & 18¢ mostly 18¢. Bella had 8 lbs. sold at 17¢ also a few eggs. John McKenzie was looking after the old Cutting farm, and got some encouragement to expect it reasonably. I took my horse to Miller's and had my dinner there. The others did not go down. we called at the General Hospital, where Bella & her mother and John McKenzie went in to see Mrs. McCarter. I stayed with the horse. Turned quite cold towards evening and I was cold on arriving home.

Sunday 13

Froze up last night. to day it has been softer although raw and cold. Ewart & Maggie have been twice at Ewart's meeting to day. I and mother have had the house pretty much to ourselves all day.

Froze again last night and to day it has been as much as a bargain to be much below the freezing point. Really this has been an extraordinary mild winter. There was a little snow last night but the wind was high and blown it about. I have been busy to day. finished splitting the stone wood in wood house. Shortly after dinner we took the calves out of their stall and laid a floor of boards on a skant in order to keep them drier. They have been very hard to keep any way. Ewart and Maggie drove down to Cinginny to shoot this evening. Henry Duffield was with us quite a spell this evening. he was looking at the young mare to night. he thinks she will likely get all right pretty soon. he advises gargling her with Eucalypti oil, a couple of tea spoonfuls, or so, in a little water.

Splitting
in stone
wood in
wood house
finishing up
stall for
calves.
Cinginny
Henry
Duffield
was to night

TUESDAY 15

(45-320)

A very stormy day. the wind has been very high and there was quite a fall of snow through the night which has been well drifted into mounds and comers. There has also been considerable snow falling to day. it has not been at all cold the most of the day, but this evening it has got quite a bit colder. Ewart and I moved the heating stove into the little kitchen and after getting on a good fire we brought in the double team harness and washed and oiled them up. they have got hardened by wet and exposure and needing oil badly. I also have started to repair them in places. I have been rubbing the young man's throat with turpentine & Coal & Corn oil. She cannot swallow water very well. it runs back out of her nostrils again. Ewart and I drove down to Rockwood this evening. A. K. Johnston is to be there speaking in the interest of McBride and the reform party. They expect a good turn out. but the weather is against them.

Very stormy
day. snow
falling to day
Cleaning
and oiling
the team
harness.
Ewart and
Johny and
Rockwood
this evening
to hear the
party.

Ain Wednesday - (Quebec)

WEDNESDAY 16

(46-319)

Windy last night and cold. wind fell this morning and it has been a fine day but frosty and cold. Johny Webb has cut his stone wood with the circular to day. I was asked to help. also asked to Willie Cheaters' Sawing Bee. I went to Webb's this morning. but as he had lots of help. he gave both Johny and myself leave to quit. Ewart went to the bee in the afternoon. Johny also went to it. I attended to the chores and also worked some at the double harness. oiled them over the second time. I think I shall oil them yet again. The thermometer shows 2 degrees below to day. Maggie and Ewart were at Willie Cheaters' Social party this evening.

Cold moderated. and a fine winter's day. Ewart complains of a weak back and I have to put in to any heavy work in consequence. after getting the charras done up I went at the harness again, and keeping the room warm and have gone over all the harness again with oil, and repaired them by stitching them where required. there is a lot of work to do on them. Ewart drove to Everton this afternoon and brought home the mail matter. among it there is a letter from Brother Alex. Macdonald. he tells me he has got back the Agency for the C. P. R. and he thinks it has come to stay this time. I am very glad to hear of it as it is quite a revenue to them. he tells me Mr. Jackson is very poorly. and thinks he may be in his grave in a month or so.

FRIDAY 18 (48-317)

Temperature milder and rain has fallen although took the form of ice a soft turn however. "Forester" is the rule, but it is getting colder again to night. Cow I have been making long heavy sewing threads again to for repairing the rips of four harness leags. and have some come up although there are long claims yet to put in. Ewart drove to Everton this afternoon to see if these promised visitors were coming this evening, but he found they had abandoned it for the present and are looking forward to it after the elections. Maggie and her mother have been very busy for some days fixing and cleaning up the house and other things.

SATURDAY 19 (49-316)

Frozen up again and the ground is clean and hard once more. Johnny & Lizzie drove the Cutter to Lough to day. They returned early. we saw James & Maggie Blahely. they tell us that Mr. Doherty is dead and is to be buried tomorrow. Thomas Croft, of Manitoba, was with them. I have finished the repairing of the double harness to day. John Hall, alias Henry Buffield, paid us quite a visit this afternoon. Harry was inveighing against the utility of party politics, and condemned it in unmeasured terms. I was trying to say something in its favour, but got gobbled up for my pains.

Sunday 20
Rather an unpleasant day. rain falling and ice forming. The wind was very high last night. Ewart & Maggie were to Everton to day. Bella & John Children & Mrs. McKenzie paid us a visit this afternoon. They left for home after tea.

Quite a fall of snow last night, and it has snowed less or more all day, the wind has been from the east and drifting up the snow considerably. I fear the roads will be blocked soon. I have been repairing my old felt boots, they leak badly and we want to be mending in the bush soon to get out our spruce wood. we think King is taking the distemper the same as the Colt. I hope we will have a team left to do what work we have to do. I put the cow out from the 3 little pigs yesterday. I am afraid they will starve, they don't take of the milks drinking, and I put the cow back to them this evening, we all drove down to Melpy this evening and spent a pleasant time, Alice & John Campbell drove to Everton singing school. Emant was afraid to venture on account of the roads.

Snow fall
road full
up.

"King" taking
the distemper

visiting
Geo Melpy

repairing
boots

TUESDAY 21 22

(52-313)

Snowing again to day more or less nearly all the time. I finished repairing my felt boots to day, and also filed the saw all before dinner, after noon I drove the horses on the horse power at John's. Cutting straw, Emant also helped, we had to put on Fred with "Da", as King has a cough and seems unwell with the distemper. The roads are badly blocked up on the lower line. at last they are very heavy for travelling on, John McKenzie drove in to Guelph with a load of oats ~~about 50~~ Bushels, he got 33¢ per bushel. He drove round by the other line, he says he could not have taken his load down the lower line. I have had quite a job getting the three sucking pigs to drink milk, they have started this evening however and hope to see them drink all right soon. John left his check on Geo. Williams for me to put it through tomorrow.

Cutting straw
at John's

John McKenzie
Kenzie
Guelph with
a load of
oats got
33¢ per bushel

WEDNESDAY 22 23 (53-312)

Moderately cold and inclined to be snowing a little pretty steadily the most of the time. quite a while over by a chore. I drove down to Everton this P.M. and made a remittance of twenty dollars + 75¢ to Elwin McRinnow. Holstein, Marshall would not accept of Geo. Williams' Check, Guelph. So I gave him thirteen dollars, and will pay the balance to George as soon as we get the check cashed. 12¢ is the charge for over 20 and up to 30 dollars.

A fine day, although snowing away now and again. There has lately been quite a quantity of snow falling and the roads in consequence have been heavy. John McKenzie and Bella and Children drove down in the Cutter before dinner to day. John helped me down at the bush to cut down some timber and Ewart drew it home. (3 times) the breaking of the road was a heavy job and we put little timber on. John drove away in a hurry after tea to attend a party at Beattie's. Ewart also went there. I drove down to Ewarton after getting through with the Chores, to hear the Political Spouting. Maggie and her mother were there also. we all three rode home in the Cutter. Maggie helped Mary to day, preparing Supper for the Speakers. John McKenzie's team and our Sleigh was to be left with Mills to day. John Campbell brought me 3 page Com. 40-th Jan 1898 - \$2.70. John Campbell got the check against Fred. Williams' check to day.

Paid Mr. Marshall this evening before attending the meeting. \$8.00 dollars & 8 pence. The balance of permission to the Colonel McKenzie.

FRIDAY 25 (55-310)

Rather a cold raw day. The snow has been falling as usual. Ewart brought a load of ice from Ewarton this afternoon. The roads were heavy. we had to cut out the saw dust, which had become hard and frozen in order to receive the ice. Johnny and I together attended the funeral of Peter McGregor. There was quite a large number of people gathered at the house it was very comfortable however, as there was no fire to be reached by a large proportion of the people we did not go to the grave yard. most of those who went, walked there. I had the Chores to attend to after coming home so had to put off as little time as possible.

Funeral of Peter McGregor. The ice

SATURDAY 26 (56-309)

A fine day, just about enough of frost to keep the snow and little more. Ewart has drawn 3 loads of ice to day, 1 like yesterday 14 blocks and 2 of 16 each. He had Johnny Jeanie Wane for the 2 loads after dinner as he saved that for Rockwood Saturday night. he attended a Concert instead however. I packed all the ice myself, filling up the inter 6 & 3 blocks there with snow. of course I had the most of the other Chores to do. although Ewart helped me in the morning and some of returning with the last load. John McKenzie has been at George to day with a load of oats. he thinks he may yet get the Cutting farm, his offer is being, he thinks, favourably looked upon.

Ewart drawing ice. we have now 4 loads.

Sunday 27

Fine day. Ewart & Maggie went to Ewarton this forenoon. Maggie stayed till evening when Ewart brought her home as our Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton & Boy paid us a visit this afternoon.

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MONDAY 27 28 (58-307)

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A very fine clear Sunshiny day. and not very frosty. the weather is about all that could be desired for these election times. Ewart drew up the last load of ice this forenoon 16 blocks. and paid for 76 blocks. \$1.14. John Smith came along before dinner to work half a month at the rate of \$6.00 a month. he helped me to break the ice and we covered it with saw dust. Johnny Clark came some time to find out how the work had to be done. he seems to be a very smart and willing boy to work.

Ewart for drawing
paid \$1.14 for
John Smith
engaged
work for
a month

March

TUESDAY 28 1 (59-306)

Beautiful day. Clear Sunshine and cold very moderate. just a splendid day for winter and not possible to be better for such business as the polling for the election of legislators. we got our sleds wadded in the yard for holding the fire wood logs. this forenoon after dinner while Ewart drove up to Ouster with the sled and cutter. we were there just about 1/2 an hour before the poll closed and I noted the numbers down as the returning officers read them out. 77 majority for Martin. 65 Hortop. 3 Anderson. I drove home again with John and Ewart & Johnny drove on to Quabok with Fred. I drove afterwards down to Ewart's to hear the return. Martin 428 majority. the Government is not well sustained being too nearly balanced. John McKenzie & I walked over the cutting place this forenoon to see it. Willie was with us last night and drove home this morning.

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MARCH

WEDNESDAY 29 2 (60-305)

A very fine day. Sunshiny and pleasant. The snow has melted considerably in the middle of the day from the heat of the sun. Ewart was late before getting home from Quabok. they had their supper at Millie's at one o'clock last night. Ewart hauled home 5 loads of beach logs for firewood with Fred and Doc. Johnny Smith and I cut them and helped load on to the sleds. we cannot haul a very big load at a time as there are some soft places where the sleds cut through rather badly. I would like to stop at the drawing till we have enough as the snow may soon be taken away.

Johnny Smith
and I cutting
and hauling
as we cut
and help
ground soft
and loose
snow.

A beautiful day. John & Emert cut all the logs that were on one of the Old ways before 11 o'clock this forenoon. I could not find the old windlass. So I had to bore holes in another one. we got everything ready for killing and hanging up the cow and Henry Duffield came along after dinner and butchered her. Started about 12 o'clock and had it all done up about 5. She is nice looking beef and I hope if will be good and tender so that people who buy it will have satisfaction with it. John McKenzie was at Quelpik to day and has bargained for the cutting place he paid \$100.⁰⁰ down and got a duplicate of the agreement.

Johny Smith and Emert sawing the logs on the Old way butchered the old white cow this afternoon. Henry Duffield the butcher purchased the cutting place to day in Quelpik.

FRIDAY # 4

(62-303)

Another beautiful day. The Sun came out pretty hot to day and has taken away quite a bit of snow. Henry Duffield came down this morning and cut down the beef carcass. It weighed in all 530 lbs. we kept one of the hind quarters 150 lbs. I sold 105 lbs of the other hind quarters to Mr. Maitens at 6¢ \$6.25 and sold it a piece to Hester 75¢ a piece to McCallum \$1.65. one to Abbott \$1.05. John McKenzie got one of the fronts 110 lbs for \$5.50. John Webb 43 to 5¢ \$2.16. Emert & Johny sawed this forenoon. and drew up 2 loads of logs afternoon. I bagged up 11 bags potatoes for Quelpik tomorrow. Bella is staying all night with us intending to go to Quelpik with us tomorrow. Little Maggie is also staying and will keep her Auntie Maggie company tomorrow.

Henry Duffield helped us to cut up the beef. I took it out and sold it. Emert and Johny sawed and hauled home logs. I bagged up 11 bags of potatoes for Quelpik tomorrow.

SATURDAY # 5

(63-302)

A very fine day. bright sunshine. the frost was seen last night and it was eleven o'clock before the sun had effect on the roads. we were out early this morning and got loaded up and off for Quelpik between 7 & 8. the roads were fairly good for the time the most of the way. it was a little tough in cold places. I sold the potatoes (11 bags) at 65¢ per bag. 68 lbs of apples to Mullenau at 4¢ per lb. Bella had also nearly as much. 35 lbs butter at 16¢. Bella sold her to Maitens at 16¢. Sold the Beef hide at 7¢ 60 lbs. we drove to Millis for dinner the boys sawed up all the logs that were hauled. and John McKenzie drove down for Bella after having been at the mill with Chop. The Michals were there to day to visit. but no doubt were disappointed.

Sunday 6

A most beautiful day. warm sunshine which is melting the snow very fast. I sent down his mother down to see Mrs. Johnson. She is now very low. Margaret took some of the best white flour for her camp. it was better as Mrs. D. saw them and prescribed it for her. Emert, Johny & Maggie drove down again to Quelpik meeting this morning & I visited all Webb's this morning.

Some frost last night which hardened up the surface of the ground this morning but the sun coming out bright soon melted the snow and made everything very slushy. The boys and I went to the bush this morning and brought up one load of logs before dinner. I went with them after dinner and we brought home two more loads. Williams Barber & John Weatherston drove down where we were working and went through to the other line. They charged me seven dollars & fifty cents for my threshing, which I think is a very moderate charge, and I sent it down with Emert Weatherston this evening to Everett. When they went to Singing School for threshing he paid it to John Weatherston.

Emert and John Smith - helping me to cut & draw timber for firewood. Settled with Mr Barber and John Weatherston for threshing.

TUESDAY 7 8

(66-299)

A little frost again last night which dried up the ground and surroundings in the morning. The day opened out warm however, and soon the snow melted and had everything in a place again. The boys and I took the team to the bush this morning and were loading up when John McKenzi came along too with his team. John Smith and I stayed in the bush and cut up the timber while Emert and John McKenzi drew the logs up home. They took 2 loads back in the forenoon and the same afternoon. Mrs John Harris Peavoy died about 8 o'clock this morning. They drove up for Margaret to go down and dress and lay her out. After getting the coffin they came up for her again in the evening to put the corpse in the coffin.

Draying from the bush with 2 teams to day. John McKenzi helping us. Death of Mrs J. H. Peavoy this morning. Margaret taking them.

WEDNESDAY 8 9

(67-298)

Another very warm day. The snow has gone off at a rapid rate to day. John McKenzi brought down their old cooking stove to set up in the old cutting house. I went with him and we set it up, also the pipes before we took lunch. John also drove before unhitching to see Jeany Miller about the stable &c. we took our punch in Mrs Cutting's house, and then went to the Swamp and cut quite a nice lot of poles for firewood if the Swamp does not break up soon John will get a lot of stuff for firewood. The boys have been cutting up the logs at home to day and doing the chores. Mrs Gale and her Sister Mary Ann paid our folks a visit this afternoon. her son that was lately hurt but who is getting better, drove them here.

John McKenzi and I working at the cutting farm to day. Mrs Gale and her Sister visiting to day. Emert and John Cutting logs.

Soft again to day. John McKenzie and George Cutting came along with the team and took our bobleigh to the Cutting Swamp this morning. I let John Smith go along with them and they got along well. With what John and I cut yesterday they got out 8 loads and John drew it all to the house taking one load to old Mr. Cutting. Margaret and I went to the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Peasey which was set for 2 o'clock P.M. but perhaps was nearly an hour late in lifting. There were 36 rigs in all. our old democrat carried the corpse to Everton Cemetery. Emart had all the Chores to look after at night. As we were a little late in getting home from the funeral. I got an empty Syrup barrel from McCallum for 25^{cts} for putting our hay in pickle and hid it on behind the buggy.

Funeral of Mrs. John H. Peasey
John McKenzie at Cutting farm hauling fire wood out of the Swamp
Syrup barrel.

FRIDAY 11

(69-296)

Continues Soft and looking much like rain. it did rain a little this afternoon but did not last long enough to make it very unpleasant. it is very soft under foot however. which makes it abundantly disagreeable. This is the day of Thomas Tilton's Auction Sale of Stock and implements and as the hour set for Commencing was 12 o'clock. we had our dinner shortly after 11 and then set out with the Span. and Sleigh. the Sleighing was about gone so we had a tough ride over. John Webb rode with us. Hull from Erin was Auctioneer and started to sell about one o'clock. he sold nicely and things in general brought in price. I regretted letting the binder go for \$26.⁰⁰. Cows from 40 to 50 dollars. young cattle also good prices. I got a couple of hoes & stable scrapes & potatoes for 45^{cts}. There told me the best hope estimate the amount to be between 150-1800 dollars. John McKenzie bought a pig for 43.⁰⁰. John McKenzie sent George Cutting to help us at the wood to day. John Smith and he saved some but split the most of the time.

Thos. Tilton's Auction Sale of Stock and Implements went off very well. Mother attending at a sick this evening at William Tilton's a daughter all day with the snow is nearly all gone and we had a hard pull for the big morning with the Sleigh over to the Sale.

SATURDAY 12

(70-295)

Another Soft day. and rained considerably this forenoon. Johnny drove the democrat to Quebec taking 3 bags potatoes & 3 bags dried apples. he had to go down to Willie Peasey for the democrat which was rather a hardship. people borrowing an article should be prompt in returning them. Emart and Johnny cut logs this afternoon. we were working up the barn during the rain. I drove "Doc" in the buggy to Everton this afternoon and brought the mail. I got the King bolt in the buggy repaired and settled up with Willie Abbott. he billed me with \$1.35 for work. I reminded him that he was still owing for taxes on Mr. Peasey's house. that he told me to pay for him. he disputed it however. and I compromised with charging him 50^{cts} instead of \$1.16. So I paid him 85^{cts} as a settlement. Johnny got 50^{cts} a bag for his potatoes to day. he says the road were bad.

Rain to day Johnny to Quebec with the democrat. he had potatoes and other things. Cutting log Settlement with Willie Abbott. Buggy fixed.

Heavy fall of rain last night. and everything is in a place to day. the wind blew strongly from the South east this morning and cleared round to the west it then became much colder. the temperature fell 20 degrees from 57.532 the young folks did not go to Everton this forenoon. but they hitched up the band drove down in the evening. Fred is bad with the distemper

Another very fine day, a little frost at night but soon melts off when the sun rises. Johnny Smith and I have been sawing this forenoon. Emert drove down this morning for the Robertson girls. Grace was at Everton, but Sarah and Kitty came up and I spent the day. we drove the road down any snow drifted lanes and brought up the 3 elm logs we cut for saw logs. I began to fear the trouble of getting them to the mill would more than cover the profit of taking them there. Emert drove Sarah and Kitty home again at night and brought the mail from Everton. I made a race to be put on the democrat for bringing home the sheep tomorrow.

FRIDAY 17

(76-289)

Quite a warm and pleasant day, it has had all the look of spring weather. the snow is nearly all gone and water and slush chiefly abound. I started for Rockwood about nine o'clock this morning. Henry Duffield rode down with me, he wished to see about the sale of turnips, but we both thought it better to let the matter rest a little yet as the road in places is very bad. I bought 2 bushels of lime for John McKinnis and brought up the cents worth for Hyacinths, the blacksmith. we called at Crofts for the 2 ewes I purchased at the sale. we soon had them loaded and brought them safely home, arriving at a quarter past 2. we then had dinner. Emert & Johnny Smith have been splitting at the wood this forenoon, and cut up the chimney &c this afternoon. we prepared a grid of chop for tomorrow. I promised to go with John McKinnis tomorrow, and Emert will have to go to the mill as well as do the chores.

SATURDAY 18

(77-288)

Weather much the same as has prevailed for some time, a little foggy & damp this morning but it cleared up to be fine. John McKinnis and George Cutting just were driving down to the cutting place, and I went along with them to help fix up the old house. I did considerable plastering and made 2 new recesses up stairs for the stone pipe to enter the chimney. we had a very busy day. John fixed the chimney outside and patched the shingling. I think the old house can be made tolerably comfortable by paying some work and a little expense put upon it. Emert took 13 bags of chop to the mill to day. 5 bags oats for the horses, and 8 bags mixed grain for the cattle & hogs. Johnny Smith has worked with our folks to day.

Sunday 20th

Weather continues soft and warm, we have mud and slush now in earnest. Maggie's aunt went to meeting this forenoon and Maggie remained with Mary over night as he is laid up with inflammation of the chest. Margaret & I made a hot bath this evening. Mrs. Hobbs is poorly.

Very foggy this morning and looked as if we might have a rainy day, it kept up very well however. John McKenzie & Bella drove down in the buggy to work at the old house again. I went with them so as to finish the job I had on hand on Saturday. We had a very busy day, it is so late before getting there and we cannot stay any longer than about 1/2 past five, which makes it but a short day, and the roads are also very bad which does not mend matters. Our little cow had 5 pigs this morning when we went out to the stable, there are 600 enough and I hope she will lose none of them. George Cutting did not come to hand today. Maggie returned home to night with Ewart from the Singing School. Ewart rode to Everton this morning to mail a card to Mr. Simpson to see when to ship our sons. George Marshall was to Quelpk and he brought back word that he wants her on Thursday.

TUESDAY 22 (80-285)

Misty and damp this morning and there has been no Sunshine all day, a little rain fell in the forenoon. Bella had her mother-in-law helping her to clean and white-wash the old house, John & George Cutting were also there. Ewart & I have been splitting wood this afternoon. I am putting down the straw somewhat liberally now. It has all the appearance of being an early spring and we will have to get some more transported in for manure. Ewart & I brought home some snow in 2 barrels and covered them with saw dust. They think it too early to break on our store of ice.

Mr. Webb is very poorly these times, her case is causing all of us uneasiness, the doctor is treating her, and is concerned about her.

WEDNESDAY 23 (81-284)

Quite a change in the temperature. The frost hardened up the ground like iron this morning. John McKenzie was down in good time this morning, (Sharp & Sons) he had a visit for the Everton mill of Chopped stuff and had the fat pig along. he helped load up our old cow and her together and I started off to Quelpk with them about 8 o'clock reaching Quelpk 15 minutes before 12. our cow weighed 380 lbs. and John's weighed 190 lbs. ours was \$12.25 and John's \$8.75. I bought 5 bags Corn. 40^{cts} per bushel. and 50 lbs oil cake \$1.25 per 100 in all \$5.35. Had my dinner at David Tolton. David has met a queer accident by being pierced with a harrow pin-stick and it on his seat and made a wound 4 inches deep. he is now going round but perhaps he may be too soon in moving round. Ewart has had the Chores to do himself and also had to help John to cut straw this afternoon.

Much finer than yesterday, warm and spring like. The remarks of yesterday, applied to this day as being a day far too behind in recording occurrences. I forgot this day. This is the day I took the pigs to Guelph and all else applies. Maggie and her mother helped Bella to day to clean and otherwise fix up her house. I called at Everton on my way home and brought home the mail matter. Mrs Webb continues to be very poorly. She does not get well this time so quickly as she has been in the habit of doing.

FRIDAY 25 (83-282)

Another very fine day. Ewart has been splitting at the stove wood, and I have also helped some, we cut up the stringer of the shed way for the logs and clearing off all the straggling stuff around the pile. Our pile of stove wood begins to look more like a pile to begin the winter, but we will have to hunt up stuff to burn in summer. The doctor has been up to see Mrs Webb, he considers her case sufficiently serious as to cause uneasiness, if not alarm. The doctor was looking at our Maude Colt with a view of purchase. He would have liked her better broke. I sharpened and set our Crosscut Saw for Ewart's use tomorrow at Robt. McMillians place. John McKenzie took down a load of hay to day and he & George went to a Sowing fair at Kemptville in the afternoon.

Annunciation - (Queen)

SATURDAY 26 (84-281)

A fine day. Maggie and her mother drove to Guelph to day with Doc & the Buggy. They had 38 lbs of butter, 4 lbs of 19¢ the rest at 18¢ - \$6.80. The roads, although bad in places, were not so bad generally. Ewart attended Robert McMillians - Sowing fair. They got along very well. I was all alone at home and had considerable fixing around in addition to the usual chores. Johnny was at Guelph to day with potatoes, he got 60¢ per bu from Millman. I paid Johnny Smith four dollars which paid him in full.

Sunday 27

A rainy day, dismal and unpleasant. Everything in a lurch. I drove twice up to McKenzie's to day. Bella came down with me the first time and she forgot the key for their house below and I went back for it. They did not go to Everton to day. Margaret is at Webb's all day long. Stayed on all night. Mrs Webb is in a lurch. I was down till 11.30 p.m.

Continued to rain less or more up to noon to day the land is full of water, and the roads are very muddy. They are not as deep however as usual at this time of the year. The frost and Snow left earlier than usual which is the Cause. John intended to saw with the Circular to day and John Melrie brought over the saw early this morning. They did not saw however on account of the wet. John put in a new Cross piece in the horse frame to day and I helped him awhile. Maggie and Bella drove down to the old Cutting house and worked at papering all day. John McKenzie lost his sheep for a few days past and found them at Leonard M. Bayals to day.

TUESDAY # 29 (87-278)

Frosty last night and the ground was pretty well hardened up this morning. John made ready to saw this forenoon, and got his job done afternoon. They finished the Sawing early and put in the time until night at splitting it up. Ewart was there with the team. and helped to split after the Sawing. Maggie and Bella finished the papering to day. They had Fred and one buggy with day. I should have gone to Rockwood this afternoon to meet a gentleman in the interest of fruit Culture, tree spraying &c. but could not leave the rig conveniently. I had all the Chores on hand myself on account of Ewart being away. Mary is again poorly. Maggie and I drove down there. but Nelly Robertson was there and we came back. Margaret is staying all night with Mr. Webb. she is very poorly yet, but is better than she has been.

The second
Ewart stayed
at Croft's
2 lambs to
night.

Maggie and
Bella finished
papering

Mary again
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Margaret
staying with
Mr. Webb at

sent to doctor
for 8. Mr. Webb
to be brought
back to Mary

WEDNESDAY # 30 (88-277)

Hard frost last night, and the ground is very hard this morning and kept hard in the shade all day the morning came out fine and bright. but afterwards it became overcast and the air was cold throughout. Ewart went to Everton Mill this forenoon he had 14 bags to chop, 10 mixed and 4 of Corn. we got one bag returned from John weighing 142 lbs. the 2 he borrowed weighed 264 lbs. which brings 120 lbs to get back yet. Ewart & John went to Kildoch's Sale afternoon. I did not go. I split up some wood as well as to the Chores. have not been very well for some days. Paid for Chopping & one bag Charcoal \$1.20.

Hard frost again last night, and this morning the ground was quite hard. The sun however as the day advanced, softened up the hard lumps. John McKenzie moved his household effects, as well as some other of his personal property to day. 2 loads of hay by Geo. Russell & John McKenzie. Large load of place to the house effects by Mr. Sutton, organ & sewing machine &c in demerol. Cutting for by John Cuntz, mixed loads, Barrells grain &c. by John Green and John McKellam for Mr. Waterwood. our team had a load of oats and box of kang driving by Smart. I got home a little late for dinner, the rest went on down to the Cutting - farm where Bella was ahead preparing dinner. 2 of the Company went back for the cattle.

April
Good Friday - (Dominion)

FRIDAY 31 (90-275)

Hard frost again last night and as usual the ground is like iron. it remained colder to day and of course the hardness continued longer. Smart and I drove up with the team and waggow for the pigs (2 sows & 2 younger pigs) Smart brought them here and waited dinner. John took a load of oats and R. J. Kerr also took a load of oats for him. They drove on down, and I drove down the pigs after dinner. Smart driving down the sheep which I brought down this far. we returned home as soon as we got unloaded and also helped to build a fence round the front of barn & stable, forming a yard convenient to the pump. John has quite a job ahead of him to get things right

again helping John McKenzie to move his stuff down to his new home.

APRIL

SATURDAY 1 2 (91-274)

A cold blustering day. Some snow showers flying and the wind high. The ground is hard from the frost of last night. John and I with Smart brought over the horse power and Cutting Box. and set it before dinner. John McKenzie came with his team and got a load of turnips. he helped us cut straw this afternoon. we quit a little early so as to let John get home with the turnips and do his share. Johny wanted to sharpen the Circular Saw. he has to saw at John Nutria on Monday. we got along fairly well cutting Willie was out from Gushy this evening he takes his horse from Johny.

Sunday 3

Quite wintering a little snow falls from passing showers. Smart & Macgill attended meeting at Westport this forenoon. I drove to a meeting at McKenzie's to my brother and driving for them while John McKenzie and I attended the funeral of Mrs. Alice Carr. She has been an invalid for a long time and has been rather an eccentric person. Henry & heavy wanted to see her husband. I hear James Carr has gone wrong in his mind and has had to be forced to go by the authorities. he has been considered dangerous to be at large.

Quite a wintering day. frosty and cold, and the ground hard frozen. Ewart and I have started again to split the stone wood in the yard, we would like to finish it up during this cold spell because there is so much very tough splitting especially one elm tree that stood near the watering place.

Johnny took over the Circular saw this morning to John Mutair and they cut up all his stuff this noon. Johnny was home early and is preparing a load of oats for Guelph tomorrow. Ewart rode down to Ewarton this evening and he mailed a card I sent to Alexander McGregor to inform him I would be at Rockwood to meet him on Friday.

TUESDAY # 5

(94-271)

Another night's hard frost and the ground as hard as ever. I fear this will go hard all the fall when it does not thaw much through the day however it may not do so much harm.

Ewart & I have been splitting at the stone wood. The elm is extremely "katy" although straight in the grain, it is hard work on my arms that are weak through rheumatism. John Webb was up today awhile. Mr. Webb is improving but the doctor orders that she be kept quiet and none but those attending to be allowed in with her. Thomas Cotton also paid us a visit today. he had dinner with us. he is going to Guelph on business and intends stopping with friends on the way.

WEDNESDAY # 6

(95-270)

Frost continues very hard at night, and although the sun seems to melt the flurries of snow that have fallen still I notice the thermometer records 2 below freezing point. The roads and the land are drying up finely and I should think that if warm weather were set in the field operations would go on rapidly. Ewart drew up 3 yds of stone wood from near the watering place, and I finished the splitting of the stone wood at the home yard this forenoon and started to fix the house door that was lately broken. Bella came up with John as he was going up to Guelph saw mill for a load of lumber, he got a cheap load, about 600 ft of 2nd class hemlock inch for \$2.51. Ewart drove down to see Mary, who has been, and is yet quite sick and took Maggie and his mother along. Joe Martinoni is reported sick night to death. the doctors I believe, have performed an operation upon him.

Frost at night but the Cold seems to be giving way. I have been doing up the Chores. Ewert went down to John McKenzies this forenoon and helped him to clean up his barn and put away the chaff that blocks up all his doors &c. Alex. McPhail had an Auction Sale to day and John McKenzie attended it in the afternoon. a terrible tragedy took place in old Mr. McPhail's big silent hands on himself, he first tried to hang himself by letting the trap door in the barn down on his neck and was preparing to hang by it when his son Alex. caught him, failing over that, he then cut his throat and though he did not finish himself it is thought he cannot live, poor Alex. he got terribly despondent on account of the place being offered for sale.

FRIDAY 8

(97-268)

A very fine day. the land is drying up very fast and it has all appearance of the opening of spring. I got ready to start for Rockwood without having had much of a hand with anything else. I was late enough to find getting off as the train time is 9.59. I was there with time to spare, only having one hour & 1/4 although there were only Mr & Mrs McGregor. I thought they would be crowded in the buggy so took the demarest and we had a nice drive home. Alex looks thinner and paler, but his eye has not got much worse looking than it was years ago. we hear Joe Martin has succumbed to his trouble, he has had a very hard time with great suffering. he is to be buried on Sunday at 2 P.M. at Everton Cemetery. Mrs McCulloch came to night and ordered out our turnips. Joe McIntosh drove up to day with his horse & buggy.

SATURDAY 9

(98-267)

A beautiful day. warm and balmy. Spring is at hand now to all appearance. the land is drying up very fast. Joe McIntosh helped Ewert & I to load up and cart a load of turnips this forenoon, and Ewert took them down to Rockwood, there were 4 1/2 bushels, as they are spotted with rot he would just as soon not take any more as be stopped. Alex. McGregor has been having a walk back on the place. They seem to be enjoying themselves pretty well.

Sunday 10

Another beautiful day. warm and spring like. Maggie and Ewert went to Everton this forenoon. I hitched up the horse to the demarest and we drove down to John McKenzie and after getting dinner we drove over to Covingbury to the funeral. there was quite a workmans parade, and a very large turnout we left the procession at Ospringe and came home calling to see how Mrs. Hall was doing. She seems to improve slowly.

Funeral of Joe McIntosh on this afternoon

The grand weather still continues, it is warm and dry and the ground will very soon be in fine condition to work. we would have been at work in the field today had it not been that Mr & Mrs McPherson are going away this evening and we have to drive them to Rockwood for the 6 o'clock P.M. train. As Mary has been very poorly her mother rode down with us and I called for her in coming home. I drove her to the corner below the Cemetery, and I might have gone all the way, as the train was 25 minutes behind time. Mr McPherson and I walked down to see David Stewart until the train came. The McWilliams George Love and others were drawing turnups to day, we hear John McPhail is sinking, poor man! he did the deed all too well.

TUESDAY 12

(101-264)

splendid weather, Ewart and I did our first field work to day. with the stone boat we drew all forenoon at the large stones and built them into the stone dyke. afternoon we drew off the smaller ones with the wagon, and have flatter about the half of the terrible patch on the stone acre we think we shall cultivate and sow what we have made ready to morrow, and take another turn at it to finish cleaning up the piece. the neighbors are sowing all around us. the land is in many places in excellent condition for the seed.

WEDNESDAY 13

(102-263)

Continues fine weather. Ewart cultivated the south back field to day. he had it done about 3 o'clock and afterwards sowed 4 bags oats on it. we had to rig up the seed drill for broad casting and clean up the oats which took up some time. Curried the cattle and sprinkled insect powder on them to day. we hear John McPhail is dead and is to be buried on Friday afternoon. So has ended the sad tragedy. Johnny was at the mill this forenoon and about 4 the pond. Margaret walked down to see Mrs. Pugh this afternoon. She seems to improve, although slowly. Maggie & Ewart drove down to Sverton this evening.

first sowing
done to day

As fine seeding weather as could be imagined the land is getting in fine condition and nothing but work is wanted to ensure a good prospect for an excellent spring seeding. Ewart finished the sowing of the back field and rolled all the fall wheat and and then the oats in the back South field. I harrowed it all with "King" and the iron harrows, it is perhaps, too heavy a job alone for him but we are anxious to get along and he seems good for it. We got word from the McGregors of their safe arrival home and found all right, only that friends from London and elsewhere had been there in their absence causing mutual disappointment.

FRIDAY 19 /5 (104-261)

Continues fine seeding weather. if people don't get along this spring, it is not for the want of good opportunity. Ewart ploughed a piece of the sod this forenoon and cultivated the front north field in the afternoon, the land is drying up very fast, and even the fields that have usually been too wet for working two weeks ago, are getting quite fit to work. I attended the funeral of John McPhail this afternoon it was given out for one o'clock, but it was about 12 before they lifted. Bella & Mrs McKenzie were there, they walked over, they rode in the procession with me. Mrs McKenzie getting out at the Concepcion fair in passing. Bella went with me to Euston Mary is come better.

SATURDAY 20 /6 (105-260)

The grand warm & dry weather still continues, it will not be long before we are in need of rain, it would help the fall wheat much. Ewart and I have had a very busy day. Ewart cultivated the 3 acre patch in front below the house, and sowed it, as well as the north front of 4 1/2 acres, which we sowed in wheat. one bag of Harrison wheat I got from Henry Duffield, and the balance in our own house wheat. all the oats are sown.

Sunday 17

Weather much the same as has been prevailing excepting that a change seems impending, this evening rain began to fall we had a visit from Mr. Duffield, Henry coming along afterwards. John Nettles paid us a short visit this afternoon. Ewart & Maggie drove to meet this forenoon, not at night.

visitors
Ewart &
Maggie &
Euston
forenoon

A fine day. Cooler than come of the past but pleasant our home grand weather for plowing. Ewart has plowed all day at the Cod. he makes a very good job for one who started not done much at it. I have let the 4 young cattle out of the Stables & Shed and have thrown up lot of the rotten turnips out of the turnip house by the window and they have been eating among them. There are a good many going to waste. I went to Everton this afternoon in the buggy and took 2 bags mixed grain for Chop. brought back 3 bags. had 20^{cts} worth shorts on top of one of the bags. got buggy Circle fixed 20^{cts} and 8^{cts} for joint for plow. 15^{cts} = 35^{cts} paid. left 39 lbs Hungarian seed with Marshall to sell. got 12 lbs Clover at \$4.⁰⁰ 80^{cts} 40 lbs timothy at 2.⁰⁰ = \$1.67 = \$2.47 (paid) also got plow lines & snaps 25^{cts} which Maggie & her mother paid for at night when I was asleep. They had butter and had other dealings.

TUESDAY # 19

(108-257)

A very rainy day. So much so that we never hitched the plow or did any work in the field. a cold east wind has prevailed and it has been a thoroughly disagreeable day throughout. we have kept all the stock in doors all day excepting that the pigs broke out while. I had a splice fixing them up again. Ewart & I had a job of finishing up of the clipping of Doc. I held him - touched and foot clipped up - while Ewart clipped. Ewart and Maggie are away this evening to an invited party at Mortons. we were cleaning up the pens - among other of our chores.

A very wet & disagreeable day.
Horse clipping
Mortons party this evening.

WEDNESDAY # 20 (109-256)

Another disagreeable day. Maggie and Ewart did not get back from Mortons till one o'clock last night. They say it was terribly dark. They had a pleasant time. Mr. Morton did all in his power to make the Company comfortable and happy. Ewart plowed this forenoon at the Cod but found it so unpleasant that he did not go out this afternoon. The snow showers melted on him while at work and was wetting. he went to John McKenzies this afternoon to clip one of his horses. he clipped the old mare and he says she had a very thick and heavy coat of hair. She became so warm the other day while at work that she was just about played out. I am kept very busy doing up the chores these times especially when there is so much work on hand beside. Mrs. Duffield brought up the mail among them the twice a week Advocate. I notice the news is very warlike.

A fine day. Ewart has plowed all day at the Coed. he says the land works fine. The rain has made it a little damper and more friable. he plowed, he says, about an acre and half. I cleaned up 2 bags more of peas. we have now 9 bags up which I think will be enough to sow one acre of Coed. I also bagged up 2 bags of mixed oats & peas for chop (over 27 gal and one of peas) and took it to Ewerton in the buggy. was about exactly 3 hours away went off at 4 and back at 7. have been clearing out the pig and other houses besides the regular work. I see by the papers the United States have sent their ultimatum to Spain and given them till Saturday next to reply to it. they demand that Spain evacuate Cuba and Cuban Waters. Margaret is at Wells this evening to stay all night with Mrs Webb.

FRIDAY 22 (111-254)

A steady days rain. not very heavy but very constant and very disagreeable to be exposed to. we have not been doing anything in the field and the seeding gets quite a bit back by this weather. The newspapers are giving great prominence to the warlike rumours. the likely hood is that war will soon be declared. the United States are likely to have the sympathy of the civilized world in their intervention in behalf of the oppressed and suffering Cubans, otherwise war only under such circumstances is to be deprecated. Margaret was all night with Mrs Webb, who keeps very poorly yet. She is some better this day or two, but Bella and the children were with us quite awhile to day. I had a look at the fall - wheat to day. it seems to be pretty much all living and gives promise of going on, although not of advanced growth.

SATURDAY 23 (112-253)

Keeps dull and cloudy, but the rain has ceased. Ewart plowed this forenoon. It kept me busy doing up all the chores. only that I went down with Ewart in the afternoon and we drew off a lot of the big stones with the stone boat and left them in that fence. the land is drying up again. Ewart and I think we can clear the piece we intend to sow in a day and put the seed in. there was a terrible crop of stones on the ground. it is rather amusing to hear Johnny making light of the job of clearing the stones off, when he durst not face it himself for fully thirty years.

Sunday 24

A fine day. Ewart & Maggie drove to Ewerton meeting this morning. Maggie remained till late at night. Ewart returned for dinner and did not go back to Ewerton, but went off with one of the Duffields. the two elderly folks had to look after the place and the rest of the work. we took a walk on the road to see Mrs Webb. She is some better.

Jersey Cove
St. M. Williams
this evening
was there

A very fine day. The land is drying up again, there is not much growth yet. During the recent rains it was also rather cold. Ewart and I have had a very busy day clearing the stony acres of the crop of stones that were thrown up with the last plowing. I was thinking we must have taken off nearly a dyke not quite a score of stone boat loads and about 8 wagon loads. There is yet another load of small ones for the wagon when we will be ready to sow it, which we purpose doing tomorrow. Both Ewart & I are tired of these awful stones, we have now about 20 rods of stone dyke from them. Ewart has driven down to Exeter to hear the war news.

drawing
of stones
from the
stony acre
and building
a dyke
with them
interested
in the war
news.

TUESDAY 26

(115-250)

Another fine day, the weather is something remarkable. Ewart & I went back together to the stony acre and we took off the balance of the stones, a good load, and I combed a bag of oats by hand on it. Ewart cultivated the ground after I combed it. we then left it and Ewart plowed in the Cod till dinner time. and afterwards put in the afternoon at the plowing.

I drove down to Hugh Black's this afternoon to see the spraying operation on his orchard trees. There was quite a crowd there and quite an interest taken in the work. all information was very courteously given. I took down 2 bags of mixed peas & oats and had them chopped while down at Black's.

WEDNESDAY 27

(116-249)

Continuous splendid weather. Ewart has had a steady day plowing at the Cod and finished it up to the small head land the other side of the pig house. He thinks he plowed fully an acre and a half today. Margaret & I attended the funeral of Mrs. Neil McPhail this afternoon. it was given out for 2 o'clock, but it was about 3 before they lifted. we went down to Exeter after the funeral and I had to hasten home to do to do up the feeding and general work.

Weather continues very fine. never saw better Sunday
time. Smart plowed the head land this morning and
then rolled all the field, afterwards cultivating
about four acres. we are having things in
good shape for finishing up the seeding this week.
Bella has been with us the most of the day. Eva
drove her home in the evening. Henry Duffield
brought up the mail this afternoon. we are all
much interested in the war news these times
they are very exciting times. it is given out
that the "Grand old Man" - Mr Gladstone is
no more. there will be a general mourning
at his departure.

FRIDAY ~~28~~ 29 (118-247)

Had the appearance of an oncome this morning, but finished it cleared off early to a fine day again. Ematt finished up the grain the ~~collected~~ ^{Cultivator} of the sod this forenoon and sowed it sowing to with the seed drill ^{after} afternoon. I harrowed with King day only ahead of the Cultivator. and did a small piece once a little after the seed the second time. we have this evening harrowed all the seed grain in the ground and would have to do after been done, but for the finishing of harrowing and rolling the drill we are much earlier than usual and the land is Mary and fine and Chong and in good condition & spirits. Dr. McCullough and our Mary paid us a visit this evening. I had no time to chat as all the work had to be attended to, and things went crooked some. and to mend matters the Forester Cow Choked on a piece of Mangl. causing us annoyance and uneasiness. The piece remained in her gullet all the time, but we kept her from bloating by the gag.

SATURDAY 26. 30. (119-246)

SATURDAY 29 30 (119-246)

Fine day. Smart finished the harrowing of the peas this morning finished
 and then rolled the South patch of oats in front field. ^{harrowing} the peas
 afterwards I spent the balance of the day picking the stones ^{the peas}
 of the pea land. I helped awhile. we got it about half ^{this morning}
 done. we wish to have it clear enough to run the ^{rolling}
 harvester over it. Should we think to do so. John & Virginia ^{and picking}
 were at Guelph. got 73¢ per bag for potatoes. 8¢ ^{stones.}
 paid. have had some extra doing to day. the women fold, ^{John & Virginia}
 are getting pretty well through with house cleaning. the piece of ^{guelph}
 mangold did not leave the cow's gutter till this morning. John
 went to mill after returning from Guelph. took 2 bags peas & oats for us.
 Sunday May 1 ^{when returning} Mary Ann

Sunday May 1

A fine day although threatening a change, at night rain began to fall. Ewart & Mary, in drove to Everton meeting this forenoon their Mother. I rode with them to Wells where she remained till the evening. Mr. Holt accompanied John Game and spent the afternoon with me. I had a visit of both on the full strength and he went down with me when doing up the clock.

Quite a fall of rain last night but cleared up this morning and we had a fine warm day afterwards. Ewart & I finished picking the stones off the pea ground this forenoon. we took the stones to the watering place. Ewart drew out 3 small loads of dung and spread it on the ground for early potatoes, just below the stone berries. and he plowed it in with the single horse (king) Maggie and her mother helped me clean up the balance of the wheat (goose) 7 bushels & 18 lbs. and also bagged up 15 bags of peas & oats for chopping. and took them to the mill nearby there about 1/2 past 13. I sent a letter to C. Overland containing four dollars in payment of John McKenji & also account & dues for April. being so busy last week I overlooked sending it then. I met the Elago driver when I going to Enerton and gave him 5^{cts} to take it to Overland. I got home 24^{lbs} of flour and the bran & shorts. and 25^{lbs} rolled oat meal. and paid for all. 78^{cts} wheat grit. 25^{cts} chopping and the meal \$1.20. account of the first Naval battle at the Philippines

TUESDAY 3 (122-249)

A fine growing day. there has not been much sun since and in consequence, it has not been very drying. Ewart & I took the team back to the stone acre and harrowed the land (it was only cultivated once) and took off 2 loads of small stones. it looks well now. the back field of oats is nice and green now. and the fall wheat has very much improved since Sunday that I was down there. I sowed nearly a railful of barley in a bare spot in the upper corner. Russell gave us the first bid on our cattle to day that we have had at all. 40 dollars a piece and take them away next Monday. Henry Duffin sold his to day to Scott. 4 a 4 1/2 per lb and 2 a 4^{cts}. I got 6 bags of potatoes from J. Webb. bargained for them some time ago at 50^{cts} per bag.

WEDNESDAY 4 (123-242)

Cool at night with some frost. the days are fine however although not bright, and the land dries but slowly. we thought to get our rolling done on our pea land but it is too damp and cuggy. when Ewart tried it the land stuck to the roller and made quite a coating of earth on it. we loaded up a smallish load of turning this morning on our wagon and, along with the plow Ewart took it to John McKenji and plowed for him to day. Geo. McWilliams also plowed for him to day. I drove to Enerton this evening for the mail and and gave Maggie and her mother a ride to Webb in passing. I called round by McKenji to see how they were getting along and told Ewart he had better stay tomorrow and help John Andrew Raptie is there to night saying he is going to help him tomorrow.

Storming
took out
manure and
plowed it in
for early potato
flour grit
and chopping
at Enerton
sent four
dollars for our
account & dues
for last month
there was an
overplus paid
last time of
50^{cts}.

finished
putting stone
and harrow
stone acre
sowed a
little barley
on fall wheat
miser.
bid for the
fat cattle
got 6 bags
potatoes
from J. Webb

Fin day. The land is drying up considerably to day. I have had extra chores on hand in cleaning out etc, and have also started to prepare the potatoes for market. I got about 5 bags for Market, and about one picked out for Seed and put in a bin in the granary. Ewart came home this evening and says they got along very well at McKenys. John has a hard job ⁱⁿ preparing for the seed on account of so many stones being on the land. he has been hauling them off while the others have been plowing. I am much troubled these times with inward pain. Expect it may result from indigestion, as it is, it causes me much uneasiness. I emptied the 6 bags of Noble potatoes into a granary bin (Empire State)

FRIDAY # 6

(125-240)

Cool night, but fine weather through the day and warm sunshiny. Ewart and I have had to hurry up to day to prepare our load of potatoes for Guelph tomorrow. Mother also helped us afternoon we bagged up 18 additional bags to day, making 23 bags in all, and about 4 bags of picked seed put in a granary bin. our potatoes in the turnip house have been growing very badly and the sprouting of them makes the house of bagging long some and tedious. Those of them lying nearest the turnips were the worst having 10 sprouts on them about 6 inches long - many of them at least -.

SATURDAY # 7

(126-239)

A beautiful day. we were up by 5 sharp this morning. and I got off for Guelph about 6. Maggie & her mother came after me with Fred & the buggy. Passing me on the road beyond Campbell place. I sold to McKens for 7/6 per bag. 23 bags = \$16.10. The women folks sold their 38 1/2 doz eggs mostly to Millman for 9⁰⁰ each. 36 lbs butter to other parties at 15⁰⁰ per lb. There was a very large crowd on the market, and had the effect of lowering the price some. potatoes have been bringing 8⁰⁰ through the week. I left for home before 4 o'clock and was home before the women. Fred & John rode home with me. Saw Millie to day, he put some bolts in our buggy when in Guelph. The circle had rattled these bolts and had become quite dangerous.

Sunday 8.

Weather continues very fine. Sunshine and warm. Ewart & Maggie drove to Ewarton this forenoon where Mr. Barker is again holding forth. he has lately returned from the States. John McKens, Bell & his children have been with us this afternoon.

Guelph
Market with
Ruggie and
LindberghPotatoes 23
bags. Butter
36 lbs. + Eggs.
Fred & John
rode home
with me.Mr. Barker
in the clearing
Ewarton for the
States.
John McKens
and family

A fine growing day. the grain begins to show green in the fields now. Ewart rolled the balance of the pea land this forenoon and afterwards the orchard and a great part of the grass field behind the orchard.

I have been very busy doing up the Chores - and fixed the railway down by the shed at the barn. I have had a job attending a cock lunch lately, but it died to day. it was one of the twins (a ewe lamb) from one of the ewes I bought at Croft's sale. I paid George Duffield a 15 dollars to day on the note he holds against me. (\$15.00) and I promised to pay him soon other 5 on the principal and the three dollars also as interest. that will leave just 37 dollars more to pay on the note. Johny borrowed a part of peas to sow to day.

TUESDAY 9 10 (129-236)

A fine forenoon, but turned to rain afternoon. it is a good rain however as it keeps fairly warm and the growth will be pushed instead of kept back. Ewart and I picked off two loads of small stones from the front field (north) and were expecting to get it rolled after getting another load picked. The rain came and however and stop us. we got a funeral notice of the death of Cousin Mrs Ewart, Medford. he is to be buried this afternoon. George Hodgson a young man from Guelph was buried this afternoon at Ewart's place. the family used to live out here. the father used to rent Peter Stewart's farm. he was a very worthy young man I believe, and an excellent scholar. he was a school teacher and well up in his profession.

WEDNESDAY 11 (130-235)

A fine day after the rain the growth should now be fairly good. there has been so much cool weather however that vegetation is not very forward. Ewart & I fixed up both wagons for drawing out the manure. we think of getting some help to fork the manure. I am troubled with a pain in my stomach and we think I had better not attempt to work much at the manure handling as it might make me worse. likely we will get George Duffield to help us. they think it likely one of the boys can come.

The weather, keeps dry and a little warmer. it has been cool at night lately and a little white frost. we don't think however that the frost has been so bad as to do any particular harm. in fact we have not noticed any thing at all out. the growth has not been rapid so far, but it may be expected that a good root is forming which will ensure more rapid growth when the weather sets in warmer.

FRIDAY 13 (182-233)

Weather very fine but not very warm. Ewart has been away all day helping to jack up Isaac Cheaters - Barn. they had a hard days work and finished the job all but placing the mud sill which is to be done tomorrow morning. I had all the chores to do and besides, I drilled up the land for the mangolds and corn then after that I took 2 bags of peas & oats to the mill to get chopped. it kept me very busy but I got it all done. I went to see the doctor about the pain that annoys me so much, he thinks it is indigestion and he gave me a little powder in a box with directions to take (after eating) as much as would lie on a 5 - piece and wash it down with a little milk or water.

SATURDAY 14 (183-232)

Continues fine weather. Ewart drove Lizzie into Lunenburg today, with John's buggy and our Fred, and I have again been left alone. besides doing the chores, I finished picking the small stone off the north front field and rolled it. Maggie drove the team while I covered about a barrel of salt on the west portion of the field, about 8 rods wide next the orchard.

Sunday 15

Fine day, warmer than usual. Ewart stayed at home today, and in consequence I had it a little easier than ordinarily. George Lane rode up from Metis with Maggie and remained till evening. Margaret & I walked up to Henry Bonfields in the evening.

A fine day. we expected to start drawing out the dung to day, but Charlie Duffield went to help Grace & her to day to prepare for the masons who are building the foundation of his barn, and George cannot come till he is at home, we expect him tomorrow however. Ewart & I worked at preparing ~~preparing~~ the potatoes for market until dinner time, afterwards Ewart cultivated, harrowed & rolled the corn ground and also rolled the oats on stony acre corner

harrowing and rolling the corn ground and stony acre.

TUESDAY 17

(186-229)

Another fine day. George Duffield has been with us to day helping to draw out the manure. George filled the loads and Ewart drew them out. 25 loads to day. I have had quite an extra time cleaning out all the places, pigs Calves & Cattle and bedding them all up. took a lot of pea straw for the pig porch. I took 2 bags of chop again this evening on the buggy had to hurry up as all the chore work piled on me. Bella has been here helping Maggie and her mother at the house cleaning. John drove for her this evening as little Maggie has taken sick, otherwise she was to have remained. if she gets better tonight she intends coming back in the morning.

George Duffield and Ewart drawing out the manure. House cleaning. Bella helped with the hog.

WEDNESDAY 18

(187-228)

Continues fine weather, a little warmer to day and looks to night as if a change is impending. George Duffield has again helped us to draw out manure, they have again to day, I believe, taken out the same as yesterday (25 loads). Bella came back to day to help house clean. Maggie has not recovered from her sickness. Her mother thought there was perhaps nothing serious. Mr & Mrs John Webb paid us a visit to day. Mrs Webb receives benefit from being out in the open air and moving around. This is the third visit out since her long sickness. She was one day at her Brother Joseph's and another at William's.

George Duffield helping to turn out the manure. Mr & Mrs John Webb visiting us.

A very heavy rain this morning early, and quite a heavy thunder storm. we hear of damage done by the lightning. The storm abated after breakfast time but the land is so wet that we did not think it right to draw the manure and cut up the lane. Geo. Duffield came along but we did not go to work. I went at the potatoes picking and sprouting. And Margaret helped me in the afternoon. I also refilled the fence between the pig house and sheep pen. Ewart drove to Guelph and had his mouth fixed at Sturton the dentist, he got 3 teeth extracted and is preparing a plate which is to cost ten dollars.

Thunder storm

Ewart drove to Guelph to get his teeth pulled.

FRIDAY 20 (139-220)

The weather has taken up again and to day things are drying up. George Duffield came this morning and Ewart and him finished drawing out on the turnip land by dinner time (before) they then spread in the field until dinner time. Ewart hitched on the horses to the plow after dinner and George spread the manure. before nightfall I got Ewart to drive down for Morton's Wagon and George and I filled up 16 bags of potatoes for Guelph tomorrow and loaded them in the barn. I have had all the chores on my hands to day besides making ready for Guelph.

drawing out the manure on turnip land

bagging 16 bags potatoes for Guelph tomorrow

SATURDAY 21 (140-225)

A fine day. I started for Guelph this morning about 6 past six and arrived in Guelph about nine o'clock. had 16 bags potatoes of our own and 5 bags for John. we found potatoes down in price from 65 to 80. last Wednesday they were 90. I sold to Carter for 70 and took them mostly up in Corn at 4 1/2 per Bushel. I got seed Corn. Some of the long yellow variety, which they say is valuable for cobbing in the fall and makes good hog feed. 5 lbs of that and 1/2 bushel of white for Sils. we think will plant our patch (about 1/4 acre) Ewart has plowed at the potato land and had John's Mollie to mow with Fred. I joined with Henry Duffield for 9 lbs turnip seed at \$1.00 for 4 1/2 lbs each for 50¢ best mixed varieties.

Load of Potatoes at Guelph bought feed & seed Corn & turnip seed

Sunday 22

A beautiful day. Splendid growing weather. Ewart & Maggie at Guelph this forenoon. Margaret & I drove down to McFergus with Doc. had dinner & tea with them. we had a walk over their place to see the crops. I am to be doing fairly well. The weather is very fine and bright and warm about as they

John's Mollie at Guelph house. I saw a lot of other things.

A fine balmy day, growth at the present time must be very rapid. I drove to Eketon this morning with Ted & buggy and got 2 bags Chopped at the mill. also mailed a letter for Johnny to Messrs. Williams containing \$8.00 to the London Fin. Ind. Co., London. after returning Bull this afternoon. I drove the 3 young cattle down to John McKinnon's pasture we had considerable trouble to get them there, they turned 2 or 3 times on us and made for home. we washed the Chap. along with John McKinnon & Joe Handley, and were bothered with Theo. Rozel & Rufus Robertson coming in on us while at work and delayed us. Smart plowed this afternoon, he has the potatoe land nearly all plowed.

Young red
haired Robert
She is now in

TUESDAY 24 (143-222)

A very fine growing day, warm and close. Smart is away to day enjoying himself on the 24th. he drove to Guelph. I have had all the chores on hand, I also fixed up the fence protecting the fall wheat, there were some deficient parts of it. I let the cows into that part of the pasture to day. They seem to have a longing for home as they did not care to go away for very long, and are just as well pleased as the fence in places has become weak in parts through the winter and I haven't time yet to see after it.

decided up on
Seed with Henry
Dundfield that
will go to the
Guelph stock
and I had
for my share
amounting to
\$1.00 paid him
for the 2 bushels
Seed wheat \$1.00

Queen's Birthday - (Dominion)

WEDNESDAY 25 (144-221)

Another warm day, the crops are improving very fast in appearance now. my forenoon was taken up with the ordinary chores and I walked over to Keris with the little cow. afternoon I spread manure ahead of the plow. Bella is up to day. She is getting help to fix her dress. John McKinnon drove up to Johnny's place to get some of McKinnon's lumber for his kitchen floor. Smart has been plowing at the turnip land, he has had Johnny's Netter mare, so Johnny had to go to day to Guelph he took in a load of potatoes. Robert Jackson lost one of his horses (Dave). Smart drove Bella home at night. Johnny got 75^{cts} for his potatoes to day, and had to pedal them, they were 70^{cts} a week ago to day.

The young cow
(Barbers) was
taken over to
R. J. Keris today

Continues fine and fair weather. we have been very busy at the turnip land plowing and spreading the manure. Ewart took turns in spreading the manure and I plowed the soil. it kept us busy as we have so many things yet on hand we are troubled a good deal with our young cow that has come in, her udder is considerably inflamed and there is no milk from one of the teats. it causes much more work and annoyance.

FRIDAY 27 (146-219)

Weather continues very fine. we have again been working at the turnip land. got all the manure spread this forenoon and Ewart finished the plowing shortly after dinner. The apprentices harrowed over all the ground. Ned & Ellis came this afternoon in the cattle they offered the same as Otwell, 40 dollars apiece, but I would not let them go for that. perhaps I should have closed with them because the market keeps very low but one hardly knows what to do.

SATURDAY 28 (147-218)

Weather much the same as has been prevailing for some time. Ewart got the loan of John's buggy and he drove his mother with her quota of butter & eggs to Qualpa. She had nearly 50 dozen of eggs and butter. Ewart got his new plate with his upper teeth to day from Dr. Stanton. They were late in returning home as they had two buggies with the horse. Willie purchased a buggy from Will. Waller who in turn purchased it from a party with the name of J. D. Sullivan. It is a cheap rig. 25 dollars is the price.

Ewart had his mother to Qualpa to day. he gets his new set of teeth. Willie gets a buggy for about the same price.

Sunday 29

Another beautiful day. Ewart & Maggie have the first ride in the new rig by going twice to Qualpa. Their mother rode down in the evening with them to Webb's. John Nobles visited us awhile this afternoon. I wrote a letter to Brother Alexander Newfild.

A very fine day. the weather is superb. I drove to Everton this morning and was in time to catch the mail so as to send off a letter to Brother Alexander Megford. I also had 2 bags for Chopping and got a bag of Cherts for want of Change. Some 30¢ for the deal. Ewart & I, on my return, went at the corn ground and coued the corn while Ewart plowed it in. it took us all our time to get it done. I coued it thinner than we have been in the habit of doing. on the old patch I had half a bushel of the white ensilage corn, and 1 lb of the long fellow which I coued very thin. it is valued for producing corn in the ear which makes good pig feed in the fall. Willie came along from Guelph this evening and is staying all night.

TUESDAY 28 31 (150-215)

Continues fine, dry and warm. the land is getting a little drier and the roads dusty. we helped John away with his load of hogs this morning. he sold to Simpson, Guelph. we loaded him our team. He had 10 hogs which weighed 1755 lbs. and the old sow which weighed 420 lbs. the sow became restive and troublesome on the road and did some damage to Robert McWilliams track. Ewart harrowed and rolled the corn ground and afterwards he and I started the potatoe planting. we planted the 6 bags of John Webb's kind (Empire State) and nearly finished them. Mother cut them all. Uncle Thomas Colton and Alice are staying with us all night. they are on their way to Guelph. Thomas and I took a drive to Everton and came home by way of McKenzies. John & Willie Wetherwood were practicing playing the violin together for tomorrow's event at Guelph when Bella is to be married at Colton's to Colin Kitchen of Nassagawey.

June

WEDNESDAY 29 1 (151-214)

A beautiful day. Warm and dry. a shower would do good now. Ewart and I have been again at the potatoe planting. I drop while Ewart plows them in. we had 3 full bags of cuts which Mother cut yesterday. She cut the balance to day. of what we selected out of stock we sold at Guelph. they are the "Peerless Parry". we would have had the most of the planting done had I not been delayed by Holmes coming about buying the fat cattle. I sold him the cattle for \$164.⁰⁰. he paid me two dollars in hand. they have to be delivered next Monday perhaps. failing that they are expected to go away the following Wednesday or Thursday. we have Bella's children Willie & Maggie on account of them being at the wedding this P.M.

Bella McKen
and Colin
Kitchen were
this afternoon
at David Colton
Guelph.
Sold the fat
cattle to Holmes
of Acton. \$164.⁰⁰

Another very hot day: the Sun comes down scorchingly. I have been planting again at the potatoes. To day I planted one row (kind the "Peerless Savoy" and a couple of pairs of "Cups". The 3 last rows are cups only that the middle row has some peaches which extend from the lane half way along to the stone pile: we finished up the planting in about 2 hours after dinner. Ewart harrowed & rolled the ground afterwards. I got the sheep in about 5 o'clock and chore 4 of them. They begin to smelter rather badly in this hot spell with their fleeces on. Joe Atwell came along to buy and buy the cattle this forenoon. but he was a day too late. I thought when he was here before that he said he would be back in about 2 weeks. but he says now that it was a few weeks. There may have been a mistake. he was lately in the neighbourhood however and he ought to have called if he wanted the cattle.

FRIDAY # 3

(153-212)

Continues very hot weather. things are drying up fast now. and rain would do good. Crops are looking well at the present time and it would be a pity to let them hurt by a protracted drought. I finished the sheep - shearing this forenoon and painted an S on their lamb and all with red paint. as we put them on the road at times it is well to have them marked. Ewart and I got an axe apiece and fixed the brush fence by the fall wheat this afternoon. Ewart has been oiling the Kingle harness. and burning off Caterpillars from the apple trees. I fired the brush pile this evening of apple tree pruning and remained with it till about 10 o'clock down.

SATURDAY # 4

(154-211)

Dry, hot & dusty. rain now would be very welcome. our folks are picnicking with a large company over at Stenley Park today, and Mother & I are left alone to look after things. There are quite a lot of chores yet on hand. the pigs, fat cattle & horses all under cover to be fed and cleaned out. the fat cattle will soon be off hand however. Johnny & Lizzie are away to the picnic with the rest. also John McHenry & Bella. Johnny paid me to day \$12.00, on account.

Johnny paid
\$12.00.

Sunday # 5

Continues hot & dry. Ewart & Maggie to Sverston. I took a walk with Henry Duffield over his place and had tea with them. when I returned home Johnny & Bella with Mrs. McHenry and the newly wedded couple. Colin Ritchie & wife were there, and had tea and a nice visit from them.

A very fine day. cool and overcast in the morning up to about nine o'clock (or perhaps eight) when the sun shone out again and it became warm and clear. I rose at about 2 o'clock this morning and rode Ewart and after getting the cattle ready and our breakfast taken, we started off for Acton with the cattle. They drove down very nicely and we reached Acton about 7 o'clock. I gave Holmes 50¢ out of the \$16.00 as the weight of the steers did not come up to what I laid them at. 410 lbs. Their weight was 40%. Ewart & I returned home by about 11 o'clock. Rich. Symonds had 11 head down 2 hours ahead of us. Ewart started to plow the turnip land the second time.

TUESDAY # 7

(157-208)

Another fine day. Continues warm, as I wished to go to Guelph on business. Margaret accompanied me in the buggy, we left home shortly before 10 and reached Guelph a little before noon. we had a basket of eggs which we sold to Millman & 9¢ each. before unitching I drove to Miss Coghins and paid \$75.00 the interest for this last year on the mortgage. also got 3 fifty dollar notes so as to remit to Alex. McGregor by registered letter. we drove round by Rockwood, home, and paid 12 dollars to Eli Stout, interest on note. Ewart has been plowing the turnip land.

WEDNESDAY # 8

(158-207)

Continues warm and sultry. a heavy shower went the round to day. I drove up to Thomas Cory and bought from him an old driving cart for 2 dollars to break the Colt with. the shafts are weak and require repairing. I also called at the mill to see about shingles. they had very few on hand but may soon have them. we will have to watch our opportunity as, it came, they can't keep them. people when they come will take them away. Ewart has the turnip land harrowed & rolled ready for drilling up.

Fine warm weather, we would be much the better of some rain, there have been showers around but we have had very little. but what little has come serves to freshen up the crops. I went to Everton this forenoon to get the cart shafts repaired, as there were others ahead of me with a good deal of work I had a long wait, and it was about 4 o'clock before I got back home. I had my dinner with the Robertson girls. Ewart commenced to drill up for the turnips and quit early so as to take a drive out of the Coll. he got along nicely with her and drove to Everton for the mail. Willie came along this evening and is staying all night, he intends working on his way home tomorrow.

FRIDAY 9 10

(160-205)

A fine, warm, growing day for the crops, there have been showers around but none of any consequence have lately visited our parts. we would be much the better of some rain. Ewart has drilled up the turnip land and finished up about 5 o'clock. I harnessed up Fred in the plow harness between 3 & 4 o'clock and went over to John's drive house for the turnip sower to find it was not there. John Will had used it yesterday and did not bring it back. I went down to Wills to see about it, they had done with it last night but thought there was no hurry required in bringing it home. Johny let them have it without thinking of us. Campbell brought it home, but it was so near supper time that we took supper first and it was about 6 o'clock before coming. I sowed 76 drills out of 104, leaving 28 to do. Ewart had bad luck while tilling up the Coll to the Cart, in starting, she twisted around and fell on the shafts, breaking them off short.

SATURDAY 10 11

(161-204)

Great rain last night with thunder and lightning and to day it has been showery. it is nice and warm and the growth must be very rapid. I have been picking out the eatable potatoes in the root house and putting them into the granary. Hugh Gibson called this afternoon to see a horse and had tea with us. John Will also paid us a visit, he & I went up to Wyfield to see Mrs. Harriet Parks who is now there visiting. She has got (of course) much older looking. She says it is 29 years since she was in this neighbourhood. we have not been able to get on the land to day, it is raining. Miss Currie has undergone an operation for Appendicitis and unfortunately not very successful, her condition is considered critical.

Sunday 12

A beautiful growing day, lots of moisture now and very warm. Ewart & Maggie took to Everton. Margaret & I walked up in the evening to see Mrs. Parks. She is not very well. The festival is to be held to day at one o'clock P.M.

Shrouding today and very unsettled. There has been very little sunshine and the air very close. It must be great & shingling growing weather. The land is very wet from recent rain from the I see the McDermott road work. That are on to work today. They have turned from about Robert's gate to the Saw Mill stop of the hill. Smart & I took the team up to the Saw mill this afternoon. I got about 500 feet of 2nd class lumber for which he charged me \$2.50, and 2 1/2 square shingles \$1.25 = \$3.75, which I paid. I drove to Everton on my return and ordered from Robertson a new pair of shafts for the cart. He sends to Suelph for them tomorrow. Mary accompanied me back home. There is no acknowledgement of the receipt of the money from Alex. McGregor, and I think it should have been to hand. Brought home the cattle from John McKenzie this forenoon.

TUESDAY 13 14 (164-201)

Clear up to day and it is fine and clear. became very cold in the evening and wind high. hope it may not freeze, although it is cold enough to make us fear frost. The land is rather soft to work on. I scuffed the shingles but it was too wet to make a good job. we were going to use them but it rather clamy. The weeds are getting strong however that we will soon have to get them. we covered the balance of the turnip drills (28) before supper. Robert Morton got the drill after we were done, he intended copying his after tea.

WEDNESDAY 15 (165-200)

Quite cool all day and was cold last night. but we could not see any frost this morning. I cut the huns around the grass fields to the north of the lane. and the front field (spring wheat) also the thistles round the latter. Smart gathered up a lot of broken wood around the place for burning. He drove to Everton this evening for the cart. Robertson has put in a new pair of shafts. The cart is much improved thereby. I have quite a job repairing the back fence. The cattle got into the fall wheel.

A very fine day. Margaret & I drove to Rockwood this forenoon with the horse & buggy. we took the wool to the factory, the 8 fleeces weighed 55 lbs and there was no docking. we took up \$4 dollars and some cents worth of goods. and cash for the balance. they allowed 18 1/4^{cts} as the larger portion was taken in goods, 18^{cts} half cash & half trade, 19^{cts} all trade. we called round at McKenzies in coming home and got 14 lbs of butter and paid 52^{cts} for it. Mother wishes to allow them the same as she gets for here at the Creamery.

FRIDAY 17 (167-198)

A fine Summer day. bright Sunshine and pleasant. The crops are looking well and the papers say the general outlook for the farmers of Canada is good. Ewart hoveed all the Mangolds to day. I drove up to the Saw mill this morning and got 5 1/2 squares of 2nd Class Shingles for which I paid him \$2.11. They are taken away as fast as they make them. I got the last bunch of 2nd Class when I returned I went at the lumber cutting in the bush. there are not nearly so many as last year but they are now getting ripe and require to be cut.

SATURDAY 18 (168-197)

A very fine growing day. warm and became very sultry & hot afternoon. there was a thunder cloud and a nice shower passed over about 4 o'clock P.M. Johny & Wash have been putting in a part of their Statute labour of their Beasts to day. Ewart & I put in hard work. Ewart drove our team and I was shovelling in the sides of the road after the plow and spreading the gravel. there were 6 teams on the Eramosa side and 4 on the other and they fixed quite a long piece of road. it seems to be a good plan. plowing the sides and throwing it into the centre and then covering with a coating of gravel. Ewart has been making ready this evening for starting out early next Monday morning to draw gravel with Robert Morton and George McWilliams. Sunday 19

Cooler to day and clear. The weather looks more settled. Ewart & Maggie were at Ewarton meeting this forenoon and again in the evening when their mother accompanied them. Ewart also drove over to Wapreque after dinner. I have kept the house the most of the day being very tired from yesterday's work.

Very fine weather. it was overcast a part of the day & a little rain fell but nothing of consequence. Johnny has finished up the road (work) to day. Ewart started off early this morning to his job with Robert Morton & Geo. McWilliams. They are laying the gravel on the road fronting Charley Sockets and got the gravel down on Hodgkinson's pit. I have been preparing for taking our pigs to Guelph tomorrow. fixing up our own old rack and fitting up Johnny's wagon. I got the loan of 73 lbs of corn from John Webb to feed to the fat pigs. I ran clean out of feed for them and had to get that much to finish them up.

TUESDAY 21 (171-194)

Quite cool this morning and pleasant. I was early at this morning and got away with the hogs about 7 o'clock, arriving at Guelph about ten. although we had some trouble and delay in getting them loaded. they were no trouble afterwards. The even weighed 1140 lbs. which at \$4.30 made \$55.86. I bought a sack of land plaster, a bag of chopped corn, 2 bags whole feed corn & one lb Paris green. = \$4.36. I paid Jennie the twenty five dollar & twenty five cents to give to Willie to pay for the buggy to William Walter. Willie drove down to Shabani to get it. it was a pity I did not catch him in time to send the money with him. I had Johnny's mare Jennie & our Fred for a team to day and they drove finely together. Johnny went to the wool factory this afternoon, and Everett Mills forenoon. with the absence of his mare he did these chores. Willie has not foaled yet and I have been looking for it about a month.

Guelph with the 7 fat pigs
1140 lbs
@ \$4.30
= \$55.86
paid \$25.00
+ 25.00 = \$50.00
for the buggy

WEDNESDAY 22 (172-193)

Another cool day and very pleasant. Things are growing now very rapidly. I pulled a lot of the milk weed out of the fall wheat this forenoon also finished pulling the "oxeye daisy" before dinner. I then went round the south front field with the scythe and cut all the brush around the fence corner and thistles among the grain, and grass & weeds among the raspberries. I weighed up 73 lbs corn and took it to Webb this evening. I borrowed that amount on Monday. Maggie and I rode down to Everett in the buggy and drove to McKenzies before returning home. Maggie got some butter from Paula. I told John McKenzie I had sold to Simpson his 2 pigs, if he chose to take it. for I can't sell delivered in 2 weeks.

A pleasant and beautiful day. Clear Sunshine and moderately cool. our old white sow had nine piglets and they seem to be all doing well. the 114 days came up last night I fixed up the pen light so as to keep them all right till they grow big enough to take care of themselves. Bella and her children, Mrs McKenzie & Christina McBarter were here to day. Bella got away a pair of Strawberries. I hatched up Fred and scuffled the corn going twice on each row and scuffling as near the corn as possible so as to save looking. it has made a good job. Ewart got through to night with his work on the road with Geo. McMillan and Robert Morton. he says they got along very well and the horses stood the work fairly well. They each took 7 loads the 2 first days and 8 loads the 2 last. and they think there may be more than 1 in yds to each load. the pit is about 1/2 a mile in on Hodgkinson's place and terminus in front of Charles

FRIDAY 24 (174-191)

A very close and sultry day. the heat, at times, has been excessive. Ewart has hoed the corn patches to day. it was not very hard to do as I was particular to scuffle very close to the corn, going twice on each row. he was done early and off to a garden party at David Jackson's. Maggie and her Mother have been hoeing and otherwise clearing the house garden & potatoes. I have had the scythe around and cutting up thistles & brues & burdocks, which are abounding too plentifully. also been pulling up remnants of milkweed in the fall wheat behind, near the bush. Ella Rogers, in company of Ruth McWilliams paid us a visit today. she is her father's niece and seems a very nice and very well mannered young woman

SATURDAY 25 (175-190)

Very heavy rain last night and showery this forenoon. This has been a very timely rain as the late drying winds had the land quite dry again. it has been cooler this afternoon and the air clear. I notice our potatoes are showing nicely in the rows now. I had a fear they were not in good condition. being so long in showing up. we planted them too deep, which I think is partly the cause. I have been mending harness & shoes to day during the wet spell. I paid R. J. Kerr \$1.50 for 2 soles to his hog. he let me off for the old sow that took first as her litter all died. Robert is reasonable in his charges, and considerate under bad luck.

Sunday 26

This day. Cool and pleasant. Ewart & Maggie drove twice to Everton. Mr. Barker preached his farewell sermon this evening. Mr. & Mrs. David Robertson & Willie & Jeanie from Inverness were visiting and had dinner & tea with us and I expect all want to hear the sermon.

Quite a fall of rain in the early part of last night rain and this day has been rather unsettled. Whomers coming training up now and again and making the land too wet to work the colts. we would have liked to get on to clean our potatoes as the turnips are getting weedy and they are growing nearly large enough to hoe. Ewart hooked up the colts this forenoon to the cart and she went off very well. He took her down to Hocking, where Miss Abbott works and had her shod, he paid for it as we are not running an account there. I am almost unwell for a week from a lame back that came on me yesterday after undergoing a thorough washing. Think I get cold. These hand repairing harness come. Ewart took down the young team cart to W. Williams. She was there five - weeks ago. Sorry she had to go back. Willie & Colin Campbell were here this forenoon. Colin has a patent sprayer for the potatoes.

TUESDAY 27 28 (178-187)

A very fine day. dry, clear & warm. I have been scuffling the potatoes to day and have worked under pain and difficulty my back is not much better but I am so anxious to be getting along with the work. I have done 56 a 58 - rows and gone over them twice going very close on the left hand side of drill first on each side. and the scuffer is sure to meet and cut all for certain. Colin Campbell called on his way to Guelph and tells us that Frank - Simonds has shot himself and his body was found to day on the rocks at Ewart's. Ewart has been helping John McKenzie to day to gather firewood at Harry Wells that Harry will burn up if not taken away right off. There was an inquest held over the body of Frank Simonds. This evening and alas the burial of the corpse at a late hour. the body was & badly decomposed and had a very offensive odour. the jury found in verdict of shooting by his own hand.

WEDNESDAY 28 29 (179-186)

Another warm close day. I finished scuffling over potatoes this forenoon, and set up the potatoes at the house patch. Ewart has hoed the potatoes the most of the day. I joined him this afternoon and we have 26 rows done this evening. There are yet 46 rows to do. I am hardly able to work yet but try to do something. There is some improvement however. Margaret and I drove down to Ewart's this evening. She had come trading at the store to make. I went over to Cuttings by the about the rent for Mr. Parry. They have made a good job of the fence round the house & premises. They claim 2 dollars for it which I think is reasonable. I paid \$4.50 to Janet Abbott for interest. Mary accompanied us home. She is going to help dressmaker. There has been great excitement over the suicide of Frank Simonds in Ewart.

A very sultry warm day. Thunder Clouds loomed up this afternoon and towards evening some heavy thunder & lightning prevailed. we hear of some damage done. Mr. Adams next farm to Smith Stewart had a mare & colt killed. also hear of another case in Erin. Ewart and I finished the potato hoeing excepting 13 rows. They were a little too wet in the forenoon but were better in the afternoon till the rain came on. I hitched up the horse and buggy and drove Mary home this evening. There is talk of not having come on the fall wheat. I have been looking all over but can find none on the stalk although there is some on the leaf. I have pulled quite a quantity more of "orange dairy" at a moon spell today.

July Dominion Day

FRIDAY 30 1

(181-184)

An extremely hot & sultry day. it has been very close and little or no breeze. Ewart & I finished hoeing the potatoes this forenoon and I scuffled the turnips afterwards 40 odd rows. There are yet 60 odd to do. Ewart felt the heat very much and was almost bushed with it. I continued on at the scuffling although it was very hard to stick at it with my lame back. There are thunder clouds passing around which, no doubt, are emptying themselves in other parts.

JULY Dominion Day

SATURDAY 1 2

(182-183)

Another very hot & sultry day. There is however a little breeze today. I drove to Lough in the buggy this morning. Della accompanied me from Heppernans Corner. John McKinnon took in some oats, potatoes & wool. our Johny paid me twenty dollars today, and Thomas J. McKinnon \$30.⁰⁰ to pay off his \$80.⁰⁰ note at the Bank. and John afterwards borrowed 25 dollars again, giving his note at Six Months. and endorsed it. John then paid me \$20.⁰⁰ back so that ten is all that stands now. John sold his 2 pigs to Simpson at \$5.⁰⁰ for Monday next. I expected to get our buggy fixed up today but only got it partially done, they were too busy. I bought 3 bags whole corn and one bag chopped \$3.⁷² paid at Thorpe. 20 for oatmeal. Ewart hoed 18 rows turnips today. writing was over today.

Sunday 3
Terribly hot and sultry again today. Considerable thunder and rain. Ewart & Maggie went off this morning to McKinnon's. Ewart came back in the afternoon but Maggie did not return. They have extra service today at Osprey. The Anniversary of their opening.

Dry and warm. This must be good weather for filling the fall wheat which is now at the stage requiring such weather. people were afraid of that but it kept off pretty well. the leaf being the only part affected. Ewart & I have been thinning the turnips to day. we did over 30 rows to day.

Ewart intends taking in the excursion to Toronto and he has been hustling us as to allow of going.

Richard McWilliams has had an operation on his lip at Guelph. the doctors cut out some growth, he seems to be getting along all right.

Young red
Cattle with
this morning

Continues dry and hot. Ewart went off on the excursion this morning early. he was very late in returning home on the excursion and an accident, in falling in the hatchway in the steamer, he hurt his face rather badly. I took over the old cupboard this morning to McWilliams, and got the 3 bags of corn that John brought from Guelph. I took them to Ewart and had 2 of them ground. I also brought home the 2 packages of timber I left there, one for our John and one for myself. I gave my note for \$800.00 payable 1st Oct. next. John will have to pay me for the half of it. Lores got 12 sheep worried last night with dogs. they have quite a job muzzing them. we hear George Coughlin is dead. he died

Ewart and
on the excursion
and got hurt.
got 100 lb
flour from
Horton. \$2.00
paid for it.
Binks turn
Lores sheep
worried.

Dry and hot. a good many have started haying and this is good weather for it. Ewart has been thinning the turnips. Commenced and hoed a little while when it started to rain. I had better scuffle. so I hitched on my scuffle and scuffled them all to about a dozen rows. I cut our lawn with the lawn mower this forenoon. the grass was too long and it was hard to cut. it would not be so bad only our mower is now old and not nearly so good as the later model.

Sultry and hot. The dust is plentiful again which is but a short time since rain to get so dry. Margaret and I made ready and got away about 8 o'clock to attend the funeral which leaves Coughlin's house at nine o'clock. We were there a little before nine and it was just as well as they started for Guelph shortly after. We did not go on, but returned home. Called at Lorde's to enquire about their sheep that were worried the other night. They were out in the field & we did not see them. Mrs Lorde was away from home. The men were tending out their hay they had cut lately. They have only 10 rows of their turnips to thin, and their potatoes are all done up. Ewart has been thinning turnips all day. I hoed 5 rows this afternoon. They are all done now to 13 rows. Had news about the Spaniards to night. Cervera (admiral) is taken prisoner and all his fleet destroyed.

FRIDAY 8

(188-177)

Very close and warm this forenoon and some signs of rain. At dinner time there came up a very heavy rain which, this evening, we have found to be very partial. It is said the dust was not laid in some parts of the Guelph road while at other parts farther east from Ospringe the rain had torn up the road. I finished the scuffling of the turnips this forenoon, also scuffled the mangolds, and some of the potatoes. Ewart thinned at the turnips and finished them all to four rows. He went out after the rain but the land was too cloggy to work. We did some choring round. I took off 2 rows and reeking them. Margaret was weeding at Jesters this afternoon.

SATURDAY 9

(189-176)

(and white frost)

Cool last night and kept it up in measure all day. Ewart finished the turnip thinning this forenoon and hoed all the mangolds the second time this afternoon. Margaret & I got ready for Georgetown this morning and called at McKim's for little Maggie who went along with us. We reached Amherst about 3 o'clock and found them all pretty well. They were partly looking for us. We hitched up in grass & hay and drove one round some. I bought 13 white herons for 25¢ to put on the grass & here we had a fine drive down with Ted and our new hoggie.

Georgetown.

Sunday 10

A pleasant day. Cool and dry. The fall wheat down here is most all ready for cutting. Some have begun. Joe & I took a drive the forenoon. We returned to Kate for dinner. We visited the Cemetery in company of Herbert and another young man who has come charge there. They promised to get some of the 4 corners of our plot. We started for home about 5 o'clock reaching McKim's about 8 getting tea and starting home about 9.

Quite a stiff frost this morning. it had a bad look at this time of the year when every thing is green and luxuriant. we have not seen any damage to any of our crops or garden stuff although we hear of damage in other places. Ewart has gone over the potato patch with the Paris green just on with the new sprayer. he started between 9 & 10 o'clock and quit about 5. John & Aggie returned this morning from the Paisley, Bloomsbury report the young lad McIntosh as being very badly hurt from the accident through he houses running away with the mower. one of his legs is broken in two places and he has received other injuries as well. John brought home a new knife for the mower and a new head for the old knife.

TUESDAY 11 / 2 (192-173)

Cool last night again but noticed no frost. Ewart cut the greater part of the orchard grass this afternoon. Cut some round the fences. and had a hard job in cutting down the rubbish at this end of the orchard. There was a lot of very stout bushes and a thicket of small plum undergrowth.

WEDNESDAY 12 / 3 (193-172)

A little milder at night and warmer through the day. Ewart finished cutting in the orchard and commenced to cut in the large field beyond the orchard. The plowman of the machine broke and caused us delay and annoyance. I paid Colin Campbell \$1.00 for our sprayer today. he called in the afternoon on his way to Guelph. I finished cutting with the scythe in the orchard. and in the afternoon Ewart hauled it up with Fred. and he and I packed it all up before night.

A warm day. the sun has shone out very hot at times, and the ground soon becomes parched in consequence. Ewart had had luck again with the mower. the pitman broke again after cutting round 3 or 4 times, it is really very discouraging when breaks are so frequent. I cut round 3 sides of the big field behind the orchard this forenoon. I raked up the hay in the orchard field, and if, with 3 loads out of the orchard made 5 loads taken in this afternoon. we had George Duffield helping us this afternoon. Maggie took the pitman down to the shop and he mended it.

FRIDAY 15 (195-170)

Very hot to day, especially awhile after dinner the night was warm. Ewart finished cutting the hay to day between 4 & 5 o'clock. I raked up what was left in the orchard and we hauled it in, a sand bag. I then raked up what Ewart cut this forenoon in the field and we cooked it up before night we hope for a dry day tomorrow when we expect to finish haying. we have engaged George Duffield to help us. We have just heard to day that your David McGregor died yesterday morning and is being buried this afternoon. we were late in learning of it and had not time to make arrangements to attend the funeral.

SATURDAY 16 (196-169)

Very hot to day. and every thing is being parched. we have been very busy today finishing up the haying. George Duffield helped us all day. I raked it up ahead of the loader and we hauled it in pretty quickly. we put up the hay fork in the barn which put off quite awhile in the morning. we have now 14 loads of good hay in the barn beside a few of raking we had one of Henry Duffie's team to make 2 or 3 draws and "King" was used for raking and on the hay fork. Maggie and her mother went to Guelph to day. they had 23 1/2 doz. eggs 18 per doz. and 18 baskets rasp berries. 6 per basket. Johnny is helping Robert McMillan to draw in and stack hay on the Swamp farm. Johnny had his help yesterday.

Sunday 17

Very hot to day. looks as if rain was near. Sultry & thundery looking. Ewart & Maggie were at meeting this forenoon, and Ewart away driving at night.

Extremely hot today. The sun's hot blinks after dinner time were too much for any one to be exposed to. I scuffed what was left of the potatoes (there were only a few done before) this forenoon. Ewart hoed among them all day. Afternoon I hady Cole and otherwise repaired a pair of shoes for Geo. Duffield, and after tea I took "King" and old buggy to Overton going by way of McHenry's. I had a look at John's crops which are very good in the best fields. Ewart gave me money to pay John for the oats I borrowed of him. and I paid John \$1.25 for the 4th Bushels. McHenry's cows are drying up for want of pasture and they have to be continued to supply us with butter. I got a bag of bran and a bag shorts. paid 80^{cts}. got Hoskin to put on 2 new shoes on front of King. Paid him one dollar for that and pitman repairing shoes. Willie & Mrs. Canthine are with us to night. Jennie & Colin are over at the St. line in this evening. they are aberrying at their Uncle Colin's. had a card from Mrs. Ab. Mayford this evening. There a letter written to and to him in the morning.

TUESDAY 18 / 9 (199-166)

Sultry & hot today which culminated in a copious thunder shower at about one o'clock. we were much in need of rain. I suppose however those working in their hay would rather have been without it. Johny had started to plow in his and was caught. I hoed 8 rows of potatoes. 4 before the rain and 4 afterwards. and also did up some other chores. Shaped & cut the buck saw and cut up some wood &c. Ewart & his mother drove into Quelpsh today. They had 28 boxes of raspberries. Sold at 7^{cts} per box. the rain extended from here to Quelpsh and beyond. we think it has been some heavier here than in some other places. Ewart was getting his teeth plates repaired and left them with Stinton who made them. he got them damaged by the fall he sustained while on the S.S. Excursion to Toronto. I paid John Webb three dollars today for the 6 bags potatoes I got from him for seed.

WEDNESDAY 19 20 (200-165)

Another hot day. extremely so in the middle of the day. Ewart and I have hoed in the potato patch all day up to 5 o'clock. We did some 36 rows. leaving only 4 to do. they were very dirty with thistle & Jane grass which lately have become very stout and hard to hoe. the rain extending lightened the ground some. Maggie drove down to Overton with Fred and buggy and brought up Lucy Robertson and her son Bert on a visit. Bert is very poorly and there are fears he is going as his sister went with Consumption. Robert Jester cut his fall wheat today. and Webb and Duffield have cut theirs. Johny is hauling in his hay this afternoon.

Continues close and warm. A shower again would be a very welcome visitor. The ground and all green things are being parched. Ewart & I have been working in the potatoe patch to day. we have been taking turns at paring greening the tops and mounding them. we finished them up by supper time. I drove to Everton after supper and got the mail. I went to see Chan Cutting about the rent of Mrs. Duggan's house but they had not returned home from the other farm. Bella has been with us this afternoon also Jennie and Willie at night. Jennie has been picking some berries for preserving. Johnny has a gang helping him to finish up his hayring. Henry Duffield and his son Charlie are helping him, they are building a stock, and have it nearly completed.

FRIDAY 22 (202-163)

Close, dry & hot. we are wishing for a refreshing rain. Johnny has got very badly behind with his work and his turnips not being thinned yet Ewart and I went along to help him. Robert Jettie and Albert Heppner also were helping him, in the forenoon Johnny had Robert McWilliams helping him to top off his haystack and draw one load in that stack by the side of the stack. after that he set me to scuffle the turnips with the Gak harrow which I did before dinner and after dinner and after working at the turnips while he set me at paring greening his potatoes. I got fully the third of the patch done before night. he got a fine lot of his turnips thinned. all the long rows are done they shoot up now very fast. Jennie & Willie and Colin Campbell all started for Guelph this morning, they were here all night.

SATURDAY 23 (203-162)

The awfully hot weather still continues. the heat in the middle of the day is almost unbearable. we started the binder to day. Johnny drove it and Ewart set up after him it is in the fall wheat in the field behind Jettie. I was with them to get it started. and we had some fixings to do on the machine first. I had coled a pair of Maggins shoes after dinner and then Jettie greened the balance of Johnny's potatoes that I left over yesterday. Jettie set up about the half of his fall wheat that Robert Morton cut for him this morning.

Sunday 24

Hot & dry. Ewart & Maggins attended Everton meeting twice to day. morning & evening. Mrs. Black has spoken to them to day. I took a walk with Henry Duffield this forenoon, to the back of our place round by Jettie's and home by way around Duffield's place too.

Hot & Close today again. Johnny started to cut the balance of the fall wheat this morning and Smart was setting it up when we all were stoppt by a shower coming up. it did not last very long and after dinner we resumed work and finished it up. I took the scythe and cut around the trees & stumps in the field. also a little patch near the wet patch in the middle of the South end of the field which was rough & inconvenient to cut with the binder. I drove to Everton this evening and got a little chopped stuff for the pigs at the mill. Paid 35^{cts} Thomas Cutting paid me four dollars for rent of the house. I gave him a receipt for \$10.00 being the full amt of cash he has paid since occupying the house. The cost of the fence \$2.00 makes payment in full of 1/2 years rent commencing 17th December 1897

Dr. W. H. Valley
and Janie
& Nettie Abbott
on a visit this
evening Joe
McIntosh
also came
up to day.
four dollars for
Thos. Cutting
for rent of
house \$10.00
cash and \$2.00
for fence \$12.00
makes rent in full
for 1/2 years

TUESDAY 26 (206-159)

Another very hot day. This is a very long heated term, and we are needing rain. everything is drying up very much. I scuffled all the turnips and Mangolds to day by supper time. The flies were very bad on "King". But I put the net on him after dinner and he went much better. Smart hoed up to about 4 o'clock when he took Fred over to Springs and got him chod all round. I new shoes he hind and front rest. paid his charge 80^{cts}. I drove to McKenzies after tea to fix up the old pump that John took over yesterday. Maggie and her horse got were away at Harry & Wills picking berries to day.

Received
a Letter from
Brotherly
Meadford

WEDNESDAY 27 (207-158)

Still very dry & hot, a little appearance of rain this evening. Smart & I have been hoeing in the turnips to day again. and finished them up to about 18 rows. The bank is getting very dry & hard where it was wet in the spring. Smart & Maggie are away to a Garden Party held at Dan. Talbot's place this evening John Ellis got this dinner with us to day. he offered me 26 dollars for the McKenzie Cow and was telling me of a couple of milk cows that he thought I might be able to purchase. I told him I might deal with him provided he could get another cow to suit us. Johnny & Liza are away to the Paisley Block this evening

Continues hot, close & sultry. Some showers around but nothing comes our way. on account of the rain indications I thought we had better take up the fall wheat and as Joe was away visiting at McKenzies Ewart drove down after dinner to get him to come and help us in with it. he also got one of the new shoes nailed on again that Fred pulled off in the stable, he had to go to Ospreys where he had them put on the other day. we took in 14 loads of wheat after 3 o'clock. it came in good condition. although I meant it to stand out till Saturday if we could have trusted to the weather. Ewart & I finished hoeing the turnips before dinner and also hoed over the half of the Mangolds. Mr & Mrs John Webb are visiting here this afternoon.

FRIDAY 28 29 (209-156)

Weather continues hot & dry. there are some indications of rain but not any falls and we are perhaps a few days in the balance of the fall wheat this morning. there was a very slight shower early but it soon dried off and we got the wheat in in good condition. Ewart finished the hoeing of the Mangolds while Joe and I drew in the wheat. Maggie & her Mother and Ewart & Joe went to the Everton S.S. Picnic this afternoon and I remained at home to look after the place. I cut some stray patches of wheat and barley in the fall wheatfield and I intend to raise it with the rest of the stubble gleanings.

SATURDAY 29 30 (310-155)

Very dull to day and threatening rain. a little fell but not enough to be of any consequence. we are very much in need of a liberal fall of rain as everything is parched. and the grain is ripening up altogether too fast. Ewart and I hitched up the team to the wagon and drove up to the Saw mill and got a load of 2nd class inch lumber. Mr. How computed there was just about 300 feet that he would charge me for. and he gave me a quantity of short elm boards gratis, or rather to make up for a deficiency on my other load. I paid him \$1.50, a cheap load. John & I fixed up the butter of the binder. Ewart got Doc & hot at McKenzies. 2 new shoes and 2 best paid 70¢. He also got a bag of shorts. paid 65¢.

Sunday 31.

Weather much the same as has prevailed so long. not quite, however, so hot. Maggie & Ewart have attended twice at Everton. Mary and I have kept pretty close at home hoping that we visited at Webb in the evening.

Sent five dollars to Erin for John McKenzies & his family. A. D. W. W. 50¢ overplus. Saw mill

August
1899

MONDAY 31 /

(212-153)

1899

A fine harvest day, although it has been overcast at times & threatening rain, we would be very glad to have some rain as everything is very dry. Johnny has cut some of the oats in his South Corner field. The binder has bothered us again, one of the packers broke and hindered us very badly. I think we shall have to get another (Machine Coon) it is very annoying to be delayed in this way. I reaped the fall wheat stubble and Smart helped me take it in during the delay in cutting. Mr & Mrs Bryant paid us a visit to day. They are cheerful and seem happy. The old gentleman is getting stiffer and it is hard for him to get around. I drove over to Edin Lodge this evening in company of Henry Dunbar, calling to hear a talk with Mrs. Martinson about her trouble with her policy. We arranged to meet at her house next Friday evening to have the matter talked over. H. K. Smith, Master. Robt. Wood. Mr. Dunbar & I are to meet.

August

TUESDAY 1 2

(213-152)

Continues hot & as dry as ever. in some parts of the country they are suffering for want of rain worse even than we are. I wish we were seeing rain bad enough. I am afraid the roots will hardly ever get over the effects of the heat and drought if the needed rain does not soon come. Johnny finished up the cutting of his South Corner field of oats by tea time to day. Smart & I shocked them up for him. After tea we brought the machine over here and cut round the spring wheat which is in the north front field, above the house. As the goose wheat seemed to be rather green we quit that and cut out the Harrison piece next the orchard. The straw is very short of the latter and the head small. I cannot think it is a desirable variety to keep growing. but we shall see how it yields.

WEDNESDAY 2 3

(214-151)

This awfully dry weather still holds sway, and we look with longing eyes at the clouds but to no avail. Johnny has worn the binder in our back field of oats to day. we had it all cut and shocked by supper time. it is not as heavy a crop as it at one time gave promise of. and the very hot & dry weather have brought about the premature ripening. After supper Johnny drove into the Harrison spring wheat and cut it down. Smart & I shocked it up. Smart left a little before night and I finished the shocking. Smart drove the Eden Webb girls to Everton from John Webb's place.

Weather keeps up the same character. The parching drought still prevails and high winds only serve to make matters worse. for watering the stock we are entirely dependant on the wells. It is to be hoped they will continue their supply or I don't know what we would do. Johnny has driven the binders in our 3 acre patch of oats in front of the house. it is a very heavy crop and it took him till about 3 o'clock to cut. afterwards he cut an acre of his own that was ripe. I drove to Rossmore after about 1 o'clock and examined the Slaughter house there. (Keough) matters were not in first class shape there and he acknowledged that he did not always attend to the boiling of the blood as he had been directed. I got Mr. Black to accompany me there and also see things. Mr. Keough claims that the Guelph butchers are not asked to cook the blood and says that Cap. Black told him so. I mean to see him.

"Rossmore Slaughter house imp. return." Cutting on 3 acre patch of oats in front of house. Sent ten dollars to Mr. Keough by Express. Johnny also cut an acre of his own. Johnny's mare sick this evening.

FRIDAY 5

(216-149)

Very high wind to day and the drought the same as last. Johnny's young mare showed signs of pain last night and it still continues. he is anxious about her and as I have to meet with Mr. Wood & Smith at Mr. Martinonis. we concluded that I should drive over first to Brisbane and see Mr. Ashley. on telling him how she was affected he thought it would be better for him to go over and I said he had better. when I returned home he had been treating her and was remaining all night. I met Mr. Wood & Smith at Mr. Martinonis as arranged for. Mr. Dunbar did not appear. but she had asked David Matheson who was also present. Mr. Wood and myself had succeeded in getting her consent to give up the property so that the money could be paid over to the Executors before Mr. Smith arrived (he is late) so that the matter will now be at rest, as far as the Workmen are concerned.

SATURDAY 6

(217-148)

Still no break in this protracted drought. there is now no water whatever on our watering place at the river. our horses and cattle made a breach into our back field of oats which are in shock and made a bad mess of them. we drew in 3 loads of them. that were knocked about and set up the balance. Mr. Ashley remained over night at Johnny's and until after dinner with the sick mare he thinks she will get all right. but she is yet very uneasy and shows signs of being sick. Johnny cut the oats in his orchard with the Cradle and the binders. Ewart shocked them up. I had a big job regulating things after the messing up with the stock raid. (horses & cattle)

Sunday 7

The same dry weather still prevails. Ewart & Maggie were twice at Earton today. John McKenzie & Bella paid us a visit this afternoon. Mother & I kept home close. There was a little shower at Earton but nothing of consequence here.

Good harvest weather but we would all be well pleased to see a good rain in the midst of harvest. Ewart attended John McKenzie's threshing this A.M. he says they got along very well with the threshing. Jim McLean & his men helped John in with 15 loads of oats and barley on Saturday and they are threshing it this forenoon. The little shower made things a little damp & John & I rigged & fixed up the binder somewhat this forenoon. After dinner we cut and stacked the balance of the spring wheat, we finished it about 4 o'clock and John & Ewart then went over bye and cut & chocked an acre of oats. We also pulled about 2 rods of peas for threshing next Wednesday. I took our oldest white cow over to Peter's day and left her there. Fred and Maggie Garbut from Norval, paid us a short visit today.

Ewart at John McKenzie's threshing
Johnny Cullen here and at home
pulled peas for threshing
Fred and Maggie Garbut visit us

TUESDAY 9 (220-145)

Fine day again, but of course too dry. Ewart attended John Noble's threshing this forenoon. We took in a load of oats this afternoon and afterwards went to John's and cut and stacked at his oats behind his barn. We quit in time to take in another load of oats before dark. I drove to Ewart's this forenoon and got the crank of the knottor fixed at Hostino's. Mary came up with me & I had to wait a good while for her. She is coming up to help Maggie with some sewing.

"oldest white cow to Peter's"
took half a sack to repair
Mary came up with me

WEDNESDAY 10 (221-144)

Another dry day. Ewart and I finished drawing in the oats in the back field that the stock has messed about so badly. We also drew in 2 loads of peas before the machine came along. It was about 2.40 before we started to thresh. They ran very steadily and got it all through in fair time, we took our tea about 5 o'clock. So there was much time off. The oats turned out very poorly, that field is so dry that when a protracted drought sets in it inevitably suffers. The oats are good in quantity however, our fall wheat also yielded very poorly. 60 odd bushels.

Drawing in the oats that the stock messed about
threshed the afternoon
peas & fall wheat

Weather much the same. Somewhat overcast this evening and lightning is shining around. no rain showers. Johnny has finished cutting his oats in the field below his barn. Ewart and I have been stacking up for him. my right shoulder has been very painful to day so much so. that I could hardly do any work without suffering much pain. John and Ewart went down to the corner oat field to cut and in hitching up, the Jennie mare kicked Ewart on the leg and completely laid him up. So now we are both nearly "hors de combat". John gave her a great brouncing but it is too late in the day to reform her. Johnny and I drew in the raking out of the back field of oats. there was quite a job on account of the mess of the stacks.

Johnny
Cutting his
oats. John
Ewart & I
have stacked
almost
laid up
with pain
in right shoulder
Jennie mare
kicked
Ewart on
leg and
laid him up.

FRIDAY 12 (223-142)

A little rain fell last night and there was great thunder and lightning, the rain was very slight here however, not much more than to lay the dust. we hear that farther north there has been a good rain. Ewart and I have been laid up pretty much all day. Johnny has finished cutting with the binder and had to set it up himself afterwards. Ewart and I drew in 2 loads of oats in the evening. hands are very hard to get in the mean time. The harvest had come in very suddenly, a great bulk of the oats were very green up to this time but the heat and drought have burned them up, so as to prematurely ripen them, roots must be suffering badly.

SATURDAY 13 (224-141)

The same parching weather still prevails, other parts around homestead are getting showery when we are left out. Ewart and I have had a busy day drawing in. we took in 5 loads of oats out of the South front field, which makes 7 loads from barely 3 acres. we also took 4 loads of wheat from the north front field 2 small loads of the Harrison. and 3 of goose. the goose seems to be much the better crop. the sheaves are heavier by a third on the scales. Maggie helped us in the mow. we put it in the west half of the hay mow.

Ewart & I
drawing
wheat &
oats. Maggie
helped us in
the mow.

Sunday 14

a very little rain today. a heavy shower went around but we only got the tail of it. Ewart & Maggie were twice at Ewarton meeting to day. Margaret & I paid a visit to Nells this evening. Nells & Holt. W. Williams have found some of their sheep married & day. I rode up with John McKinnis and got his sheep married at the Saw mill.

"Sheep
married."

No Change in the weather, there are signs of rain at times and local showers fall here and there but nothing or at least nothing to do any good falls here. Ewart and I have drawn in the last 2 loads of Sheaves to day, the goose wheat. Ewart horse raked the oat patch - takes the wheat fields and we brought all into the barn. Maggie helped us to move it away - excepting one load that Rought the butcher helped us to split. I sold the McKinnin Cow to Rought for \$27.50, he paid me \$1.50 on her and wishes her taken to Rockwood on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning next. John is rigging up the pea harvester to day. Joe Hindley's attachment on our mower. I got the principle of using it also from Joe. The wind has been strong and high the day making it very inconvenient for loading grain in the fields.

TUESDAY 16 (227-138)

The great drought still prevails, although thunder clouds and other signs of rain present themselves. Ewart and I went into the peas with the horse rake and pulled quite a piece of the peas, it makes a fair looking job but as the crop is very fine, we are advised to wait and put on the pea harvester. John thinks he will haul in his oats tomorrow and, if so, we can get the harvester. John has been quite sick last night but he is better to day, the wind was so high this afternoon that John quit cutting his peas. Lizzie drives the horses and John throws off the bundles. They say it is rather a hard job to do. One folks stopped giving the Cream to day to the Creamery. The driver told them to day that 14¢ was what they were paying for this month and we thought it too little. Butter is worth in Guelph market from 15 to 20¢ per lb.

WEDNESDAY 17 (228-137)

Day & hot as ever, really this is terrible weather, nothing that passes over the ground but what are in clouds of dust, we have a great change these times in seeing that all the crops get water as well as attending to our harvest. we have run the pea harvester to day, it makes a very good work although it spells considerable, the high wind however, which prevails is largely the cause. The pea bundles blow about and while this machine is at work the wind prevents the peas from rolling into wads as they ought. we finished ours to day Maggie drove the horses and Ewart and I took them back, it was too much for one to do and do it right.

dry, hot and
still prevail
horse rake
spring the
fields and
oat patch
and draw
it in
Cold the
McKinnin
cow & Lizzie
for \$27.50
got \$1.50
in hand.

pulled down
of the peas
with the horse
rake.
John cut
some of the
with Joe
Hindley's
harvester -
stopped
giving the
cream to the
creamery.

dry and
dusty -
cutting from
with the pea
harvester -
high wind
makes cutting
disagreeable
Maggie drove
the horses

Weather much the same as has so long prevailed, dry hot terrible and dusty. Oh, but we look with longing eyes for the needed rain. we have had the help of George Duffield to day in taking in the peas. we have done very well in taking 12 in 12 loads into the barn. excepting one load that we put into the bay now they all went into the Sving beam now. we put some more of the hay out of that room for the peas. Maggie led the horse (king) while hauling up with the horse fork. John & Lizzie have been cutting their peas to day. until about 4 o'clock P. M. that Henry Duffield came along and helped them to draw in some.

Continues
loads of
peas in
to day.
drawing
in to the
Sving beam
mow with
horse and
horse fork

FRIDAY 19 (230-135)

The terrible drought still holds sway. there is considerable dampness in the early morning from heavy dews. how much good results from this it may be hard to say but certain it is that we are at present suffering badly for want of rain. the turnips & potatoes retain their color remarkably well but for all that there can be no other conclusion than that they both are suffering. George Duffield helped us this forenoon to draw in the peas, we took in five loads before dinner and then Smart went, as well as George, to threshing. I went to the back fields before breakfast to get the crows but could not find them in the clearing. I went after breakfast but returned home without them. afternoon I again went over to the other line to Mearns & Symonds and found them in our own clearing on my way home. Suppose they must have been in the swamp in search of water on my first looking after them.

Henry Duffield
helping them
hauling in
peas this
forenoon
George Duffield
helping them
threshing
Smart there
I had a hunt
for our crows
missed a
morning
after a long
search found
them in our
clearing.
Saw an animal
at like a
lynx this
morning

SATURDAY 20 (231-134)

Dry & hot as ever. we were busy at the hauling in of the remnant of the peas this forenoon, George Duffield helped us we took in 6 loads. 5 before dinner and one after. there is, I think, 13 loads in the Sving beam mow, and 8 in the bay, and 2 threshed, making 23 in all. I paid George Duffield \$1.50 and one dime yet a dollar. his boots repairing & I mowing \$3.25 for 3 days work. Maggie and her Mother drove to Guelph to day. they had butter & eggs. mine sold before they returned home. I was getting uneasy, but they were all right. I helped John at his pea hauling. he had quite a number helping. Robert & his son Jimmie & team from Robt. Hunsley afternoon & Robt McWilliams & team. Mrs. Lindal & Walter McHusall day he finished his peas but has a lot of oats yet.

we finished
harvest
today.
Maggie &
her Mother
at Guelph
to day
paid Robt
& Geo. Duffield
John has a
band drawing
in his peas

Sunday 21

No change in the weather. Smart & Maggie at Exeter Meeting this forenoon also at night with their Mother accompanying John David Mitchell; who is visiting from Meaford, was baptized. I walked down to Webb's evening. John & Lizzie. Pella & children visited here this afternoon.

Daniel
Mitchell
baptized
to day
one of our
young
people
arrived
with the team

Weather much as usual so far as we are concerned there has been, however, a heavy thunder ^{storm} around to the south of us, but no rain of any consequence fell here, after the clouds passed off in the evening, there were great and continuous flashes of lightning which may betoken another approaching storm. we need rain awfully bad.

I repaired Emory's shoes to day, and Smart and I set the tires of the cart and buggy with boiling oil. the wind was quite high and there was some sprinkling of rain so that we did the work in the wood house. I paid - John five dollars this evening, when he paid me the last money I promised to give him back this amount if he needed it.

McKeeough was round to day, we bought 50^{lb} worth of beef from him, and paid for it. I thought to let it stand and settle for it when he paid for the corn, but found that he left the money with Mr. McCallum last night so paid for the meat. we got the cash this evening at Mr. Callum's.

Monday 22 TUESDAY 23 (234-131)

As dry as ever. Th. but we are greatly in need of moisture. dust and thirst and drought prevail. Smart and the team have been at John's all day. John has had quite a force at work taking in his oats, having these 2 days to record at once. I mistook the oat days events, as arranged for the other harvest. John got his oats all in the barn to day so has finished up his harvest. he had Mr. Lindal, John Campbell (Mills) and Robin Martin, besides Smart helping him. David Mitchell and wife and Nettie Abbott paid us a visit to day. They intend leaving for home next Thursday. David has been in rather poor health and is trying this trip for benefit. he does not feel much, if any, better however. John & I drove down to see about the Pezins this evening they seem to have a bad accident as well as our horse. The Pezins are rather badly hurt on Sunday night. John and Emory have both fractured bones of the leg. John's leg is at the knee in a precarious state, while John's is more than half broken. The horses took fright at an upraised fence and the team breaking from among.

WEDNESDAY 24 (235-130)

Heavy thunder storm last night. Considerable rain also fell although not as much as we would like. throughout the day it remained dull and threatening an oncoming of rain but it did not materialize. I arranged the sheep and lambs differently again and got them separated. I had them done before but the ewes showed signs of inflammation and I thought it best to put the lambs with them again. I drove Maggie & her mother over to McKeeough. they were picking a pair of Chickens and I intended helping John to pull peas but they were too late we thought there was a little rain falling now & then. Smart has been helping all day at Mr. Stone's threshing. I drove over to Coningsby this evening being again requested to meet at Martineau's on the same business as last time. we were unsuccessful in getting matters. The 2 ewes were there and Mr. Wood, Mr. Smith, Mr. Miller and myself. they had a letter from Peterson telling them they should pay over to Mrs. Martineau herself.

I paid John 5 dollars. I that I promised him his last payment to me if he required it. Separated the sheep & lambs the 2nd time. I drove Maggie & her mother to Mr. McKeeough's also drove over to Martineau's.

Very dull and damp this morning. It cleared up about nine o'clock however and the remainder of the day was fine. I got things fixed up and started to plow in the back fall wheat stubble before dinner. After dinner I thought it would be right for me to go and help McKenzies at their peas this afternoon. So hitched on to the Cultivator thinking that perhaps it might do better than the revolving one. We did not use it for the peas but Belle ran the barley stubble with it, and I put back the wads for John. I came home with the rake by way of Chertwood field. Ewart has attended Mortons Threshing again today we have begun to put the Chaps in at night. The dogs were at work again last night, and worried some lambs at Hobbs rapel field. Some of Robert McWilliam and some of his own also some of R. J. Kerr. Isaac Shearers & John Coffers. Isaac Chab at that 2 dogs but have not killed them so well known.

FRIDAY 26 (237-128)

Dull and a little rainy this morning, but not enough of rain fell to be of much good. John McKenzie & Belle and the children came along this morning. It was so damp that he could not work at his peas. We made up his stone boat out of the planks I gave him. and afterwards went to the saw mill to find his 2 heifers that again strayed away we walked over to the other line before dinner and found that James Signnott had turned them out of his place last Wednesday we found them up at the saw mill and drove them down here and he took his young steer along home with them. Ewart has plowed in the fall wheat stubble today. he finds it very dry and hard. Margaret & I intended to go to Everton this afternoon and visit at Abbots in company of Mr. & Mrs. David Mitchell who intend starting for Meaford on Sunday next, but on account of looking up the cattle &c we could not make it out. frost last night.

SATURDAY 27 (238-127)

Weather again clear and fine. very cool at night. Ewart plowed in the fall wheat stubble but had to quit early in the afternoon on account of the sole plate of the plow breaking up. The land in the wet part has become very hard. I got a new sole plate & chare this evening Robt. Talbot. Margaret & I drove to Everton and had tea at Abbots in company of Mr. & Mrs. David Mitchell. I got 50 lbs flour at the mill which I took for along with the last 50 lbs. also got 25^{cts} oatmeal for which I paid. fixed & set saw to day and squared up Shuff in wood house received a card from A. W. Mayo from Ramore. letters Patella house has been burned up. they were fast asleep when the fire was well under way and arose by Jells Cattle Cally. Fire! Fire! they lost pretty heavily but are somewhat insured.

Sunday 28th

Prof. Wm. Ewart & Maggie were to Everton. Willie picked us to pay John Ewart at night. He is going to resign to make a deed for Margaret. Colin Campbell goes to Thelma this evening and take Willie with him. John Dickison & 4th line. Emerson died to day.

visiting at Everton
Abbots &
Mr. & Mrs. David
Mitchell
got flour &
oatmeal at
the mill.
and from
Mr. Mayo
giving the
best of
Patella fire
at Everton

John Dickison
died to day

Dry weather still continues although this morning looked threatening. we started to take out the manure for the fall wheat this morning. John is also drawing his out.

John & I went over to John McKenzies after dinner to help draw in his peas. we put our team on John's wagon John McKenzies and Ewart used John's team. there were 3 teams at McKenzies work at McKenzies. and although late before getting started. in we were done in good time. there was good help. David Robertson, Gies, Loree, Colin McMillan, for Waterwood. and John & myself & Herman Towell. there were 4 loads of peas. Ewart got out quite a few loads of manure

taking a
manure
helping
John McKenzies
he had
other help
also.

TUESDAY 30 (241-124)

The same dry weather still prevails. we are nearly waiting for snow. the Sun retires at night however with the same red glow. Ewart & I have been at the manure all day. we got the pig yard cleaned out the sheep house pretty nearly done. I help load and spread some during the time of unloading. received a letter from Brother Abf. he intends coming this way on the end of the week or first of next. he sent me a season ticket for the show. Ewart butchered up the Colt to the cart and she is getting so well broken in that Ewart thinks of putting her to the buggy. John Dickisons funeral took place today. I did not know of it, nor of his death. and I would have liked to have attended.

Funeral of
John Dickison
this afternoon
drawing
out manure
Received a
letter from
McFarland

WEDNESDAY 31 (242-123)

No change in the weather. I wrote 2 cards, one to Brother wrote Abf. McFarland, and one to Abf. McGregor. Carlton west. and drove to Swanton to mail them. I am making arrangements for going to Toronto Exhibition and meeting Abf. at McGregors. we finished the manure spreading and commenced to plow it in for the fall wheat sowing. the land is very dry and it seems a risky operation seeding under present circumstances. We had a pleasant visit from Mr & Mrs Morgan (Crawson) also Mr & Mrs John Webb who accompanied them. they stay till after tea. Morgan, although yet a very heavy man is not quite so heavy as he has been he speaks of being only about between 240 and 250 lbs. and that, he says, is much lighter than his wont.

cards to
Brother Abf.
also Abf.
McGregor
visited by
Mr & Mrs
Morgan (Crawson)
and Mr & Mrs
John Webb
Morgan (Crawson)
weight 240
to 250 lbs

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THURSDAY 31 / (243-122)

1898

Weather much the same as has prevailed we keep watching and hoping for a break in this terribly dry spell but, as yet there seems none in sight, the thermometer registers from 90 to 97 in the shade these days, and everything is very dry besides. Ewart has been plowing in the manner a portion of the land at the bottom of the field is springing and that has become very hard and dry. I fear we will not be able to make a very good seed bed, and, certainly, until rain falls, the seed will never start. Colin Campbell drove up to Memphis for his mother to day. Jennie & Colin intended driving to Guelph to day, but they have decided to stay till tomorrow. I have a heavy job pumping water for all the stock these days, the pumps are not in good shape and a great deal of water is needed. Colin McMillan, Jr. - line driver, called as they returned from the mill, he wanted to take me further with them.

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SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 2 (244-121)

Another blistering hot day and no rain. I pitched to the buggy this morning and drove Colin & Jennie to Guelph. I got the two front tires of the buggy set, there was a spoke in each of them loose and rattling. paid a dollar to Penfold for it. I also got a pad for the driving harness and some straps &c. and a piece of harness leather costing in all \$1.25. also bought cotton cloth & binding for horse sheets, and other sundries \$1.03. Colin sent out a basket of tomatoes in a present. Ewart finished the plowing and started to harrow to day. there are many people sowing their fall wheat. I suppose we will have to follow suit though I can't see very much use in it either. The land is as dry as dust generally. it is wonderful, however, to see vegetation under these circumstances. Henry Duffield tells me that the fall wheat they sowed is showing all along the drills. I noticed also in the back fall wheat still the wheat growing that has been turned over with the plow.

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SATURDAY 3 (245-120)

The same dry & scorching weather, the heat is as great as ever. Ewart has had a busy day, he harrowed and rolled the fall wheat land twice before sowing with the seeds. and after sowing with the drill he harrowed it again but had not time to roll it, the seed bed has been much improved by this continual working but the doing of it was very disagreeable work on account of the high wind and consequent dust. John Webb I heard is at Guelph to day getting the writings drawn between himself and the Philson of Khatobul, concluding the sale of the farm. I cannot get on with much work other than attending to the stock &c. on account of the scarcity of water, I cleared a bush of wheat and it took to sow it. Quite a threatening for rain but after it blew gently off in high wind it came as if we can't get rain. I walked down to Miller and found they had really sold out. Many accompanied me to a meeting. Mr. also drove out from Guelph and had Jennie & Jackie McMillan with him. Mrs. Leathers is still in all respects to Guelph again in the evening. Mrs. Leathers is still with us. 10 m Campbell is unwell and she is weary.

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A welcome Shower fell upon us this forenoon, the only rain. fault we had to it was that it did not rain long enough, it will freshen up things however and as the weather is broken perhaps we shall have rain again. There has not been enough to raise the river so that the cattle can get drink. This afternoon Ewart finished the harrowing and rolling of the fall wheat, and afterwards plowed the headlands of the root field. This rain will help the turnips and may the potatoes too. The tops of the latter are getting partially brown. we cleaned and bagged up our fall wheat for Johny 583 lbs. bags included. I also cleaned up the barn and made a road from the barn to the horse stable passage through the chaff. John McKenzie & family were here this evening.

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TUESDAY 6

(248-117)

Heavy rain again this morning and hoped it would continue. Weather fine after the rain. it is a pity it cleared up again so soon but now that the spell is partially broken it may be we will get more soon again. Ewart and I cleaned up the barn floor by putting through the pea and oat chaff that has been gathering, through the mill. Ewart starts to plow the fall wheat stubble. This morning the weather looked so unsettled and raining, come that we were a little undecided whether to start for Toronto. however it cleared up soon enough to make us decide to start and Ewart drove us down with Doc & the buggy. we were met at the station by Mr. A. McEggs and escorted to his house.

Sent 3 dollars by stage driver to pay A. B. A. for McKenzie on myself. I expect to have a meet Brother Abner. Bring last milk and last put up it there house in delay.

WEDNESDAY # 7

(249-116)

Carton. A beautiful day, but much cooler than has prevailed all last week. Margaret & I had a fine night's rest after the bustle of getting down here yesterday. we feel fresh and rested, after dinner (early) Mr. McEggs accompanied Margaret & I to the Exhibition. we took the Street Cars which took us there in about an hour, and we were on the grounds from about one o'clock till after 5 P.M. we first went through the palace. And afterwards, alone, went through a good many of the Stock Sheds. Seeing the different breeds of cattle, horses &c. also examined some of the agricultural machinery. after that our company met again and at 4.30 and we were present when the quick firing guns were fired off at the boat on the lake and which was expected to be blown up but did not materialize, there was a great crowd there, and we returned to Carton taking the Street Car to Union Street and by handcar (at 5.15) to the "Peacock" Hotel. Dundas Street.

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Most beautiful weather, the dust is now thoroughly laid and the wind is cool and pleasant. I got a Card from Brother Alex. last night saying to meet him at the Union Station at 10 A.M. I was only one hour and a half at that hour, but as he came on the N.P.R. instead of the C.P.R. as I expected, I missed him. I walked to Emersons Shop however, and found him about noon. We then walked back to George Street, and after going around doing some business, we finally took the Street Cars for the Junction again, arriving at McGregors before dark. We did not visit the Exhibition. Margaret and Mrs. McGregor had just returned a short time before from the City. There Margaret had made purchases at Eatons. Mr. Patullo joined us shortly after our getting there and we had a pleasant time.

FRIDAY # 9 (251-114)

Quite Cool and pleasant this morning, we were a little early on account of Brother Alex. having to meet the 7.30 train for Quelpah. After getting breakfast from McGregor, Patullo and myself, we accompanied Alex to the Railway Station and saw him off for Quelpah. We then returned to the house and had a pleasant time chatting etc. and got early dinner so as to meet the 1.15 P.M. train for the west. Mr. Patullo went off towards the City and we got off for the train. Joseph McGregor accompanied us to stay while at our place for the good of his health. We arrived at Rockwood shortly after 3 o'clock but there was nobody to meet us and we stayed there till the next train came in at 7 o'clock. Ewart then met us with the horse & buggy. The 4 of us then piled in with our 2 heavy boxes which made a heavy load. We drove away however and got home all right.

SATURDAY # 10 (252-113)

The temperature has become much cooler now and it is a pleasant change. Brother Alex & I have been taking a little ride round after looking about the fields while we drove round by Ewarton, calling first at Wells and then going to Kellogg's for the mail and calling at Maup, the Robinsons girls and the Abbotts. In the forenoon we went to Bufffields. Alex notes a great change among the people. They are getting much older looking and many gone who used to be around. Ewart plowed this forenoon. He thought to finish plowing the fall wheat stubble to day but he had to go to Coopers & threshing this afternoon. McLean's Steamer is threshing for home.

Sunday # 11

A very fine day. Ewart & Maggie were at Ewarton this A.M. The members were voting to day at Ewarton & Menawa as to keeping on Mr. Centon. I understand the vote was favourable. I drove Alex. up to Ewarton this afternoon. Calling to see Mr. Rafferty. I had tea at Archie Stephens and parked at the

A fine day. every thing is dry again, and we long for rain. it is a pity we do not get a Souther, the river is as dry as ever and we have the same trouble in getting the water for the stock. the pumps work hard and it is no easy job to keep plenty of water for all the animals. Ewart went to Coffey's threshing this forenoon and finished plowing the fall wheat stubble behind Peters place. I attended Robert McWilliams - Threshing. Mr Barber & John Weatherston are threshing for him. they threshed all day. they have to come back again, as Robert had not room in his granary for the grain on account of having his old wheat left on hand. Mr and Mrs Webby paid us a visit this afternoon. our Smallest white Cow (Barber) pigged this evening. She has eight pigs living. one was killed by one of our other young pigs which is inclined

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TUESDAY 12 / 6 (255-110)

Continues fine, but dry and warm. Ewart has plowed in the South front field. he has found it very dry and hard plowing. the flies trouble the horses a good deal. I have been busy to day fixing up the pig pen for putting up our pigs - they are going to market now on account of the stubbles getting bare of grain. we had the pea land rather thickly strewn with peas but they have got well picked up now.

Johny got
79 lbs rats

WEDNESDAY 13 / 6 (256-109)

No change in the weather. but appearances seem to indicate a change. Geo. Marshall tells me that the papers speak of the probabilities being for unsettled weather, so perhaps it may be true and that much rain will fall, it is seldom that so great a drought afflicts the Country so late in the season. Ewart has been at John Webb's threshing with the team all day. I made a rack for the stone boat and sold Mr. Morgan and I have done in some of the stone wood to the wood house. we also drove the cattle twice to John's watering place. our wells are getting low and we don't like to be too hard on them. I put up the hogs to fatten, there are 2 of the youngest better for fattening that I have taken to killing chickens by the week, the nasty winter deliberately tore them to pieces.

A very welcome rain fell this forenoon. I think it is the best shower that has fallen for a long time, although it is very far short of being sufficient for the great want that now exists. Ewart was again at Webb's with the team this forenoon, but got home about 11 o'clock. They were delayed some with the heavy shower. Josie and I have drawing in with Fred and the stone boat quite a bit of the stone work this afternoon. This is the day that Hammond of Braintree, the wife murderer, is to be hung the world has not come forward yet of the event having taken place but, no doubt, it has come off.

FRIDAY 16 (258-107)

Very fine day. Cooler and much more pleasant than when we roasted up for days as we have been in the past. We have just got a rest from the regular pumping of water that we have for a long time now had to do. I hope more rain will soon follow otherwise our pumping will have to be resumed again. Ewart finished up the plowing of the South frontfield at about 3 or 4 o'clock P.M. and commenced plowing in the pea land afterwards. He and Maggie hitched up the horse & buggy and drove over to W. H. G. after night.

Johny & I
by 6 o'clock
in from school
we did not
know of it.

SATURDAY 17 (259-106)

A little warmer turn, and looks somewhat unsettled in the weather. I have piled up the stone wood in the wood house that was drawn yesterday and drawn in some fresh loads today. Josie gave me some help although it looks rather too much like work for him after doing it some time. Ewart has plowed in the pea field all day. although the sheets are on the horses they are tormented with the flies and it makes them unsteady at their work. Josie and I took a drive up to the saw mill this afternoon. I wished to see if I could get some 2nd class lumber. I think there will be some available next week. we were called on by an old neighbor, Eugene Knight, now of Chicago this evening.

Sunday 18

A fine day. Ewart, Maggie & Josie rode twice to Everton meeting today. Margaret & I took a walk down to Webb's in the evening. we kept pretty close to the house all day.

A very fine day. Cool, but pleasant. it is an agreeable change to have the air come cooler than what has prevailed for such a long time in August & September. Smart has plowed all the stone day in poor land. I have been this afternoon at the stone wood drawing in, the pile has become quite small now, outside. I repaired Smart's shoes this forenoon and did up some other chores. John Webb was good enough to come and offer to take in our lambs into his rape and I accepted, with thanks, we re-harrowed them and took them right down before dinner, it was very kind of him. The water has begun to run in our Creek but has not reached our watering place yet. we sold our apples to day to - apples to Millman for \$1.⁰⁰ & \$1.²⁵ full and went to respectively. Minnie Millman could paid us a visit to day.

TUESDAY 19

(262-103)

The dry, cool weather still prevails. I sincerely wish this terrible drought would get broken up. The great heat that has prevailed with the high winds also have been the cause of drying up everything. we tried the driving of our cattle through to Johnny's watering place but it is difficult to get along with them as they get mixed up with his cattle, we therefore now take them to the lower line bridge, which is less stagnant now since the rain of last Thursday. Smart finished up the plowing of the pea land and commenced to plow in the back field (south) we intend putting it in roots &c next year. and will only plow it once this fall.

WEDNESDAY 20

(263-102)

A very fine day, Cool forenoon but warmer afternoon. I attended clearing up at Richard McMillan's Swamp to day. there was quite a gathering of the neighbours especially in the afternoon and they got a very good job done. The Catemys now are pretty dry. Robert McMillan's team was drawing stumps and logs all day also one of Richard's teams, and R. J. Kerr with his grey horse. Smart was harrowing to day at what is to be plowed again. there is yet a good piece of the back field yet to do.

Dull this morning and looked as if rain or some welcome change in the weather was impending. Ewart and I just had time to get one load of stones off the fall wheat ground before dinner and after dinner the rain came on, although it fell lightly chilly it was enough to make it unpleasant for some be exposed to it. Ewart finished the harrowing of the plowed land by between 10 & 11 o'clock. when he and I met to begin the storing of the fall wheat land. before that I drew out some of the stone ~~from~~ ^{wheeled up} all the chips and small pieces of the stone wood of the ground where the pile of wood stood. there is a goodly pile and will last the little quite a time. we cleaned up 2 bags of fall wheat for a grist. it weighs 11 bushels & 10 lbs

rain.
cleared the yard of the wood chips finished harrowing cleaning up wheat for grist.

FRIDAY 22

(265-100)

Quite a heavy rain last night. This is about the first rain of any consequence since the drought set in in July. I went down to the watering place this morning and there is plenty of water now. it nearly up to long dry before that I remember of. it must be between 6 and 8 inches since we had water for the stock in our watering place. I took the grist of wheat to the mill this forenoon. also 2 bags of oat for chop. 2 & 4 lbs. I paid the 150 lbs flour we lately got at the mill. out of the grist, and brought 258 lbs flour home. which makes 408 lbs out of 11 bushels & 10 lbs wheat which is 3 7/8 lbs to the bushel. there was 30 lbs short of the weight in the whole output. but will supply 2 bushels Manitoba wheat, which costs them 90^{cts} per bushel, to improve the quality of the flour. which accounts for the shortness in weight. Ewart plowed this afternoon. and I drove Mr. McGregor down to Rockwood six o'clock train which was a half hour later I had a disagreeable drive home as it rained all the way. and part of the way home also.

took grist to Exeter mill. 11 bushels wheat and some chopped chaff took flour to the train this evening plowing the afternoon quite a rain fell last night and this afternoon

SATURDAY 23

(266-99)

Dull and unpromising looking this morning. but although there was little or no sunshine it held up all day. Maggie and her mother drove Fred & Maggie to Quelpa to day. they had 22 lbs butter & 8 doz eggs. 19^{cts} for 2 lbs butter the remainder at 14^{cts} per doz. Ewart attended to some threshing to day. I had all the chores on my hands myself to day. and I plowed over 2 of an acre besides in the back (South field) field. the story acre is somewhat rough on account of under stones but it is wonderfully changed to the better after all. I was much shocked to learn of the death, after they came home, of Andrew Lott. he died last night about 11 o'clock and had hardly been an hour in bed when he expired. Mr. Lott heard him making some unnatural gurgling and tried to wake him, but he had gone to the sleep that knows no waking. he had not been complaining, but on the contrary, had considered himself particularly well in health.

Maggie and her mother to Quelpa to day to market. Butter and 8 doz eggs. Andrew Lott died last night.

Sunday 24

A pleasant day. the sun came out shining nicely which felt good after the gloomy spell. Ewart & Maggie drove to Exeter this forenoon and Ewart came home alone. and then drove off for all day again. Maggie stayed at night. May not have done all day excepting that I had a walk to Webb's as late in the afternoon.

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A very fine day but very high wind which is not a good thing for the apple crop as much of the fruit is being blown off the trees. Ewart went to the finishing up of John's Chertiers - thrashing and he returned home between 10 & 11 o'clock A.M. I did up the chares and plowed till Ewart came home when he took the plow. I then chared round the place all afternoon. Cleaning out the pig pen, and wheeled on the barrow no less than 5 big loads of cow manure that had gathered where they were being fed with corn. There is plenty of water now in the watering place so that there is no trouble on that score. I drove down to Everton after tea accompanied by Maggie and her mother to hear Mr. Phelps and the Baptist Minister of Guelph lecture on Prohibition. They were both good speakers. Ewart stayed at home and it was fortunate he did, because his Uncle Thomas and Hannah Stephens came along with horse & buggy to stay all night. They are on their way to the funeral tomorrow.

TUESDAY 27 (269-96)

Cool air but a very fine day. bright sunshine and pleasant. Ewart has plowed all day excepting that he had to do all the chares at night. Margaret & I drove to Guelph after getting dinner which was about 12.30. The funeral home was 3 o'clock and we reached Guelph about 2.30. There was quite a large gathering soon after we arrived. A Mr. Reid to whom Edmund Tilton introduced me. Spoke on the occasion his theme was the nature of Death that comes upon all men, and the resurrection of those who die in Christ. He spoke in glowing terms of the character of Andrew Tilton their deceased brother. They left just about 4 o'clock and a large procession drove to the Union Cemetery. We had tea at Willis. where John McKenzie, Bella & Children met Margaret & I. we left for home at 8.30 and arrived home about 11 o'clock. A Mr. Clay, a grocery man of Guelph committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver.

WEDNESDAY 28 (270-95)

A very fine day, a little warmer. The temperature seems to be tending to the warmer turn. Ewart drove in to Guelph to day with Fred and buggy. He wishes to order a suit of clothes at R.E. Nelsons. I plowed all forenoon, after doing the chares, in the South back field. There will be another good hay crop plowing to do to finish it. After dinner I cut a quantity of corn for the horses and drew it to the barn and started up to the saw mill at about 4 o'clock and got a load of Cull lumber for the sheep house building. There was, Mr. Bow, thought about 700 feet but he gave it to me for 3 dollars as he thought that perhaps the quality was not up to the last load.

Continues very fine weather, the sun shines out clear and the nights also are beautiful as there has been clear and splendid shining of the moon. (8-29)
 Smart finished plowing the south back field by dinner time. Afternoon he began the drying of the stones on the fall wheat ground and took off four loads. John McKenzie and I drove up to Quatic and recorded our notes for Prohibition. On the way up we called at McCutcheon and measured the wood that John cut for him. McCutcheon had it piled too high for to pass as 4 feet. he allowed it to be called 4 1/2 feet high on the Charles side. So that the longer one was allowed to pass at 4 feet high, as they were both high he need not have stuck at giving him his measure that he is a very keen man I reckon.

FRIDAY 29 30 (272-93)

A fine day. weather warmer than in the past while. Smart and I have been taking off the stones on the fall wheat ground. I did not feel extra well as it was rather hot round in that sheltered nook. we finished the job up by about 5 o'clock taking off nine loads today which makes 14 loads after the plowing. I have made a mess of my page by lifting my ink bottle by the corner.

October

SATURDAY 30 1 (273-92)

Another beautiful day. Smart plowed this forenoon in the fall wheat land. we have commenced our second plowing there. Afternoon he drove to Quatic with Fred to get his coat fitted. Maggie went in with Lizzie this morning. She returned with Smart. She paid for the butter 4 1/2 doz eggs 18¢ and 16¢ respectively. I have been busy fixing up the pig pen to say changing the yard so as both doors open out to the end yard. I had 3 posts to take out and plant again and the board fence to build again with new stretchers. John helped me a little while so as to let me away to get King shot all round. I had it done at Hockins. reset the old shoes 40¢ unpaid.

Sunday 2

Beautiful weather, but rain would be welcome. I had not much rest this forenoon trying to make the fire comfortable. Geo. Love & Mary visited us this afternoon also 1st Seytore to be Smart & Maggie were at Quatic today.

A very hot day, quite warm & close enough for July. Johny took a load of apples (23 barrels) 3 for us and 20 for himself. He had our team and Emert plowed with Johny's team. They were very warm and not very steady. Emert would much rather have our own team. The young mare is too quick for old Jennie. Maggie has been at Courtown all day helping Mary & Bella to make a dress for the latter. I have had a busy day with the chores and covering bedding for the pigs. Also pulled 8 rows of mangolds and took the leaves all off so they are ready for loading. Johny paid me four dollars as his share of the nite for the binder time. Geo. McWilliams was along with Johny with a load of apples (25 barrels) and his rack broke down. They had to unload all the barrels and load them up again making a lot of trouble.

TUESDAY # 4

(276-89)

Quite a change in the weather, from the hot cutting spell that has prevailed some time we now have it cooler and quite dull and lowering. A light rain has been falling a good part of the day, not enough to keep people indoors but enough to make it somewhat disagreeable to do out door work. Emert has been plowing the most of the day. He had to quit awhile before dinner on account of the rain being a little heavier. I began to take up the mangolds but the tops became so wet as to make it too disagreeable work to continue at. I repaired Maggie's shoes and sewed up a tug on Buffield's single harness.

WEDNESDAY # 5

(277-88)

Dull this morning and a little rain fell about six o'clock. The clouds cleared off about 10 o'clock and we had sunshine the most of the day. Emert ploughed all forenoon and after dinner he ploughed again till 12 past 2, when he brought up the plow and we hitched to the wagon, and drove in the mangolds. There were about 5 1/2 loads well filled up but Mrs. Cherkings on the wagon. I pulled and topped the balance while Emert drove up the loads and unbroke them. I pulled about 9 rows and helped to fill the wagon. It was late before I started out and I did some repairing to a tug for Mrs. Single's harness (Buffield's) shoe of Johny's

Heavy frost last night but not the killer that we had earlier in the season that cut off our potato tops so badly. I do not notice any particular damage through it. I cut down all our corn this afternoon lest we should get another frost that would spoil it. Our women are picking the snow apples to day. They have been falling off rather badly from account of the high winds formerly. Ewart has been plowing in the fall wheat land. Parker and Weatherston have been breaking down with their threshing machine at Mr. Shroton's and we will all be delayed accordingly. Johnny expects to thresh tomorrow afternoon and Monday forenoon. Mr. Cole in the afternoon interfere.

FRIDAY 7

(279-80)

Not so frosty as last night and this day throughout has been some warmer than yesterday. Ewart has plowed all day again in the 2nd acre corner. (fall wheat ground) & thinks he will be pretty well through it tomorrow. We sold our young mare (Mauds) this forenoon to Mr. Lison of Brampton for 90 dollars. I think I should have held her at 100 as I at first intended. As he was but a very short time in considering to take her and he said different times that he liked her. I prepared the barrels in the orchard, 4 of them. got them at River Mr. Williams and helped them come to pick apples. Colin Campbell and his mother called this afternoon, they staid to tea and fed their horses before driving to Guelph.

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from A. Martin
and 2 1/2
more
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Bought
Bought

SATURDAY 8

(280-85)

Fair weather. Johnny has threshed to day after dinner. Ewart plowed this forenoon and helped at the threshing afternoon. Maggie and her mother were at the apples to day.

Johnny
8 to the date

A fine day. ^{after did Johny threshing this forenoon} I ~~planned this forenoon~~ but, like the rest of us went to the sale in the afternoon. I walked down after dinner to John Webb's sale; it was said to start at one o'clock, but it was 2 o'clock before they began. I was installed as Clerk, right away. I objected on account of not being able to hear well and distinctly, but they would not take my answer. So I had to do it with Dayall Robertson helping me to finish up the business at night, in books, notes, making up accounts &c. I bought a Cow for \$37.75, and a Hse \$2.00. 2 loads of hay \$7.25, altogether \$47.00, due in a year.

TUESDAY # 11

(283-82)

A very rainy day. Johny got his threshing done about 10 o'clock this forenoon and the rain was on before he was done. They then moved the machine here and the men hung round awhile threshing & might thresh but eventually they left as they concluded it was too wet to thresh on account of the horse walk even it partially cleared up. This is the evening of the gathering at Webb to make the presentation of the easy chair and an address; a fine gathering was present about 8 o'clock P.M. with their families. Dr. McCullough was voted Chairman, John Curtis read the address John Hindley replied, and otherwise through the evening, entertained the society. Several said a few canards and musical recitations made up a pleasant programme until one o'clock in the morning.

WEDNESDAY # 12

(284-81)

Rockwood Show day, fine weather for a wonder, after all the rain the surroundings were very muddy, but the land soon dried up very much. I hitched up the horse and buggy and Maggie and her Mother and I drove down to the Show after dinner. There was a good attendance considering the dull morning. I heard them say there were \$205.00 taken at the gate, 10¢ admission. We had tea at David Stenmark's before starting for home. John McKenzie & family were there also Miller from Guelph.

Another rainy day. it is astonishing how easy it seems to rain this week. we did our threshing to day and a very disagreeable job it was. the horse walk broke up rather badly but the other work went on very well. I think we have about 150 or 160 bushels of peas, about 70 or 80 of wheat and perhaps 150 of oats. I paid the threshers 9 dollars for the whole threshing. it was a bare day & half but they thresh charge 9 dollars a day this season and I think they are reasonable with us.

FRIDAY # 14

(286-79)

A very rainy forenoon, and now and again rain in the afternoon. we had day for Erin Show. Ewart drove over to it but Maggie did not go. they say there was no rain at the Exhibition after a heavy shower about noon. they are all well but a little however and mixed up. Margaret & I drove over to Edward Colton's this forenoon, we found Mr Colton in a coat of Corns etc etc. and did not speak, but 2 sisters Mrs Reid of Georgetown, and Mr. Dick near Ash Grove were there.

Ewart drove over to Erin Show this afternoon taking Fred and the buggy after we returned from Colton. we had Dr. down there so Ewart had a good race. John McHenry and Bella were at the show, and John Campbell and some from Hazelton. they were better than I could be. it was a long drive in bad weather.

SATURDAY # 15

(287-78)

Cold last night and cooler to day. the sky however has got clear of much of the murky clouds that has prevailed now for the greater part of the week. and the water abounding everywhere is now getting a chance to drain away. Ewart has attended to Rick McWilliams threshing all day. I would have liked to see the plow going but there are too many things out of order so that I could not undertake to plow. I levelled down the horse walk which had got terribly cut up by the threshing during the rain. I also hauled the corn together and piled it against the fence, brought over the farrowing mill from Jimmy to clean up the mill in the barn. Dried up rappings in little white shoes. &c. & had another call from the horse buyer giving sent to his dissection.

Sunday 16

Beautiful day. sunny, sunny and very pleasant. Margaret & Maggie were at Erin Show. Ewart drove to it. Margaret and I drove down to see Mrs. Edward Colton, the doctor was there. he says she is in a critical state, although there are no additional bad symptoms. she is getting weaker on account of not being able to take nourishment.

A very fine fall day. Moderately cool forenoon, but it became colder afternoon and quite cold at night. Ewert attended Rich & McWilliams threshing today. They finished up about 4 o'clock P.M. and Ewert helped a little while to pick apples. Maggie and her mother have been picking quite awhile to day. Mrs. Lindal and I have been cutting the lumber required to put up our Sheep pen. I also hauled it out of the bush into the clearing by Doc, and we brought home on the wagon fall the posts excepting one that is on the land. we have eight posts 13 ft. 18 feet long, and 13 rafters, and a 36 foot plate.

TUESDAY 17 / 8 (290-75)

Rather dull this forenoon, and it broke out to be a perfect wet afternoon. Robert & John threshed till between 3 & 4 o'clock, when they quit. John was there and ran down at noon and hauled in his apples that were barreled in the orchard. we also drew in 10 barrels when it showed for a protracted rain. I wrote the report of Webb's address presentation last night, and mailed it this morning to Guelph to be inserted in the Mercury. I also got a new shoe put on Doc at Robertson and a bag of shorts at the mill 50¢ paid. Ewert and I cleared & bagged the mixed grain on the barn floor after the threshing. (5 bags) we put up the cows this evening in the stable, they were so cold and comfortable outside.

WEDNESDAY 18 / 9 (291-74)

Cleared up through the night. The stars were shining this morning which was a welcome sight after all the dismal weather of yesterday. we had the wagon all to prepare this morning to take the pigs to Guelph, and also the run away & C. we had quite a job getting ready but I started about 9 o'clock, or 10 minutes before getting out about 11:20. I had the hogs weighed and sold Chuck for \$25.55 before 12 o'clock, then hustled my 4 pigs into another man's rack and I was saved the journey up to the hog yard. The 3 pigs weighed 575, and the small one 115. I wanted the remaining 3 lbs. alone otherwise would not have taken the small one away. Barber took 25¢ of him for being so light. I got \$4.12 more, now it is under \$4.00. I had dinner at Miller. Sent 7 dollars for 2. Bolton to A. W. Gregor. I also paid R. S. Nelson \$16.00 for Ewert's suit of clothes. It rained again this afternoon. The folks at home picked some apples for picking to day.

A very fine day, Sunshine and warm. I have been busy picking apples to day, Maggie and her mother have also been at the same work. Ewart attended John W. King's threshing to day. They got through between 2 & 3 o'clock. William's Steamer — Ewart helped at the apples after returning home. I drew a lot into the barn this forenoon and Ewart drew the balance in before night fall. After tea I drove down to Everton for the mail, and also got 25^c worth oatmeal at Marshall's. Wilson's and Berge's. I just heard to night that Mrs James Bea on our town line dropped dead this morning, a fine and healthy looking person she was. That death comes to all and sometimes very unexpectedly. I got 100 lbs wire nails at Marshall's. 25 lbs Shingles, 10 lbs 2¹/₂ inch about the same of 546 inch spikes. The balance 3 inch. price \$2.⁵⁰ paid

FRIDAY # 21 (293-72)

Weather changed to the bad again. we have had a very wet afternoon. The forenoon was dull and threatening with some rain also. The land is getting quite wet now. I wish our potatoes had been up before so much wet came. Ewart has been at Duffield's threshing all day. They did not finish. Mr Lindall has been here to day. he helped me to draw up the rafters and stretchers from the back to day. Sales drew up the sheath for the plate. I agreed to give him his price for putting up the building, \$10.⁰⁰ for all the job, and I dig the holes and score back the plate.

SATURDAY # 22 (294-71)

Unsettled weather still prevails. Mr Lindall has been working at the rafters & under cover of the Cattle shed. he score hatched and beamed the plate in the afternoon. I had it cleared up. I helped him come after returning from the funeral. Margaret & I took Doc and buggy and attended the funeral of Mrs James Bea on the town line. the doctors say it was apoplexy that took Mrs Bea off. she lived two hours after being struck, but never spoke. there was a very large crowd at the funeral. She was buried in the grounds on their own corner.

Sunday 23

A fine day, but cooler than has prevailed for some time back. Ewart & Maggie were at Everton this forenoon. Willie drove out from Guelph and took Maggie down to Everton in the eve. Mr. Duffield from Rockwood and Henry & wife paid us a visit this afternoon and

A fine day. we put on the wagon rack this morning and Emert took in a load of furniture for Webb. I had a pain in my shoulder so that I could not lift very well above my head. and as they were quite a number at the loading and I did not go. Mr. Lindal was wanting the holes dug for the posts of the sheep house. So I let them get the things loaded without me going. it was about 11 o'clock before they got away. Henry Duffield and Robert McWilliams helped to load. our job was also there awhile. I dug 3 post holes and had the posts put in and fitted & filled in. other 2 were nearly ready too. they are 4 feet deep. I got the Spoon Shovel at Robert McWilliams.

TUESDAY 25

(297-68)

Another fine day for a wonder. it is rare to find 2 days consecutively fine just now. Emert ^{finished} the 2nd plowing of the fall wheat land. — the patch on the 25 acres. I finished digging the post holes shortly after dinner to day. and we got some help to put up the plate and the rafters. we had Henry Duffield, Robert McWilliams, Richard McWilliams, and our boys beside ourselves. we were not long in getting the pieces all up and spiced. it looks to be a good substantial building. the apple packers are busy at jobs to day. they intend being with us tomorrow. I drove up to Minnopa this evening to hear Mrs. Stratton M. P. P. speaking in behalf of Mr. Gibson. he is a fluent speaker and appeals hard for the people to vote for Gibson next Thursday.

WEDNESDAY 26

(298-67)

^{in the forenoon}
Rain to day. not very heavy but heavy enough to stop the work. the apple packers were with us this forenoon and packed 11 barrels. 9 barrel winter and 2 sweetings. I took the white (Barber) cow over to Kern this forenoon. Emert finished plowing the back fall wheat patch and brought up the plough this afternoon. he and I rigged up the wagon with the rack so as to take down the apples to Woodward tomorrow. Mr. & Mrs. John Webb called on us this evening. John is staying round for a couple of days so as to keep his note legal for tomorrow.

"Barber cow
away to day"

very hard frost last night and this has been a very cold day throughout although it became a little milder later in the afternoon. Ewert drove to Rossmore today with the apples. we had partly loaded on our own wagon and rack when Johnny came along wishing us to take 13 barrels for him. So they got Robert McMillan's wagon and rack and he took the 14 barrels, and our baskets. It was between 9 & 10 o'clock before they got away. They returned between 3 & 4 o'clock. Ewert was ready for his dinner. Mr Lindal worked away this forenoon although finding it too cold. he went away to help Robert Jettie this afternoon. Millman paid Johnny and us a dollar a barrel for the J. Sweetings although having reduced the price to 75^{cts} per barrel. we have started to put the Cows in the stable at night.

FRIDAY 28

(300-65)

Much milder to day. and it has been fair and fine. the ground was hard frozen however this morning I drove up to the Saw mill this forenoon to get some lumber. had hard work to get what I wanted. I only got about 200 feet of 2nd Class oak for Chertny, and 70 feet of basswood to help make the doors. we would rather have something else for doors as basswood rots easily when exposed to the weather. I also bought a square of Second Class Shingles, and a square of 1st Class \$1.40. for Mrs Ravays house. Ewertone \$3.60 in all. Ewert and I plowed up 12 rows of Potatoes this afternoon and picked them up. there seemed to be fully 12 bags. we shovelled them into the root house window. Maggie & her mother are preparing to go to Guelph tomorrow.

at the saw
mill to day
got lumber
and Shingles
\$3.60

SATURDAY 29

(301-64)

A most beautiful day, bright Sunshine and warm. it is certainly a very pleasant change from the cold and wet weather we have lately experienced. Ewert plowed up 7 rows of potatoes this forenoon and we picked them into the wagon and hauled them in before dinner. he then plowed up 9 rows after dinner and Albert Steffman helped him after 3 o'clock to pick after I left to attend the raising at Mrs Suttons. the building he put up for Sheep & hogs was composed of the old frame barn set up on a high stone wall. the upper part he means to use as a drive house. the timbers were very heavy. I rode over with Johnny. we all quipped to leave the roots on so fine a day.

Maggie and
her mother
at Guelph
to day. Monday
30 the 30th
Butter for
which they got
from Millman
170 lbs for
\$1.00
had 16 don
eggs at 16^{cts}

Sunday 30

Very misty and damp this forenoon with a little rain fall. partially cleared this afternoon. and the evening was fine. Maggie and Ewert drove to Ewertone twice to day. John McHenry & family visited us to day. had dinner & supper with us.

A very fine day. it has been very valuable to us in getting a good job done in potato lifting. Gus Heppernan came this morning to help us at the potato picking. Albert has gone to help his Aunt Mrs. Bess. Coughlin.

Sent 50c
dollar to pay
as to 4 dubs
for John Mc
Kinnin and
muffin
Sept 26c one
plus last month

Maggie helped us to pick potatoes too to day. we took in 2 loads one in the forenoon and one afternoon. we think there are about 3 1/2 wagon box full. The "Pioneer Savor" are a much better crop than the "Empire State". I had to fix up the potato line and run way, which, with other chores kept me away from the picking quite a while.

Henry Dupond took one of our "Weather" hams to Kankakee with his own. he sold her for 4 1/4 per lb. I killed and dressed another "Weather", a very small one for our own use. Mr. Lindal is fencing this week over at Scotts. 2nd line Gramosa as soon as done there he means to complete our building.

November

TUESDAY 31

(304-61)

Frost last night, and to day has been a little cooler although fine for picking potatoes. we finished up the potato digging and picking shortly after dinner after that we tried the Cultivator to throw up the covered potatoes. it choked up too easily however, and we resorted to the harrows. we gathered quite a few potatoes, by going twice over the ground with the harrows. it was about 5 o'clock when we finished up, and Smart had little enough time to empty the load and take back the Cultivator. Gus went home to night. I paid him 70 cts for his 2 days work. Maggie helped us to day. She topped some turnips this afternoon. Johnny has been drawing in turnips to day.

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WEDNESDAY 1

(305-60)

A beautiful day. bright sunshine and fine and fair if we have a few days of such weather ahead it will be grand for getting in our turnips. Maggie helped us top the turnips this forenoon and we finished them before the regular dinner time at 11.30 A.M. after noon we all worked at the apples. we had picked a few. but the greater part we just choon them off the tree. it is hard to get at the outside limbs of those old apple trees. we hauled them all in before night there were ten barrels and 7 or 8 bags. we intend taking the Snow apples to market as soon as possible. Johnny has nearly finished drawing in his turnips. we hope for fine weather wherein to harvest ours. bought a pair of Spectacles & Spectacles from Cheap John 50 cts.

Another very fine day. looks much like Indian Summer if it is so mild and beautiful. we have been drawing in the turnips today. we run the two wagons and Smart has emptied the loads while I drew them in. Maggie and her mother have helped in the field. we have taken in 10 loads today. Johnny let us have his team after 4 o'clock and Smart harrowed out the greater part of the turnips after that time. our turnips are a fair size but they will not pay out as they have done in some former years. Smart brings news of Mrs McKenzies Serv. having had her shoulder put out of place the other day also that Mary Lane is unwell. rumours of war again in the papers today. England & France seem to have difficulty in arranging their differences. it is to be hoped they will not resort to war.

FRIDAY 4

(307-58)

A most beautiful day. warm and pleasant sunshine. And just the thing for working among the turnips. we took in 5 loads of turnips this forenoon, and 9 afternoon ones. perhaps could have taken more in 10 but we quit a trifle earlier on account of not wishing to take a drive out after supper. Maggie and her mother, and I drove down to Overton to see Mary, who we heard was rather unwell. we found her better than she had been, and improving. on our way home we drove round by McKenzies to see Mrs McKenzie. She was also some better but she has got a bad chest. the doctor says her heart is weak and causes her some of her trouble. her arm is tied to her chest and has to be kept still for fear of again going out of place.

SATURDAY 5

(308-57)

Weather threatening this forenoon. and rain began to fall by noon, and kept wet all afternoon. we drew in the balance of the turnips 8 loads before the rain. we had about 1/2 a load more that we had to load and take in while it rained. we had tried by loading heavy for a few loads, to take them all in by 8 loads but failed, so that we have nearly 33 loads in all. Smart cleaned up the barn this afternoon, and opened a way through the side of the chaff pile from the barn to the house passage. I had other chores in hand.

Sunday 6

Rather disagreeable to day. Cold and wet, although the rain has not been heavy. Willie & Jennie accompanied by Mr Wallis, wife & children drove out from Guelph. Jennie remained here while the rest went to visiting. Willie drove down to Overton to get the doctor up to see his mother who has been suffering from rheumatism a pain below her shoulder. the doctor thinks it is "rheum."

Great storm of wind last night. I got up through the night to see what it was doing.

A flurry of snow last night and the frost has hardened the ground somewhat. it had rather a wintry appearance. Mary was with us last night staying with her mother. Mr. Seytonne drove up for her. Ewart and I have been busy all day trying to fix up things. So as to get at the plowing, it is getting late now and we may be shut out before long. we took over John's wagon and harrows, and then put on our own and our own wagon and brought the 2 loads of hay from Wilson's that I bought of him at Webb's Sale. After doing that we took up about 2 bushels of potatoes in our garden patch, and our other Chores kept us till night. Mother is some better today. She has had visitors, Mrs. Jettie, Lizzie, Mr. & Mrs. McWilliams, and Bella McKenzie.

TUESDAY 8

(311-54)

A fine day for work. Somewhat overcast but pleasant, a letter and Sunshine betimes. Mother is considerably better today. She got up out of bed this afternoon and came down stairs. She has got quite a share for the short time. Ewart plowed the corn ground and quite a piece of the front adjoining, we always now plow the corn patch the opposite way to the front. I had quite a job cleaning and fixing up our pulper for work. Got it started and after doing some other Chores - drove down to Everton mill. Got a bag of Shorts and 50^c oatmeal. paid a dollar for the whole. Called at Mary's for some bread. John McKenzie and Bella drove over this evening to see Mother. She has had quite a number of visitors. Willie called as he was on his way to Mamasa. he says he has arranged to stop in their present house till Spring.

WEDNESDAY 9

(312-53)

Overcast all day, and quite a bit of snow has fallen which has almost all melted away this evening. Ewart plowed a portion of the forenoon and later afternoon but it has not been pleasant work today. we were called on this forenoon by Henry Duffield and David Robertson. I have been doing up some necessary Chores, and this afternoon cut up some wood in the wood house, and fixed and put up the doors on the wood house. I have the pulper going now and have put up the Stew, we intend to fatten for the first time. Margaret is considerably better today, and has been down stairs all afternoon.

Quite a windy and stormy day, considerable snow has fallen, and little comfort or pleasure could be experienced by being exposed to the weather. The plow is stopped now ^{supposed} by being too much snow. Dougald Robertson drove up in his buggy accompanied by his son Miller to day, and purchased one of our ram lambs. I let him have his choice for five dollars. he picked one from a Croft ewe. he was a twin. the ^{other} one is also from a Croft ewe, but is a single lamb and they just weigh about alike, 128 lbs. The pigs are in January. we brought in all the sheep and put up all the ^{rest} of them, all their feed outside is covered with snow and it is very uncomfortable to be outside now. I feel sorry now that Willie Lindal did not finish up our sheep house when he was at it.

FRIDAY # 11

(314-51)

Frosty enough to keep all the snow that has fallen, and there is now quite a covering perhaps 4 or 5 inches. Ewart and I carted and bagged 10 bags of snow apples to take to Guelph tomorrow. I brought over the democrat and greased it, also loaded up the apples and drew them into the barn. Ewart drove "Doc" to Everton afterwards and got a front new shoe put on him by Robertson, he did not pay for it. I had all the stock to see after myself as Ewart was late in getting back. The cattle are awkward to tie up as they have been changed from their last years stalls.

SATURDAY # 12

(315-50)

A little milder to day. and the snow has been soft although it has not melted much. Ewart and I started for Guelph at Sharp Seven this morning, we got in in fair time but as the apples were a great drag, we had a terrible job disposing of them. Sold Mr. Struett 4 bags @ \$1.60. as part pay for a pump for the house well. gave one to Willie, and sold the other 3 @ \$0.40. 35. 45.25 respectively. got a pair long boots each, and a pair overshoes for Ewart \$5.90 altogether. also an overcoat for Ewart at McDonald \$6.00. got our dinner and horse feed at Willie. I walked up and saw the Wells for the first time in their house. they seem comfortable. I called round where Cap. Clark used to live in order to see him but he has moved before late in getting home to night.

Sunday 13th

Milder to day. the snow has been soft and has melted some. Maggie and Ewart have been at Everton twice. Mother and I have been at home all day, made up the No 2 pills.

Milder to day and the snow is quite soft. Considerable waste has been made of the snow but on the whole it is surprising how well it seems to keep. Smart tried the plow this morning but there was too much snow to make anything like a passable job.

Mr Lindal started to put on the sheeting this morning and he was joined about 10 o'clock by Thom Clark. They got along fairly well in the afternoon, the sun shone out a little warm, and made the roof very dry to what might have been expected. They got all the sheeting on and made all ready for the shingles and made quite a start at the shingling. I took up 2 Croft shoes to Henry Duffield's farm. We are using one of our own to the other ones. Smart & Maggie drove over to McKenzies this evening. rolled the apples into the cellar.

TUESDAY 14 / 3

(318-47)

Foggy this morning and it was some time before it cleared off, however it cleared up to be a fine day. Thom Clark drove over from home this morning and Mr Lindal and he ~~made the doctor and hung their~~ ^{put on a faithful days work} at the shingling. Lindal wanted to engage John for the day but that the most of the shingles could be put on, John however would not come, he would to draw out for money. I helped them quite a bit however. I took back the peas to Robert Morton 4 1/2 lbs, and Robert bought our ram lamb, he paid me for it four dollars and a half (\$4.50) after dinner I drove over to the Centre Inn and met the rest of the members of the "Board of Health". They were all there a little ahead of me. we agreed up our business for the year, and I have to prepare my report to the Council.

WEDNESDAY 15 / 6

(319-46)

Foggy again, but turned out to be a fine day. Mr Lindal was anxious to get some more help to shingle and offered our John either money or come back again to help him for it. John was drawing out manure and would not leave it. I helped him some. They got a good way up but the shingles are bad and they cant make very good headway. Smart has been trying to plow but there is yet too much snow for getting along any way well.

"Board of Health meeting"

Foggy again this morning but it cleared up to be a fine day. it was really very fine in the afternoon. Thom Carth and Mr Lindal worked on till dinner time, and then quit so that they could attend the sale. I also hitched up and Margaret and I drove over to the sale too. (Coughlins) I wanted to get a horse Colfax for King but was about half an hour too late. There were a number of them sold and I was disappointed. There was a terribly large crowd there and things seemed to be bought up pretty lively. we left for home between 3 and 4 o'clock. Calling at Emerson for the mail, and also drove round Vey McKenry's, where we had our tea and paid quite a while's visit. I paid Mr Lindal ten dollars to day, and told him I would yet give him another dollar when finished.

Geo. Coughlin
estate
Auction
Sale.

Paid ten
dollars to
Mr Lindal

FRIDAY 18 (321-44)

Weather somewhat unsettled and some rain fell this forenoon. it was fairer afternoon however and the rest of the day was not so bad. Thom Carth and Mr Lindal finished up the building by dinner time to day. They might have been done a little earlier but for the rain. The weather has not been very good for working at a building this week but they have persevered, spell and hard at last finished. I paid Mr Lindal another dollar to day, and he and Clark drove away to go to James Elphots to build fences. They have been very anxious to get done here so as to get at that work. Smart had to quit the cross plowing it was so soft, and he started to plow some of the sod.

Mr Lindal
finished
the building
to day noon
I gave him
a dollar more
than day
before.

SATURDAY 19 (322-43)

Colder again and somewhat overcast. it looks as if we might have another fall of snow. Smart has plowed some at the sod to day again. he also plowed some in front field this afternoon. I have had a large choring and fixing up around the building. I piled in the lumber into the building and gathered up and wheeled into the wood house the short pieces of boards &c. piling back turnips in root house and nailing slats on windows to keep out the fowls, we put rings in the snout of the Parker Cow. She has been doing a lot of rooting lately.

Sunday 20

A fine day. Smart & Maggie drove to Emerson this forenoon. Maggie remained and Smart drove down the Cozynt line. Mathis & I have been at home. Called on by Robert McWilliams, he is going to thresh tomorrow.

Frost last night, and the land has been much of the most of the day on account of the thawing out of the frost. It has been a very fine day throughout. I set up the leach for Mother this morning and looked after the cattle and stables, and then spent the rest of the time plowing in the front South field. I finished it all to head lands and potato garden. Ewart attended Robert McWilliams threshing. They expected there would be but a very short crop upon but it kept them humming away till near dark. Maggie and Ruth McWilliams took their Annual drive collecting for the Bible Society. They had a fine day for it.

TUESDAY 22 (325-40)

A fine morning, but the sky was very red at sunrise and it soon became overcast and dull, and it began to rain about ten o'clock. I took a drive up to the Saw mill before dinner time to see if I could get some planer to fix up our pig house with, they have it and Mr Gow promised to keep it for one or two days, we are anxious to get our plowing completed. Ewart finished up the front South field and started in the field between the barns alongside the fall wheat. Mrs Morton paid a visit this afternoon. Ewart clipped the hair off Flocks leg where it is supposed there is another spavin. Started and rubbed on a blister we obtained from Mrs Linda C.

WEDNESDAY 23 (326-39)

Hard frost last night and this morning the ground is quite hard frozen. Ewart tried the plow but it was no use, it is seldom the land is so quickly frozen so as to shut out the plow.

Ewart drove to Carleton afterwards and got 1030 lbs shorts at the mill (13 bags) which he paid for, also the 2 bags he lately got, amounting in all to \$8.25. 14 dollars per ton. Will Houtz told Ewart the price of shorts is going up, they are now in Quebec \$15 a ton. Have been fixing up around the new building and doing up the Chores. Sent away a letter to Brother Alex. Meaford, also one to Alex. McGregor containing 24 dollars as interest on note.

Thanksgiving day.

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 24 (327-38)

1898

A fine day but quite frosty, the ground is getting quite hard now, there is no thawing through the day and the roads are very rough in consequence. Mother and I being invited by George and Mary to a Thanksgiving dinner at their house, we left home about 11 o'clock and drove there, and put up our horse in the meeting house shed. we partook of our share of the turkey & pumpudding with Mrs & Mr Loe, Bent and Mr Seytonne. George came also and had his dinner but could not stay as he was attending a threshing at Adam Matterston. we spent a very pleasant while indeed, Mr Seytonne had to leave a little early to attend a social at Minnosa, he made me a present of a Book, The Lincoln Speeches &c. I gave him a quarter dollar for another Book (paper cover) In his shop, "What would Jesus do". bought a pair of Boots for little Willie at Marshalls. 95 Cts

FRIDAY 25 (328-37)

Continues frosty and dry. The ground is now becoming hard. it is nice dry footing but very rough. Smart did up the Chores and come firing round this forenoon. I also had some firing to attend to, after dinner we hitched up the team and drove up to the Saw mill. I got about 54600 feet of Cedar plank. Call Glass, which Mr Loe let me have for 2 dollars, and which I paid for. a very cheap load of stuff. The road from the line into the mill is in awful condition it is now frozen up however which makes it better than before. Bella drove here today to see about Willie and took him away with her, he did not care to go home yet, and had a cry to himself on the head of it. he has been very contented and happy while here, after a week now.

SATURDAY 26 (329-36)

A fine day. but wintry. There was quite a little fall of snow last night and the ground is all over white again now. Johnny drove to Gualph today with the democrat. he got his new harness today. Smart and I have had a lot of firing to do up to day. we piled away the lumber we brought from the mill and hung up and arranged implements in the driving house. Cutting wood, fixing doors &c. The snow on the ground makes it cold and disagreeable for the fowls and other stock and we have been providing for their comfort. the geese we have shut up in the old sheep pen and have a good chance there of feeding and otherwise seeing after them. the turkeys get the cattle shed where there is a roost provided for them.

Sunday 27

A fine day. moderate wintry weather and pleasant. George Loe accompanied Smart & Maggie home from visiting and returned with them in the evening. Willie took a ride out from Gualph. he is with Annie Abbott with him now. they are moving and they are getting ready to leave home.

George Loe
Maggie
& Willie

A very fine winter day. The snow does not waste much - excepting when it is much travelled on, and as the roads were rough before the little snow came they soon get bare. I drove over to the Centre Inn and presented my report of the Board of Health, and got the money. \$32.⁵⁰ in all. I gave Mr. Argo 5 dollars to hand to Mr. Auld and paid over to D. Selbot 14 dollars and the same to Hugh Blyon. Sales paid \$13.⁰⁰ to Dr. McCullough on the same business which left 19 dollars to myself. Sales paid 2 dollars to the Dr. for ourselves. I drove over to Mr. Boughlin and bought 2 old horse collars, for which I paid \$1.⁷⁵. I bought a lantern at 4.⁰⁰. Marshall 70¢ and paid him also for the book I got for little Willie 95¢. Sales sent four dollars (\$4.⁰⁰) over to him for a D. U. W. Assn't. which pays up to date, and 50¢ surplus to be applied on next month's Assn't. Mother and I took a drive down to McKenzies this evening. Johnny took 3 fat hogs to the butcher to day. Weight 4 1/4 & 3 1/4 for the season.

TUESDAY 28 29 (832-33)

A very fine day. The temperature has been milder to day. This afternoon the snow has been softer and melting a little. we have killed 2 pots of turnips & potatoes for the turkeys to day. we had to fix up a place for the old sow to day. as I notice her time is about up for pigging. Smart has clipped Fred to day. he had him partly done before. we are asked to a sewing bee to morrow and I changed the saw this afternoon for it. Smart and Maggie are over to Oapridge this evening to a S. S. Social held in the Church. I got Mr. Lindal to come down and look at our pig house this evening so that I could make preparations for fixing it some of these days. Johnny killed 4 pigs to day for their own use. Robert McMillan was the butcher.

WEDNESDAY 30 (833-32)

Continues milder. Some more snow but quite soft. Smart attended a sewing Bee at Oapridge to day. I have been very busy all day with the usual chores besides cleaning out the pigs. I got the cleaning out done mostly before dinner and then I hitched up the team and drove up to the saw mill. I got some scantling and 10 narrow boards of inch stuff. he called it 100 feet altogether and gave it to me for 75¢. he charges very reasonable for lumber when it is not first class. I got the stuff to day for fixing up the pig pen with. we are now boiling turnips & potatoes for the turkeys and mix it with pea meal.

December

November

THURSDAY 30 / (334-31)

1898

Rather a snowy and stormy day. quite a little fall of snow. but not sufficient to make good sleighing. Smart got a cold yesterday at the Sauring Bee and he don't feel much like work to day. I have been preparing the pig house for going at the fixing up work of putting in 2 more pens in the South Side of the house. I John helped us out with the old furnace, have lifted the kettle out of the outside frame. the kettle has got pretty well shaven up and nearly useless. I took out the staves and other things and drew forward Cedar logs to make a layer for the balance of the floor. our oldest white cow pigged this evening later she had eleven. but she overlaid one.

white cow
pigged this
evening
10 pigs being

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 31 (335-30)

A fine day again. wintry and a little cold, they say however the snow is not staying on the roads and the wheels will have to be resorted to again. Mrs Lindal has been working at the pig pen to day. and I laid the unfinished part of the floor. Lindal has the work pretty well formed on the one side, but there is quite a lot of waste in fixing up those pens with a crimping apparatus above the trough. the trough stuff is rather very hard (red buck) and dry and they are hard to make up. John McRenzin and Bella & children were over this forenoon. John drove up to Mr. Gault's for his articles, and our plow among them. Smart went with him and drove them down home to him.

SATURDAY 1 (336-29)

A fine day. mild and pleasant with Sunshine clear & bright. the snow has melted fast this afternoon. Maggie and her mother started about 7 o'clock this morning for Quilich. they took 2 or 3 and the buggy. a good many took the ranuncs and wished before night they had taken the wheel. they had butter & eggs. 16 for the former, 18 the latter. They were at Millie's for dinner at their own house in the west end. they got back home in fair time. Mrs Lindal came back this morning and worked all day at the pig house. Robert Jester went to Quilich to day instead of working in the buck as intended. we got the South Side of the pig house in 2 pens and finished. I paid Lindal 2 dollars and he charged me 80¢ per day. as he is paid 40¢ on next work. Smart did the most of the chores and cared for us to day. he is unwell with the cold.

Sundays 4.

Soft and mild. wind from the east, and hoar frost this morning and forenoon. became stormy about 3 o'clock which increased in storm at night advanced. Smart and Maggie drove to Quilich meeting this forenoon and Ed. Abbott accompanied them back. Ed & Smart drove over to Osprey afternoon. they started for Quilich at night but turned back when about going gate.

Quite a snow fall last night and it has been drifted badly in places. we have had to ply the shovel pretty freely this forenoon so as to get around any way reasonably at all, and the snow in many places about was uncomfortably drifted into the buildings. Eddie Abbott, joined with us all forenoon. Ewart and him heaped up 4 bags of peas & oats and after dinner they drove down to Everton and Ewart got the 4 bags chopped. Henry Duffield was out here this forenoon and rode down with them to Everton. Allie & Ada Webb came here from McWilliams this afternoon and are staying all night, they are out now on a visiting tour.

TUESDAY # 6

(339-26)

Continues stormy and the snow keeps falling. it is not very frosty or cold however. but the snow is piled up into heaps more than I remember of at so early a time in the season. Ewart & I have been trying to get things into better shape for the stock - everything now wants to be under the shingles and protected from the driving storm and drifting snow. we cut out the log acting as a breast beam in the pig house and put the 9 largest pigs into one of the pens. we also took the younger litter of 8 and put them in the other new pen, both on South side. the 8 were in the cattle stable and we have broken down the partition between where they were and the old cow with her litter of ten. and she now has the whole household family. Ewart drove the milk girls to Morton this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY # 7

(340-25)

Windy all night and this morning dawned pretty nearly as rough as ever. the frost is keener too and the snow drier so that it has drifted badly all day. Ewart intended going to Weymouth today to see the "Fat Stock Show" but the rough and cold weather prevented him. Henry Duffield drove in, he intends staying all night. Ewart and I have not done much else than attend to the feeding and cleaning after the stock. I split up some wood in the wood shed. and sewed up a long rip in one of John McKenzies Boots. Bella and little Miller drove over with kids and she this afternoon. they had a rough time getting over. I think those who have attended the fat stock show in Weymouth will wish they had stayed at home.

Rough winter weather. the snow is very plentiful and when the wind is up it makes uncomfortably deep between and behind fences. around buildings &c. Ewart drove his mother up to Duffield this afternoon when she is giving them a lesson how she prepares her geese for market. Ewart rode down to Euston with Charlie after leaving his mother up there and Charlie brought her home again when he returned from Euston.

Conception Day—(Quebec)

FRIDAY # 9 (342-23)

Continues wintry. lots of snow and it is keeping well. the wind has not been so high today until night when it became windy again. I fear the roads will soon get impassable if the wind keeps up so high. Bella has been over today with his fowls. 4 turkeys and 6 geese and our folks 6 turkeys & 4 geese and prepared them for the market. Mother went over to Bella's this evening John drove over for them and the children are left with us. They intend going to Guelph tomorrow I did not think it wise for Mother to go over there to night as there seems to be a heavy blow on hand Ewart intends going there in the morning and putting Dr. in with their young mare. I repaired John's boot.

SATURDAY # 10 (343-22)

Very stormy last night and drifting of snow. Ewart did not go to McKenzie on account of the stormy morning when Bella & her mother started for Guelph but found the roads so heavy & bad that they decided not to persist on going and drove up our town line instead and left the fowls and took home the children. very few from here ventured to go through to Guelph. there were some however. the stage did not run. The Webb girls came here again this evening they expected to go home today if they got a chance of a ride but none turned up on account of the state of the roads.

roads are badly snowed up.

John & Bella & her mother started for Guelph but did not get through.

Sunday 11

Snowed up rather badly. our folks contented themselves sufficiently to stay at home all day. I can't remember when they did that before. There have been very few rides in the town today. Geo. Large drove Mr. Seymour up as far as John's place and then half across the slide road towards the other line. but after supper and I spent awhile here on their way back. the roads were too badly drifted

Seymour & Geo. Large started for Mr. Seymour but returned on their way back.

Cold and windy. The Webb girls have been with us since Saturday evening. They went down to McWilliams this evening so as to go to Guelph tomorrow with them. Miss Dickson has been here to day making a dress (waist) for Maggie. She too goes to Guelph tomorrow with our folks. Charles Rogers came to day and paid us a visit. He came to Mrs McWilliams on Friday or Saturday last. He seems to be a very fine young man. He tells me he intends starting farming on his own account next spring. Smart drove down to McKenzie this afternoon. He brought the 2 children up. As they intend going to Guelph tomorrow. and they will leave them here till getting back.

TUESDAY 13 (346-19)

Very extremely cold day. have heard the thermometer recorded 15 below zero at Guelph. Smart & his mother started off to Guelph about 8 o'clock. This morning they took all the poultry and drove round by McKenzie. They also came home. Calling that way. So as to take them home. They had not very good sale for their fowl. from 8 to 9 Cts for the turkeys and 3 Cts for the geese. There seemed to be a glut in the market. I had a very busy day at home. Had all the chores to do and had to clean out all the pig boxes. also shovelled snow for Maggie to get her washing hung up. it was pretty late before they returned home long after dark.

WEDNESDAY 14 (347-18)

The Cold keeps up very steady. but I think it has given way a little this evening. we don't attempt to do any work outside of the buildings. it is very seldom such a spell of real hard winter weather has visited the Country in the past 30 years so early in the season. I was cutting up some wood in the wood shed. and fixing up the pig house so as to keep the pigs warm. cleaning them out and bedding them. Smart has been trimming up the steer and fixing round he drove over to Kears to adjust an overload in the mail and brought home our 2 cows from Duffields.

extra chore

Smart drove over to R. J. Kears.

brought home the 2 cows from Duffields.

Frosty and Cold but more moderate than what has prevailed for some time. Mr Lindal came along to day and we have worked all day at the pig house. the days are very short now, I think it was fully 12 after 8 this morning before he started work and it is too dark to work any longer than about 5 o'clock P. M. which makes a very short day. Ewart and I had the breast log cut out and otherwise prepared the right hand side of the passage for going to work on the pens. we got the one pen built and partly prepared the others, but the time is so short that there can't be much done.

FRIDAY 15/6 (349-16)

Continues very wintry. the frost is pretty keen and not any melting of snow through the day. Mr Lindal has been again at work to day. but did not finish up yet. we have now the two pens built. but there is the greater part to do yet to the last pen. I divided up the 9 hogs taking but the 3 fattening hogs into one of the new pens which leaves the ground clear for finishing up the whole of the pens. Maggie and Ewart took a drive over to McKenzies this evening. old Mrs Cutting had been disturbed an evening or so ago with noise round her house and a pane of glass was broken. John McKenzie got up and investigated but could see no trace of footprints around the buildings. and as there is lots of snow. no person could come there without leaving their tracks. it is a mystery.

SATURDAY 16/7 (350-15)

Cold moderated considerably. but still wintry enough. Mr Lindal has been again at work to day. we finished up the pens and did some other extras. we cut the window sash smaller and hung it on hinges so that we can now turn it up and throw out the manure there, which we did to day. Lindal also made a box and spout for holding the hog feed which is to be joined to the big box above which is to hold the feed. we opened up the floor to day and put up the organ box. I paid Lindal 2 dollars which, with the 40^c overpaid last time pays up in full for these last 3 days work. 80^c per day. enough.

Sunday 18

A fine day. Margaret & I, as usual. have kept close to the house all day. I have had my eyes tired. Ewart & Maggie drove to Everton this forenoon, Maggie remained at Everton until evening when Ewart drove down again and brought her home.

Ewart took
660 lbs wheat
bags included
thruing and
full wheat
thruing and
got 410 lbs
and
230 lbs of
20 lbs of
original weight
paid me 10 lbs
for grinding
finished the
hog pen body
paid Lindal
in full to date

A disagreeable east wind blowing which increased in cold up to noon. we rose a little early this morning and did up all the Chores by breakfast time. we then took up the tub and other things in the cutter to Duffield and drove up our 3 pigs on foot. it was a very cold job but we killed and dressed the 3 of our own land 6 of theirs and were done about one o'clock. we weighed ours, which are very light 105, 127, 136. They were from the Sow I bought of Barber in Guelph and didn't thrive and grow as they ought. They were well fed and attended. Duffield were much younger and would likely average about 180. I paid Henry Duffield one dollar a day for the keep & privilege of our 2 cows running with his this last month on this young pigs name.

Killed one pig, along with Henry Duffield. paid a dollar to Henry Duffield for using name.

TUESDAY 20 (353-12)

A very soft turn of the weather. rain has fallen the most of the day. Ewart's hand & wrist has been quite sore to day from the effects of a cold he got yesterday while I was emptying a pail of hot water into the scalding tub his hand came in contact with the flowing water. Henry Duffield was here a while to day and as I was cutting up the pork he chopped in and showed me how he cut up by taking out the back bone. I got it all nicely cut up and all salted this evening.

Willie came from Guelph last night and on account of the rain he is staying here all day. we killed 8 turkeys to day, including our big gobbler which we are preparing for our own Christmas dinner. it is cooler a little this evening and we intend going to Guelph tomorrow if the weather is favourable. Willie, Ewart and their mother drove to Ewart this evening and sold 4 geese at 5¢ per lb. turkey trade.

Mr. Mack Sutton taken to Guelph hospital this evening. or left late at night. one folkie must have gone in.

WEDNESDAY 21 (354-11)

Very little, if any, below freezing point. but mother and I hitched Doc to John's cutter and drove to Guelph taking the 7 turkeys and a basket of eggs. (10 doz & a half) 220¢ per doz. \$12.10. Sold 4 turkeys @ 9¢ and 3 to McCrean @ 8¢ and got an order on McDonald for \$2.80. I got a new riding coat for \$3.00 and paid the 20¢ in cash. we drove up to Willie's house on Lincolnton Street and had our dinner there and horse fed and attended. John Campbell was there, also Edmund Lovell who is boarding with them. Ed. has not yet opened out his show room, but is engaged. before in finding out those in need of machines (mowers & binders) and getting their promises to deal with him if he can suit them better than anyone else. They promise to wait and see the machines before buying elsewhere.

The turkeys by keep for our Christmas dinner weigh about 31 lbs. he is a fine bird. Guelph market to day with 7 turkeys.

very unpleasant weather. very soft and the most of the afternoon it rained pretty heavy. it is rather a pity the weather has taken that bad turn to day. as the Everett people will be badly disappointed, no doubt, if the receipts from their tea meeting and Social fall very short on that account. I made up my mind not to go to it some time ago, but wished all the rest to go. Mother also kept at home however on account of the weather. Maggie and Ewart went to it, they charged 28¢ per head. admittance. and Maggie has shared largely for it. of course she goes in free. but whoever else would go will have to foot the bill. Charles Rogers went down this evening with George Williams.

FRIDAY # 23 (356-9)

Any improvement in the weather, but nothing to boast of yet, we are having a good deal of rather unpleasant weather. Changeable and windy, we are not able to get along with much work excepting the usual chores, feeding and cleaning and otherwise tending the stock. Ewart & Maggie went down again to Everett this evening. Their Mother also went along with them to attend a Supplementary Social. They thought they had better hold another to night on account of the small attendance last night caused by the bad weather. The fee was \$1 to night. Auntie Kate sent up word that some of the girls will be up tomorrow to attend our "jeans" on Monday. Charlie Rogers went down to Glen Williams to see his friends and intends returning Monday morning.

Ewart took 6 bags of chop to the mill 30¢ grinding and \$1.70 for month. Short \$2.00 paid alone to night. Mother, Ewart & Maggie at Exhibition. Supplementary Social. Charlie Rogers coming to Glen Williams.

SATURDAY # 24 (357-8)

Moderately Cold, but a little windy and rough. I have had all the work on my hands to day as Ewart went early on to Guelph this morning. He is charging his rifle for a smaller one, and he has long bid out to go in and see the Christmas display. I had to hurry up my work and get things ready for the evening work after my return from Rockwood. I got away about 2 o'clock P.M. to meet the Georgetown friends. The train was due, I think, about 2.30. it was late however and just came in so I got there about 3 o'clock. There was just James & Kate. The young folks are staying to look after things. Joe has a new fed on hand and is expecting a busy time. I forget the high latitude name.

Ewart away from Guelph. I drove to Rockwood and met James & Kate at the Station.

Sunday 25.

A little more Sunshine today and fine, but windy. Auntie Kate went to Everett meeting with Ewart & Maggie this forenoon. I stayed at home with me. I am all remained at home, but Ewart & Kate went to Everett in the evening and brought up Eddie Abbott. we all took a walk over to Shropshire and spent a pleasant while there.

Quite a wintry day, not especially cold, but very little Sunshine and the roads heavy from recent blizzards. The wind sprang up this evening again and made it rough and unpleasant. All our friends came to hand about noon to day and were ready in their place for their Christmas dinner. Eddie Abbott drove our team to Everton and brought up Sarah & Catherine Robertson (Grace is at Bathurst on account of her nephew's illness) the 2 Mrs Abbott, James & Peter and Aunt Janet. Mary & Mrs Seyton, Uncle Josh, Solly, Hannah & Archie, Emerson & Alice Charles Rogers, who came up from Glen Williams this morning. John & Kate and Chilhow. Willie & Jennie from Annapolis. Johnny & Lizzy, Auntie Kate & James and Geo. Lorne. Afternoon meeting I, all told with ourselves & Billie children we had a very pleasant time in Social Chat and Singing &c. Mr Seyton as usual entertained with his usual quota of stories. The turkey & goose were well broiled and fine. Other things seemed equally so and well enjoyed by the company. A general break up took place about ten o'clock, a number going away much earlier. Willie & Jennie, Emerson Solly & Alice among them.

Family and
other friends
Reunion
Christmas
Dinner &
Supper
The names
of the guests

TUESDAY 27 (360-5)

A very windy and rather disagreeable day. The wind blew high last night which has caused considerable drifting of snow and drifting up of the roads, it is somewhat unusual to have such blizzards and cold winter weather so early in the season. James & Kate had a good deal of watching of the wind and drifting this forenoon and had almost made up their minds to remain another day or two, although being very anxious to get home, my thought perhaps the roads might be worse before getting better however, and Emert started off with them with the double team and Clifp about 3 o'clock and called at Everton for Auntie Janet, who also went with them. The roads were better than Emert expected and he got back home about 1/2 past 5. I paid Kate \$5.00 as interest.

Stormy
Day!
Drove to
Rockwood
with the
Moore
3 dollar paid

WEDNESDAY 28 (361-4)

Frosty and cold last night and this morning. Below zero when I looked at the thermometer this morning. The wind fell through the night and the moon shone particularly clear. It was with difficulty I did up some little fixing around. The frost was so keen as to bite the fingers pretty sharp. Daugald Robertson and wife paid us a visit this afternoon and had tea with us. George Abbott also came along about the same time and had tea with us. Maggie went to the Opening Social this evening. Emert drove down to Everton in the evening and got some of the papers. Very beautiful clear moonshine these evenings.

Mild and thawing to day. The snow has gone very considerably this afternoon. Ewart drove out to day with Doc he got a Chae put on him at -
 Ewart (kind) he drove round by McKenzies.
 Belle is away to Mrs Suttons for a day or two.
 I have been doing up the Chae's alone and fixed up the ladder in the pig house. we had R.J. -
 Her, wife & family and his two sisters this evening on a visit. They did not leave till after 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY 30 (363-2)

Thawing this forenoon, but before noon it became clearer and colder and was not long in freezing. we had the turkeys starved for killing, but on account of the cost turn of the weather we fed them this morning. we made up our minds however to kill them after all. And they cut open their breasts and took out the pees. They killed and dressed Lingies geese (7 I think) and then she helped them to fill and dress their 14 turkeys. They had a very busy afternoon. Ewart went to Robert Mortons and helped him saw wood this afternoon. I am preparing to go to the train in the morning for Meaford, going by way of Keweenaw & Georgetown. Sending three dollars to Ewart for A.D.W.W. Admits. 51. over plus cost time.

Admits to
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 C.D. 66. 10

SATURDAY 31 (364-1)

Meaford.

A very cold day. The frost was from last night and continued to all day. Ewart and I rose early this morning and Ewart drove me to Keweenaw to the 6.24 train we had just about on how to make the train, but although D.A. was saying the trip. I. Shod and the roads icy we were there on time. The train was 1/2 an hour late. I had my breakfast at James Moors and started north from the Junction at 7.50 a.m. went by Allandale and arrived at Meaford at 2 P.M. found the friends all well. Rachel Senter was at the Monitor Office and took word from that I was at Meaford. John drove to Guelph with the Plough to day taking Lingie and his Mother along with their poultry. Millman bought Lingies geese at 50¢ per lb and one 13 turkeys at 13¢ = \$11.72. 7¢ off for one that was crowded in the breast.

Meaford -
 Georgetown
 account a
 the trip I.
 up to Meaford

Guelph Market
 Turkeys and
 Geese -

Meaford

Wintry day. There is much more snow here than in Keweenaw. quite cold to day. James drove to Alex. with his horse and Carter and waited dinner with us after which, we drove to his home and after spending a pleasant afternoon and visiting of a Turkey Cuckoo we returned to Meaford. James driving us in his Carter

Sunday / New Year's day

James house
 at supper, he
 drove us there
 and back to
 Meaford.

Meaford, Monday January 2nd 1899.

MEMORANDA

There is a busy and exciting time over the elections here to day. I have been back and forth from Alex's office and house. Alex's girls, only Ella who was home yesterday, were at home. We had a very pleasant time. I called to see David Mitchell's folks. David was so taken up with the elections that I did not see him. A farmer from Bertha's School Section called at the house and took her to her boarding place there. She commences to teach tomorrow.

Tuesday 3rd = Not quite so cold. I had quite a walk round Meaford this forenoon. Alex has been collecting all the information about the elections. James walked to Meaford this forenoon and had dinner with us at Alex's after which we bid the friends good bye at the house and walked together to the Railway Station where the train started exactly at 3 P.M. The train on reaching Allendale, backed up to Hurrie, and afterwards ran down to Georgetown on time. 7:40 P.M. the train for this week went up about an hour before, not connecting. I stayed at Auntie Kate all night. found that Joe had exhibited his show on Monday night, which proved a bad night, on account of other attractions in the town.

Wednesday 4th = A very rainy night in the past. This morning at last as clear and continued so all day. we did not attempt to do any other work than to attend to the wants of the stock.

Thursday 5th = Froze up again last night, and all the ground around is in a glaze of ice. Johny cut some staves this afternoon, we have got 2 new knives for the straw cutters and Johny put them on. The horse power seems to go finely since being worked.

Friday 6th = Rather a snowy day. Not a heavy fall but keeping at it slightly making it uncomfortable outside. Maggie and Charles Rogers took a drive down to McKenzies together.

Saturday 7th = A terrific day for wind and although there is not much snow falling yet what there is, keeps driving before the wind and drifting around the buildings and behind the fences. it has been very cold also. Charles Rogers accompanied George McMillan's to Lively to day. The sister Willie, and saw Annie Junior. Alfred Duffield also was with them. took away the cow from the young pigs.

Possessions, passions and opinions change.

And passions hold a fluctuating seat.

But, subject neither to eclipse nor wane.

Duty remains.

— Wordsworth.

Sunday 8th = Wind moderated but continues very cold. Maggie and Ernest accompanied by Charles Rogers drove the cutter to Hurrie this forenoon to meeting. Mother and I kept close to home. it is the warmest and most hospitable place than old days.

Monday 9th = Somewhat stormy to day, and very cold. These days are so cold that we do not look much round for work beyond doing up the feeding and other chores. I drove to Hurrie this afternoon and got a bag of chaff for which I paid 10/- took a turkey to Mary. She paid 75/- for it. Johny McKenzies were to Lively to day with a load of oats. I met him coming home at about 3 P.M. he got 24/- per ton. Maggie, Mother and I paid our first visit to the Wilsons this evening. had a pleasant time.

Date. January CASH ACCOUNT—January. 1899 Received. Paid.

Tuesday 10th = Frosty and Sharp but pleasant day. Sunshiny and not windy. Billa and the children have insisted with us to day. John has been helping Wakewood to thresh to day. A messenger brought word this evening to John of the death of Jago's child at Bristle, Wakewood. Lizzie drove down there to day. John made up Stewart's mixture for washing the cattle for lice and washed them this afternoon. There was enough left to do our own and I washed them this afternoon. The horse (King) is unwell this evening. I drenched him with salt and oil. Wednesday 11th = Extremely cold last night. frost 10 degrees below zero. It has been very cold and frosty all day. King seemed to be easier this morning than he was through the night, and steadily improved through the day. I drenched him again this forenoon with another bottle of Linseed oil and 2 or 3 bottles of warm water. He objected badly to being drenched and would hardly let it down. I then put it into one of his nostrils and succeeded better. He could not help himself and swallowed it down. Albert Ramsey was here to day looking at our sheep. He is inspecting sheep as a Govt official in case of the "Wale" prevailing.

Thursday 12th = Milder to day. has the appearance of a thaw coming. Margaret went to Everett's this morning to visit among the friends. The Abbotts were prepared to go sailing at Bpacho and Mother would not allow them to stay. So she went to the Robertsons and afterwards to Mary where they had quite a gathering of friends in the evening. Our folks were there and I was alone all evening reading the paper which were brought to hand by Henry Duffield. I killed the ram lamb for our own use. He is a nice specimen of Mutton. "King" seems to be about all right again.

Friday 13th = (sow away) Rain to day, which increased as the afternoon advanced. This thaw is turning the snow rapidly away and if it should freeze soon there will be very icy and slippery footing. Ewart and I cleaned up 5 bags of horse wheat, also about the same of peas, but the peas will have to be put through the second time to take split ones out of them. I intend taking them to Gravelly and affixing to deal with Thorpe for corn to fatten the pigs. Ewart took the white cow over to R. J. Harris to day.

Saturday 14th = Rather cold and stormy to day. The night has been high and some snow has been driven before it, but not enough to make any difference in the sleighing which is now very poor. The frost is rather light & too thin. Changeable weather is very unpleasant and unhealthful. I had a cold job helping John this afternoon to put in 2 new arms into the horse pump. Ewart and I put more peas through the mill and then put it all through the second time in order to take out the splits.

Sunday 15th = A very fine day, and little frost. The fields are about bare of snow again. Ewart & Maggie have been at Everett's. Maggie remained from 1st time. Charlie Rogers came and had no good luck. Afternoon, he intends leaving tomorrow morning for home.

January 1899

Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—February.

Received.

Paid.

Date.

Monday 16th — A frosty cold day. Ewart and I had to hustle up with the wood to day as we had to help a Johnny Cut Stray this afternoon. we took the team and it went much better than when we had only the one team. Now we were much troubled with a log slipping out on the feed wheel. however we got a nice pile cut.

Tuesday 17th — A fine day. but frosty and cold through the night. Ewart and I went to the bush and cut down a number of trees to be ready to cut up into stove wood. we intend getting a few handy on some day to cut them up. on going down to the bush I noticed that Robert Jessup had cut down the elm tree I had reserved for a building chick. on going home at dinner time I called that boy to see about it. he gave me much abuse and used much blasphemous language for my trouble and, also caught me by the throat and proceeded to squeeze and choke me. I forbid him taking away the logs and took Fredie for witness that I did so. before the matter is settled likely I shall have to take the case to the Court. he is a desperately bad man.

Wednesday 18th

28 Symond for ice Cutley

1 14 88

CASH ACCOUNT—March.

Date

Received

Paid

4 Recd to Maikens #6 ²⁵ Hoosiers 75^c McCallum 1.65
 4 J. S. Webb #2 15. Mr Abbott #1. ⁰⁰

8 65
 3 15

7 Mr Barbas and John Weatherston for threshing
 10 Empty Syrup Barrell for packing beef
 11 Hoosiers & C at Tolton's Auction Sale
 12 Settled with Willie Abbott in full to date ^{marshall}
 14 Buggie fixing at Roberts & 3 lbs nails

7 50
 25
 45
 15
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Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—April.

Received.

Paid.

June 4

1898

Johnny paid on rent for 1897

120 00

July 2

20

Aug. 24

paid back to Johnny five dollars out of
forgoing amount. (~~10.00~~)

140

5

135 00

1895/1896 Johnny's ap
\$88.00 paid 10.00 per week

Thom Senter left April 27. 1883

CASH ACCOUNT—September.

Received.

Paid

Silver Wedding

Date.

CASH ACCOUNT—October.

Received.

Paid.

A most pleasant and enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at the residence of Mrs. David Robertson near Osprey, on Friday the 24th inst. on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. About 130 or more invited guests were present. The older portion of the company arrived early in the afternoon. Friends & relatives from the neighbourhood and quite a number from a distance (Toronto, Georgetown, etc.) Nelson and other distant places provided their quota. Mr. Robertson spared no labour nor expense in providing accommodation for this large company. A splendid early and late spread was heartily partaken of in the commodious hall prepared for the occasion. In the early part of the evening Osprey String Band discoursed most charming music. The entertainment of all. Vocal and instrumental music was also finely rendered by different individuals. An appropriate piece also made by James Kirkwood Esq. of M.B.P. Rev. W. W. W. of Everton. Mr. Souell & others. The presents were numerous costly and beautiful, and had a dazzling appearance on the table. At a later hour the ~~banquet~~ hall was cleared and the younger members of the party tripped the "light fantastic" till the blue hour. The music being provided by the Osprey String Band and others. We and Mrs. Robertsons many friends wish for them many happy returns of their wedding anniversary and when the time of their "Golden Wedding" arrives, that no sorrow or trouble will prevent them from enjoying that occasion as well as they have done the present.

BILLS PAYABLE—January.

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RECEIVABLE.

Date.

BILLS PAYABLE—April.

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Dr

RECEIVABLE.

Recipe for our Pills (morison)
 No. 2. one 1/2 ounce each
 of the following, or equal quantities of

Hydrog
 best Turkey Rhubarb
 Senna
 Jalap
 Colocynth

No. 1. equal quantities of

Aloes
 Senna
 Rhubarb
 White Resin
 Ginger

RECEIVABLE.

For God has marked each sorrowing day
 And numbered every secret tear
 And heaven's long years of bliss shall pay
 for all his Children's suffer here.

How. Colten Bryant.

This above all, to him own self be true,
 And it must follow, as the night the day;
 Thou canst not then be false to any man.

—Shakespeare.

Date.

BILLS PAYABLE—October.

\$

c.

1898
Sept 5

Johnny got 583 lbs fall wheat for sowing

1898
Sept 5
" 13
" 16
" 19
Oct 8

RECEIVABLE.

Johnny borrowed 2 bags oats 77 & 88 lbs =	165
" " 1 bag "	79
" " 1 bag "	76
" " "	79
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483

5th May. 1899. Settled and squared to date with Johnny
for the above wheat and oats changing.

Carried from Diary for 1897

BILLS PAYABLE—November.

John McKenzie in account with

\$ c.

Date						\$	c.
1898				1898	Apr. 1		
Oct 30	Assmt & dues paid	2	00	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	1	00
Nov 28	Assmt	1	50	Jan	Apr. 1	2	00
Dec 28	Assmt	1	50	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	2	00
Jan 28	Assmt & dues paid	2	00	Oct 30	paid Cash on account	5	00
Feb 28	Assmt	1	50	Feb 14	" Cash on account	5	00
Mar 31	Assmt	1	50	March 29	" " " "	5	00
Apr 1	Assmt & dues	2	00	June	Cash on account	5	00
May	Assmt	1	50	Sept.	Cash on account	5	00
June	Assmt	1	50	Jan 1	Cash to pay taxes	20	00
July	Assmt & dues	2	00	April	13 Bus. & 8 lb. barley @ 45¢	5	93
Aug	Assmt	1	50	July	Cash on account	8	00
Sept.	Assmt	1	50	Nov.	3 pigs	7	50
Oct.	Assmt & dues	2	00				
Nov.	Assmt & R. Capital tax	2	00				
Dec	Assmt	1	50				
Jan 1900	Assmt & dues	2	00				
Feb	Assmt	1	50				
March	Assmt	1	50				
April	Assmt & dues	2	00				
May	Assmt	1	50				
June	Assmt	1	50				
July	Assmt & dues	2	00				

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RECEIVABLE.

Aug 1	Assmt in Special Assmt	3	00
Sept.	Assmt	1	50
Oct	Assmt & dues	2	00
Nov.	Assmt	1	50
Dec 1	Assmt	1	50
Jan 5	loaned Cash	2	00
Jan 26	Flour (holdies) 100 lb	1	85
	Cash paid	5	15
Jan 1901	Assmt & dues	2	00
Feb	Assmt	1	50
March	Assmt	1	50
April	Assmt & dues	2	00
May	Assmt	1	50
June	Assmt	1	50
	Assmt wheat for seed	1	50
	Ally. H. H. H. interest paid	6	00
July	Assmt & dues	2	00
Aug.	Assmt	1	50
Sept.	Assmt	1	50
Oct	Assmt & dues	2	00
Nov.	Assmt	1	50
Dec	Assmt	1	50

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Contra

\$ 11 31

Account Carried to Diary for 1902

Date.

BILLS PAYABLE—December.

\$

Recipe for scratches on horses
 white Rosin & Saltpetre equal parts. 3 consecutive
 mornings and 3 without, until 9 doses are taken
 Dose, a Table spoonful mixed in mash or
 soft food.

RECEIVABLE.

No 2.

Recipe for making the old "Morris's" Pills
 Equal quantities of Colocynth, Gamboge
 Senna, Jalap, Rhubarb, all powdered
 for a half ounce of each put in 2
 Table spoonful of Sugar, in water sufficient
 to make dough for pills. warm and be
 Careful not to use too much water.

COMMERCIAL LAW.

ONTARIO.

ARREST FOR DEBT, ABSCONDING DEBTORS—

When a creditor has a claim of \$100 or over, and can show to the satisfaction of the Judge that he has such claim and that there is reasonable and probable cause for believing that the debtor is about to leave the Province with intent to defraud his creditors, an order for arrest may be granted.

ASSIGNMENTS—Must be made to the Sheriff of the County where the debtor resides or carries on business, unless the majority of the creditors having claims of \$100 or over, consent to the appointment of some other person. The assignment must be filed within five days after execution, and notice inserted in the *Ontario Gazette* in the issue next after five days after execution; for default there is a penalty of \$25 per day.

BANKRUPTCY—There is no bankruptcy law in this Province, but a debtor may by making a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, under the Act, ensure a rateable distribution of his estate.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES—These are practically subject to the commercial law in respect of days of grace, notice and protest. Notes only bear interest from the date of maturity, and then at the legal rate, six per cent., unless the rate and time are expressly mentioned on the face. Loss of a bill or note does not prevent collection, but payee must be indemnified.

BILLS OF SALE AND CHATTEL MORTGAGES—Unless property changes possession instrument must be registered within five days in the office of the County Court Clerk, otherwise they are void as against creditors. Chattel mortgages must be renewed yearly.

CONTRACTS—Contracts for sale of goods over \$40 require part performance or to be in writing, otherwise they are void. Contracts made on Sunday (with few exceptions), and contracts contrary to public policy or of an immoral character, are illegal.

COURTS, JURISDICTION OF—In money claims on contract the jurisdiction of the Division Court extends to \$200 in liquidated claims, i.e., those settled by acts of the parties, and \$100 in unliquidated claims, that of the County Courts to \$400 and \$200 respectively, and that of the High Court claims beyond these amounts.

COMMISSIONS—When a witness resides out of the Province an order may be made to take his evidence on commission.

EXECUTION—In the County Court and High Court execution may issue immediately upon entry of judgment, unless stayed by order of the Court or Judge. Writs of Execution must be renewed before the termination of a year from their date, and must be renewed each year following in like manner. Lands cannot be sold for one year from the time the writ is delivered to the sheriff, but debtors' lands are bound from date of delivery.

EXEMPTIONS—The exemptions under execution and distress are enumerated in the Revised Statutes, Chap. 64, and consist generally of:

- (1) Bed, bedding and bedsteads in ordinary use.
- (2) Necessary and ordinary wearing apparel.
- (3) One cooking stove with pipes, 1 heating stove with pipes, sewing machine, 30 vols. books, all spinning wheels and weaving looms, and a large number of articles of furniture, cooking utensils, etc., in all not to exceed the value of \$150.
- (4) All necessary fuel, meat, fish, flour and vegetables not more than sufficient for ordinary consumption of debtor and family for 30 days, and not exceeding in value the sum of \$40.
- (5) One cow, 6 sheep, 4 hogs and 12 hens, in all not to exceed the value of \$75; also food for them for thirty days.
- (6) Tools and implements of, or chattels ordinarily used in the debtor's occupation, to the value of \$100.
- (7) Bees reared and kept in hives to the extent of fifteen hives.

On the death of the debtor these goods go to the widow and family.

EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR—The judgment debtor may be examined as to his property at the time debt is incurred, and his disposal of the same, and in the higher courts the transferee may also be examined. On examination in the Division Court the Judge may order the debtor to pay the debt in such a way as he deems proper, and in default may issue an order for committal.

FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES—Conveyances in fraud of creditors are void. Preferences by insolvents are void. Conveyances by debtors attacked within sixty days or made within sixty days before an assignment for the benefit of creditors, are presumed to be made with intent to defraud or prefer.

GARNISHMENT—Debts due the debtor may be attached in the Division Court at the time of the issue of the summons, but in the County Court and High Court only after judgment.

INTEREST—The legal rate is six per cent., and when no agreement and interest is payable, that is the rate. Interest is allowed on all written agreements and on accounts where notice is given that interest would be charged.

JUDGMENTS—Where defendant does not defend, judgment may be entered in the higher courts ten days after service of the writ in the action. In the Division Courts ten, fifteen or twenty days after service, according to the residence of the defendant.

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS—Actions of account must be brought within six years—on contracts under seal, twenty years. Part payment will extend the time of action.

MARRIED WOMEN—May now contract, carry on business, sue and be sued in the same manner as if unmarried. They have the right of dower in all the husband's real estate.

REGISTRY FOR DEEDS—Instruments for registry must contain a sufficient description of the property mentioned, and the execution be verified by a witness present at the time of signature. Registration gives priority.

WILLS—Must be in writing, signed at the foot by the testator in the presence of two witnesses, both present with him at the same time, and who in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other, sign their names as witnesses. A legacy or devise to a witness, or to the husband or wife of a witness, is void. An executor may be a proper witness. All wills are revoked by marriage. A minor cannot make a valid will. There is now a succession duty payable on property passing on the death of the owner.

QUEBEC.

ASSIGNMENTS—Any creditor for \$200 or over may make a demand of assignment on a debtor who does not pay, and if the latter refuses he may be arrested on a *cahier*. The court, on the advice of the creditors, appoints a curator or trustee who realizes and divides the estate. The debtor is only discharged to the extent of the dividend.

ATTACHMENTS—A *cahier* against the person or an attachment against the property of a debtor, may issue before judgment on an affidavit by the creditor or his agent that the debtor is about to abscond or to secrete his property with intent to defraud his creditors, or that he is insolvent and refuses to assign.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES—Are not recognized in Quebec. A creditor can only have a lien on chattels by keeping possession of them. An unpaid vendor of chattels or lands has a privilege or preference for the price.

COURTS—Magistrates' courts exist in Montreal and some other districts with jurisdiction up to \$50. The Circuit Court in Montreal, Quebec, and the chief town of each district has jurisdiction up to \$100, in outlying towns up to \$200. Cases above these amounts go to the Superior Court. Parties to a suit cannot give evidence on their own behalf. Actions brought on promissory notes, bills, cheques, and for the price of merchandise, are tried summarily. In other cases the delays are long.

EXECUTIONS—Execution against goods and lands cannot issue until 15 days after judgment, except upon an affidavit similar to that for attachments above. Chattels can be sold after 8 days' notice and lands after two months.

EXEMPTIONS—The following articles are exempt from seizure:—Beds, bedding and bedsteads used by the family; their wearing apparel; two stoves and their appendages; cooking utensils and furniture up to \$50; sewing machine if used for earning money; fuel and food for three months; a span of horses or yoke of oxen, 1 cow, 2 pigs, 4 sheep, plough, harrow, cart, etc.; tools up to \$30; any money or objects given or bequeathed for alimony or on condition of their being exempt from seizure.

INTEREST—Cannot be collected on an open account except upon a special agreement to pay it, or unless the debtor has been in the habit of paying it. No more than five years interest can be collected.

JUDGMENTS—A judgment is good for thirty years. If the defendant is insolvent a judgment gives the plaintiff no preference, except for the costs if a sale takes place under it.

LIMITATION—Promissory notes and accounts are prescribed or outlawed in five years from the time they become due.

MARRIED WOMEN—A married woman may carry on business. If she has no separate estate by marriage contract or judgment of the court, the husband also is liable for her business debts.

CHARTERED BANKS IN CANADA.

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CHARTERED BANKS IN CANADA—Continued.

NEW BRUNSWICK.		PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.		MANITOBA & N.W.T.—Continued.	
Plant	Name of Bank.	Charlottetown	Merchants of Halifax.	Regina	Commercial.
Bathurst	Merchants of Halifax.		Merchants of P.E.I.	Verden	Commercial.
Campbelltown	Nova Scotia.		Nova Scotia.	Winnipeg	Commercial.
Chatham	Montreal.	Georgetown	Merchants of P.E.I. Island.		British N. America.
Dorchester	Nova Scotia.	Husville	Merchants of P.E.I. Island.		Merchants.
Edmundston	Merchants of Halifax.	Summerside	Merchants of P.E.I. Island.		Imperial.
Fredericton	People's of Halifax.		Merchants of Halifax.		Ottawa.
	British N. America.		Summerside.		Commercial.
	People's of N.B.		Nova Scotia.		Union.
	Nova Scotia.				Melrose.
	Merchants of Halifax.				4 Horseshoe.
Kingston	Merchants of Halifax.				
Moncton	Montreal.				
	Nova Scotia.				
	Merchants of Halifax.				
Newcastle	Nova Scotia.				
	Merchants of Halifax.				
Sackville	Halifax Banking Co.				
	Merchants of Halifax.				
St. Andrews	Nova Scotia.				
St. John	British N. America.				
	Montreal.				
	New Brunswick.				
	Nova Scotia.				
	Halifax Banking Co.				
St. Stephen	St. Stephen's.				
	Nova Scotia.				
Shediac	People's of Halifax.				
Sussex	Nova Scotia.				
Woodstock	Nova Scotia.				
	Merchants of Halifax.				
	People's				

FOREIGN POSTAL TABLE.

COUNTRIES.	Letter Rate.	Postal Card.	News-papers.	Book Pack.	Reg.	COUNTRIES.	Letter Rate.	Postal Card.	News-papers.	Book Pack.	Reg.
Algeria	5	2	1	1	5	France	5	2	1	1	5
Argentina Confederation	5	2	1	1	5	Germany	5	2	1	1	5
Australia South Sea Islands	5	2	1	1	5	Greece	5	2	1	1	5
New S. Wales.	5	2	1	1	5	India, British	5	2	1	1	5
S. & W. & S. Brindisi	5	2	1	1	5	Italy	5	2	1	1	5
Austria-Hungary	5	2	1	1	5	Japan	5	2	1	1	5
Bahamas	5	2	1	1	5	Mexico	5	2	1	1	5
Belgium	5	2	1	1	5	Netherlands	5	2	1	1	5
Bermuda	5	2	1	1	5	New Zealand	5	2	1	1	5
Brazil	5	2	1	1	5	Norway	5	2	1	1	5
Cape Colony	5	2	1	1	5	Portugal	5	2	1	1	5
Chile	5	2	1	1	5	Russia	5	2	1	1	5
Cuba	5	2	1	1	5	Sandwich Islands	5	2	1	1	5
Hong Kong & Agencies	5	2	1	1	5	Spain	5	2	1	1	5
via Brindisi	5	2	1	1	5	Sweden	5	2	1	1	5
Columbia	5	2	1	1	5	Switzerland	5	2	1	1	5
Denmark	5	2	1	1	5	Turkey	5	2	1	1	5
East India (Dutch)	5	2	1	1	5	West Indies	5	2	1	1	5
Egypt	5	2	1	1	5						
Fiji Islands	5	2	1	1	5						

POSTAL RATES.

POSTAGE RATES.—Letters.

Letters addressed to places in Canada and United States, 5 cents for each oz. or fraction thereof.
Newfoundland and Great Britain (whether sent by Canadian or New York Mail Steamers).

A cent for each half oz. or fraction thereof.
POST CARD 2 for correspondence between Canada and the United Kingdom, may be obtained at the Stamp Agencies at 2 cents each, as also one for any Postal Union country.

N.B.—One-cent postal cards, with a letter and stamp attached, can be used in place of two-cent postal cards; nothing can be posted on or attached to a postal card.

City or Ship Letters, for City Delivery.

2 cents for each oz. or fraction thereof.
The above rates must in every case be prepaid by postage stamp. If insufficiently paid double the amount of the deficient postage will be charged on delivery.

Registration of Letters.

Letters intended to be registered, when addressed to places in Canada, must be prepaid by stamp, in addition to the postage rate, 5 cents each. To the United States, 5 cents each, and to the United Kingdom, 2 cents each. The registration fee on all letters must be prepaid by Registration Stamp, which are not available for payment of ordinary postage. All letters for registration should be mailed 15 minutes before the hour of closing the mails.

REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS may be obtained at any stamp agency.

All classes of mail addressed to Postal Union countries may be registered, and the sender may entitle himself to an acknowledgment of delivery; the latter is addressed, by the payment of a fee of five cents in a bill to the registration fee.

No letter will be accepted for registration, addressed either to a particular name or to initials, and any such Registered Letters received from other offices or deposited in the Letter Box for Registration will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

published regularly at intervals of not more than one calendar month, having a full title, the place, date of publication, and the number of the issue printed at the top of the first page, posted by the publishers in the Post Office at the place where they are printed, and addressed to regular subscribers, or newsdealers, resident in the United States or Canada, except at the place of publication, are transmitted free of postage.

Transient Newspapers and Periodicals addressed to

Places in Canada, Newfoundland and U.S.

On all newspapers and periodicals other than those from the office of publication, the postage rate is one cent per four ounces, which must be prepaid by postage stamp.

Newspapers and periodicals weighing less than one ounce may be posted singly; if prepaid by postage stamp, one half cent each.

Newspapers posted for city delivery must be prepaid by one-cent stamp each.

Newspapers addressed to places in the United Kingdom must be prepaid by postage stamp one cent per 2 oz. or fraction of 2 oz.

BOOK PACKAGES not exceeding 5 lbs. in weight can be sent to the United Kingdom.

A 32-page book, weight 7 lbs., can be sent in Canada.

The limit of weight for Book Packages passing in Canada is 5 lbs.

The rate is 1 cent for 4 oz., also to Manitoba, North-West Territory and to Victoria, B.C.

Books, and all printed matter to U.S., 1c. per 2 oz.

LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS.—Legal and Commercial papers printed for places in Canada, generally are subject to letter rate unless sent by parcel post; except deeds and insurance policies, which are one cent per 2 oz. Postage rates on Legal and Commercial papers, addressed to Postal Union countries, are 5c. for the first 15 oz., and 1c. for each additional 2 oz.

PARCEL POST.

There is no parcel post between Canada and the United States. Parcels sent to U.S., 1c. per oz. Limit of weight, 11 lbs. A parcel post, by the Canadian route only, between Canada and the United Kingdom, Newfoundland and all those countries and colonies with which the United Kingdom maintains postal relations, and certain parts of the British Empire, may be sent by parcel post, and such parcels may be sent by air mail, but not by sea mail. A parcel may not exceed 7 lbs. in weight, nor be more than 21 in. by 15 in. by 10 in. A parcel declaration must be filled out and attached to the parcel. A parcel may not be sent by air mail unless it is a parcel of a certain kind. The rate for a parcel sent by air mail is 1c. per oz. The rate for a parcel sent by sea mail is 1c. per oz. The rate for a parcel sent by air mail is 1c. per oz. The rate for a parcel sent by sea mail is 1c. per oz.

PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.

CANADA.—Patterns and samples of merchandise, not exceeding 1 lb. in weight, when posted to Canada for places within Canada, must be prepaid by postage stamp at the rate of 5 cents for each oz. or fraction thereof. All such parcels must be sent by air mail, and must be posted not later than 11 a.m. on the day of posting. The rate for a pattern or sample sent by air mail is 1c. per oz. The rate for a pattern or sample sent by sea mail is 1c. per oz.

UNITED STATES.—Patterns and samples of merchandise, not exceeding 1 lb. in weight, when posted to the United States, must be prepaid by postage stamp at the rate of 5 cents for each oz. or fraction thereof. All such parcels must be sent by air mail, and must be posted not later than 11 a.m. on the day of posting. The rate for a pattern or sample sent by air mail is 1c. per oz. The rate for a pattern or sample sent by sea mail is 1c. per oz.

Letters to new initials or fictitious names will not be delivered, unless addressed in care of a resident, or to some box in the Post Office. Re-directed letters to places within the Dominion or U.S. will be forwarded without any additional charge, but should not be taken from post office.

Letters originating in Canada, re-directed to any of the Postal Union countries, except the United States or non Postal Union countries, where prepayment is not compulsory, will be forwarded even if taken out of the office and subsequently re-posted.

Letters containing Gold or Silver Money, Jewellery, precious articles or anything liable to Customs duties, cannot be forwarded by Post to any of the Postal Union countries except the United States.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Deposits from \$100 upwards, on which interest is allowed, will be received for transmission to the Central Office of the Post Office Savings Bank. Pass Books, and every information to be had on application.

MONEY ORDER BRANCH.

COMMISSIONS PAYABLE FOR MONEY ORDERS.

ORDERS PAYABLE IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA. Limit \$100.

On Orders up to \$ 4.50 ————— 2 cents.

Over \$ 4.50 ————— 10 "

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