James Cameron (1824-1912) 1876

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1876

Mr James Cameron Island March 5

Went to the {Stur}geon Island a Fine Day

6th in the {B}ush cut {fi}rewood

7th a Fine Day sloppy on the {torn away} wen{t to} Williamstown Brought out a cake of sugar {torn away} lb {torn away}de from a son in law of McGregors the {t}he Bosells caught a Deer Sunday above {torn away}rt in Cornwall about the church on {torn away}rr Rained to night hard raised the creeks

8th came home from Williamsto{wn} {torn away}ve me out had Great Work fixing the {torn away} Alle {torn away} on the creeks stopt at Barretts Going {torn away} Big {torn away}nning came around by Robert Jacks house an{d} to J Hamiltons John and Tommy Jack Drove me Down took up the Puncheon

9th George Bosell here Fixing the camp

10 J Hamilton here seen 2 Wild Geese for the first

11 crossed to Summerstown Races there Rained some and John Tyo and Rod Cameron Racing on this Road and they Went like Wildfire Boug{ht} of Viponds ½ Ib Tea and Lead Pencil

12th of March On this Day on the Month D McMaster First came to the Island Fine but cold

{13}th in the Bush cold cutting Firewood

14th Hamilton Drew me some firewood

15th Went to Summerstown with ashes 12 bush{els Jo}hn Hamilton took them up for me Bought {of} Viponds Tea 75 3 yds Cotton 33 Pot 25 Rice 3 lb 21 {M}atches Paid Pencil Got 4 Dollars from AJ Baker

16th Turned Stormy East Wind and snow Mr Chapman and Wife stopt {Between the lines it reads: sent Gordon across} and Turned Back to Fort Covington

17th St Patricks cold and stormy bad with a cold Norman Bethune and Bill Palmer coming from Lancaster in a Buggy stopt to Give their Horse a Drink of River Water as he would not Drink well water {torn away}ck Buchannan stopt Gave me the {Illegible} Pete in Montreal on St Pat{torn away} clear to Day

Mr James Cameron Island March 31st 1876

Last Day of March Writing to Day George Fixing the camp took up the Pot to the Bush and the chains Big Barrel

1st of April all Fools Day First Boiling in the Bush made 3 Gallons of Mollasses I went to Dundee chartreau called in and we walked up together on the crust called at J Hopkins them all being sick with plurisy {pleurisy} Got a Ride up from Johnny Spink and Bill Morris to the Distillery a Fine Day Bought of R Baker 1 lb of Power 2 lb of shot ½ Doz of Buttons 2 yds of stuff for Leander Pipes a Treat at JMG Bought at JMG ,,,, 4 Got a Ride home from Mr A McLean Lancaster Gave a Look at the Hay to sent a Man for hay Monday Peggy Gave Livinia some Ham J Hamilton here for the Hollow adze to make Troughfs Freezing to night ice Good yet seen a Man selling Maple Sugar in Dundee Mr Baker in Montreal a Flock of Wild Geese in the air-hole it is supposed Munro{e} that was with Jimmy the Bush went in the airhole at Hamiltons Bridge and was Drowned on the night of March the – But we since he was all right that he arrived all right in Williamsto{wn}

2nd Made the first sugar 44 lbs went to Sturgeon Island Peggy stopt here to night George Renshaw and Charlie Rose here with George Colt a Fine Day Gave George his Bottle Livinia Got up to Day

3rd Crossed to Summerston Brought of I Vipond Knife 20 Rope 1 ½ lbs 22 ½ cents Tob {tobacco} 5 Line 10 Matches a Box 17 changed the Boots) oil (made about 48 lb To Day Gordon Killed the Black Bull calf a Man a Foot crossed to hopkins commenced to rain to night

4th Raining Henery and George for hay took 3-50 cents worth at 9 Dollars a Ton Mr David Baker here Just from Montreal Raining Teams crossing summers's and Chartreau here took Dinner cutting hay not in the Bush to Day

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Mr James Cameron Island April 5th

Fine East Wind George Gave me the order on Viponds for 3..50 got a Peice of Butter Tapping {Above it reads: adze} some sugared about 40 lbs to Day commenced Raining Wind changed high from the West ice Getting Bad near shore 6th a Fortunate Day high Wind seen Robbins yesterday Ducks Plenty some Flocks of Wild Geese not any one crossing on Summers's Road to Day

7th {Illegible}

8th made 3 Gallons of Molasses took 3 Cakes over shot 2 Ducks in the airhole one of them Drew under the ice with the strong current Ice Good to cross

9th not running very well a fine Day Gordon and I up to the Bush a Great lot of Wild Geese and Ducks in the airhole at Francis Island

10th shot a Duck that a Hawks chased to the Ice and had the Duck Down and Picking him he left and I shot the Duck George took over the churn

11th Went across to Viponds took Georges Due Bill what remained of the churn 1..50 Bought of Viponds 1 Box 2 plugs of Tobacco 10 Box of Caps 15 8 yds of Cotton 80 2 yds of Linsey 44 Bottle of Castor oil 10 with 5 cents Cash) Heard Robert McDonald Departed Last Week Brought up From the Hospital in Montreal Made about the Moles 2 Moles Full and some in the Basin

12th Very Fine Made Sugar to Day the Moles and the Basins full

13th Fishing EEIs very Fine holes opening in the ice East Wind put out the Canoe from Below and took it up to the Door with the Water thats on top of the ice 14th The ice is opening slow

14th Good Friday Raining East Wind West and North Wind high West Wind not Running to Day George made 2 axe handles 1 ash and hicory Foggy to Day

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Mr James Cameron Island April 15

ice Jamming coming Down high West Wind running a Little some Drops of Rain hail and snow and Fine George and Peggy Boiling a few Pails Water high Went to the head of the Island, swallows came yesterday Foggy to Day George Peggy and Georgy crossed took sugar and Bottle of Mollasses

16th Easter Sunday The Sun Did not Dance this morning a sighn of a hard year Lots of Eggs Fresh and salted ones. Peter a{nd?} Peggy came to night

17th Easter Monday chopping at the Door

18th Our Duncans Birth Day ice going Down Jamming splitting from Rails Pewits came as usual to Build in their old Place that they have Been in these many years

19th sap not running very well

20th Shot a Rat {muskrat} for the first Gordon speared a Pike I speared a Maskinonge Weight 34 % lb

21st snowing East Wind crossed to J Hamiltons for the Dog Brought the Fish to John Got 2 Bags of Potatoes sack of Cornill Mrs and Mr Hamilton Poorly with Bad cold Heard James Grant was to be married on the 24th Monday coming

22nd Fixing the calf Pasture Fence Peggy here

23rd St George's Day a very Fine Day E Wind Henery and Little George came to the Bush took us 2 EEIs him and antwine going to Fish EEIs to Day made near a Gallon of Mollasses Peggy Crossed as the sap is not running took all their sugar

24th James Grants Married to Day to Addi Summer's and a Fine Day it is E Wind Mr Smallmans Steamer Jenny crossed to Day on her first Trip

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Mr James Cameron Island April

St Marks Day a Fine Day East Wind Killed a snake for the firist I killed this Spring Burnt him shot a Pike as Gordon never seen one shot I shot him Cutting fat Pine

26th Burning Rubbish and cleaning up around Lots of Indians Fishing Put out Decoys Fired at a Fish-hawk struck him but he did not fall here East Wind

27th Peggy and Pete came took away some of their things Gordon Boiled a few pails the children in the Bush Digging a Little the ice holding on very long in the Back Bay or Marsh Lots of Geese and Ducks But hard to Get at them Rats scarce too much wind at night to fish with the Jack

28th Gordon not well in Bed all Day Raining some Randolph and I to the Lower-Point (spoiled the axe Another Steamer in to Salmon River

29th Enterprize went in to salmon-River and came out and I think she went to Lancaster as she came out sunday morning the thirtieth went over to the Pitt Point in the cance shot a Duck Did not Get him West Wind changed to the East Lightning to night Rained some hard Frost Last night but not much sap running Planted 7.. or 8 hills of Potatoes set Fires Down on the hill Snakes middling Plenty some Ticks Keeping in the sheep Water some high

30th Sunday went to head of the Island Bismarck Randolph and Gordon and I Fine Day Enterprize came out of Lancaster this morning the sky to the East Very Red in Spots ice cleared out of the Back Bay

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Mr James Cameron Island May 1st

St Philip and St James Raining snowing W Wind First Boat Went Down the Proppeller California Light in the Lighthouses to night Began on to Dig a Little Birch Trees Running some

2nd A Fine Day the Steamer St Francis Came up Shot 2 Ducks got a Large Pike in the Back Marsh Firing at Loons Gordon Tapt some Trees for Vinegar Froze hard these nig-hts Went out for the first time in the Back marsh Got Sucker and 2 Barabots or Cat Fish spearing for EEIs in the mud got none set Fire above the Cordwood Bay

3rd Raining Some East Wind the Bohemian came up on her first Trip Gordon Boiling Birch Sap in the Bush for Vinegar boiled three pails of Maple sap for Mollasses cold some Digging done sowed Tobacco seed at the apple Tree yesterday

4th Went across had a cake of Sugar 2 ½ Doz of Eggs 1 Rat skin Bought of Vipond and {BW?} 1 lb of Tea 65 ½ bushel of salt 25 Bottle of Ect {etc.?} oil 1 Bottle of Downs Elixir 25 1 ¼ lb of Shot Bowl 10 Ball of Twine 10 Black and Grey Thread 10 Tax 10 Tob 5 {Between the lines it reads: Fine comb Pins} Brought the Rennet to Hamiltons Went to G Renshaws Brought some small cakes to the children Got 2 Bags of Potatoes from George {Between the lines it reads: W Robb Proteller} Raining Jack Adams Poorly stopt at Johns Got my Papers Got a coat for Gordon East Wind The Corsican Went Down

5th Digging a Little Planted some Earley Roses and Chilies Gordon in the Bush for the Last Boiling made syrup

6th Peggy came for the Pots got Pay for Rookys Pot 4 lbs cut a cake of 9 lbs in 2 and gave the ½ Digging Rained some East Wind changed to hard West Made the Pigs Pen Put the calf in the Barn yesterday The Victoria Went Down and the Manitoba yesterday Friday

7th Sunday East Wind Raining The Bay of Quinte went Down Fixing the hogs in the Pen The St Francis coming out of Dundee on her first Trip out

the 8th 1876

Mr James Cameron Island May

Monday crossed with Gordon to Hamiltons to Pile Stove Wood John sowing Wheat heard Isacc Vipond and Johnny Sandfield had a Quarrel put Rings in the 2 Hogs snouts as they are Great Rooters Digging and Planting

9th Planting and Digging Randolph and I Fishing at night {Above it reads: First Raft Went Down}

10th Found 2 Canoes Water high Henery and George here for hay Brought 3 hats Hamiltons and Craigs scowing their cattle A Fine Day to Alexis & Francis Island Water high

11th at the Potatoes

12th Finished the peice of Potatoes {Between the lines it reads: set Fire at Lower Point} at the Old House Went to Hamiltons {Above it reads: north Wind} Brought 4 Suckers Got a Bag of Potatoes seen St Battence there Selling Fish Bought at the Racket for 4 Dollars a hundred 2 Rainbows this Evening Sun very hot Rained a Little went to Fish Got 1 EEI Wind Raised Livinia very Bad with the Tooth Ache her face on one side all swelled her Eye almost shut with it

13th Windy some Went this Evening to Hamiltons Randolph and I Raining some

14th Went to the Kitt Kite Island Gordon and I West Wind

15th Digging the Garden Fixing the Barrel for to run the Lie for making the soap Fixing the Garden Fence cut Down the Bass-Wood Stump at the Garden Fence

16th Went across with Gordon to Hamiltons took 4 Dozen of Eggs to Viponds Bought Braces Soap hooks Lines to 11 Cents Seen the cinnamon Bear perform went Down to Roses called to see Mrs Carey heard old Pat Departed Got candles and some Potatoe seeds told me she sent the yarn to Viponds in April

Mr James Cameron Island 17th of May 1876

Went across to Renshaws East Wind Brought a Runner to George George crossed with me to Summerstown Got 100 lb of Flour from A.J Baker the Victor{ia?} came in-to Summerstown to Lay up and Lots of Towing to be Done 3 tow's came up to Day sailed hom

18th Working at the soap

19th Working at the soap altered the 2 Bulls for the first I ever did and I am mortally afraid But as its the time of the moon and in the signs of the Fishes or Feet Pisces III risk it a very warm fine Day North Wind went to the head of the Island Randolph and I

20th Working at the soap Finished the Melons an{d} cucumbers and onions in the Garden and Red pepp{ers} Went across for Gordon to hamiltons Found a Ducks nest on the Little Island Gordon and I planted saffron

21st Went across to Christees Island Killed a Great many Black snakes went to Na-houtas Island sailed home

22nd Digging at the Back Peice at the Barn

23 Digging and Planted a Few Potatoes First {Above it reads: First Perch caught with Line}

24th Queens Birth Day Last Planting in the Back Peice Gordon and Randolph shooting Balls {Between the lines it reads: Making Fires} Gordon Shot a Red head and Bla{ck} Wood Pecker they come every year about this Time and stop 2 or 3 Days every year We Fired some heavy Vollies this Evening

25th ascension Day Fishing Barking a Chair

26th Working at the Lane Fence Gordon x Barking 5 Chairs to Day {Between the lines it reads: Put the calve in his Pasture} Working at the Lane Fence West Wind high

27th at the Fence

28th Gordon Randolph Bismarck Leander went to the Sturgeon Island and I Found 2 Duck nest went to head of the Island Found the Lower Jaw of a Man on the Ground Pretty well Decayed.

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Mr James Cameron Island May 29

Royal Oak Day Went to Summerstown Brought 4 ½ Doz of Eggs Bought 1 lb of Tea Tobacco camphor Brought 7 Summers some Wild Onions {Between the lines it reads: some of the Potatoes up} Brought AJ Bakers Bag home took the Plough Got a Bag of Potatoes from J hamilton Got a Treat from Tom George Bosele and Pete here for hay for his calf talking to me about the Order I got at I Viponds I Vipond in Cornwall high North Breeze Rained some

30th Crossed with Gordon to hamiltons East Wind {Above it reads: Frost} Got 12 Perch not Biting

31st cleaning out the Milk-House Randolph and I went to Alexis Island Got some Peices of Fat Pine Working at the 2 Runnels at the North West corner of the Barn Mr John Rankin Blacksmith came Brought me my Tongs But not my Steel Butcher-Knife stopt to night

1st of June The Glorious First of June a fine Day very warm Day First Fish caught in Front of the Door Got 14 Ranking went of Forgot his Lines and Turned Back

2nd Tried to catch the sheep to shear them could not get them to follow home

3rd crossed to Summerstown Bought of Vipon 3 Bunches of Fishing Lines 15 cents settled with AJ Baker Got {Illegible} ¼ from him all clear some one stole one of my Papers out of my Canoe at the End of Ashery I think its a yankee Boat that came across to summerstown Got 2 Bugs of {Pitode?} from J {Haus?} East Wind a Talk of Matty Nicholson and John James going to have a Lawsuit The Boy went Down with a Raft Francis came here with an oak stick and Left it here 2 Boys stole it From him and took it up as far as Luke Bowens and he caught them and took it here

Mr James Cameron Island 4th of June 1876

Whit Sunday East Wind Fine cool Keeping Francis stick from Getting away

5th Making Ashes set fire to an elm that Fell Bill here Trowling at the Weeds in the Potatoes

6th Fixing the Little Canoe at the ashes cleaning up stairs trying to catch the sheep

7th had to put the Dog after the sheep before we could Get them caught 2 of them

8th sheared the sheep the other came home to the yard and we caught her caught a Pike Trowling

9th Our Marys Birth Day 1813 A Fine Day

10th Went across for my Papers Gordon stopt at Hamiltons got a Peice of Tobacco from Charlie Parisha a sack of salt for J Hamilton a sale of John Frashers Things in Lancaster Mr Spinks Down Took a Picture up for John Hamilton Walter Campbell Bay City Heard Mary was not well Allen B Alick Told me a Good many Trowling the St Francis a pleasure Trip out of Dundee up to Cornwall Fixing 2 Pannels of Fence at the Barn cutting Weeds in the Potatoes the hens and the Grubs at the Potatoes and the Grubs at the Garden Gordons Calf at Hamiltons Friday came to get it next saturday

1th a Raft Went Down St Barnabas

12th I crossed to Hamilton a very heavy Fog this Morning the Brunston got aground at Hog Island the Alma Monroe turned Back from John Hamiltons up to Renshaws Wharf another Propeller aground the Dominion stopt a While at Renshaws the Bohemian and St Francis went Down in the Fog the St Francis ahead got From George {blank space} to 50 Wt of Flour Down on the Jenny 1-50 Seen D Suple at Summerston and R. Baker J Hamilton Painting his Waggon

13th took the ashes home from the Bush Fixing them in Bags Francis here going to sell his stick

14th Francis came took his stick to Rankins Mill I helped him across the the channel he came Back and said he Lost it with the Wind Windy Rain Thunder

Mr James Cameron Island June 15 1876

Corpus Christi Went to Summerstown with 9 Bushels of Ashes Stopt at J Hamiltons John got a stick out of George Renshaws Wharf took 2 Dox of Eggs only 10 cents a Doz Bought of Vipond and Bro to 6 yds of cloth at 20 cents a yd 2 skains {skeins} of Thread 1 spool 2 Bunches of Matches Working at the Potatoes

16th Fixing the south East corner of the calf Pasture Henery Genie Went of this morning took his Pine EEI spear Jack With him Winchester Earl and Russel here to night

17th Gordon and I crossed to hamiltons a Pic nic on the St Francis from Cornwall selling Hamiltons Bridge to the Lowest Bidder John Carey got it at 54 Dollars or thereabouts got my Paper took the Calf home from Hamilitons heard James Was in Jail he Lost the suit Long Jim McDougall Lost 4 of his horses on Rosses Island an 1 of Mr Dingwalls horses it must have Been the ticks that Killed them Seen Leander Reynolds at Hamiltons

18 the Ever BMemorable Battle of Waterloo 2 Men and 2 Ladies stopt to take their Dinner I think One of Them is a Wright East Wind West Thunder some and Rain

19th Hoeing some the Soap Barrel Busted Lost about 4 pails of Soap Duncan Cameron Rod Briggs and another Man here cut some Basswood Bark Seen a Pigeon in the Bush

20th I crossed Gordon to Hamiltons Went to G Renshaws crossed to the Store George and I Bought 25 cents of Tea 5 cents of Tobacco Rained hard high Wind Thunder & Lightning Frank Laplante and George Bosell Working at the Cord Wood First Day of Summer and its all Kind of Weather

21 Windy Whitewashing Lashey here Last night and To Day Fishing Pickerel Mr Tuthill and his nephew Willie T Creed and Charlie Labuff in the Boat Winnie sat up a While and had Quite a comfortable chat with a Bottle of Very Best of Jamacia and Loaf Sugar

Mr James Cameron Island 22nd of June 1876

Our Dans Birth Day 1806 Windy Mr Tuthill went to Christees Island Whitewashing outside

23 Put out the stoves hoeing some

24th St John the Baptist Day Very Windy caught some Fish Randolph and I J Hamilton crossed to see the horses as the Penshioners Horse is almost Dead with the ticks Matthews and Wife Passed the Door and Went to the foot of Christee Island hoed the Back Garden

25th Went to Hamiltons for Gordon Got a Bag of Potatoes John at the Island Looked at the Ticks on the Horses see Tyler at the Lighthouse StrawBerries Ripe high Wind coming from Hamiltons John Lost his Canoe Battle of Bannockburn

26th Went Summerstown Got 25 cents from G Renshaw Bought of Vipond 1 Plug of Tobacco 5 {Illegible} pan of Bread Mr Crippin came Lashey came Brought of G Renshaw some Strawberries and a Bottle of Vinegar

27th Went out to trowl Down to the Kit Kit Crippin went to Christees to Fish

28th Lashey Began his Bark Line Windy Went to head of the Island to see the sheep Mr and Mrs and Master-Fulton (Herbert) came this Evening

29th St Peters Day Mrss Fulton went of Mr Crippin Went of hoeing some

30th Last Day of June I crossed to Summerstown Brought I Vipond some old Newspapers Got 4 Plugs of Tobacco From him Bought ½ Ib Tea 1. yd of Cotton 1 plug of Tobacco 2 Bunches of Matches George Bosell talking about the Due Bill came Down to J Hamiltons sent of his papers for the Lighthouse Got a Bag of Potatoes from John a good sail coming home Thunder

1st of July Dominion Day all the Boats their colours up Bought a Pan of Bread 25 cents Got a Knife from Lewis Blandeau JY Poorly and his Daughter stopt for Gordon came home Lashey set his Line

Mr James Camerson Island July 2nd 1876 {The text of this page is blurry.}

Went with Lashey to his Line got a Big Sturgeon a Raft went Down in Tow Raining

3rd very Windy from the West 2 Boats came in the Evening stopt in the Barn stole Lasheys night Line pole and anchor when they went off they were from about Burke a Mean set

4th American 4th of July Centenial Lashey went to Lancaster hoeing the Potatoes

5 Our Johns Birth Day 73 years old to Day I went to G Renshaws Left Gordon at J Hamilton Got a Bag of Potatoes from John Mr Fulton and Mr Ed Plumado came and Miles Left me 4 M{Illegible} hooks Very Windy to night Wind changing to all quarter Rained some seen the Potato bug to Day for the First time I seen them on J Hamiltons Potatoe Giving out Jobs on the Roads Peggy Bosell and Pete and Lewy

6th Put out Tobacco Plants Mr Fulton Went off Paid me for the oars stick that miles Got 1..25 cents I promised to send them to Summerstown and put the board of the Steamer Jenny Lashy came had the Plants James Y Cameron's Daughter Departed to Day

7th Went to Fort Covington Lashey with me Found his Line and pole and another stopt at Lukes took my wool only 20 cents all took it home Bought of R Baker Butter Tub 35 ¼ of Powder 18 Bought of Burdo Matches Lashey Paid me 20 cents I paid Lashey the Discount on Crippins Money Bought of Gillis 50 lb of Flour 1..62 ½ to 17 lbs of Bran 17 cents Went to see Mr Crippin Mr Tuthill sent a Present to Livinia and Gave me a Present of Tobacco Stopt at Lukes took supper came home John Gray and his Brothers here Henry and George Bosel for hay the Algoma came out of {Dundee?} seen Jim Hopkins

8th John Gray took Gordon from Hamiltons put Boards on top of the cook house put the hide to soften in the Water Lightning to night Windy

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Mr James Cameron Island July the 9th

Looking for the sheep Found only 2 of them a Fine Day East Wind Looks like Rain but no rain Thunder an Indian caught a Lunge {Muskellunge} up in the Bay

10th crossed to put the oars on Board the steamer Jenny

11th Went to Ross's Island Fred McDonald and hopkins here

12th of July Orangemans Day Keeping the 12th of July Firing heavy volleys Gordon shooting Mr Ross from Cornwall here got some worms treated me

13th Mowed a Road to the Barn

14th Mowing some

15th Gordon crossed made some cocks of hay Bought of Viponds Bread 8 Loaves St Swithens {Swithun's} Day no Rain

16th Lashey came

17th Mowing the Grove

18th Mowing

19th Fernandez Birth Day went to Hopkins for the Whity Bull Got a Peice of Pork from Jims Wife Fred McDonald and Charlie came Down With me

20th high Wind Mowing

21st Put in 20 Cocks from Back of the Barn

22nd Went to Viponds Bought Bread Tobacco & a Pic nic

23rd Sunday

24th Henery Genie here with a stick of Oak stopt all night

25th Henery went off

26 Henery sent the Mare up on the St Francis I crossed Got the scow Bought Bread 4 Loaves {Above it reads: Mr McArthur and Fultons got Tobacco}

27th Taking in hay

28th high Wind cutting and Taking in

29th Went home with the scow John Hamilton Rowed up from the Lighthouse Bought 8 Loaves Bad with my Back

30th Bad with my Back Got some spirits of Turpentine from Hamilton for my Back

31st Drew some Wood

1st of August Lammas Day Henery Genie and Boy this Morning stopt till night Mowed all Day split some pine

2nd Minnies Birth Day Gordon crossed Got 8 Loaves

3rd Mowing

4th Mowed and Putting in Fishing some very warm

5th Went to Summerstown 7 Loaves 1 ½ of Eggs ¾

6th Randolphs Birth Day

Mr James Cameron Island Augt 7th 1876.

Mowing very warm time

8th Mowing Putting in

9th Very warm crossed to Summertown

10th got 500 wt of Flour from G Renshaw 10

11th Taking in and Mowing

12th Putting in Henerys Boy and his Father here the Carpenter

13th Fishing Got 30

14th Mowing Jim McDougall and his 2 Boys here going to christees Island to look at Marsh hay a very warm Day

15th Done mowing Below the house Began to Mow in the upper Feild

16th Began the Fine Haystack 2 Tons Whatever

17th Mr Crippin and the Methodist minister and Mrs Paddock here Gave a coat Mr Fulton and Orto came

18th Went with Mr Fulton to Ross's Island got 47 Fish Mr Adair here Gave him his Braces he Forgot a year ago a Fine Day Raking Mowing Left 50 cents gave 5 cents to Gordon

19th Bismarck's Birth Day a Fine warm Day a scotch Moon and it Brings Rain Torrents of it Fallen very heavy went to the head of Island Met in with Mr Silby Mr Nolan and Mr Feek had their Bun capsised for to Keep them Dry cooked their Dinner in the Bell Bay Mr Silby came Down to see the Barn as I told him it would be Better than out at night and he got an awful Wetting as it came Down

Pouring camped in the Barn to night they Left their axe in the Bay and some one Picked it up as they do not find it a Pic Nic on the Bohemian Dr Gillis and his Party on the Island yesterday

20th Went up to see John Gray at the head of the Island But they had not the axe took the rest of his Pine away the Boys crossed to Summerstown for Bread and I sent for a square they Brought it

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Mr James Cameron Island Augt 21st

the three Fellows went to Ross's Island very windy working in the upper Feild

22nd I crossed to Summerstown Got 5 Dollars from them for Bread sugar tea took Back their change Bought Bread Tea Matches pipe John Hamilton Buying a scythe had a Round took our supper John and I got my Papers

23 They Started for Lancaster the wind high Turned Back Finished the stack of Fine hay commenced the Marsh hay stack

24th I crossed to Viponds Brought 31 Ibs of Butter Bought 7 ½ yds of Calico 6 yds of Lindsey 2 yds of Cloth ½ Ib Tea Loaves of Bread Pipe 12 yds of Cotton 1 Pair of Boots the Man came for the canoe I had at G Renshaws to Day Bill here to Day The Boys went to Lancaster Gave me a 25 cent Plug of Tobacco a Good 2 Bladed Knife salts Nails senna oil pants and straw hats Gave Gordon 25 cents Packing up their things to night to start Tomorrow Mr Fulton and John Cameron here Put Some hay on the marsh hay stack

25th Went Down to Kit Kit and Ross's Island with Mr Fulton caught a Good many the Boys was of when I come and a Good set of Boys they were Decent Lads Mr Fulton not well Left 50 cents Rained Quite a shower took some cocks out of the Back Marsh

26th Mowed some in the Back Marsh & Pourt seen where they Gordon and the {Illegible} spoke to them about it a Pealing Birch Bark

27th Finished the Marsh hay stock windy cut a strip in the Front Marsh windy Great Fire in the South Woods

27th Sunday Fine cool and Windy Took salts to Day cracked a Basin of Last years Butternuts hazel nuts good Spartan went Down

28th Went across Bought for J Hamilton 1 lb Tea Bought of J Sandfield 25 sack of Flour 1 pipe Matches

29th Making stack of Marsh hay 30 cocks

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Mr James Cameron Island Augt 30th

Fishing at christees caught one Pickerel that Weighed 8 ³/₄ lb very smoky Time with Fires the St Francis ahead Going up to Day very warm to Day took our Dinner on Christees Island Found a Table Knife in the Water

31st Went across to John Hamiltons Found a Large square of Tobacco on the shore Working at their Mar{sh?} Went to the store Bought of J Sandfield salt soap Got my Reporter Went to G Renshaws took 3 Papers Down for Mr Tyler Lincoln to the Lighthouse came Down on the North Side of our Island and Found Randolphs Knife he lost in the Water the St Francis ahead of any thing Going Down this morning charlie Parisha Working at the Bridge

1st of September Drawing Wood making a pile of Logs from the River Filled 5 Bags with ashes

2nd a Fine Day but Windy Rained hard Last night Mowed some in the Marsh But the Water is high I must Quit it Lots of Shooting an Indian Big Mitchells son Looking for a canoe he Lost he was here yesterday, Evening cool

3rd D McMasters Birth Day sunday very Windy cool and Fine Corinthian went Down the Wind Breaking the Tobacco Leaves Took home some hazelnuts from the Pitt Point

4th Drawing Wood

5th John Angus Birth Day Went to the Kit Kit Gordon and I Windy stopt all Day

6th crossed Left Gordon at hamiltons Got a Bag of Apples Bought of Vipons 4 Loaves of Bread matches John hamilton unwell Drew some hay

7th Drew in some hay sowed hay seed in the Oakfeild

8th Drawing Wood

9th Windy

10th Went to Hamiltons John and Tom Gordon at Alexis Island Shooting Deers now

11th crossed with 7 ½ of Ashes Bought of J sandfield 25 lb Flour Bought of I Vipond ½ lb of Powder 15 cents Matches

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 12th

Fishing some

13th Putting out manure

14th Randolph and I Fishing

15th Drawing Wood Ronald Angus Departed

16th I crossed got 1..50 from J Hamilton Bought of Viponds ½ Ib Tea Matches Gave AJ Baker my Bag to Bring me 100 Ib of Flour from Montreal East Wind high Henery Genie and his Boy came took Gordon from hamiltons our Potatoes near Done

17th Windy Henery went to Charlie Island 2 Men hunting there

18th E Wind Windy Fishing

19th Henery Gordon and I crossed Left Gordon at J hamiltons Bought of JS Summers 50 Wt of Flour 1..50 got 25 cents from henery 1 lb Shot some caps henry Bought 1 Quart HW 2 lb of Shot 1 Box of Caps Fishing chub 20 Set the Rope line

20th splitting Rails Henery crossed to McDonalds Below Frashers South Side Henery came Back to-night

21st St Matthew Last Day of Summer Henry went off to meet the Boat at Lancas{ter} Drawing Wood

22nd Autumn or Fall Begi{ns} Drawing Wood

23rd Drawing Wood and crossed to Renshaws for 100 wt of Flour I got From AJ Baker took up on the Bohemian from Montrea{I} the Victoria Steamer Moved to Renshaws Wharf pumped her this Week and found 2 augur {auger} holes in her where some Villian did on the Intention of Getting a Job of Bailing her

24th Windy

25th Charlie Rose came to mow the Marsh I went with Gordon to Hamilton's got the Hops and the apples on the Tree in the Potatoe got some Tin Dishes in the Bush at Hamiltons East Wind this 10 Days seen J James Gave Charlie some EEI skins

26th Raining Mr Fulton to Primo James Barnes came Took in the Double Stove a Wet Dirty Day Mr Fulton caught 3 chub and 13 Perch 1 Doree Brought me ½ lb Powder 1 Box of Cap 2 lb of Shot

28 27th 1876

Mr James Cameron Island Sept

FMr Fulton Went Down the way of the Kit Kit And Ross's Island Windy Drawing Wood 28th (Illegible) Day charlie Rose and Peter Purcell here since yesterday the Wind very high stopt all night Johnny with them Drawing Wood 28th Charlie and Pete Finished Mowing high wind to Day got Lower and they crossin Drawing Wood.

29th Raising Bad with a Pain that goes right through me Michaelmas Day

30th Went to J Hamilton Bought of Vipond ½ Ib Tea Hooks & Eyes Bought of J Summers 2 Bunches of matches AJ Baker put up his Parlor Stove Got 2 ½ Bushels of Apples from J Hamilton the Magnet went Down heard William Lavallette came Back to the Front after Stealing something in Lancaster Last Day of the mon{th}

1st of October Sunday Fine and cool Windy the Hawks Playing the Devil with the hens and pullets the Passport went down and the corsican went Down to Day

2nd 2 men here Oliver and Stephenson going to Ross Island to Fish Windy chopping Firewood got a Pipe of Tobacco from them Windy

3rd cutting in the oakfeild Gordon and J Henery and Antwine Bosell passed up I Followed them thinking they would take Gordon over to Hamiltons Henry told me Dr Shavers girl was married to Purcell But he did not tell me he Lost Kenneth McLauglins 10 Dollars when he was in Montreal with his Fish Antwine told me he would Fix the clock I crossed with Gordon this Evening and Just time enough or I would be caught in a Gale of Wind I got some of it

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 4th 1876

Windy Rain Mr Hitchcock and Johnson here to nigh{t} Mr Hatton here cold some got 25 cents from Hatton

5th Hitchcock and Johnson started had to stop at the Head of the Island with the wind Drew their Boat across the Island Got 50 cents from them some Powder and shot and caps Gave them 2 Large squashes they crossed this Evening shot a Marsh hen and a Bittern or mire-Drum

6th Raining Turned Fine crossed to Summertown commenced to Rain and Blow stopt at Hamiltons John and his Wife in Montreal I took Dinner Bought of Viponds Cooks Friend 70 ce{nts} 1 Pane of Glass 5 cents 4 spoils of Thread 20 1 White skain 20 cents Bought of J Summers salt Match{es} Pipe Starckh stopt at Hamiltons got a Bag of Apples From Tom Annie Grant there whil{e} there away Seen G Bosell the Passport Laid up Gave Lewis Blondeau a thing for to go in his gun George Renshaws wood took Fire yesterday and Through the night the Fair in Fort Covington this week and a stormy Rainy week it is

7th Drawing some Wood Piling at the Door the Mare tramped on the Back part of my Leg. Windy Raining some

8th sunday Raining Hailing Windy Snowing for the first snow

9th Banking the West End of the house took a few Loads out of the Big shed got a few cocks of Marsh hay high-Wind Corsican went Down hard frost Last night ice thick this morning

10th HughAnn McMasters Birth Day cut some hay put in 7 cocks Fixed a Knee in the Jumper Killed a snake on the pitt Point and Burnt him Made a few plugs of Tobacco Made a Fence around 2 of the stacks opened 2 Pannels of the Fence at the end of the Lane Last Quarter of the moon to Day and the very windy time since she Began

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 11th

Drawing wood Broke the Whippletree Im not sure But I heard A Cameron's Wife Departed to Day or Tomorrow Windy Time cool a Few grains of snow

12th Cutting and Drawing Firewood put in 2 cocks of hay Windy

13th cut Down the cherry Tree at the Lower Point cutting Brush Kind of Fine to Day Trimming the apple Trees at the Lower Point East Wind this Evening and cold Raining and Cold to night took up the Line Randolph and I pealing some apples

14th Raining some snow East and changed to West crossed to Hamiltons got a Pipe from John Brought over a Pair of sox Got a Ball of yarn to Finish the other Got a Bag of Apples Went to the store Bought of Viponds ½ Ib Tea Ginger Matches heard R Jacks wife was Poorly Mrs Summers Poorly Got From AJ Baker 33 ¾ Ib of Flour Flour in Summertown 3 ¼ or 25 a 100 they took up their potatoes at hamiltons that they had on the halves 3 Boats of hunters up to Day from Sorel Blowing hard to night Froze Pretty hard to night

15th Cold Blowing hard

16th Drawing Wood high Wind shot a Duck cutting Stove Wood

17th Crossed to Hamiltons to help with the Potatoes Tom Lennon for Apples spreading manure churning Fixing the Bin for the Potatoes pretty cold to Day

18th at J Hamiltons at the Potatoes some cold in the fore Part of the Day St Lukes Day

19th James Grant a Bee at the Potatoes a fine Day Spartan went Down

20th Me at hamiltons Mr Fulton and Miles here Fishing Finished the Potatoes at Hamiltons to Day seen Allen

21st Came home from Hamiltons Raining took a Basket of apples and 2 Tin Kettles Potatoes Ducks Plenty Mr Fulton Passed up

1876

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 22nd

Sunday a Fortunate Day Went to Fish got none a Great Lot of shooting of Ducks Spartan went up Magnet went Down Jennie crossed to Dundee this morning from Summertown wind East Rain fine Henery Genie and Henderson came to night they had 4 sturgeon and 4 suckers

23rd Livinia Birth Day 8 years old to Day set the Line Baited with sucker went to Hamiltons Brought a ½ sturgeon and the sox Henry to the store for salt got a Sturgeon from henery salted his got 3 2 Plugs of Tobacco from henderson went to Christees to night too Windy to Fish hard sout{h} Wind at the hunters camp on Christees Island Rained hard and Blowing to night

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day henderson shot at Diver this morning went to the Line Got nothing they got Ready and Started for Point Moria to hunt took his Rope Left his Jack Fine But Windy taking the manure out of the Big Shed Banking inside the Little shed North side of the shouse went to the Line to night Got a sturgeon

25th My Birth Day cleaned a Sturgeon Got 2 {scar-os?} on the Line Finished the Big Shed Put some manure out on the hay from Before the Barn Door Drew the Basswood from the Lower Point took Down the Wedges and split the Log

26th Banking Windy hurted my Finger the not of a Bolt my Gun Went off cocking it Seen a Flock Passing of Wild geese

27 seen a Pigeon on the Pit Point Tried for Bait Drawing Wood

28th I crossed to Summerstown Bought ½ Tea matches Pins the Robbers of Jewellery at Summerss 10 Brien 1 arm Got 2 Bags of Potatoes one Bag of Apples from J Hamilton John and I went to the store Henery Genie here Towed up with the East Bill McLeod going to-morrow to the Centenial

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 29th 1876

Gave Henry 2 sturgeon Walter Bakers Wife Died Sunday Henery Genie and I to Charlie and Rosss Island then crossed the Mare Down to Rankins Mill Gave Henery the Big Canoe got home Pretty Late came all around the shore up to Brunstons

30th Went to Fish Bait to the Kit Kit got no Bait shot a Duck East Wind Raised sailed home

31st Baited the Line Killed a Ruster for Bait took home a Load of Wood in the canoe from the Bay Last Day of HallowEEn or All Hallows or Holy Eve cracking nuts and Eating apples

1st of Nov All Saints Day Boarding the sheds and fixing around

2nd All Souls Day Working at Tobacco Livinia Thumb a sore Pain East Wind

3rd High West Wind went around the Island cut a Broom the Alexandra and 2 Tugs went up Wind came Down calm in the Evening went to the Line Full of Weeds sawed the But of the cherry

14th Went to Summerstown got 2 Dollars from J Hamilton Viponds Packing their Goods to move to Dundee AJ Baker & Charlie Parisha Killing 2 hogs Bought of Spinks or J Summers 50 Wt of Flour 1 Pipe and matches J Grant and F Laplante to Rankins Mill got a Hat Rack at Throwing the Dice a very fine night

5th Guy Fawks Day a very fine Day 3 men with Decoys shooting all Day in the Bay a Great Talk of Mr Oxley Getting 1 and ½ million of money

6th Went to the Kit Kit with my Decoys shot 1 Duck seen a very Large White owl

7th Helens Birth Day Took in the cook stove in the cook house Randolph and I went to Alexis Island {Illegible due to ink splotch}ing the cover for my Box of Axes put 9 axes in it and Hay James Grant a Raising Bee Finished of making Plugs of Tobacco 120 Plugs Besides Loose stuff

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 8th

Foggy morning Went to George Renshaws wit{h t}he Box of Axes 9 of them Brought some cran-Berries to Georges East Wind went to I Viponds nothing in the Store Settled with him Got a Receipt and Gave him my note for 10 Dollars allowed me 10 Dollars for the Marsh hay the P Office up at JS Summers now Bought of J Summers ½ lb soda 4 lb of Fine salt 3 Bunches of Matches Pipe Nicholsons a Bee raising came Down to J Hamiltons Got 2 Bags of Potatoes and apples the Alexandra went Down forgot my mits South East wind came hom shot a Large spotted White Owl cleaning my guns

9th The Prince of Wales Birth Day a Fine Day sawing stove Wood Randolph and I some shooting geese not Plenty the Victoria went to Rankins Mill and Back Raining some East Wind and West cleaning cranberries

10th sawing Stove Wood a Fine Day Made cranberry Jelly

11th St Martins I went to Summertown stopped at the Lighthouse took Dinner at Hamiltons Brought over Gordons pants Bought of J Sandfield Summers ½ Ib Tea 30 cents Bill McLeod after coming from the Centennial a great many after Dear this time I not certain who is Elected yet But Last accounts that Tilden was ahead

12th Old HallowEen Went to set my Decoys a Boat Steamed Down the Back Channel and came on the north side of Christies Island and anchored there to night had 3 Jolly Boats after her in Tow a hunting concern I suppose West Wind the Bohemian and St Francis Went Down

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 13th 1876

Monday Willie Rose Tommy Munroe and Richard Lavallete came to Make stacks of the Marsh hay

14th the 3 Boys came to Day and Finished the 2 stocks I helped to pitch them Rained some Last night

15th Making or Fixing the Door upstairs and Working at the sheds

16th Henery Genie came Working at the stable shot 2 Ducks 17th First setting of Traps

17th Got a Rat Henery and I Fishing EEIs Got 9 Fishing with the hand Line got none

18th clean the Line Making a yoke for the Steers

19th Went to Lancaster crossed over to Murdoch McDonalds made our supper on the Point had some Rum and fished up along shore Got 2 sturgeon Some Suckers Gordon came from Hamiltons Tommy Jack and Murdy Craig Left him

20th yoked the oxen for the first time Baited the Line {Above it reads: Jim hopkins here} Henery making oars and cart Frame

21 On this Day of the Month D McMaster Departed in the year 46 Making a shed Gordon and I for the sheep Alexandra went Down

22 Raining and Freezing Some wind Quit from East 10 Days Blow to Day Henry crossed to Murdoch McDonalds him and Murdoch came to night Baited the Line twice to Day

23rd Henry went home to Day and Murdoch McDonald George Morris and Fred MDonald came Fishing EEIs Made a Door for the sheep's Place West Wind snow on the Mountains to Day plastering the stable Let the Oxen go took of the yoke {Illegible due to ink splotch} Hamilton Tom Isacc Vipond Jo Vipond Donald McDonald John Carey shot a Buck Deer in the water

24th Gordon and I crossed took Dinner at Hamiltons and stopt all night there McGreggor in the Glen shot with the Gun going off while standing on a stump he Died with Loss of Blood a Bee at Dan Camerons and John Richard Grants

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 25th 18{76}

Seen AJ Baker got 61 lbs of Flour weighed {i}n Summers's store Bought of J Summers ¼ Tea Bar of Soap 3 Bunches of Matches Got a Taste of chee{se?} One of the Dunlops Buried Died with the small Pox Kerosene oil Kenneth McDonalds a Bee Ploughing to Day got a Peice of the venison from J Hamilton cow head Henery came to night and Murdoch MDonald Fishing East Wind Brought 2 Bags of Potatoes to me put in the 2 calves to night for the First 26th Henery and Murdoch crossed Ev{ening?} to Murdoch's I seen Henery sailing Back going to Lancaster

27th Fixing a Rack in the Big Shed

28th a Propeller Tow Boat went up the {Illegible} {Above it reads: Ferrying from Plum Island} Last Trip to night as its Freezing hard enough to Freeze Salmon River {Above it reads: scowing from alexis Island} Fixing around {c}hopping Stove Wood scowing from Alexandra

29th Bohemian went Down Early without calling into Lancaste{r} or St{lllegible}et as far as I could see the St Francis called into Lancaster going and coming I think its Jimmy Grants scow that crossed and returned without nothing in it wind Kind of high

30th St Andrew's Day The Festival of The Scotch Firing in the Morni{ng} and Evening set Part of the Back Marsh a Fire but it will not Burn set 3 or 4 Brush heaps a Fire which makes as Bright Light Burnt them clean the Steamer Victoria went up this Evening and I Gave them some good volleys but they did not return it with a Blow of the Whistle As there was no true Scotsman aboard of her I Did not expect it a fine Day Cold and Pleasant no snow on the ground Lots of snow on the Mountains Wild Geese very {s}carce Lights in the Lighthouses to night

Mr James Cameron Island December the 1st 1876

Raw and cold to Day snowing a Little standing on up Troughfs in the Sugar Bush ice a peice made in Back Bay chopping Stove Wood som I have a Very Bad cold cows Picking out some But gues them a Bit night and Morning I Dont see no Lights in the Lighthouses to night {Above it reads: a Light on the Cherry Island} those East of me whatever nothing on the Water to Day cut my Mits out to Day took in the swill Barrel as it Freezes in the shed a change in the Moon this Morning

2nd snowing some Wind West a Boat came out of Lancaster to the Lighthouse with Barges in Tow it must Be the Anderson a Steamer came up to night I Dont Know what one it is Mr Hill has his Light up to night none on the scow Light Cherry Island has her Light up to night scowing from Alexis Island to Day 2 Trips the Last Trip was 1 horse Drew the Fish Box up from the Bank sawing stove Wood

3rd all the Lights up to night Went to the Head of the Island Randolph and I no Boats a going now

4th Killed the hog sat a Trap in the hollow log Front of Marsh

5th Cut a saw Log cutting stove Wood high Wind West

6th Cutting stove Wood the Festival of the Germans St Nicholas

7th Setting Fire to the Marsh and some heaps of Brush not very well

8th chopping stove Wood

9th Very cold high Wind went for Brooms to the north side of the Island snowing some to night

10th Leanders Birth Day 1872 4 years old to Day cold and Windy

11th Cold very unwell did not smoke for 2 Days

12th not very well a fine Day took my canoe up to the head of the Island to be Ready to go across in the morning East wind some ice along the shore

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Mr James Cameron Island December 13

I crossed called at hamiltons heard old Mr Donald McDougall Departed Last week and McCrimmons wife below Lan{torn away} the ice all out of the Little channel at Su{mm}erstown the Widow Donald Summers Died yesterday had 3 ½ Ib of Butter Bought of John Summers 1 Ib Tea Thread spools and skains matches cloves seen a Smallman seen Allen Buying Geese and Turkies wind changed high West Got from Mrs AJ Baker 30 Ib of Flour had a Fine sail {c}oming home

14 Fine Wind Raised

15 choppi{ng i}n the Bush Fine Cold and Windy to night south west Blew hard took away some of the Washing that was on the poles Drying Frosty New Moon {c}omes in to Day

16th Cold and Windy Freezi{ng} hard a cold night the ice Took on the South Side to night the steamboat Channel open

17th Water Raising cold and Frosty Ducks Flying about my Trap Froze in the hollow Log cattle harty no snow on the Ground of any consequence cattle picks some but Dont save Feeding the ice looks as if it was going to take

18th ice Taken {o}n the south side north side Taken {Illegible} Down

{1}9th Blustery Windy seen 5 men crossing at Summerss Road

20th First Day of Winter I crossed to Hamiltons got a sack of apples {Illegible} 50

21st Shortest Day crossed E. Wind very Frosty took Dinner at Hamiltons churning But the Butter wont come stopt with G Renshaw to night AJ Baker in Cornwall took home his Bag crossing with horses on Summerss Road

22nd 1876

Mr James Cameron Island Dec

at George Renshaws Got From AJ Baker 100 lb of Flour Andrew at the Examination Got some Herrings and Pork from George stopt at Hamiltons and Tomy Jack went up with the Horses after my Flour Gordon came with me to the head of the Island to Draw the sleigh very cold East Wind and Frosty Jim hopkins went to Cornwall with Johnny Summers

22 23rd Cold chopping at the Door Raised my Long canoe and Drew the small canoe up on the Bank Randolph and I took up my sail an Air hole in Front of the house

24 Sunday Reading papers Christmas Eve cold and Windy sun shines

25th Christmas Day Fine Day Gordon came from Hamiltons took a Book with him had a pair of scates with him

26th Kind of Fine and Stormy East Wind not very well George Renshaw a Bee Drawing Stones chopping stove Wood Feeding the 2 cows Fine Hay

27th crossed to Summerstown Bought of J Summers 1 Lamp Chimney Matches pipe seen 7 Men Gathering Money for Mr Craigs Monument Tom Summers Bushing the Road on the ice charlie Parisha taking his cattle From Hamiltons that he Bought

28th cutting in the Bush

29th Our Angus's Birth Day turned very Stormy to night from the East snowing and Drifting

30th Went to the Pit Point for Cedar Stormy from the north West Blustering taking away Banks of snow around the Barn and on the Road to the River

31st Sunday very Cold Last Day of the year

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