

An extremely hot day. it was nice and cool early this morning, but the sun had no sooner made its appearance than it became perceptibly warmer, which increased greatly as the day wore on. I got up early this morning knowing that I had to go to Guelph with the parts of the knoter that failed to work. the delivering part would not work. Johnny was anxious to see me back at dinner time, but, on such a hot day as this it is much easier to talk about it than to do it. I drove in Fred and our own buggy and reached Guelph between 9 & 10 o'clock, other affairs prevented them doing my job right away, so I drove up to Millie's and fed my horse and had my own dinner. getting away for home between 12 & 1. Johnny immediately attached the pieces and started work in our north front field where he did fairly well till night. Colin moulded up a large portion of the potatoes while I was away. he also dusted 5 rows with the peg killer. I had a good chase of the thrushes in potato patch afternoon. paid a dollar to Colton for fixing the parts of the knoter.

Another steaming hot day. Johnny attempted to finish up the cutting of our oats in north front field and when nearly done was met by another provoking little break which necessitated him going to the blacksmith shop to get fixed. he got done shortly after dinner, and then left for his own oats (mixed with wheat) behind the barn. they got along very well for the time, the grain does not stand well and makes it more tedious to cut. I put on the peg killer on about the half of our potato patch this morning, and had some afterwards. Colin also helping for awhile when Johnny was away to the blacksmith shop. Maggie and her mother drove down to Everton this afternoon I was choring round, but did not go to the field on account of the great heat.

Sunday 9

Another blisterer of a day. the sun has been terribly hot. Maggie and Colin have been twice to Everton meeting. Mary Cable up with them and George walked up. David Robertson wife & two youngest children also came along. They had all dinner and tea with us and, but for the heat passed a very pleasant time. I helped Johnny up with his cow and 10 young pigs from the bush.

Continues extremely hot and sultry. The Sun shone out brightly this forenoon, but the afternoon brought dulness and threatening clouds around. Towards evening there was a heavy thunder cloud passed round to the South of us. a very little rain fell here.

John went to the blacksmith shop this morning and got another part of the motor fixed that had given way. it was about ten o'clock before he started to cut, he finished up the cutting of the mixed crop by dinner time however, and then after dinner cut fully 3 acres of his wheat by nearly supper time. after supper he and Colin started into our wheat and cut down about the half of it (about 3 acres) before quitting time.

I have worked among the potatoes all day. first took the team and Gale Harrow to cover the land before moulding. They were so buggy however that I thought it best to pick them first. So spent about 4 hours in picking over 30 rows.

I then, after tea, ran the Gale Harrow through them and made a fine job. They are now ready for the final moulding. Colin moulded the other half of them by going through them twice with the plow.

Another very hot day. the Sun burns very hard on these days. John finished cutting the spring wheat this forenoon and then moved into the 2 acre patch immediately behind it in the next field. the oats are very heavy and badly down, so that they can only be cut in two ways, another of these connections of the packers broke again the day and luckily there was an old one to spare with which John kept the machine going.

I got a new one from Willie Abbott this evening. I ran the Gale Harrow through the turnips to day, with Fred & Jennie mare. it made a good job of them. my back and hands have been very sore to day, and sitting on the Gale Harrow has not improved it any. there has been much lightning this evening. the thunder and lightning is getting so heavy lately as to cause much damage throughout the Country.

There was quite a thunder storm last night and considerable rain fell. I am getting anxious to see our cutting done so that we can have it housed on the first opportunity.

Johnny finished cutting oats before supper time this afternoon and he & Colin went right off to the quarry field. Colin and I walked over to James Symonds this morning in search of the 4 calves that strayed over to there. we could not find them all at once, and Colin soon returned to the cutting again, while I eventually got the cattle and drove them round the road.

after dinner I moulded up the potatoes with the old grey horse. Boulton & Walter Cutting were here looking at the old house with a view of purchasing it but I did not encourage them. I would rather shoot the old horse than subject him to ill treatment, and I rather guess they would not use him too well.

Although it is, what might be called very warm weather, still it is not nearly so hot as these late days that have passed. I notice by the papers, that a great many deaths have taken place in a number of the large American Cities, through the great heat. Johnny had cut at his oats in the quarry field to day but, as they have to be cut principally the one way it makes it a much more tedious job. Colin and I took in 2 loads of the black oats this forenoon while Johnny cut away and Colin counted on catching up to him, which he did. I dusted about 30 rows of the potatoes with the bug killer this morning, had them done before 10 o'clock. I sowed the seams in my boots this afternoon and afterwards plowed and harrowed the strawberry patch, which was much in need of cleaning. Drove down to Exeter this evening for the mail and was accompanied home by Bernice Gollup, wife and child, also Maggie Mitchell with them.

Cool at night and dry and warm through the day. Johnny and Colin have been laying hard at the cutting and choosing to day. They finished up all the cheap cutting doing the new piece after tea. it made a fine crop and stood fairly well - over 3 acres - I remained with Benmie Hollop & his Company this forenoon, they went to Johnny for dinner. I had some this afternoon at the second hoeing of the turnips.

SATURDAY 15 (230-135)

Another fine harvest day, dry and warm we are anxious to be at the hauling in of the grain, neither Johnny nor ourselves have had up to this afternoon any cheap grain into the barn. Colin helped Johnny at his potatoes this forenoon he moulded them all up while Johnny put Paris green on them. he has been wanting to get at them this some time back, but on account of the cutting could never manage it. we hauled in ~~3 loads of~~ 7 black oats, making 5 loads in all. also 5 loads in north front field - which finished it. we have now 10 loads of oats in altogether. and our barley.

Sunday 16

A very fine day. warm in the middle of the day, but got much cooler towards evening. Margaret and I drove down to Mc Kenzie to day. we left here about 8 A.M. and reached there before ten. we stayed till after tea. John has all his harvest done but his peas. they are all well. the crops are only middling. he hardly knows what to think about staying or leaving. we called at Stewarts on our way home

A splendid harvest day. a little bit gently & threatening and a few drops of rain fell at times but nothing to interfere with harvest work. Johny has been drawing in all day. I helped them in the mow. he took in the mixed grain behind his barn, and afterwards the wheat ^{2 in potatoes field} - 8 loads in all. They afterwards drew in 5 loads of our oats. making 13 loads hauled to day. that stuff is in fine order. but some of the oats are very worthless on account of the rust which has seriously affected a large proportion of the later oats. we hear that Mr. Usherwood has 2 fields not worth the cutting but for the straw. our north back field oats are our worst although they are New Zealand, they don't seem to be so badly rusted as blighted with the terrible heat that has so long prevailed.

Cooler to day, fine harvest forenoon, a heavy rain cloud came up this forenoon and stoped us drawing in. we had just finished up the oats all the ravings, and I had been raving as they were drawing in. we took in 3 loads to day, & very large loads - with the ravings 19 loads in all. On getting stoped we arranged the machinery and vehicles and placed them in order in the driving house over the way. And Colin went to the Hay pulling at John Webb's this afternoon. Horace Louell came at noon to cut peas for Johny with scythes and Johny also went at the same work. I expected he would have gone to Webb's too but he did not go. I finished up the raving of oats in the back north field and bunched them. I guess we won't trouble to rake any of the rest as we can let the pigs into all the rest. I drove to Everton this evening and got the mail. I settled with Geo. Marshall for the turnip seed and brought home the balance of the Hungarian Grass seed. he sold a bushel for which he allowed me a dollar, the turnip seed was 80¢. I got 15¢ in money and a dipper 5¢.

A splendid harvest day. Cool and dry. we finished drawing in our Cheamus to day by taking in our loose wheat. There was corn here between 3 & 4 acres and we took it in 3 loads. They were very large however. Colin was making a kind of brag about it which made him load so heavy. John Nutrie sent 2 men to Johnny to day to help him, and Johnny goes to help him thresh on Friday. Sandy Rea, and McDonald, Rea helped us to draw in. Besides the wheat, we had a load of oat raskings. after we got through (about 2 o'clock) we then drew at Johnny's peas, took in 6 loads. He also had a load of raskings (oats). Harry Souell has been pulling peas for Johnny a day and half. and Johnny and McDonald all day. excepting that Johnny left them to help draw in after Supper. Colin went to a flax pulling Bee at Coffey's after Supper. and did not return till after eleven. I hoed 6 rows of turnips before starting to draw in. Colin hoed 3. Maggie and her Mother drove together and paid Mr James McDermott a visit this afternoon.

Another grand harvest day. The temperature now for a little time back has ruled much lower than during the awful heated term. and people have a chance to sleep at night and work with comfort through the day. Johnny has put himself well forward with his harvest to day. Colin has had the team there all day and Robert McWilliams and Johnny Burnett with the team were helping also in the afternoon. Harry Souell was pulling peas this afternoon. I hoed in the turnips this forenoon. Robt Nutrie helped them in the snow while Johnny & Colin drew in at oats. but when they started on the 2 teams they then wanted me on. Mr & Mrs David Stewart came along before dinner and I did not like to leave them but David knows how to excuse farmers in harvest time. they stayed on till after Supper, and seemed to enjoy themselves very well. I drove to Everton after getting time and got the mail. have engaged Harry Souell to come and cut peas tomorrow. I let the pigs into the wheat stubble for the first to day.

Continues very fine harvest weather. the heat has been but moderate and late peas & oats are having a good time for ripening. there are a great many poor oats throughout the country. the great hail struck the late oats just at filling time and killed and blighted them.

Horas Lovell and Colin have been pulling peas with the scythe to day. they say they are a good crop and they pulled about 3 acres to day. it is a nice clean job and but very little spilling. I hoed in the turnips all day. and cleaned, I think, 22 rows. the turnips seem to be doing very well lately. although they would do much better with more rain. the ground is too dry for either potatoes or turnips. Johnny & Lizzie went over to John Nutrie's to day. they are threshing at the old place and John Nutrie always likes to have Johnny over to help him. I thought to keep Horas Lovell over tomorrow so as to have the rest of our field done. but as he charged a dollar a day. I paid him for today's work, and told him I could not afford to give so high a wage. Some are only charging 75^{cts} and it is as much as any farmer can afford to pay.

44 Fine harvest weather, weather a shade warmer to day. Colin went to Guelph to day in company of his brother. he hired Charlie Duffield to take his place to day. Johnny got in the last of his peas (3 loads) and a load of oat ravings. we had to take in a load after dinner. and got a start at our own at 2:10 and almost finished taking in ours. we had 6 loads and put them up into our saving beam now with the horse fork. Charlie and I moved them away while Johnny managed the fork. Maggie led out King. the peas are in fine order and seem to be fairly well podded and a good crop of straw.

Margaret drove to Guelph taking butter & eggs. Ruth Williams was kind enough to accompany her as neither Maggie nor I could very well go on account of the drawing in of the peas. the butter brought 16^{cts} & 15^{cts} and the eggs 9^{cts} & 10^{cts}. she went to Willie's. he returned from Meaford last Friday forenoon (at 10 o'clock) drove from James Cunningham that morning. and from Meaford the day previous to Cunningham. he left Colin Campbell up there. it was thought his health had improved.

Sunday 23

A little rain fell last night. and there was some thunder. it was all cleared off this morning and we have had a fine day. a little warmer again. Maggie and Colin were at Everton meeting this A.M. Willie & Jennie drove out from Guelph this forenoon and had dinner with us. John Campbell & Willie McDougal drove down to meet Jennie. She went up to her mother who has been lately quite ill. Mr. Dunbar drove over this evening and paid us a visit. we went down together to Hobbs. Margaret was also down there while this evening.

A very fine harvest day. Cool and dry, the sun shone pulled out rather warm in the middle of the day. Some rain at about present would be very acceptable as the potatoes and 2 acres turnips are both needing moisture. Colin and I cut of peas round the balance of the peas in the middle field and with the horse and rake. John held the rake and I drove the horse, and Colin forked them back after dinner. I forked them back before dinner, while Colin drove. We commenced hauling in about 3 o'clock and had 2 loads in before supper. We took in other 2 loads after tea which finished the field - 10 loads in all - Charles McDougal came along before tea to renew the insurance of Mrs Annie Peavoy's house in Everton renewed it for her, and Charles gave me an interim receipt, if paid before the 20th of next month, then the business will be completed. If not paid by that time I agreed to call at the office and sign a note of hand for the amount and can have 3 months to pay it in, without interest. We have yet to pull the peas on the stony acre, they are green on the top of the vines but ripe below, as I think blowing sand covering it to fall wheat we will likely pull the peas right away and get them off the ground.

Very fine weather but very dry. a good fall of rain is very much needed now to moisten the ground for the plow and to make the roots grow. I hoed 8 rows of the turnips this afternoon and the ground is very dry and dusty. I drove to Everton this morning with the team and lumber waggon taking down a cord of Tamarac wood to Annie Abbott. I left the waggon with Robertson to put a new tongue and kind bolster into it. I pitched the democrat behind the waggon on going down and had it to come home with. I got a 100 lb of flour at the mill. \$1.75 not paid. Sam Congdon rode up with me and I gave him an order for some fruit trees. They may be delivered this fall, or not till spring, and it is optional with me whether I pay them this fall or spring. Maggie and her mother drove over to Colton in the buggy this forenoon and did not return till after seven at night. We had to get our own dinner and wait late for supper. Colton are yet busy at their harvest. Colin has been pulling the peas on the stony acre with the scythe and pulled them all to about an hour & half's work.

Continues splendid weather for finishing up the late harvest, dry and warm through the day cool at night. Colin finished up the pea pulling this morning, and afterwards hoed at the turnips along with me. Colin advised me to take in the peas, although some of them were a little green on the tops. So we hitched up after dinner and drove out to the field, we were rather late however, as there was quite a heavy shower came up before we had the third of the peas on and I had to run in with them. After tea I hitched on to the democrat and drove down to Eyerton and brought home the lumber waggon. Robertson had it fixed. (new tongue and holsters) I paid him \$1.50. owe him 25^{cts} yet. Grace Anna Abbott paid me a dollar & half for the wood I took down to her, and I got a letter containing 5 dollars, from James Renshaw. The rack being on the waggon, I brought home from Charlie Casinor 14 empty barrels for holding apples. They are 10^c each. Didn't pay them.

THURSDAY 27 (242-123)

Very fine and pleasant day. I am nearly laid up to day. my back is much worse I think the drive home last night from Eyerton on top of the barrels on the lumber waggon is the cause. it was quite cold and I got very chilly. Colin and I rigged up the lumber waggon with Robert Morton's wood rack and loaded on a load of the lamarack wood for Mr Pike. I was not able to go on account of my back. and after getting the load ready, we hoed turnips till dinner time and then Colin took it down to Rockwood, they found there was a cord and quarter when they filled it. I covered "Doc's" bit with leather. his mouth is very tender and it makes him awkward and unpleasant to drive.

A beautiful day. a little frost last night. Cool mornings and nights but comfortably warm through the day. I have suffered a great deal to day from a lame back. The pain that has annoyed me for these two or three weeks increased very much to day. I think being exposed to the cold last Wednesday night bringing home the barrels made it worse. I turned the peas before dinner, and Colin & Johnny took them in after tea. Colin started to plow in the north front field. he also cut down the Hungarian grass. I hitched to the buggy this afternoon and, with Margaret, drove up to see Mrs Cathra. She is some better and was sitting up on the edge of the bed when we were there. She has got a pretty bad Chara but she says she does not suffer any pain of consequence. Jennie is getting rather impatient at being away from home and is anxious to get her mother into Guelph with them, her mother has agreed to go and may try and go tomorrow. Coming down as far as our place first and then I to drive her to Guelph afternoon. Cathra's family seems to be dissatisfied about their stepmother coming there and having nearly all left, he is a queer stick anyway. She does not try to make matters pleasant or agreeable for all parties.

finished grain
harvest.

SATURDAY 29 (244-121)

The weather continues much the same. Cool nights with a little frost and dry and warm through the day. Colin plowed in the front field to day. after tea he took the team and got a load of flax loaded of John Webb which they agreed to take in to Guelph for him on Monday. I was hoeing this forenoon in the turnips. Jennie came down from her mother's this forenoon and wished to get to Guelph, they were afraid it would be too crowded for 3 to ride in the buggy, so they intend to drive out again for her. I drove Jennie to Guelph after dinner. We left here at 1.20. and reached Willis at 3.30. I did some shopping while the horse rested & fed. got an Apple peeler, 45¢ Smooth Sickle 25¢ 1/2 bushel Tomatoes 15¢ box Fraser's Apple grease 13¢ high W^d / share and a pair of double plow shares, 85¢ John Campbell paid me 85¢ for bag toats. pair plow lines 25¢ got back home between 9 & 10 P.M. I drove to the G.V.R. Guelph and met Annie Senter & Colin Campbell as they returned from Meaford. drove Annie home. Will took her trunk.

Sunday 30.

Fine day. had quite a Chouer about 5 P.M. Bella & John McKenzie & children accompanied our folks from Everton meeting. Mary also was with them. John tells me he has given up the plow. had a visit of Mr & Mrs John Webb also Nancy Currie and her child. I wrote to Robert Wood. enclosing 2 dollars for A.O.U.W. Assint for John & Self.

August

MONDAY 31

(246-119)

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Very Cool to day. Some frost again last night and this morning. Colin started off this morning about 7 o'clock. George and him had their loads into Robert McMillan's barn to keep them dry. Colin returned about 7 P.M. being 12 hours away. John and Colin Campbell drove out from Guelph to get their mother to day. They had their dinner with us and drove up Fred, so as to have their own horse (Jack) fresh. They encountered opposition from Isaac Catthra however, and John came down alone and is driving to Guelph to night intending to return tomorrow with a cab for their mother.

I have been hoeing turnips to day. They are all done except 33 rows. and I hope to get them done tomorrow. They are not so hard to do now. There is less June grass or any other weeds among them. and I hope to do them tomorrow and afterwards get them scuffled.

I put the 20 pigs into the back field to day so as to pick up the peas in stony acre. I want to get it plowed and sowed to fall wheat.

September

TUESDAY 1

(247-118)

A very fine day. nice for drying up the Hungarian grass. John & Colin Campbell & Jennie drove out from Guelph to day in a bus. They hired it with a horse to make their own, to take their mother to Guelph. They returned from Canthra in the middle of the afternoon on their way to Guelph. Mrs. Canthra seemed to be getting on very nicely in the conveyance. They got some refreshments here and then went on again. After dinner John and I with John's help went at to rake up and take in the Hungarian grass. I raked it together while John & Colin loaded it on the wagon. There were 2 loads of it. the first was large. the second not so large. After getting the first load off and while Colin was moving the wagon away from where it was pitched off. John, who was moving about inside the rack at same time, lost his balance and fell heavily on his right side on the sill of the rack. He seemed badly injured and lay for some time in pain. This evening Lizzie and he drove down to Emerson to see the doctor. The doctor advises absolute rest for a few days, and directed to put on a mustard plaster on the part that is injured. He says the chief danger is from inflammation or Pleurisy. Colin and I finished up the Hungarian grass by ourselves. I am not very fit to fork hay but there was nothing else for it.

A fine day again, as we are now booked for threshing a couple of days, beginning tomorrow morning at Robert McMilligan's. I got Colin started in good time to plow up the stony acre for fall wheat. I was a little afraid that, from the stony nature of the ground, he might find it difficult to get it all turned over, he got it done however, besides a few rounds on the ~~around~~ the adjoining oat stubble. it will be in order now to get the stones taken off and the seed sown and harrowed in tomorrow. I hoed 12 rows of the 24 rows of turnips this forenoon. I hitched up the horse & buggy and drove down to Dan Galt's and got a bag of fall (Dawson's golden chuff) I paid \$1.60 for it, 7 1/2 cts per bushel. 140 lbs. Called by Evertson on my way home, and got the papers &c, a letter from brother Alex. Meaford. is inviting me to meet him at Toronto at the Exhibition. I wrote him the other day telling him I would not go there this season.

Quite a nice rain last night, and it had not cleared up this morning. There was not much rain this morning however. Robert McMilligan's threshed to day and did not get quite done. I went to the threshing until about ten o'clock, they ran through all the peas by that time, over 150 bushels. The threshing Colin drew off the stones from the stony acre and took down the roller and harrows and I took the team, with the bag of fall wheat down after dinner. And sowed the peas and harrowed it 3 times. I then took off the larger stones and rolled it. The piece of ground looks as if it might be worked up now without much trouble. it has lain between 30 & 40 years without being in crop. of course we had a hard job this spring, stoning it and breaking it up.

A very fine day. the little rain that has fallen has softened the ground somewhat and it will also freshen up the grass, and the turnips and potatoes will be greatly benefited by it.

Colin has been at the threshing all day. they finished up Robert McWilliam's by about 1/2 past 8 this morning and they think they had the machine going at Robert Mortons in about an hour after. They threshed all of Robert's ^{grain} only his peas, and only did a few of them.

I had quite a job starting the double plow - this morning. I put on a pair of new shares and one of them was a very bad fitting one and I had a terrible job getting it on, after getting the shares on. I had then to polish them up as they had become very rusty. it was about ten o'clock before I got a start at the field to plow. I got along very well however, Colin had it nearly half plowed and I would have finished it had I got on it in the ordinary time.

SATURDAY 35

(251-114)

Very threatening to day, and some rain did fall. but, though not very pleasant for working out, there was not enough to stop work. Colin finished the north front field garing in an hour, and then went to the oat stubble behind, this way. of the stony acre he finished it up. he broke a piece off each of the plow shares. the ground is very stony close by the stony acre, and on some of them the cleares caught and broke. I had 6 rows of the turnips this forenoon while out awhile. there are yet 6 rows left. the tops have now got so large that I think of letting them alone, the gate harrow especially would tear them too bad. the wheels are apt to run down on top of the plants. the rows should be a little wider for it to work well among them. I hitched up the old horse and drew off the ^{small} stones off the stony acre this P.M. Maggie and her Mother drove to Guelph to day with the buggy and Fred. they had butter eggs. 16 butter. 12 eggs. \$6.50 the lot. Johnny is up to day, and outside with his overcoat on. he is some better.

Sunday 6.

A Splendid rain last night. the ground to day seems to be pretty well saturated. Maggie and her Mother drove to Everston meeting this forenoon. Colin walked away up about Robert's, in the evening, he drove to Everston Meeting. Mother accompanied them as far as Marks: they have a Sick Child. Howard Colton, wife and baby paid us a visit this afternoon.

Cool at night, and very fine through the day. Splendid weather for plowing and doing other work in the field. Colin plowed in South front field this forenoon, he went to Robert Kerr's place this afternoon. I partly made a large rack for drying apples on this forenoon, drove over, after getting dinner, to Dunbar's, to see if he was going to Erin Village this evening. he agreed to go, and I hurried back and plowed till 5 o'clock, when I unhitched and did up the chores and got supper. I started for the Village at about 7 o'clock, and was a few minutes ahead of Dunbar at O'Leary's. he rode the balance of the road with me, and Thos. Russell drove his horse. I bought a large Belladonna plaster for Johnny Core's side. it just cost 30^{cts} we had quite a discussion of the changes introduced by the Supreme Lodge A.O.U.W. relative to the graded system of assessments. it was rather a thin meeting for the discussion of so important a matter and it was suggested that another opportunity ~~will~~ be given for further discussion at another meeting. and initiation in the workman degree to night.

A beautiful day. warm sunshine although cool at night. Colin attended at Isaac Theaker's threshing all day. I was anxious to put in a whole day at the double plow but circumstances were against me getting any more than about half a day's work at it. I finished up ridding chuff and making apple rack this morning before starting at the plow. and at about 3.30 P.M. Bella & Mrs. Lang came driving along from Eden. Bella came up to see Johnny as soon as she heard of him getting hurt. I got little done for that as I finally unhitched at 5 o'clock ~~to tea~~. after which time they started off home and I hitched to the buggy and drove over to Standish's to get Margaret. She had come there visiting this P.M. we got a nice lot of strawberry plants. and I had a long conversation with Joseph Standish Richards brother. he is a very intelligent man. he lives at Bellville and is in the Gloomt Service. Johnny & Lizzie drove over to Mubies this afternoon and Bella did not see after driving all the way up.

The weather, cooler at night but not so cool as it has been in the past. The temperature seems to be rising again. very likely we will get another warm spell. I finished plowing the south front field this forenoon and started to plow in the pea field, 3rd field back on south side. Colin hitched up Fred and Brit, and hauled out a load of short manure and spread it over the strawberry patch. he after wards harrowed it. I found there was quite a scattering of small stones on the pea land so I got him to go at it and gather them off. Received a letter from Edwist Holyoke, we have had a long wait for it. and I wrote them a scolding letter the other day which they had not got at the time they wrote. "Out of sight of mind" is a very true axiom, too true indeed.

Young Room
Cows to Mrs
William Bull

A very warm day. the sun shone out quite hot and made it very oppressive to work. I have been plowing with the double plow in the pea land. some of it is very hard and dry. the new Shares however take good hold of it. Colin finished picking the stones off it by about 11 o'clock this forenoon. he drew in a load of stow wood before dinner. he went to Coffey's after dinner expecting them to thresh, they did not get through at Kerr's till 4 o'clock however. and Colin came back and fired the Swamp. it made a great blaze. and I think it has made a very clean job. Johnny has recovered so as to go to Coffey's threshing and drive the horses on the machines. he had Thomas Mack's oldest boy on working the team at the double plow. we hear of several cases of Typhoid fever around. they fear Nellie Findel has it. Joseph Croft is very ill at present with it. James McCallough's two sons are down with it. Little Stanley Couell also.

Another very warm day. There has been quite a stiff breeze this afternoon which has made the heat more bearable. Colin has been at Coffey's threshing all day. It is not finished yet. They think it will take them till nearly noon tomorrow. Duffield says that Albert has not pushed enough. I have plowed all day in the pea land. I think the team would have been able to have finished it up by to night, but it is hard work for me to follow them in the great heat. The fires in the Swamp were making quite a smoke again this afternoon. I think some one is putting out fire over by Synnott's this afternoon.

Our potatoes have improved lately in appearance very much. A fresh bloom has appeared among them, whatever that may indicate. The late rain, although not very profuse has had the effect of making them grow larger.

Another very warm day. very close and calm. it has been unlike the few days past in that there was little or no breeze. I finished the crossplowing with the double plow at dinner time. Colin returned from Coffey's threshing after dinner. it has taken quite a long time for them to do their threshing. Colin cultivated the North front field this afternoon. we wished to kill the cow thistle. I drove down to John Blacks. Margaret accompanying me when she remained to visit. I drove over to Hugh Blacks, to see what had best be done about the Board of Health business. The Drayden being away from Rockwood we thought it best for Dr. McCullough to look after the Cases of Typhoid under his care and ascertain whether measures could be instituted to check the further progress of the disease. Hugh Black has on a strong gang yesterday and to day filling his Silos. 10 men & 3 teams and an engine driving the Conslago Cutter, they are very busy. They had the Silos filled. 32 feet deep and 12 feet x 16 or thereabout.

Sunday 13

Very fine day. keeps dry although rain is wanted for the roots &c. as usual Maggie & Colin have attended at Enneton twice to day. I kept pretty much at home until about 4 P.M. when I walked across to see Mr. Dunbar. as the Mr. Dermott want the old horse I wished to know whether he had any objections. he had none. So if they still want him I will let him go.

A very dull day all day long. Close and warm this forenoon but considerable breeze in the afternoon. Colin has harrowed all day, he went twice over the most of it and is done all to about an acre. I finished up the hoeing of the turnips first thing this forenoon, and then began the cutting of the corn. I cut 3 rows at a time and went nearly three times through. I had to leave it over a couple of hours this afternoon helping Johnny's boy to take his harrows to the field. And after I came back it looked so much like rain that I carried lumber into the barn to be ready for fixing the granary. Robert Morten has promised to help me on Thursday next, also Johnny. Robert was helping Johnny to kiln and dress a porker this forenoon. Albert talks of threshing for us next Monday. Mr & Mrs John Webb paid us a visit this evening as they were returning from Mr Hindley's. They called while on their way home, at Mrs Matus's where their tenant has an Auction Sale of his stock & implements this afternoon. Johnny & Lizzie have been there

TUESDAY 15 (261-104)

Very dull all day. warm the most of the day. towards evening it became cooler. we have been expecting rain but none of any consequence has come. it took Colin a little while this morning to finish the harrowing and then he unhitched the horses and we both at cutting the corn. after cutting a while we began to think that if we had gaps made so as to avoid the trees we might be able to cut the balance down with the binder. so we spent a good deal of our time making those gaps. we did very little at the cutting this forenoon as we cleaned out the barn and lifted the floor where a new sleeper will have to be put in. Johnny has started to cut his corn. Maggie and her mother drove down to Evertown this evening, we hear Joseph Croft is a little better. Some improvement in others of the Typhoid Cases. had a letter from Alex. Holyorn, he complains that Ewart does not let himself to read up or study for further advancement in his business. I also had a letter from brother Alex. Meaford, he attended the Industrial at Toronto.

Continues fine weather, quite dull this forenoon again but cleared up afternoon to bright sunshine. Towards evening it began to show up like rain and after dark awhile we had a nice steady falling rain which I was very glad to see.

Colin and I cut at the corn this forenoon and have opened up the way mostly round the trees so that we may take in the machine there is fully the half of the corn in the orchard cut now. Colin plowed in south front field this afternoon. This is the first of our second plowing. I am thinking of covering up on it so as to plow it in again for potatoes. I cut some more corn this P.M. myself and bound up some of it. it ties very well. the smallest stalks making bands. we have been peeling & coring apples till quite late this evening.

Cleared up to Sunshine again. There has been quite a good breeze too, and it has been very pleasant. Of course a good rain was what we wanted. And if we had got it some time ago it would have been of great benefit to the roots but it has come very sparsely indeed. Johnny & Robert (Morton) have been working with us to day. mending the granary in the barn. They have worked very steadily and nearly completed the bins. The doors are yet to be made and fitted up. I lifted up the back part of the barn floor and put in a new sleeper the old sleeper has got rotten and the houses fell through the floor lately. The barn at the back is requiring repairs. the rain comes down and rot the timbers and it will have to be loosed after. Colin plowed the most of the day. but helped me awhile to place the sleeper and floor.

Henry Duffield helped me awhile to patch the floor in granary. we cut it out with the Cross Cut and made a straight bed for a patch which we fitted in. Robbin Gollop drove up from Norval. he brought 2 grooves from Mr. Garbutt which she had of ours with butter.

A very pleasant and warm day. Towards night it began to cast up clouds and had much the appearance of rain setting in. Before bed time the rain had started. Collier has plowed in the south front field the most of the day. He quit between 4 & 5 o'clock and helped me to draw some of the corn together and set it up against the fence on west side of the orchard. We are wanting to have the openings ~~made~~ on the rows of trees cleared of the cut corn. and we have been drawing it out on the stone boat. I drove over to Collier's this forenoon to see Albert about our threshing. Emerson told me he lay out to come to us on Monday next. So I returned home without seeing Albert. I hitched up the old horse and drew away all the cut lumber out of the barn and piled it up at the end of the shed outside. The short stuff &c hauled it to the house for burning. Albert Collier's man was here to night to make sure of the day for threshing we settled for Monday. He says they intend moving the machine tomorrow night.

SATURDAY 22 / 9

(265-100)

Quite rainy all forenoon and windy and blustering afternoon. with occasional showers. it got up cold at night. Collier and I have been quite busy finishing up the granary. Some lining to day and Collier covered up the holes and had getting boards with lathes and other pieces. we had quite a bit of lining up to do in the passage in front of the horses. Johnny helped us a little while in the forenoon. we hitched the horses after dinner and drew up the binder into Johnny's farm where we want to prepare it for cutting the balance of our corn in the orchard. I drove to Everton after night and got some groceries for threshing on Monday. Willis Abbot paid me four (\$4.00) dollars on Mr. Ravoy's rent. Albert Collier brought the threshing machine this evening. Johnny Mc Dermott was here again about the old house and said he was going to take him. but would he not better do it after night. I think he is very slow about it. he surely must think a dollar and half a high price. the price of his hide only.

Sunday 23rd

This weather today. Maggie & Collier went twice to Everton today. I intended taking a walk out to day. but did not go out till evening. I wrote a long letter to Emart, asking him to take for me reading & studying up. also a few lines to Alex. After tea took a walk up to Duffields and from there to Webb. whether Margaret had gone before

Weather good to day. a little close and warmer than has prevailed for some days. indications of a change this evening. mottled clouds and hazy sky.

we got a fair start at the threshing this morning and threshed very steadily and well all day.

Colin carried the grain to the bins. the first oats we threshed were the new Zealand and they were lighter than the rest, being later in ripening and caught in the blighting weather. They weigh somewhere between 30 & 31 lbs. we had the old hands helping us. Uncle Thomas came over, there were also John Coffey, Isaac

Thermer, Henry Duffield, Geo. McWilliams, Robert McWilliams, Dennis Heffernan (for John Webb), Robert Morton.

John Smallhorn, Albert Cotton had Gilbert McCarthurs and Robertson with him for the machines. our new

horse went finely on the machine and the two made a good team. we felt the good of the remodelled

granary, it is very handy and we have all the nine bins occupied, of course they are not all full, but it is thought there are somewhere between 8 or 900 bushels.

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A long heavy rain fell last night, and this morning the rain kept on falling till about 8 o'clock. I was afraid John Webb would hardly get his threshing done, but it cleared up in time earlier than might have been expected and they got on to thresh as soon as the rain quit falling.

Colin attended there all day. I had a job

cleaning up the barn, taking down scaffold

etc. I poured over the most of the barley chaff

into the mow, and rid up things so as to

get a chance to move around. Afternoon

I hitched up the team and gathered up and

piled the corn in one of the rows of trees. I

brought one of the loads in and spread a

part of it around for the cattle to eat, and took

the rest into the barn. I find the apples have

been badly blown off the trees, the ground under the

trees are literally strewn with apples.

very heavy frost last night, this morning opened out very doleful looking, everything was covered with frost rime. the mud was frozen hard and it was not very long before the effect of the killing frost was quite apparent. the potatoes are ^{very} better, this is the first frost that I could have noticed do anything to the potatoes, our Corn that is uncut is pretty badly cut. the flowers are mostly killed. Colin plowed till ten o'clock this morning, he and I afterwards hitched up and drew together the balance of the cut corn by the side of the line of apple trees. After dinner Colin prepared the binder and cut down some of the Corn but did not get along very well. I thought that if even he got along slowly we would get it done, we did not get it half done however, we must just try again. the orchard is a poor place to expect to use the binder, the trees are so much in the way. I put up the pigs (8 of them) to fatten, feeding them whole peas. Johnny has been at Robert Jettin's threshing to day. Margaret took a sick spell this morning but soon got some better, we moved the Cook Stove into the house this forenoon.

THURSDAY 24 (270-95)

A fine day. the Sun has shone out fairly well, and is drying things up. the Corn and all other green things have got a great scorching with the frost of bright before last. our Corn is in bad shape now for cutting, the late high wind and heavy rain has driven it down badly. Colin tried to cut some again with the binder but got along very badly, he had to quit about 10 o'clock, as the machine came over to Rich McWilliams from Jettin, and he helped there. I cut some more with the hook to make more room near the trees and Johnny came and cut a space and a part of one. I helped him to gather his Corn for the service. I would not wish to have the Corn in the orchard again and think of cutting it with the machine. the trees are a terrible hindrance.

Albert Tolton has a fine threshing machine this time, it makes a fine job of peas and they can put them through as fast almost as they can be put to them the grain is also very clean. I don't think I ever saw better work done than he is doing now.

Milder last night and to day, towards evening it threatened rain and some little did fall. It has been a very pleasant day however through the most of the time. Colin has been at Rich McKillins threshing up till about 4 o'clock P.M. when they finished they then moved over to John's barn and threshed his peas out for him. John thinks he has about 100 bushels of them. I helped John to get ready his barn for threshing and we got the mower out and cut the balance of the corn with it. we had a hard enough job to cut it that way, it was so badly down, it is also far too thickly sown which has made a lot of short fuzzy stuff. the half of the seed sown would have been too much. we took the binder over to the drive house again and laid it away in its corner as also the other machinery and implements.

I paid John Parker for the pastures of the young cattle, \$5.50. he wanted \$6.00. but I demurred on account of the 4 yearlings not doing very well and finding them out on the line before the month had expired. he accepted of the sum - named however as payment in full. he sent his brother here last night with the peremptory message that the amount must be paid to-morrow.

Settled with John Parker for cattle - pasturing

SATURDAY 26

(272-93)

A very fine warm day. and clear Sunshine. Colin finished up the plowing of the north front field, and began to sow it at 3 o'clock P.M. he sowed it all and got about the third of it harrowed. I took Fred and the buggy up to Edward McDermotts, and bought the Rye to sow it. there are about, as near as I could judge, 4 acres in the piece. and I got 6 Bushels and some 19 lbs. we wished to sow about $1\frac{1}{2}$ B. per acre. I paid him 40 cts per Bushel, \$2.50 for the lot. I helped John to fix up his Corn this P.M. and I got his mare to do some Chores with the stone boat. went to the back fields for harrows took off some stones before harrowing up ground and then drew to gether some of our Corn in orchard

bought Rye from Edward McDermott drawing Corn together for John and ourselves

Sunday 27

Very heavy rain last night, it was a pity Colin did not get the harrowing finished last night. Kept dull to day but did not rain. Bella & John McKenzie & Childrey drove up to day they left Mrs McKenzie ^{at Mr. McKenzie's} to John Usherwoods. Our Willie drove out from Quelpah this afternoon. he brought Mary out home. She has been at Quelpah some days. Maggie and Colin turned to Everett's meeting. John McKenzie paid me \$4.00 on account of A. O. W. W.

A fine day, and the ground has dried up fairly well since the drenching it got on Saturday night. Colin and I hauled the corn and stood it up against the fence on east side of the orchard this forenoon. he started to plow the second time in north front field. it was rather cloggy with the Colter on account of the stubble and we changed it for the skimmer. it worked a little better then. he harrowed the balance of the ripe field that he failed in doing Saturday night. I was cutting the down staff of the corn that the machine ran over. and I helped Johny to cut and bring up a cedar log from the bush. a double length of long staves for a new fence he is going to build on the south side of his orchard. Willie drove away home this morning, took a basket of eggs. for which he brings out sundries when he returns. find a day or two for wood he has at Duncan Robertson.

Very dull this forenoon, and threatening rain after dinner the rain came on and we had a very wet afternoon, towards night it became windy and stormy and the rain fell more heavily. Colin plowed all forenoon. After dinner we cleaned up 2 bags wheat for a grist. and 2 bags barley & peas for chop. the goose wheat weighed, with 52 lbs of fall wheat we had left of Dan. Talbot's seed 640 lbs. I traded with Mr. Hooton 2 bags goose wheat for 2 of fall, and he was to pay himself for the extra value out of the grist. Colin and I weighed the grist on coming home, and I was surprised to find there was only 352 lbs of flour. I then weighed the bran and chaff, which weighed 225 lbs. (bags all included in both cases. only that there were 3 bags more weighed. after being ground. the difference being 63 lbs in total weight. I got Doc's shoes all reset at Willie Abbotts (not paid) Received a letter from Holyoke this evening. they have had the third operation performed on the baby's tongue. poor thing it must suffer.

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WEDNESDAY 30

(276-89)

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A very rainy day. with the rain that fell yesterday afternoon and what fell last night and to day the ground is getting quite full of water. The land of course has been long very dry and it takes a good deal to overload it. but there has been a great quantity of rain lately. Colin and I have been sawing up some of the stuff lying in the barn yard. one long cedar we cut into 16 inch blocks for paving some of the stalls in Cattle stable. 47 blocks. everything around is soaking wet. although not much rain fell this afternoon. The corn lying out on the ground is soaked and we hauled it out on the trucks to the pasture field for the cattle to eat. Joseph Hindley & wife came this evening with their democrat. They brought 2 empty barrels to get filled with Northern Spy apples. we gave them home 2 bags of snows. and arranged to give them some for making cider. fall apples are a complete drag in the market. in fact, there is hardly any sale for them. Johnny has been away to day with the Williams Lindal building a fence at Usherwoods. I suppose they might have been able to work outside this P.M.

October

THURSDAY 31

(277-88)

Quite a fine day after the rain. the land is drying up again on the top although we find it has got a great soaking. Colin helped to pick the snow apples, he climbed the trees and got the highest ones. there were 4 trees to pick in that way. Maggie and her mother had picked the lower limbs previously. there are now 13 barrels from these 4 trees all hand picked. there are yet a few on one tree. I plowed in the north front field while Colin was at the apples. Willie drove out from Guelph to day. he rigged up our waggon and McWilliams wood rack and with Johnny's team drove it down to Duncan Robertson and loaded up the wood ready for Johnny to take it in to Guelph tomorrow. Rich McWilliams had a fine Suckley Colt die to day. it is supposed it was hurt by being on the fresh rape. Margaret drove to Ewerton this evening. We find that McWilliams Colt was out during the long, heavy, cold rain of the night before last. and it is thought that had as much to do with its fatal illness as the eating of the rape.

A very fine day. Sunshine and comfortably warm. Colin has plowed all day steadily, only that after dinner he and I cleaned up the balance of the oats at Johnny's barn. There were 4 bags - 22 bags that were emptied into his bin, he used up a lot of oats in the time, we used ourselves something about the same quantity. about 18 bags. The 4 bags weighed 360 lbs, exclusive of the bags, and one of the 4 weight bags was one of Johnny's small ones, allowing that to be a likely proportion. Then he used 1620 lbs. Johnny took in a load of wood for Willie to day. I got the old wagon with the Cherry lumber on it drawn out from under the shed. The top boards had got soiled up with the hens and I cleaned them off and washed them so as to be ready to take to Guelph tomorrow. I did up considerable choring today. Cut and gathered the burdock round the back field where the turnips are and where we put the sheep and lambs some days ago. I had quite a job fixing up the roof and doorway into the passage at head of horses. They had got out of order.

cleaned up the balance of old oats at Johnny's Barn. account of what Johnny used.

Some frost last night, but the day broke out fine in its early part, as it neared noon time however it became overcast and it was not so pleasant or warm. I wore my overcoat all the way in, and though I did not wear it till returning home I was very glad to draw to it a good part of the way there. I called at Wideman's about buying my lumber but they seemed disposed to rate the full half of it as only worth 10 dollars per M. and 25 for the best. I did not deal with them and drove up to Millies, where I unloaded the oats and got my dinner. he paid me two dollars. 20^{cts} a bushel for 10 bushels. he gave me the whip for the 1/2 bushel. I wanted to allow him another bushel, but he would not accept. after dinner I drove the lumber to Bell & Co's yard. They allowed me 25 dollars for 153 feet. and at the rate of 20 for the balance of the inch. The 4 plants at 10. making 263 feet in all, and \$5.45 the total amount of money. I got 4 square of Shingles at Mr. Richardson's daughter on York road for 70^{cts} per square, and also bought nails and rollers for granary door. Maggie & her Mother were also in with the baggin with butter & eggs to market. and was home ahead of me. I paid \$4.50 the balance of the note for binder twine, my share. Johnny had his paid before. Colin picked and barrelled 5 barrels of snow apples in large orchard.

Maggie and her Mother to Guelph with butter and eggs.

I also took in the Cherry lumber today and come oats all amounting to \$7.45 I paid note for binder twine.

Bought Shingles & other lumber.

Colin picked 5 barrelles of snow apples

Sunday 4

Fine day. Sunshine and pleasant. I took a walk round this forenoon and then visited at Webb's where I got dinner. Geo. Loe also came there from Church with the girls, and Mary rode with Maggie and Colin. George walked up home with me, and was with us all afternoon. They all started for Church after tea and we had a visit of Mr. & Mrs. Webb there. also George, Mrs. Williams and Ruth. Mary took a letter to mail with 2 dollars for A.O.W. for accounts for

Sent away for mail by express \$2.00 for A.O.W. for accounts for September for self & John McKenna. note a card to Kate Brown

A beautiful day, fine sunshine and quite warm. we have had a very busy day among the apples. Joseph Hindley and his two daughters came on this morning and bagged up 12 bags of fallen apples that we are giving them gratis. They remained on this afternoon to help us with ours, and we also barrelled 2 barrels of Northern Spy for them. Joe took his 12 bags home between 4 & 5 o'clock, and returned with 3 empty bags, we loaded on the two barrels of Spy and the 3 bags Culls and he set off before dark, taking the girls with him. I made up an enclosure with 12 foot lumber in the house yard, for putting our surplus fall apples in which we intend to sell this fall, we drew in over a dozen barrels and emptied a number of them so as to give us empty barrels for holding our winter fruit. I helped them at the apple picking and fixing them all day. Colin finished the plowing of the front field before dinner, and after helping us some at the apples he commenced to plow the oat stubble in the back north field. Same as where the turnips are in. he was the most of the afternoon plowing there. Mrs Lindal is plowing the day for Johnny. Johnny drove down his Everton with his colt to day and got him chod. he drives pretty well.

TUESDAY 6

(282-83)

Beautiful weather this forenoon, it became lowering in the afternoon and rain began to fall about four o'clock which increased as night approached and afterwards we had a very wet comfortable night. I spent quite a while on the shed roof, patching the shingling where the bad beams joining the 13th. I had also to prepare barrels for holding the winter apples. we emptied some into the place I prepared for them in the yard. Colin has plowed in the stubble in the east side of the turnip patch. he and I both got wet by staying too long out in the rain in the evening. Johnny is preparing a load of apples (10 bags) to take to Luelson tomorrow in the democrat. he gets our harness and Fred. Mrs Lindal is plowing for him and he works the colt along with one of the mares when Johnny is away with the apples. we are still drawing out the corn for the cattle out of the orchard. we draw it night & morning on the tractor and spread it on the grass field between the barns.

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A very cold comfortless day. The wind has been high and the temperature low. Just a regular fall day. I notice the foliage is fast dropping off and we have all the indications of approaching winter. Maggie and her mother have been picking and barreling some of the winter apples in the dwarf orchard. 3 or 4 barrels. I had quite a job emptying the contents out of some barrels so as to get them for the apples.

I was patching on the Shed and stable roofs. it was a very cold job. I had to wear my fur cap and muffler and was then quite cold.

Johnny went to Guelph to day with 10 bags of apples on the Democrat. he returned home between 2 & 3 o'clock. Sold his apples at 25^{cts} per bag. Colin plowed all day in the stubble. Mrs Lindal plowed all day for Johnny with one of the mares and the colt. Johnny had one of them with our Fred to Guelph.

Some improvement in the weather. Sunshine and warmer than yesterday. I have been patching at the roof to day, and have torn up some of the old and worn out shingles and replaced them with new ones. Johnny and Mrs Lindal helped Colin and I to draw up the roof of the old sheep pen closer to the shed and stayed it there with scantling spiked to the rafters and the girt in the shed. we took the noon spell for it. Colin has plowed in the stubble all day. he noticed our fat ewe was not right cornucopia and called me down from the roof. The sheep have all been among the turnips for some days, when I went down I saw she was bloating on the tops and so brought her home and bled and dressed her letting out the gas from the paunch. She is a fine piece of mutton and weighed exactly 100 lbs when dressed.

A very fine day for fall work, but rather cold for comfort. Clear Sunshine & dry. I started to pull up some mangolds this forenoon and place them in piles. The late frosts have scared me and we must have them stored away. Colin plowed till between 11 & 12 o'clock, and then we both quit, and after dinner made ready for Rockwood Show. Margaret & I took "Doc" and our own buggy and Colin and Maggie went with Fred and Heppner's buggy. I put our horse in Stewart's stable, Colin and Maggie remained for the concert. There was a large number of people at the show, and a very good display. The hall was well filled up with the ordinary articles, apples were in large supply and excellent in quality. roots were fine. There was a great show of horses and other stock was fairly well represented. It was very cold on the ground and I felt as if home would be the best place to make for but Margaret had a desire to see it to the end. So we stayed. We had a warm supper at Stewart's and then started off in the darkness for home. It was not a very dark night however and we drove home quite comfortably. We just heard on the show ground that John Rafferty had died yesterday.

Death of
John Rafferty

A very fine day. warmer than yesterday and clear Sunshine. Colin and I have taken up the Mangolds today. We had five large loads. I pulled them and left them in rows while Colin hauled them up. Some of them we pulled and loaded as we went along. Colin took one load himself in this way. We wrenched the tops off with our hands as we pulled them. Johnny & Wm. Sittal are drawing away a pile of stones and depositing them at the west end of the barn, under the turnip house window. I shut up the cow today in the horse stable as her time is about up for pigging.

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Sunday 11

Cool again, and very misty this morning. but cleared up fine. Margaret and I were busy this morning getting ready to attend John Rafferty's funeral. We reached Mimosa a little before nine o'clock, and about 1/2 past nine the corpse was lifted. There was a large attendance, and I acted as pall bearer along with Peter McGregor, Sam McDougal, Mr. Brown, Humphrey Jexcope, and Mr. Cooney. Our Willie & Colin Campbell drove out. The ceremony at the church took a long time to go through. John McGeorge and Bella, with the little ones are with us over night to night.

A very fine day. Colin finished the plowing of the stubble land, excepting the head lands. The old Sow's litter - started to plow the 2 acre patch next the potatoes, dwindling down very small. I have been a good while at the roof patching the shingles. The weather looked a little threatening this afternoon but it soon cleared up again. I feel terribly annoyed at our old Sow, she is getting her litters of pigs down pretty small. They are down to seven now. I don't know whether she kills them or not, but we know she eats them after they are dead. I caught her eating one. I think we will have to put her off now. This is the second time she has thinned off her litter. Mrs David Stewart and Mary drove up to day. They came as we were finishing eating our dinner. We bagged up a bag of Valmaind Sweet apples for Mr Stewart. Also some Snow apples. I wrote a letter to Alex. Holyoke, this evening and took it down this evening to Exeter to mail.

Another very fine day. Colin plowed all forenoon at the 2 acre patch. Maggie and I were pulling apples this forenoon, and we kept Colin and the team this afternoon and drew them in to the cellar as we pulled them. We finished up both orchards and choosed down the very small apples we have been putting down on the floor in the old cellar. The Sow seems to have become reconciled to her pigs, as she still has the seven to day. I hope she will keep now what she has got and not make away with any more of them.

This has been a very beautiful day. not nearly so cold as it has lately been and clear Sunshine the moon makes the night clear and beautiful at the present too. Colin and I started to take up the potatoes this morning, he plowed out 5 rows and we picked them into the wagon before dinner, afterwards he plowed out the alternate 5 rows and we had not got on very far in the picking when the bell rang for dinner. Colin attended Duffield's threshing this afternoon and I had to pick the potatoes alone and unload them at night. as they were a little late in starting to thresh Colin was able to give me a lift after dinner while it kept me jumping however to get done with them before dark. Maggie is not well to day. Cramps & pain trouble her in bed last night, and to day she has not been much better.

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THURSDAY 15 (291-74)

A most beautiful day. warm Sunshine and has much the appearance of indian summer. I was anxious to put in a good day's plowing to day, but things went out of joint so that vit- could not be done. Colin had to go to Henry Duffield's threshing and not being early up left me all to do in pig & cattle feeding. Fred and the colt broke out of the yard through a dilapidated part of the board fence and made off. I had to hitch up and go off on search for them. I found them down by Standish and had trouble in getting the colt to drink and it put off my time that it was 10.30 before I started the plow. Duffields were late in getting done. having to use the lantern to finish. I drove to Everton for the mail this evening. Maggie is considerably better to day.

Colder to day than yesterday. but a fine day for working out. Colin and I have been taking up the potatoes to day. we took up 14 rows in the forenoon and 8 afternoon. the Webb potatoes (Peel Savoy) although they did not grow as evenly as the Elephants we got from Johny, are much the best quality. what they lack in number is more than made up in size. we took in 2 wagon loads to day. I should think perhaps 78 full each. I calculated that what we took in on Wednesday would make a load and a half. Maggie is up and about again to day although not well enough to do any work. I did not get early to the field this morning as all the Elephant potatoes had to be hinned in a corner of the large bin by themselves. and I fitted it up and moved the potatoes before going down. Since finishing the picking of the apples in the large orchard, we have let the young pigs in and they have a fine time. they seem to be growing well.

SATURDAY 17

(293-72)

Overcast and threatening looking this forenoon which culminated in a very disagreeable falling of snow ^{nearly} all afternoon. Colin plowed out 8 rows of potatoes this forenoon which we mostly picked. after dinner he plowed out six more, which was unfortunate, as the snow fall made the work very unpleasant. beside making the potatoes very mucky. we finished up however in the midst of the snow and left the load in the barn where we hope they will dry off some. there are now 38 rows taken up leaving 28 yet in the ground. I took the teeth out of the young pigs to day. we got a letter from Holyoke this evening. Alex. is anxious that his mother pay them a visit. he says he took stock lately and finds he is worth \$6000. Johny & Siggie have been at Quelpa to day. they had apples chickens &c.

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of the season

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Johny & Siggie
to Quelpa

Since taking
our old oats
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Sunday 18

A fine day. the snow gives the surroundings a very wintry appearance. but it is going principally although in the sheltered places it is wonderful how the snow remains. Maggie and Colin drove to Everton this forenoon. Margaret and I drove down to David Robertson and spent the afternoon and evening. Mr. & Mrs. Shaw Lee came also when we were there. we had a pleasant visit.

Johny got on
bag 1st rate 79
lbs.

Very hard frost last night, we left our load of potatoes in the barn, not expecting there would be frost enough to do any harm to them there. we found them quite frozen this morning however, we cannot say whether they are injured but the wet clay that was on them is quite hard and frozen on them, we are putting them by themselves in the root house. Colin plowed this forenoon, and I did other chores. repaired a pair of shoes for Maggie, and piled Mangolds in the root house, we plowed up 8 rows of potatoes after dinner and picked them, we had the wagon fully filled level. They are nice potatoes although there in the ground. we were done early and did up some other work, I drove Margaret down to Everton after tea. She had to purchase some articles preparatory for her visit to Holyoke. Mr Webb has been making up some soap with Margant this afternoon. Mrs John Webb of Eden & daughter has been visiting also. I went down to see John Smallhouse about his potatoes, he says he will come tomorrow and take them up, he had promised to go to Mrs Burns but he must see about his potatoes. Says

TUESDAY 20

(296-69)

A fine day. it had a wintry cold appearance early in the morning but it turned out finer as the day wore on. we had twenty rows of potatoes got to days lifting, and Colin plowed out 12 rows first thing in the morning after taking off the load that stood in the barn. we got along fairly well. John Smallhouse and Amelia his daughter came along and filled four bags with a little less than 2 rows. they had dinner with us and after finishing up here they went to ~~John~~ and took up their 3 rows there, filling about 7 ordinary bags. Colin took them all down after supper for them and gave them both a ride. I also gave John a bag of peas on loan, 146 lbs. bag included. but says he is going to thresh Burns' peas and he will get them from him to pay me back and they will make good seed!

A very Cold disagreeable day. Blustery and quite a number of heavy snow showers in the afternoon. Not a very auspicious day at all for Erin Show. quite a lot of people made their way there however. Mr Burt the old Secretary is ill, so I suppose they will have another acting in his place. Colin started to plow this morning but left for the show at about nine o'clock. he went with Geo. W. Williams. I took in hand the plow when Colin left and managed to get over about an acre and 1/4.

I drove down to Everton after supper to hear 2 Japanese lecture about Japan. They illustrated their subject with showing some nice maps and pictures. the work, I believe, of one of the lecturers. I was telling the doctor that Maggie was again complaining of pain, he thinks she should look after it. There was quite a show of a fire out towards Ipswich as I drove home.

THURSDAY 22 (298-67)

Lies a mantle of snow on the ground this morning which took till about noon to be melted away. the frost was sufficient to harden the land through the night and between the frost and snow it had a very winter appearance this morning. I topped the stray turnips on the mangold ground and other 4 rows in the regular patch before dinner. Colin plowed all day and got a good chance to do a day's work. our plowing is getting pretty well through with.

I spent the afternoon in fixing up the turnip house, finishing up the piling of the mangolds, and moving the potatoes that were thrown in the middle window. There were 51 half bushel measures in the load that were standing in the barn during the frosty night, and which we were afraid might be a little frost bitten. I piled them on top of the Elephants with pea straw between them. I piled 4 bags of "Erin Wonder" in a corner. I commenced to feed meal to the 4 young cattle we are going to feed.

Maggie and her mother drove down to see the doctor about the pain that sticks to Maggie so persistently. he gave some directions. to go to bed and have that place subjected to hot applications.

Johnny
got another
bag oats
84 lbs

Very heavy frost last night which made the ground like iron this morning. As the forenoon wore on however the frost gave way rapidly - and soon all was clear again.

Colin plowed this forenoon and is getting well along with the last field but one (the orchard).

After dinner Colin and I drew in the turnips that were among the manfolds and then harrowed the potatoe ground we picked the potatoes but, as there were many of what was left frozen, we got but very few home with us, perhaps a bag full would be all. I did a little patching at the roof in the forenoon.

Maggie has been easier to day. They have kept the hot applications persistently and steadily since the start, and we think they are doing her good, night, as well as day. They have been kept steadily on, Mary lies on the lounge and keeps the fire on and though she takes some sleep she generally manages to wake up to attend to the hot applications.

A pleasant day, dry but very cool, and occasional snow flights in the afternoon. Colin and I topped turnips all day, and leaving out the chippers, we nearly topped all the rest. I quit at 4 o'clock P.M. and after supper drove over to Thomson Smith to see if his daughter was going over to Springfield Co. as to accompany Mother to Holyoke, where she intends visiting at Alex. I found there are 2 of them going in the first week of November, and we hope Maggie will sufficiently recover from her ailment, so as to allow of her mother going with them. We had a card from Alex. this evening and he thinks Miss Fessant will also be going. So there may be quite a colony of them.

Sunday 25.

A very fine day, not so cold as yesterday or such as has prevailed this while back. I took a drive over to Colton this forenoon and had dinner with them. Thomas was away up to John Russell's. John is unwell. They think he is taking Quinine. John McKenzie and I called with the children drove up to day to see Maggie. They only got the word of her sickness yesterday. The Dr. called in to see Maggie and he is pleased to find her so much better. He says the hot applications might be discontinued, but to see that the heat is kept partly up by other means.

John McKenzie paid one fine dollar on A.D.W. account. Dr. McCullough called to day. I drove over to Colton to day.

Quite frosty this morning and very chilly and cold. I rose a little earlier than usual this morning and drove to Guelph after breakfast. I wanted to see how we could do with the hogs we have up fattening. The buyers are very particular about their weight and condition. They do not wish them too heavy or too fat. Barber offered me \$3.60 live weight and take them in on Thursday next, but I did not sell. Mr. Corman says he will drive out and see them and if they suit him he will give 3^{cts} per lb. I got my dinner at Willie's and arrived home again between 2 & 3 o'clock. Colin had 4 loads of turnips in when I returned and we got other 3 loads with the shelving out, making 7 loads in to day. 8 loads in all with the mangold lot. The turnips are small, but they are thick on the ground and count up after all. Some people complain of having a good many undressed among their crop, but we have no reason to complain on that score.

We received a letter from Alex. Holyoke, containing a Post Office order for twenty dollars on Guelph post office. Alex does not delay in the matter of getting the means on hand for his mother to start out for Holyoke.

TUESDAY 27 (303-62)

A very beautiful day. Warm Sunshine. Heavy white frost this morning, and the ground was quite hard frozen. Colin and I have been very busy at the turnips all day. I help load up in the field and while Colin is up unloading I top at what stands untopped. I finished up the topping except the Chippers, and I have started at them too. There 31 or 32 rows of them. We meant to top them carefully with the hoes and then plow them out and harrow as we did last year. We bring large loads home, by having the shelving out and heaped up beside. I think there are likely 35 bushels on each load. We took in 8 loads to day. Colin and I are alone at them and it keeps us very busy to get even that amount in. They are rather small and tedious to handle. Miss Smith and Miss But were over to day, to say it is doubtful whether they will now go to Springfield. They have got word that business is very dull there at the present time. Annie Garbutt is paying us a visit to night. George Loe is also up on a visit. Maggie is improving very much.

A very warm day, but very dull and threatening rain nearly all the time, a little fell but nothing of any account until late at night. Colin and I have been busy at the turnips again to day. we harrowed them all out excepting the Chippers. I have got the half of them topped to day. we took in 7 loads and blocked up the windows badly. I went at it after tea and threw them back from the windows, one of them we dug down to the ground. Colin helped me awhile after returning from Everton. he drove down Mary and Annie Garbutt. Annie had a bid to attend a Shindig at John Munties this evening at the opening of their new house. John & Lizzy are both away to it. Willie has helped John these two days back, he drove away home to night.

Johnny got another lot of cabs this afternoon. Taken in 7 loads of turnips.

Heavy rain last night. And this forenoon it was quite dull and murky. although it threatened rain hardly any fell. The afternoon brought fine clear sunshine and very warm. It had more the appearance of a fine May or June day than the present state. I cleared the middle window in the root house to the ground before going to the field this morning. Colin and I drew in 7 loads to day. 3 in forenoon and 4 afternoon. I have all the Chippers topped to 5 rows. we have now 30 loads of turnips in the root house. and they are very large loads compared to what we usually draw in. we have Chelvings on the wagon and pile them up high. John is busy to day and has a boy helping him. I have been again throwing back turnips to night. Albert Cotton and Jackson were awhile with me at the root house. They want John to go to the plowing match tomorrow over at Ospringe to help them.

took in 7 loads of turnips to day. have now 30 loads in. in all.

October

FRIDAY 30

(306-59)

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Quite a fall of rain this morning, and this forenoon, ground up to about 9 or 10 o'clock it kept on raining, we wet and did not go out to the turnips until between 2 and 3 o'clock that I found they were again getting dry enough to handle. Colin had just started to plow some when I thought we had better go again to the turnips. I wished to run over to Ospringe to see the plowing, match but, I thought business should come before pleasure so I helped Colin to load up 2 loads before leaving between 4 and 5 o'clock. we thought we could have taken all the turnips that were harrowed out in at 3 loads, Colin however found there were more than he could take, so only took a small load after I left, and left another load yet out. I drove to Ospringe in time to see the plowing before dark, there was good work done, 4 of the old "long plows". Albert and Emerson Tolton, John Robertson and a man from Milton wry. Albert swept the field in first prizes. 1st for finish, 1st in ridge, and 1st in sweepstakes. Robertson 2nd Emerson 3rd. of course Milton Man 4th. Johnny was there all day. they did not start to plow till the rain stopt. I put up 8 bags Snow apples for Guelph tomorrow.

SATURDAY 31

(307-58)

A very fine day throughout, in the morning it had a threatening appearance and we took the umbrella for fear of rain. Margaret and I drove to Guelph taking 8 bags Snow apples some butter & eggs. 2 Cheepskins. \$1.10 for latter. 18^c eggs. 16^c for butter, and 25^c per bag for the apples. I got dressed stuff for granary door 90^c. a trunk for Margaret to travel with \$2.15 a pair of boots \$1.18. we had dinner at Willie's. he got some of the chickens his mother had. I got the post office "Money order" cashed for \$20.00. got \$10.00 in American bills at the bank. we called at Everton on our way home and got another letter from Alex. he urges his mother to make an early start. if the State of things will allow of it, and advises to look no more after company for her. as she is not at all likely to experience any trouble on the way to Holyoke.

Sunday 1st November

A very pleasant day. Sunshine for the most part. although there was a while of duller weather. I drove Mary home this morning, and when I returned Mr. Dunbar was waiting. I gave him five dollars to take over to Mr. Wood tomorrow night, to pay the double assint & dues for myself and John McKenzie. I walked back with him quite a piece of the way home.

Colin took in 4 loads of turnips to day.

one of the old kind and three of the Shippers he plowed & harrowed the latter out.

37 loads of turnips in in all

paid \$5.00 assint and dues for self and John McKenzie. A.O.W. 10

Heavy white frost this morning. Colin John harrowed and the balance of the turnips got 7/19 after first plowing them, they were not as clean as I should have liked them this a.m. the frozen ground was melting and caused them to be somewhat mucky. I piled the turnips back from the window, also piled the potatoes back. Colin and I had little time enough to get finished up but we managed it, had 5 full loads and one Cull load at the last, we did not count it. This makes 42 loads of turnips in all. They were large loads for the most part. Chelings on and well rounded up. although the turnips were a little mucky this forenoon they dried up well for the afternoon picking.

we took in 57 full loads of Shipping turnips. The last was made of Cheved Culls and we didn't count it. 42 loads in all, and finished up.

A very fine day, frost not so heavy last night and this morning. I was early active this morning, getting ready to be off with John Webb. Robert Jettins horses broke in to our fields and we had some trouble in getting them out. Colin plowed this forenoon Mr Webb and I drove over to see Edward's farm that has been some time advertised to rent. John McKenzie has an idea of looking at it, when we got there we found it was rented last week. we drove round by Henry Dunbar's on our way home, and John Webb bought a ram lamb from him at five dollars. we drove home in time for dinner and Willie drove out from Guelph just as we were at dinner. he Clipped our horse "King". Samuel Towell came along and paid us a nice little visit. Then Louis Black and Mary her sister. Willie got the clipping of the horse finished although he was delayed with buyers looking at trying John's colt in view of buying him.

Rather a dull day, and threatened rain. a little fell this afternoon but nothing of consequence. I got some time put off this morning and forenoon hunting up bags to take a load of Chop to the mill.

I got 7 from Robert McWilliams and helped him to pull up his pump at the house which had gone wrong. Colin and I bagged up 18 bags of grain, Barley & oats (black) half & half, with a small proportion of peas. and also finished taking in the feed Corn before dinner. after dinner I took down the load of Chop to the mill, and while it was grinding, drove back to the corner and had 3 shoes reset on King by Willie Abbott, not paid. and Fred's reset all round, by Hoskins. for which I paid him 40¢. I then got my grist, and paid 90¢ for Chopping. Mary thought of riding up with me, but backed out again and it got so dark and wet after night that I did not go back for her. Colin drew in Stone wood this afternoon also got Robt McWilliams' wagon and stock rack up ready for the hogs tomorrow morning. John Mutrie brought along his thrashing Machine to John's

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W.S.A.

THURSDAY 5

(312-53)

Wet and disagreeable the greater part of the day although it rained less or more the most of the time, still there was not any real heavy fall until the afternoon when we had some heavy showers, with one down pour and a high storm of wind with it. John Mutrie never untitched during all the rain, and finished up John's threshing about 5 o'clock. I think he must have had a darn drive home after supper. Colin and I loaded up the 5 pigs after breakfast and after I started for mother off for Mary to Everton. I borrowed Robt. McWilliams' wagon & sack and took them with getting down to Rockwood about 10.30. and leaving there for home about noon. the hogs weighed 835 lbs. making \$30.06. I arrived home a little after two o'clock and made ready for Guelph, getting away about 4 o'clock shortly after a terrible storm of wind and rain, on the way to Guelph it cleared up somewhat and became colder, and the wind high. we were both rather cold and uncomfortable having to face a high and cold wind. we reached Guelph shortly after dark. as there was a great storm with heavy rain at Guelph in the afternoon the friends thought it possible we might not start. They thought we did right however to drive in.

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A very high wind all night, and some of the time accompanied with rain and sleet. Margaret felt tolerably well and rested this morning. She had a good sleep and rest, so she will be the better able to stand the long ride. Willie and I drove down town after breakfast and procured the ticket and got the trunk checked through to Holyoke, the ticket to Holyoke cost \$11.35, after returning to Willie we were not long in starting over to the "diamond" and after, perhaps, a half hours waiting our train came along. And we bade Mother good bye, earnestly hoping, that she would get safely through to her destination. I walked down town, Colin accompanying me before dinner and had a look at the overcoats at Ryan's and Williamsons, and returned at dinner time. Pitched up for home between 2 & 3 o'clock, and bought one of Ryan's best overcoats, paying \$8.38 for it. I also paid Charles McDougall three dollars, the premium on Mr. Peavy's insurance policy. Colin Campbell was standing by at the time. John Day, the architect, was found dead in the house this morning in Guelph. Shot through the head. it is considered to be suicide, he was a drinky man.

SATURDAY 7

(314-51)

Weather finer to day. windy & cool however, but Sunshine for the most part has prevailed. Colin has been plowing the greater part of the day and has finished up the 3 field back (to the south) also finished headlands on the field opposite (to the north) we also ran a double furrow out of the old water run, and I shovelled it out, and all the ends of furrows &c. I was otherwise choring round and headed a number of apple barrels. Colin hauled them in from the orchard and I placed them in the cellar, twenty four barrels of them. Mr. Webb walked up this afternoon to find if we had word from Margaret, Maggie drove to Everton this forenoon and got a telegram from Springfield announcing from Alex. that his mother had arrived there safely. Rich. McWilliams went up to Owen Sound yesterday morning and last night their friends here got a letter saying their brother John seemed in a dying state, so Robt. & I started off there this morning.

Sunday 8

A little cold but not unpleasant. Colin drove Maggie and Mary to meeting this forenoon. Mary stayed in Everton and returned with Colin & Maggie in the evening. I wrote a letter to Bro. Alex. McFarrell, and one to Holyoke and a card to Kate Moore, kept the house pretty close took a walk to Webb's in the evening.