

**David Martin (1800 - 1891)**  
**1859-1862**

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**Memorandum for 1859**

**Jany**

**Sa 1 Jany** Newyearsday fine day Ther AM 28 PM 3{?}

The day kept Quielty here but some rows at *{illegible}*

**Su 2** at church still mild. 26 - 30

**M 3** Kills 4 Pigs then goes to Ellection of Counciller saw row and some fore 20 - 30

**Tu 4** threshers here threshes 168 {?} wheat 24 - 30

**W 4** threshing very mild quite a sunny thaw 26 - 30

**Th 6** *{too faint to transcribe}* gets {?} 32 28 - 34

**F7** snowing almost all Day and wind N W 20 - 24

**Sa 8** some snow cold blowing drifting wind N W *{illegible}* 10 - 10

*{illegible}* last night little Johnnie Smith Died

**Su 9** cold going to church meets Wm. Martin turns Back with him John *{illegible}* comes near night  
*{illegible}* below zero last night

**M 10** Last night has been hardest Frost ever {mortal} man saw in Beverly this morning. The Glass  
below zero 32

**Tu 11** *{illegible}* at Council gets *{illegible}* poleon Grande *{illegible}* Interest Glass above zero

**W 12** collecting *{illegible}* tonite mild cloudy Glass above 32 *{illegible}*

**Th 13** *{illegible}* almost thaw 26 37

**F 14** thawing all day creek running *{illegible}* 36 34

**Sa 15** *{illegible}* 24 {H} McBernie leaves 34 30

**Su 16** freezing today 26 26

**M 17** snow last night good sleighing now {30} 26

**Tu 18** clear cold John & Jean at Paris for {illegible}ster above 4 24

**W 19** mild clear very fine 20 36

**Th 20** Remarkably mild clear wind West 30 46

**F 21** very wet last night sleighing gone mild now 36 34

**Sa 22** frosty last night slight snow Mr Duff Ellom here Preaching 14 14

**Su 23** cold our sacrament. 10 - 12

**M 24** our Statistic meeting 20 - 26

Turns Minissary {illegible}

**T 25** cloudy thawing in afternoon clear {illegible} last night

**W 26** Campbells {illegible}

**Th 27** thawing snowing near night

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**F 28** still thawing sleighing gone

## **Jany 1858 9**

**Sa 29** has a bad cold mild weather 30 54

**Su 30** mild still poorly 32 36

**M 31** fine very squeamish May poorly 28 34

## **Feb**

**Tu 1** John at Rob's in oats mild 30 36

**W 2** {James} Mitchel married to day cold blowing 20 20

Neglected to mark this week but mild

**Su 6** Mr Inness lands from Culross mild poor sleighing 36

**M 7** fine weather freezing moderate 22 30

**T 8** cloudy ----- 26 32

**W 9** coldish ----- 24 30

**Th 10** fine in morning cold after Inness and me at Balantynes 30 22

**F 11** Mr Inness goes away 26 30

**Sa 12** cold ----- 0 20

**Su 13** milder ----- 20 28

**M 14** Valentines day Paid Dr Luny's Bill 11/3 22 30

**Tu 15** Thawing and raining some 34 38

**W 16** clear mild thawing our soiree tonight 32 40

**Th 17** {Bai}rns Soiree proceed of Soiree #132 expences #45  
Profit #87 Dollars very mild weather 32 40

**F 18** clear very warm like summer Snow almost gone in clearing quite muddy 32 42

**Sa 19** still mild cloud thawing, far too mild 30 44

**Su 20** Thunder & lightening with rain last night mild 42 30

**M 21** cold blowing hard last night and all day 28 28

**Tu 22** milder 30 36

**W 23** warm very muddy snow all gone brings hom Bookcase & lounge 34 - 46

**th 24** colder frost clear 26 - 32

**f 25** cold cloudy wind blowing stiff from E 18 - 20

**Sa 26** milder but cool Snowing afternon 20 - 30

**Su 27** thawing cloudy dry 34 40

**M 28** colder clear colder 26 30

## **Feb.**

## **March**

**Tu 1** fine clear George Nicol {&} Mother here 20 30

**W 2** mel{?} clear sunny 10 28

**Th 3** milder 20 30

**F 4** milder thawing John at mill 30 34

**Sa 5** slight snow last night thawing afternoon 32 37

**Su 6** thawing all day 32 40

**M 7** cloudy chilly wind East 30 36

**T 8** very wet last night. hears & sees Blue Birds transplantse 2 balsams to planting 36 40

**W 9** Tap{ed} for Sugar good run gets 36 pails 32 46

**Th 10** good run in forenoon gets 41 pails Blue Birds plenty 34 48

**F 11** poor run gets 3 pails in all 80 pails has 30 lbs sugar & sees 3 Plovers at Nimos raising 3 quarts molasses 36 48

**Sa 12** very wet last night no sap frost out of ground sees wild geese 43 43

**Su 13** no sermon Mr Parlens at Blandford no run sees robin 40 43

**M 14** coldish gets 30 pails of sap cloudy 36 40

**T 15** cold cloudy very heavy rain last night no sap 36 30

**W 16** go at run Gets 53 pails sharp frost last night 25 38

**T 17** good run gets 55 Pails warm sees Meadow Larks heavy rain last night 30 56

<b>F 18</b>	fine frogs whistling, Robins & Blue Birds singing no run of sap troughs full of rain water in morning	38	48
<b>Sa 19</b>	strange change great rain last night towards morning 6 killed on Carrs at Flamborow sets in Frost & snow ground & trees white all day cold stormy North wind	30	30
<b>Su 20</b>	snow sticks to trees all day sap running	28	36
<b>M 21</b>	cloudy ☽ cleans troughs some sap gets 37 Pails	28	- 34
<b>T 22</b>	fine gets sap 27 16 Pails	30	40
<b>W 23</b>	fine day gets 45 Pails	30	46
<b>Th 24</b>	rain & Thunder last night no sap hears Phoebe	40	56
<b>F 25</b>	no sap collecting for show	38	34
<b>Sa 26</b>	hard frost last night cold no sap	26	34
<b>Su 27</b>	snow last night no run	30	34
<b>M 28</b>	slight rain in forenoon Frost last night gets 19 Pails sap	30	38
<b>T 29</b>	No sap	31	36
<b>W 30</b>	No sap some snow collecting	28	34
<b>Th 31</b>	No sap	32	38

## April 1859

<b>F 1</b>	Retaps the trees gets 19 pails	28	56
<b>Sa 2</b>	gets 12 pails coldish	30	36
<b>Su 3</b>	fine sap runs	30	36
<b>M 4</b>	cold snow showers	26	30
<b>t 5</b>	still cold John at Galt plants some Balsams	26	34
<b>W 6</b>	cold still Bails a little old sap	28	36

<b>t 7</b>	milder John sowing Plaister snow last night	28	36
<b>F 8</b>	sap running gets 22 Pails	26	38
<b>Sa 9</b>	cold last night gets 5 pails	24	36
<b>Su 10</b>	cold	28	34
<b>M 11</b>	fine warm heavy rain last night pair of twin Lambs last night	36	62
<b>tu 12</b>	mild cloudy	36	36
<b>W 13</b>	coldish finishes Sugar by Boiling 10 Pails of old sour stuff in the Potts sows spring wheat - pair of twins last night	36	48
<b>th 14</b>	heavy rain & Thunder this morning then blowing another pair of twins	38	50
<b>F 15</b>	coldish cloudy	36	40
<b>Sa 16</b>	at John Armstrongs frosty last night	34	46
<b>Su 17</b>	very mild growing	40	48
<b>M 18</b>	clear fine	30	50
<b>tu 19</b>	goes to T. Clarks their all night fine		
<b>W 20</b>	goes into Galt fine gets #33	40	54
<b>th 21</b>	goes a fishing gets nothing	44	35
<b>F 22</b>	Digging Garden	36	48
<b>Sa 23</b>	Digging Garden	38	44
<b>Su 24</b>	Fine day	44	30
<b>M 25</b>	Frost last night Sows 25 B. of peas sows 1 paper onions	28	48
<b>Tu 26</b>	Fine rain last night - growin in Galt Fair men Dragging	44	48
<b>W 27</b>	Frost last night sees two Martlet Swallows men sows 15 Bu oats N. field	44	30 50

**Th 28** coolish clear sows grass seed on oats steers sold to S McPhail 32 48

**F 29** Ploughing match, fine Streamers last night slight Frost warm to Day

Sows 16 B. oats on 16 acre field 30 64

**Sa 30** Sows 16 Bu oats finishes illegible fine warm 32 68

## May 1859

**Su 1** warm toads birring at night first time 38 72

**M 2** men dragging clear finishes oats 38 66

**Tu 3** clear digging at garden 38 72

**W 4** clear warm plants seedlang potatoes 40 - 74

**Th 5** very warm Sulby sees chimney swallow and barn swallow woods {?}nged with green 50 80

**F 6** very real summer weather 50 84

**Sa 7** still warm everything growing amazingly fishing - Lizzy comes - gets above 100 50 84

**Su 8** still very warmer never saw such rapid growth the Trees quite green Dogwood and Plumb trees in blossom Canaries King Birds and Proud Taylors come farmers crying for rain, distant thund near night 50 84

**M 9** very wet last night cool & cloudy gets Rhubarb the first time 45 - 45

**t 10** cold Fair fishing gets none hears Whipper will 40 60

**W 11** slight Frost last night pulling Red Root lends E. M. #20 32 63

**Th 12** cutting potatoes dry clear 36 62

**F 13** Plants 9 bushels Mechanaks cloudy Lizzy goes away Lends John # 30 34 62

**Sa 14** slight Frost last night Plants 15 Bushe cups clear drouthy 32 62

**Su 15** fine clear the woods in full flush cherry Trees blossoming Apple blossoms appearing 34 70

**M 16** cutting Potatoes fine rain in after noon a light frost last night 32 70

**tu 17** Loud Thunder last night with rain cuts the lambs has ~~36-68~~ in all 40 (viz) 19 Ewes & 21 Rams including Pet & my one 36 68

**W 18** glorious weather the woods in full glory apple Trees & cherries in full blossom

Plants Potatoes 50 78

**th 19** fine growing. finishes Planting Potatoes Plants in all 65 bushels 50 - 72

**F 20** fine day 50 76

**Sa 21** cloudy Thunder & rain in afternoon 56 76

**Su 22** cool growing 50 70

**M 23** Slight frost last night Bloods Tenny 34 64

**T 24** warm clear Queens Birth Day 50 78

**W 25** clear sultry warm growing Langholm here in Day 50 80

**t 26** at fishing gets about 3 dozen warm 50 80

## May 1859

**F 27** washes the sheep Thunder with rain then cold 75 60

**Sa 28** at Reaching fine 60 70

**Su 29** Sacrament rain all last night dry after 50 60

**M 30** Frost last night braided corn cut down 32 60

**t 31** clips the sheep cloudy 40 .64

## June

**W 1** Bee at church yard moving dirt 40 70

**Th 2** warm Thunder & rain last night 50 76

**F 3** John & women at Galt with cool cloudy 50 68

**Sa 4** cold cloudy Fishing gets one Dozen lost them 36 40



**Su 5** hard Frost last night Butternut, Locust Shumach, Blackened and Potatoes Braided cut down,  
currants cherries & goose berries damaged our Daliah spouled 30 50

**M 6** slight Frost last night fine afternoon 32 70

**t 7** warmish thunder at Dark----- 40 74

**W 8** clear blowing cool Mr & Mrs Nicol & Mrs. Todd here. 40 60

**Th 9** working statute labour Duncan McColl comes 38 60

**F 10** at Roads slight Frost last night 32 60

**Sa 11** hard Frost last night. Ice on trough, clover Flowers browned. oats barley &c much hurt, this  
season now looks very threatening, little more will kill fall wheat. it threatens Frost to night again.  
helping John Dickson to Quarry down a piece of road sows 2 acres Turnips 30 60

**Su 12** rather fine threatens rain of which there is much need every thing being bamboozled ~~the~~ by the  
Frost. sees bad signs of Hessian Fly among our Wheat & hears others complaining 34 70

**M 13** fine warm rain last night. Gives Mr. Menzie #30 Dollars for Mills Hamilton John at Galt for turnip  
seed Duncan comes at noon to stone 40 80

**Tu 14** at Mr Renwicks Funeral John sowing Turnips after Tea 40 80

**W 15** warm Sultry Stoning head of orchard till noon thunder & heavy rain PM then sowing Turnips.  
has examined our wheat and heard reports from others 40 80

## June 1859

by which it seem likely the frost of last Friday night has almost totally destroyed the wheat crop in this  
neighbourhood the damage proves far greater than suspected 40 80

**th 16** cool very. stoning till Teatime then finishes sowing our Turnips being in all 6 being the greatest  
Quantity we ever sowed 64 60

**F 17** cool raising stones 60 70

**Sa 18** finishes raising stones at orchard Paid Duncan 6 Days for raising & 3 and Day for John Dickson  
for Statute Labour 6/7 {h}. cool clear 50 74

**Su 19** clear fine but a slight Frost last night 32 70

**M 20** some rain last night Thunder with fine showers in afternoon very growing warm 60 75  
**tu 21** growing fine 60 76  
**W 22** Do. Do. {ditto} 60 72  
**th 23** ~~turkling potatoes~~ fine at Rt Chambers's 60 76  
**F 24** turkling Do -- Distant thunder R. Elliot comes here 55 74  
**Sa 25** turkling Do --- 60 80  
**Su 26** at church Drouthy 60 84  
**M 27** finishes turkling goes to K. Campbels with R. Elliot 60 86  
men cutting wheat for hay at stable (viz) Frozen wheat  
**tu 28** men mowing Orchard clover. warm sultry distant Thunder 70 86  
**W 29** threatening Thunder showers. warm, takes in the wheat at stable and Orchard hay though the heat was from ---70 86 till 4 o clock at 7 it was but ~~72~~ 62  
**Th 30** cool clear all signs of rain gone men cutting clover a high wind last night 50 70  
~~takes in~~

## July

**F 31** 1 warmer distant thunder resows some Turnips rain at night heavy 60 80  
~~July~~ 60 84  
**Sa 2** men cutting clover showery 60 84  
**Su 3** warm in Forenoon cool after 60 74  
**M 4** slight Frost last night, Raking & taking in hay 40 70  
**tu 5** clear cool men mowing Raking hauling &c 50 70

# July

<b>W 6</b> Cloudy all day like rain Lukey Buld	50	70
<b>Th 7</b> cloud Lowering like rain	50	70
<b>F 8</b> still cloudy, cutting wheat for hay	40	78
<b>Sa 9</b> clearing up A. Glendining comes	50	75
<b>Su 10</b> warm clear	60	84
<b>M 11</b> very warm takes up in the last of our Wheat hay	70	89
<b>Tu 12</b> very hot selling up Potatoes Totum Buld	70	95
<b>W 13</b> still hot selling up Potatoes Thunder some rain	70	92
<b>T 14</b> hot finishes selling up Potatoes	70	80
<b>F 15</b> at Galt gets #24 warm	70	86
<b>Sa 16</b> begins to thin Turnips at Purvis Funeral	70	90
<b>Su 17</b> warm, Sultry	70	88
<b>M 18</b> Thinning Turnips Thunder & rain in afternoon	70	92
<b>Tu 19</b> Thinning Turnips Lends Nimmo #20	68	88
<b>W 20</b> Making Drain at Nimmos bush tends Nimmo	60	76
<b>Th 21</b> cool John Fencing <del>very Drouthy</del> at Drain	60	74
<b>F 22</b> cool John Fencing Drouthy	60	74
<b>Sa 23</b> Drouthy Doubling Turnips	60	70
<b>Su 24</b> clear cool	60	74
<b>M 25</b> good rain last night begins to cradle wheat at noon, poor crop frozen		
my Birth Day	58	70

<b>Tu 26</b>	very cool very windy cradling	50	60
<b>W 27</b>	cool dry windy cradling	48	66
<b>Th 28</b>	cradling rain in afternoon	45	70
<b>F 29</b>	cradling fine	50	75
<b>Sa 30</b>	finishes wheat at noon John hauls and & Simpson Stalker & me goes to cut Peas	58	78
<b>Su 31</b>	moderate slight shower takes Physic	50	74

## **Augt Augt Augt**

<b>M 1</b>	good rain last night clear breezy to Day at T. Gilberts	50	74
<b>T 2</b>	taking in wheat	50	74
<b>W 3</b>	taking in wheat finishes takes in small Peas	50	78
<b>T 4</b>	heavy rain all last night Sultry to Day some thunder	54	78

## **Augt 1859**

<b>F 5</b>	clear Drouthy cool cutting Peas	48	74
<b>Sa 6</b>	at Rocton Pays #12 interest on Mortgage	50	74
<b>Su 7</b>	clear warm	50	78
<b>M 8</b>	Taking in Peas warm	50	78
<b>T 9</b>	cuts oats in forenoon finishes hauling Peas	54	83
<b>W 10</b>	cutting Peas clear warm	54	84
<b>Th 11</b>	Takes in one load of oats heavy thunder PM	54	84
<b>F 12</b>	rain last night men cradling oats & Spring wheat		
<b>Sa 13</b>	fine men cutting oats	54	82

<b>Su 14</b>	warm last night about 11 oclock Dick black guards us all	56	84
<b>M 15</b>	John takes out a warrant on Dick we are at Mr. Wallace's Magistrate - not decided	54	84
<b>Tu 16</b>	men cradling Dick bound to keep the peace	56	84
<b>W 17</b>	warm binding oats	56	84
<b>Th 18</b>	cradling oats John & me binding	54	87
<b>F 19</b>	hauling oats in afternoon	54	84
<b>Sa 20</b>	binds oats forenoon hauls in afternoon	54	84
<b>Su 21</b>	clear	50	84
<b>M 22</b>	finishes hauling oats takes a cuckoo to Balantyne John at at the Magistrates about young McGonegal	50	80
<b>Tu 23</b>	Gonegal sent to jail men Ploughing	50	78
<b>W 24</b>	Rain last night. Rain & thunder to Day men Ploughing <del>men</del> I am cutting Canadian thistles	50	72
<b>Th 25</b>	John at Wm Robson's threshing. cool	52	72
<b>F 26</b>	cool men Ploughing	50	72
<b>Sa 27</b>	cool I am at Rocton at meeting about Show	52	72
<b>Su 28</b>	very cool at church	45	62
<b>M 29</b>	great display of Streamers all last night {diarist changes, one of David's children?}	45	65
<b>T 30</b>	Very dull like rain Father goes to Huron we kill a pig,	48	78
<b>W 31</b>	Dull like rain. John commenced to sow yesterday,	54	60

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## September 1859

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<b>Th 1</b> clear finishes puting in fall wheat	49 66
<b>F 2</b> Cloudy, streamers out last night very red	50 60
<b>S 3</b> Dull Grand Shower of rain in the Afternoon	58 69
<b>S 4</b> Cloudy and breezy	50
<b>M 5</b> Very dull and like rain	50 58
<b>Tu 6</b> Clear, a white frost last night	48 60
<b>W 7</b> Clear and mild	50 59
<b>Th 8</b> Clear. frost last night potatoes blacken'd in the hollows	41 66
<b>Fr 9</b> Very warm we all at Puslinch Lake has a fine s{ai}l a great company there 64 *	
<b>Sat. 10</b> very sultry a fine shower last night	66 72
<b>Su 11</b> Very cloudy and windy	68 72
<b>M 12</b> Clear and windy	60 71
<b>Tu 13</b> Clear and very windy	50 53
<b>W 14</b> Clear cold and windy but no frost	42
<b>Th 15</b> Cloudy and like rain hard frost last night	32 34
Jane and Mrs. Martin away to Tea meating at Sheffield	
<b>Fr 16</b> warmer with an east wind we are thrashing half a day	46 57
<b>Sat 17</b> Mild and very dull Last night Dicks whips his Brother John	54 66
<b>Su 18</b> calm and foggy	54
<b>M 19</b> Still mild and dull raining in afternoon	57 68

<b>Tu 20</b>	Cool and like rain east winds	50	49
<b>W 21</b>	Drizzling rain from the east Father comes from the Huron	47	
<b>Thur 22</b>	very foggy and raining some John brings Mrs. Inness	54	
	<i>{David begins writing again}</i>		
<b>F 23</b>	cloudy men taking out Dung		
<b>Sa 24</b>	cloudy Mrs goes away with Daughter & Ms Inness son	40	64
<b>Su 25</b>	our Sacrament warm Mr Robertson here	50	70
<b>M 26</b>	warm growing John at Mill Benjy threshing	50	65
<b>Tu 27</b>	growing cloudy tries the new Pump and finds Plenty of water	60	68

## Sept 1859

<b>W 28</b>	cloudy pouring	36	60
<b>Th 29</b>	warm growing Mathew Henderson comes	38	70
<b>F 30</b>	{?}dles stumps John & Jean goes to Hamilton	50	68
<b>Sa</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<del>46</del>	<del>64</del>
<b>Sa 1</b>	heavy rain last night	46	64
<b>Su 2</b>	fine at church	44	64
<b>M 3</b>	I cleaning out Ditch warm	50	70
<b>T 4</b>	at Ditch Mrs Thos Nicol here warm breezy	60	75
<b>W 5</b>	at Ditch Finishes it men finishes west field	50	70
<b>Th 6</b>	Begins to Dig Potatoes Digs 60 Bushels cups	43	70
<b>F 7</b>	Digging fine cloudy threatening rain Digs 48 cups	40	65
<b>Sa 8</b>	rain in forenoon Digging in afternoon Digs 35 cups	40	45

<b>Su 9</b>	no sermon Mr Porteus at Ayr cold frosty	30	40 40
<b>M 10</b>	Mrs Innes comes from Janes Digging	30	32
<b>T 11 W 12</b>	fine Digging Glass {?} pm	40	60
<b>Th 13</b>	Digging John Elliot comes near night	40	50
<b>F 14</b>	goes with John Elliot to Flamborough {illegible}	40	50
<b>Sa 15</b>	Digging takes up Stalker's Potatos	40	50
<b>Su 16</b>	fine at church	40	60
<b>M 17</b>	raining no Digging men threshes Peas PM	40	60
<b>Tu 18</b>	cold stormy with sleety showers cleans Wheat	45	42
<b>W 19</b>	cold Digging however	40	40
<b>Th 20</b>	our show hard Frost last night cannot dig in forenoon so they all go to the show but May & me	30	34
<b>F 21</b>	very hard Frost last night ice on a tub being about 1½ inches thick so we cannot dig Potatoes in forenoon but takes up Turnips then takes up Potatoes in afternoon. Streamers out every night	27	34
<b>Sa 22</b>	ground white with snow takes up no Potatoes	28	33
<b>Su 23</b>	very hard frost last night but fine day	25	38
<b>M 24</b>	milder cloudy digging Potatoes	30	44
<b>T 25</b>	hard frost young McGonegal found guilty of Rape	24	36
<b>W 26</b>	still hard frost Digging Potatoes	23	36
<b>Octr 1859</b>			
<b>Th 27</b>	at Galt by's a lamp gets #33 hard frost	22	32



**F 28** finishes our Potatoes has in all 820 Bush. 32 43

**Sa 29** taking up turnips 30 40

**Su 30** fine days 30 40

**M 31** finishes our Turnips has 1450 Bushel in New barn 1090  
old Barn 360 Bu 30 40

## **Nov.**

**Tu 1** Men Ploughing young McGonegal found guilty 30 42

**W 2** warmish fine 32 50

**Th 3** our folks goes to Galt to W Cowes wedding at night we go  
to the wedding 32 56

**F 4** Indian sumer I an{d} Drainy men Ploughing 34 60

**Sa 5** very fine smoky weather 34 62

**Su 6** Mr Porteus Preaches to the Emigrants going to California 30 44

**M 7** calm I am burning stumps 32 50

**Tu 8** Bee at meeting house Ditch fine smoky day 32 50

**W 9** fine men Ploughing 32 52

**Th 10** very wet all last night cold showers to Day 32 36

**F 11** at meeting house Ditch Mary Glendinning & Father here  
snow {milling} 32 34

**Sa 12** at Wm Johnston's Funeral. Glendinings goes away cold 30 32

**Su 13** very wet all last night cold frosty to Day 30 32

**M 14** very cold at Sam Gilberts Funeral 26 32

<b>Tu 15</b>	fine to Day John at Mill cracking Grist Peas	28	36
<b>W 16</b>	fine frosty John at Guelph looking for straw cutter	28	40
<b>Th 17</b>	no Frost last night Indian summer Day Smoky	34	54
<b>F 18</b>	very fine cloudy calm John & Jean at Guelph for straw cutter	32	51
<b>Sa 19</b>	wet last night rain to Day	32	46
<b>Su 20</b>	rather fine cloudy creek running for first time	20	38
<b>M 21</b>	hard frost	26	32
<b>Tu 22</b>	threshing at I. Cowes fine	32	40
<b>W 23</b>	threshing at Wm Robertsons	32	38
<b>Th 24</b>	fine cloudy men Ploughing May at M. Nicols seeing silby	32	38
<b>F 25</b>	hard frost last night kills the Ox AM raining ice	26	32
<b>Sa 26</b>	very wet last night	34	40
<b>Su 27</b>	slight frost	30	34 40

## **Nov 1859**

<b>M 28</b>	Frost but men Ploughing me Draining	28	34
<b>Tu 29</b>	Frosty a little finishes Ploughing Spring field	28	40
<b>W 30</b>	fine little frost 30 50		

## **Decr**

<b>Th 1</b>	very wet most all Day	36	36
<b>F 2</b>	Snowing most all Day glass falling all Day	32	16
<b>Sa 3</b>	ground covered with snow. very frosty	6	10
<b>Su 4</b>	rough snowy morning fair afterwards	14	24

<b>M 5</b>	thawing mild foggy haze raining hard at night		32	36
<b>Tu 6</b>	good deal of snow last night news comes Nial I McGonegal's sentence is commuted to 5 years Penitentiary		22	28
<b>W 7</b>	coldish all Day clear		20	24
<b>Th 8</b>	very hard frost last night clear	above	4	18
<b>F 9</b>	milder cloudy		16	26
<b>Sa 10</b>	Men at R Pentlands threshing, clear Frosty		10	18
	<del>Threshin at Nimmo's in afternoon</del>		<del>18</del>	<del>28</del>
<b>Su 11</b>	<del>clear mildish</del> slight thaw snow soft but no rain		32	36
<b>M 12</b>	cold blowing threshing at Nimmos in afternoon John & Jean at Mr Mc Whinney's		10	16
	<i>{last number of dates from 13 to 28 are written over others}</i>			
<b>T 13</b>	men threshing Peas cold Grey clouds calm -	below	4	22
<b>W 14</b>	John at Mill with Peas Dull cloudy calm	above	10	20
	Sermon at church Mr Porteus Girl Babtized			
<b>Th 15</b>	Great spree at our town Fiddling Dancing &c		10	20
<b>F 16</b>	mild		20	25
<b>Sa 17</b>	threatens storm Nominates 2 for Counsellorship		20	30
<b>Su 18</b>	heavy fall of soft snow with strong gale from the East snowed all night for 12 hours depth of snow 17 inches Where not drifted		32	32
<b>M 19</b>	sometimes spittering snow cloudy mild snow soft		30	32
<b>T 20</b>	grey cloudy mild send 4 Dollars to Wm Martin from I Train		30	32

<b>W 21</b>	colder still cloudy good sleighing but deep		20	22
<b>Th 22</b>	cold clear we Kill three Pigs		10	20
<b>F 23</b>	moderate grey <del>John buys Threshing Power</del>		18	28
<b>Sa 24</b>	mild cloudy John Buys threshing Power			

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<b>Su 25</b>	no Preaching mild		30	30
<b>M 26</b>	Threshers here threshes all Day mild		28	30
<b>T 27</b>	threshing		26	28
<b>W 28</b>	finishes thresing in morning very cold	at	0	2
<b>Th 29</b>	John goes for threshing Power cold	at	0	10
<b>F 30</b>	cold Grey	at	0	9
<b>S 31</b>	very cold John at Blacksmiths fixing straw cutter	below	6	0

## Newyears day 1860 Jany

<b>Su 1</b>	clear sunny all at church		0	10
<b>M 2</b>	Wm Conel & McGonegal our first fit very cold	below	2	
	Election of councillor at Kirkwall -	below	12	10
<b>T 3</b>	Election going on McMillan Elected by the casting vote of Returning officer		0	10
<b>W 4</b>	Grey cloudy moderate		8	14
<b>Th 5</b>	May & Jane goes to Nasagaway moderate		10	14
<b>F 6</b>	Goes to John Dickson for Kirk seats, mild our women comes home from Nasagaway		10	26

<b>Sa 7</b>	Thaw raining all last night	34	36
<b>Su 8</b>	still thaw mild no rain	34	38
<b>M 9</b>	men at I Cowes threshing mild	34	38
<b>Tu 10</b>	very mild still thaw Collecting seat rents	40	40
<b>W 11</b>	slight snow last night Frosty now	26	24
<b>F 13</b>	at McCombs Spree moderate. I am out at Rocton with money	26	24
<b>Sa 14</b>	fine day	30	24
<b>Tu 17</b>	at Galt fine day finds out S. Ewar	28	30
<b>F 20</b>	Mr Nimmo's chopping Bee thawing	28	38
<b>Sa 21</b>	at Church Thawing	32	38
<b>M 23</b>	our annual Kirk meeting. Kills a Pig	32	36
<b>T 24</b>	taking Potatoes in from Pitt very mild	34	46
<b>W 25</b>	takes in all the Potatoes John Johnston and John Lee here.		
	clear windy	31	32
<b>Jany 1860</b>			
<b>Th 20</b>	fine but Frosty	24	28
<b>F 27</b>	coolish clear Joe Glencross here this night (27) Dick		
	assualts Mrs Parker	24	26
<b>Sa 28</b>	a good deal of snow last night cutting chaff all day	24	26
<b>Su 29</b>	clear mild in afternoon	14	34
<b>M 30</b>	slight thaw last night freezing to day, men at Swamp	20	24
<b>T 31</b>	Cold cloudy Men at Swamp	above 10	10

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~~below 10 above 10~~

<b>W 1</b>	very hard Frost men at Swamp	below 10	above 10
<b>Th 2</b>	clear fine Frosty, men at Swamp	above 5	20
<b>Fh 3</b>	fine but cold & Frosty Paid 39 cents on Postage for 3 months arrears & 6 months advance on {Rept} Spec.	below 1	20
<b>Sa 4</b>	fine Mr Campbell here going home men at Swamp	4	20
<del>Sa</del> <b>5</b> <b>Su 5</b>	moderate snowing in afternoon	20	26
<b>M 6</b>	Thaw last night cloudy Eclipse to night	36	34
<b>Tu 7</b>	Cloudy moderate John at McMillans with oats	20	26
<del>Th</del> <b>W 8</b>	mild incling to fresh	30	34
<b>Th 9</b>	very sleighing gone nearly cutting chaff, our Soiree	38	32
<b>F 10</b>	at McQueens with money Innes comes George Elliot here	above 5	18
<b>Sa 11</b>	John at Newhope with Hoops snowing some	10	20
<b>Su 12</b>	fine Innes at Church with us	20	26
<b>M 13</b>	Kills our Pigs pretty cold but clear	12	24
<b>Tu 14</b>	cuts up the Pigs T Little here for Potatoe		
<b>W 15</b> <b>Th 16</b> <b>F 17</b>	cold to Day clear	below 5	10
<b>Sa 18</b>	very stormy snowing all Day John at Newhope	alone 16	20
<b>Su 19</b>	clear all at home but John	20	26
<b>M 20</b>	clear thawing men at Swamp	20	34
<b>T 21</b>	clear mild men at Swamp	20	36

**W 22** John & me at Galt with Mr Innes and the Plough I buy Darwin's origin of  
Species for 11/7k & Dawsons Archea for 10/7k very warm thawing strong all  
Day at night thunder 40 54

**Th 23** cloudy getting colder all Day 40 30

**F 24** Men at Hunters making sap troughs

**Sa 25** John Hauls sap troughs with waggon no sleighing now 20 24

**Su 26** taking Physic very squeemish 22 24 32

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**M 27** very warm clear thawing John hauling troughs 40 50

**T 28** cloudy thawing some rain at Swamp for willows 40 42

**W 29** cloudy thawing ground quite black roads very muddy 40 46

## March

**Th 1** very fine still thawing Crows now plenty 40 45

**F 2** clear fine sugar weather if one chose to tap  
Received from John Tennant #20 part payment on #50

Sees 7 wild geese 40 46

**Sa 3** fine mild 40 46

**Su 4** still mild looks quite like spring 40 46

**M 5** collecting fer shew sees Blue Birds for first time  
at Pedlar McDonalds visiting 28 50

**Tu 6** Taps for sugar rain at night Jean makes 1/2 Gall molasses 28 46

**W 7** puts rain out of troughs poor run sees Blackbirds warm clear blowing 40 60

<b>Th 8</b>	gathers 14 Pails sap that run yesterday no run to day		
	Mr. Porteus here visiting last night, hazy to day	32	46
	Sees Pigeons flying, but some has seen them 3 days ago		
<b>F9</b>	collecting for shew cold no sap	24	32
<b>Sa 10</b>	cold cloudy hard frost	18	30
<b>Su 11</b>	cold half cloudy Snow last night	20	30
<b>M 12</b>	very cold no thaw	18	26
<b>Tu 13</b>	still cold no sap Robt Balantyne here for cash	20	30
<b>W 14</b>	poor run cloudy	22	34
<b>Tu 10</b>	Good run gets 46 pailfuls	30	40
	<i>{last number of dates from 16 to 23 are written over others}</i>		
<b>W F 16</b>	very good run gets 59 pailfuls frogs whislingy	30	55
<b>Sa 17</b>	still warm good run gets 57 Pails	30	55
<b>Su 18</b>	still warm Frogs whistling loud sap running	32	58
<b>M 19</b>	Boiling yesterdays sap 32 pailfuls none to day some rain	32	58
<b>Tu 20</b>	cold, collecting for shew no sap has in all 108 lbs sugar	20	32
<b>W 21</b>	very cold hard frost	20	22
<b>Th 22</b>	clear cold still no sap	22	38
<b>F 23</b>	clear milder gets 28 pails sap	28	40
<b>March 1860</b>			
<b>Sa 24</b>	Boils our sap no run to Day John's at Galt for seeds	22	30
<b>Su 25</b>	cold frosty	22	30



**M 26** clear still frosty no run John Shingling 24 30

**tu 27** still cold some little Sap Posts a Letter to Grace Tennant  
R Chambers Roup 26 36

**W 28** colder. clear Barren weather 24 32

**th 29** a little warmer sap running a little Mr Taylor here lecturing  
John at Mill 30 38

**F 30** Great Run last night and to Day Gets 70 Pails 32 52

**Sa 31** very warm buzy boiling gets 40 pails of sap 38 66

## **Su April**

**Su 1** no sermon, cool no sap Boils the old into Trygle 30 36

**M 2** milder men begins to Plough I am Ditching cold 22 34

**t 3** warm gets 27 Paels & 10 more 37 sap sees lots of Flies laying  
eggs in creek 32 60

**W 4** Boils up our sap no run ~~rain and~~ wind at night Walter  
armstrong comes 32 50

**Tu 5** growing weather Sugar seems to be over 32 50

**F 6** Walter Armstrong goes away makes a hot bed John at Riddes  
for siller 32 50

**7 Sa** at McWhinney's sale fine Day 32 50

**8 Su** a Day like summer warm growing Toads burring at night 40 66

**M 9** colder to day boils up the last sap to make vinegar has made  
in all 180 lbs sugar & about 8 Gal. molasses & 10 Gal vi 34 46

<b>t 10</b>	goes to the Swamp for Soft Maple Trees to Plant	mild	36	50	
<b>W 12</b>	plants some trees at smiddy with Sandy	clear	36	50	
<b>th 12</b>	Sows west field with spring wheat and seeds	very windy	34	50	
<b>F 13</b>	coldish	at Swamp for trees Plants them	34	48	
<b>Sa 14</b>	cold Frosty	some snow last night	30	38	
<b>Su 15</b>	hard frost	ice above 1 inch thick	clear	28	30
<b>M 16</b>	finishes drain	milder ewes busy lambing	32	48	
<b>t 17</b>	John flitting Mother	I Tennant Ploughing at McGonegals			
	some thunder last night	I began to dig Garden	34	48	
<b>W 18</b>	frosty last night	clear digging in Garden	40	36	
<b>19 th</b>	fine Day	at Galt wanted to lift Debentures, buys Bone Dust			
	at # 2½ per Barrel	gets Greys Botany at 71 (illegible) # 3 and Rapes			
	seed 30 lb	white clover 3 lb alsikes clover, 1 lb at 6¢ total # 11	50	55	
<b>F 20</b>	writes to Innes,	rain last night fine growing now	50	62	

## April 1860

<b>Sa 21</b>	cloudy cooler	moves out the Parliament house	36	30
<b>Su 22 M 23 Tu 24 W 25</b>	Galt fair	<del>th 2 F</del> Frosty at night all these Days		
	and barren	Glass from 28	28	30
<b>th 26</b>	Sows Peas and a few oats		32	34
<b>Fr 27</b>	finishes dragging Peas		34	34
<b>Sa 28</b>	at Rocton at Algrigulturer meeting		36	38
<b>Su 29</b>	our folk at Puslinch hearing Mr Taylor, Dooks		38	64

**M 30** Sows oats & Grass seeds 46 68

## May

I have been asked by Alex Innes of Culross to keep a Register of the temperature at 9 P A.M. for the month of May for the purpose of comparing Beverly with Culross so for the month the Entries will be for 9 A.M. & 2 P.M.

**T 1** cloudy drizzling rain Men sowing Plaister 40 44

**W 2** at Galt for 4 Trees 42 60

**th 3** Delving fine some rain near night 42 64

**F 4** goes a Fishing gets 17, Innes comes 62 74

**Sa 5** fine growing weather Saw 2 Maples tinged with green

willows getting green 62 74

**Su 6** warm takes Physic not at church 60 76

**M 7** very sultry goes to Galt with Innes buys Mortgage

some thunder & rain 70 87

**tu 8** comes from Galt great growing weather. Swallows in barn

more thunder gets first Rhubarb 70 82

**W 9** goes a Fishing gets about 5 Doz warm growing sees King Birds

Proud Taylors &c English cherry trees blossoming thunde

heavy rain last night 64 80

**th 10** Colt fair growing cooler ----- 64 70

**F 11** cuts the Lambs has 23 Rams & 19 Ewes including my 2

sows Rapes 58 68

**Sa 12** every thing looking green growing weather men draggin Potatoe land 64 68

<b>Su 13</b>	fine growing at church	64	68
<b>M 14</b>	John drilling for Potatoes Tennant at Stalkers ploughing	60	80
<b>tu 15</b>	sets 15 Bu. Mechanics and some cups I Watson's Roup	64	67
<b>W 16</b>	sets some Potatoes John goes to R. Hunter's Roup	64	80
<b>th 17</b>	finishes the Potatoes sets in all		
	very bad with the toothache the woods looks glorious apple Cherry		
	(Canidean in full blossom	60	66

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### May ~~April~~

<b>F 18</b>	very bad with toothache John Brings sand	60	70
<b>Sa 19</b>	Rain last night and forenoon cloudy cool	56	56
<b>Su 20</b>	cool threating rain near night Meg colts	50	54
<b>M 21</b>	heavy rain last night cloudy cool all Day	44	43
<b>t 22</b>	women white washing men pulling Red Root I go a fishing gets 9		
	fonds a cow of Wm Robinsons laird	50	68
<b>W 23</b>	men puts up Bars in west field I am bad with sore back	60	68
<b>th 24</b>	Queens Birthday at a fox nest gets non growing	60	70
<b>F 25</b>	warm in Morning cloudy afternoon	60	76
<b>Sa 26</b>	at church Bill Parks here 1 crack thund & shower	60	80
<b>Su 27</b>	fine coolish our Sacrament	60	72
<b>M 28</b>	Washes our Sheep warmish	62	74
<b>tu 29</b>	John buildin' Shop foundation I am digging garden some lightning	58	72

~~W 30 fine John~~ Meg takes the horse

**W 30** John building cloudy threatening showers 60 78

**th 31** cool cloudy threatening rain clips the sheep 50 64

## June

**F 1** John Drilling for Turnips Drouthy looking I sow bone Dust

in afternoon 66 72

**Sa 2** very Drouthy. sows 83 Drills of Turnips 60 78

**Su 3** Drouthy but cloudy at church 60 70

**M 4** cloudy with a good deal of rain & thunder John drags the Potatoes 58 64

**t 5** at Galt rack wool gets 29 cents per pound Bujet Johns Mortgage

at full value 58 64

**W 6** wool {Backe} clouds fine weather sows out the west field of Turnips 64 64

**th 7** working statute Labour temparate 64 70

**F 8** working statute Labour cool cloudy 55 65

**Sa 9** Finishes Statute Labour very cool wind N.W. 50 60

**Su 10** cool & very Drouthy wants rain badly 50 62

**M 11** warm Sultry looking like a change 60 80

**tu 12** Very warm men driving muck very Drouthy 70 82

**W 13** warm Drouthy 66 80

**th 14** at Galt with Inness Mortgage very warm 70 84

## June 1860

**F 15** cloudy Wm Park comes & D Brydon Thunder an some rain 65 80

<b>Sa 16</b>	cloudy all day mild George Tenant comes	60	74
<b>Su 17</b>	clear Drouthy ground getting Dry again New minister here	60	78
<b>M 18</b>	cloudy John drilling Turnips at Stable I sow 18 Drels with bone Dust	65	78
<b>t 19</b>	cloudy at Margt Roberts Funeral	67	78
<b>W 20</b>	John at Mill writes to A. Glen. & Jaffray	66	74
<b>t 21</b>	at Hamilton with Innes's Mortgage to register George Tennant		
	Georg goes with us going to Scotland, cool cloudy	60	72
<b>F 22</b>	cool Drouthy no signs of rain getting burnt up	60	70
<b>Sa 23</b>	warmer Drouthy John at Mill	60	74
<b>Su 24</b>	Very warm no sermon	64	84
<b>M 25</b>	at Puslinch lake warm	64	82
<b>t 26</b>	cloudy in morning Drouthy afterwards	60	74
<b>W 27</b>	warm men ploughing	60	80
<b>Th 28</b>	Georgina goes away John & Jane goes with her to Guelph very hot		
	I take Physic looks like thunder at night Great Eastern arrive at N. york	60	88
<b>F 29</b>	a fine heavy rain this morning & a good many showers thro the day.		
	after a very severe drouth, Turnips sown 1st June scarcely braided yet,		
	Pasture burnt up Barly & spring wheat thought past redemption, we'll see		
	what the rain does	60	78
	<i>{braided means showing the first shoots or sprouts of grain to appear above the ground}</i>		
<b>Sa 30</b>	clear breezy cool at Church	60	78

## July

<b>Su 1</b>	clear moderate at church sees a Comet at night about N.W.	64	78
<b>M 2</b>	cloudy in afternoon Sets up Potatoes G. Tennant here about his wife	64	78
<b>tu 3</b>	—sees looks like rain a sligh shower John at Saw Mill	69	78
<b>W 4</b>	cloudy cool John at Sawmill Mr & Mrs Porteus here		
	thunder and rain at 6 A.M.	60	70
<b>th 5</b>	men begins to mow clear	60	74
<b>F 6</b>	Men mowing	62	74
<b>Sa 7</b>	Raking in forenoon hauls 4 loads in afternoon cool	60	68
<b>Su 8</b>	George Tennen's Barn Stables sheds all burnt last night fire seen		
	between 9 & 10 at night, fine shower this day cool	55	68
<b>M 9</b>	Bidding people to George Tennants Bee cool	50	68
<b>t 10</b>	at Little Scotland Bidding to Bee Men thinning Turnips	50	70

## July 1860

<b>W 11</b>	John Tennant at Tennants Bee us Raking hay 6	60	70
<b>tu 12</b>	J Chambers at Tennant hauling Bee The rest mowing. cool	50	70
<b>F 13</b>	Taking in hay & raking	50	74
<b>Sa 14</b>	at Rockton Paying interest on kirk Loan men takes in the last of the		
	Hay has in all 16 loads	60	76
<b>Su 15</b>	warm Sultry thunder at night	60	78
<b>M 16</b>	thinning Turnips in forenoon Tenand has Uncles, warm heavy shower		
	last night	60	80

<b>tu 17</b>	warm clear gets our clock cleaned	60	80
<b>W 18</b>	Sun eclipsed. Very Wet in afternoon, lightening at night	60	68
<b>t 19</b>	very warm, clear, thinning Turnips at Stable	70	80
<b>F 20</b>	Marion & me at Dundass very warm men at Tennants Barn raising	70	86
<b>Sa 21</b>	Jane & me at Galt lifts #1100 Debentures Shower	70	86
<b>Su 22</b>	fine at church	70	80
<b>M 23</b>	Marion & me at Dundass get Debenture No 508 for 1100 people busy with harvest wheat looks well our people begins to cut wheat	60	63
<b>tu 24</b>	cradling wheat sadly Kill'd out cool	60	70
<b>W 25</b>	cradling, this is my Birth day on which I enter on my 60th year verify I am getting old But to Day I have raked and bound after a cradle	60	70
<b>th 26</b>	takes in one load of Wheat Some rain cradling afternoon	60	70
<b>F 27</b>	cool cradling forenoon taking in wheat afternoon	60	78
<b>Sa 28</b>	cool takes in wheat all that is cut	60	72
<b>Su 29</b>	very heavy rain last night very cool cloudy No preching to day	60	70
<b>M 30</b>	finishes cutting fall wheat poor crop	60	78
<b>tu 31</b>	John cultvating men cutting Peas in afternoon. Gets a letter from Innes	60	72

## Augt

<b>W 1</b>	Men cutting Peas very cool harvest weather	60	70
<b>tu 2</b>	takes in the last of the Fall wheat rest cutting Peas	60	74
<b>F 3</b>	bad with toothache & Dysentery wet in forenoon	60	72
<b>Sa 4</b>	Men finishes cutting Peas fine weather I bad with Dysentery	62	80



**Su 5** I am not at church warm clear 62 80

## **Augt 1860**

**M 6** taking in Peas warm clear 65 86

**tu 7** finishes taking peas at noon rain & thunder after We have 17 loads of  
Peas, Ellik Morton comes 72 90

**W 8** begins to cradle Spring wheat cool clear 70 82

**Th 9** Rain last night cradles spring wheat afternoon 70 80

**F 10** cradling spring wheat cool 60 72

**Sa 11** in forenoon John Ploughing in Orchard men cradling oats. in afternoon  
taking in spring wheat, cool 60 70

**Su 12** at church Cool cloudy threatening rain. 55 70

**M 13** Rain Cool night with distant thunder very cool 55 63

**tu 14** cutting spring wheat and oats 50 63

**W 15** taking in spring wheat & oats 50 70

**th 16** takes in all the oats 50 72

**F 17** May at Martin Nichols we cutting spring wheat heavy thunder & rain last night 60 80

**Sa 18** Finishes cutting Spring wheat 60 80

**Su 19** Sultry ~~her~~ at churh ch 60 82

**M 20** heavy rain & thunder last night 65 80

**tu 21** threshers here in afternoon threshes 140 Bushels 65 80

**W 22** finishes hauling spring wheat. clear fan 65 78

**t 23** warm Sultry no Spectator comes John cultivating shears the lambs 68 82

**F 24** heavy rain & thunder last night fair & warm this forenoon but heavy rain and  
thunder afternoon the swallows & Whipperwills seems now to have left very growing  
weather but some signs of rot on Potatoe shows 65 80

**Sa 25** Cool cloudy ground soaked with rain, some currants still on bushes 60 68

**Su 26** Cool cloudy at church 60 70

**M 27** some rain last night to Day breezy cool clear drouthy 60 65

**tu 28** Galt fair fine clear John begins to sow wheat 60 70

**W 29** John sows and drags Orchard cool 55 65

**Th 30** Sowen wheat at 16 acre field John cultivating it in May at Bell Cowe last night 60 75

**F 31** Great rain & thunder last night Mrs W Cowe has a son. Sowing grass 60 70

The ground soaked with rain cannot Sow wheat

## Sept 1860

**Sa 1** men Ploughing ground too wet to sow ~~slig~~ cool 58 70

**Su 2** no preaching here. Light frost last night John & Jean at Bobs 32 64

**M 3** finishes sowing wheat, sows on 16 acre field 28 Bu of which 18 is soules  
and 10 Beard cool clear 45 72

**T 4** cool cloudy Henry Innes here, John waterfurlowing wheat 50 74

**W 5** Jean & John goes to Scarboro I take them to Flamboro I get Muggy  
J Wallace takes away the steer warm clear 60 75

**th 6** clear warm Stalker here Ploughing 60 80

**F 7** cool clear till towards night then cloudy threatening rain 60 70

**Sa 8** A very steady wet Day till afternoon then fair 50 65

<b>Su 9</b>	at church cool and fair but roads very muddy	50	65
<b>M 10</b>	going round with Petition for Township meeting for Mr Rintoul	45	60
<b>tu 11</b>	cool cloudy	45	55
<b>W 12</b>	very cool John & Jean comes from Scarboro	40	52
<b>th 13</b>	cool cloudy men Ploughing	45	60
<b>F 14</b>	men Ploughing clear	50	65
<b>Sa 15</b>	clear breezy John goes for lumber Stalker at Mrs McKinley's Bul	55	75
<b>Su 16</b>	heavy rain last night cloudy at church	50	70
<b>M 17</b>	clear John & Jean at Mitchels people speaking of rot on the Potatoes		
	ours not bad yet, sees a humming Bird 'tis late	48	76
<b>tu 18</b>	Starts this morning to the Exhibition at Hamilton. a splendid show		
	Sees the Prince of Wales thinks if he had been born in my own grade he		
	was likely to turn out a canny well doing child, but but he does not seem to		
	have any thing very superior about him, warm	60	75
<b>W 19</b>	still Hamilton still warm fine the Prince on the grounds	60	70
<b>th 20</b>	got home last night. cool, very Rainy Day	45	52
<b>F 21</b>	cool Digs 20 Bushes for Pigs Some hail showers	45	52
<b>Sa 22</b>	John at Mill. cloudy blowing mild	50	62
<b>Su 23</b>	<del>fixing fl</del> at church cloudy	50	60
<b>M 24</b>	fixing floor of Pigstye showery some thunder at night	50	64

John Gilbert Junior that our Dog Major was th with their Dog last Saturday - 22nd and their Dog being mad it is probable ours was bit

## Septr 1860

<b>tu 25</b>	John and the women at Galt, Showery	45	55
<b>W 26</b>	Childrens Soiree at our School Yates here mending machine	50	60
<b>th 27</b>	mixes lime Yates here fixes pump	45	55
<b>F 28</b>	Sowers lime cool breezy	40	50
<b>Sa 29</b>	at church frost last night Blackens tomatoes	40	50
<b>Su 30</b>	our Sacrament John cripple with a Boil on his knee	38	48

## Octr

<b>M 1</b>	Wet in forenoon. in afternoon John at Cowes threshing	38	52
<b>t 2</b>	John at Cowes threshing in forenoon threshing Peas with our machine here in afternoon	40	60
<b>W 3</b>	threshes our Barrack of Peas in forenoon then haul stones for house foundation	40	65
<b>th 4</b>	Threshes the Barley takes all Day	45	60
<b>F 5</b>	Mr Lambert here building foundation gets a letter from J Tennant	45	65
<b>Sa 6</b>	at Richard Hunters funeral John at Mill	50	60
<b>Su 7</b>	at church	40	60
<b>M 8</b>	we dig a load of Potatoes John at Wm Robson's Racking in afternoon I write to John Tennant at Brucemines		
<b>tu 9</b>	John at Galt with Barley we dig 30 Bu Potatoes, Then rains	40	50
<b>W 10</b>	Digging Potatoes Guess we take up 100 Bus	45	50
<b>th 11</b>	Diggin cold frost hail shower takes up 100 Bushels	40	58
<b>F 12</b>	Digging finer to Day Digs 100 Bushels	40	55

**Sa 13** Digging good Day 100 Bushels 45 55  
**Su 14** at church, yesterday Jem Black Burned him self to Death in a Logheap 50 60  
**M 15** Digging takes up 100 Bu we guess 50 60  
**Su 16** ~~at church~~ 45 55  
**tu 16** Digging takes up 100 Bushel we guess finishes our Potatoes 45 55  
**W 17** ~~finishes our potatoes~~ has about 6 or 700 Bu ~~fixing for show~~ 40 50  
**th 18** ~~at our show gets prize for Turnips, fine Day~~ fixing for show 48 55  
**F 19** ~~puts up our Pigs to feed~~ at ours show 44 55  
**Sa 20** we pull some apples stopt with rain cloudy puts up our Pigs to feed 40 50  
**Su 21** Dull Day some rain at church Wm Chambers comes at night 40 50  
**M 22** John goes to the Jury men takes up a few Turnips foggy 40 55  
Wm Chambers at Robsons threshing with our horses in the afternoon

## Oct 1860

**{M} 23** Nasty Drizzling rain all Day Wm at Robson's threshing 40 55  
**{t}u 24** Taking up Turnips nasty clarty job warmish 45 60  
**{W} 25** men Ploughing forenoon then takes in 200 Bu Turnips  
I pull & pits 14 Bu grafted apples has in all 40 Bu. apples now 40 55  
**{th} 26** Takes in 135 Bushels Turnips 40 55  
**{F} 27** Takes in 270 Bushel Turnips 45 60  
**{Sa} 28** ~~men Ploughing in forenoon then takes in 135 B. Tur.~~  
**Su 28** I Keep house women at Church 45 60  
**M 29** Very Wet last night men Ploughing, then takes 135 B. Turnips 45 60  
**tu 30** I killing a Beef to Nimmo Men taking up Turnips warm 50 65

**W 31** very warm takes in 315 Bushels Turnips 60 70

## Nov

**th 1** takes up the last of the west Turnips hauls ~~130~~ 150 Bushels 55 65

**F 2** takes in ~~295~~ 70 Bushels B Turnips fine warm 55 68

**Sa 3** writes to Jno Stewart Hamilton and Alex Innes, ~~we take in the last~~

~~of west field 70 Bu. Total in field 1320 Bushels fine~~ 55 68

very wet all last night, men cleans Peas then Ploughs John comes from Jury 50 60

**Su 4** at church

**M 5** taking up Turnips at Stable fine 50 55

**tu 6** takes all the Turnips at Stable has in all 540 Bu. in Stable Field

has in all 1800 Bushels of which about 1450 is at new Stable and 35 at old Stable

**W 7** taking Potatoes from Pits takes in 90 B. Big Potatoes 45 58

**th 8** taking in Potatoes takes in 90 B. waled Potatoes 30 48

**F 9** at Potatoes cold rain near night takes in 84 B. 28 43

**Sa 10** Kills 2 Pigs very wet last night cloudy 35 40

**Su 11** at church mild cloudy 40 50

**M 12** taking in Potatoes cold frosty last night 35 46

**tu 13** takes in the last of Potatoes has 300 B in our cellar, takes up Beets 35 48

**W 14** clear warm frost last night men Ploughing, writes

J Martin with money to Aunt 34 50

**th 15** coolish cloudy 36 48

**F 16** I begin to make a Ditch for creek 32 36

Sa 17 Ditching men Ploughing 38 50

## Nov 1860

Su 18 Sandy Glenn came here last night 38 44

M 19 Charly our horse found hanged this morning 34 44

~~tu 20 at Drain cool 34 44~~

~~w 21 at Rocton court Tennant wins his Plea 36 46~~

tu 20 at Rocton court Tennant wins his Plea 36 46

W 21 at Coutes threshing Peas 30 40

th 22 hard frost, cold Sandy goes away 28 36

F 23 still cold cloudy 24 32

Sa 24 very cold I go to Kirk wall mugged 12 18

Su 25 Still cold cloud windy 13 20

M 26 rather milder some snow 28 34

tu 27 John at Nimmos threshing Stalker at J Dicksons threshing I set up Sugar troughs 28 30

W 28 John gets a Belt at Wardrops fine clear frosty 24 34

th 29 cool cloudy 26 30

F 30 Do Do {ditto} 24 30

## Decr

Sa 1 got a pair of Boots from A Smith Price \$ 43/4 26 30

Su 2 at church 22 30

M 3 Ground Black roads rough. 26 30

T 4 threshes some oats with machine Some snow 26 30

<b>W 5</b>	ground white with slight snow	28	30
<b>th 6</b>	cloudy moderate Leon get Porcupine quills	26	20
<b>F 7</b>	John fixing Henhouse	26	30
<b>Sa 8</b>	Mild cloudy -- John at Henhouse	26	30
<b>Su 9</b>	at church thawing a little at noon	28	34
<b>M 10</b>	a good fall of Snow last night good Sleighing	30	32
<b>t 11</b>	hard frost last night clear to Day McWhinny here	12	22
<b>W 12</b>	John hauls firewood good sleighing, some snow falls	18	28
<b>th 13</b>	Wm Chambers came last night. cold heavy snow showers	14	18
<b>F 14</b>	very hard frost last night meeting at Kirkwall	below 10	above {20}
<b>Sa 15</b>	Milder Alex Glendinning comes	above 4	20
<b>Su 16</b>	no preaching mild	10	32

## Decr 1860

<b>{M} 17</b>	Sandy goes away mild men at firewood	10	32
<b>{t} 18</b>	Dull cloudy men getting firewood mild	26	30
<b>{W} 19</b>	Thawing very rainy in afternoon, Big Sow boar'd	34	38
<b>{th} 20</b>	Thawing all Day cloudy	34	36
<b>{F} 21</b>	fine in forenoon. Snows all afternoon	28	30
<b>{Sa} 22</b>	<del>at church</del> fine day John hauling firewood	28	30
<b>Su 23</b>	at church	20	30
<b>M 24</b>	collecting Seat rents gets #38 John at Galt	22	28
<b>tu 25</b>	<b>Christmass day</b> John & Jean at Robt Chamber's, Robt Riddle Pays		



me 5th, Instalmen on {F. T} Stalkers Mortgage #130	20	22
<b>W 26</b> mild to Day, Kills Nimmo's Pig	22	30
<b>th 27</b> at Galt Buys a Buggy for # 22 Pays { <del>Chet</del> } Chamber's Journal & Reporter for next year Buys the Cruize of the Betsy by Hugh Miller for 1¼ Dollar	22	26
<b>F 28</b> Cutting oats & Pea straw all Day	22	30
<b>Sa 29</b> moderates weather cloudy collecting seat rents gets #28 gets a Hawk from Stalker	26	30
<b>Su 30</b> at church rather cold	20	26
<b>M 31</b> John at Mill takes the hawk to P. Ballantyne Grizzy and niece comes above 12	18	

## Jan'y 1861

<b>Tu 1 New years day</b> fine day Shoolmaster here at night	14	28
<b>W 2</b> mild Grizzy goes away & Jean takes her home. Rain	20	36
<b>Th 3</b> Kills the Pigs Pays J. McMillan Globe club and six months Postage on Globe & Reporter	20	26
<b>F 4</b> John takes Hogs to Brock road hard frost above 10	20	
<b>Sa 5</b> very mild weather to Day cloudy	20	30
<b>Su 6</b> Elders ordained mild	26	30
<b>M 7</b> Thaw last night and to Day. Electing Counciller &c Takes R Riddle account of money Paid on F Stalkers mortgage	36	38
<b>tu 8</b> Election closes McMillan beats Menzie	28	30
<b>W 9</b> Elects P Pentland Trustee for our Shool	20	26

**Th 10** at Rocton Pays #12 to Treasurer on Kirk debt attends Shew

~~mee~~ meeting Malcolm Campbell goes out & comes back with cold 20 12

## Jan 7 1861

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**{F} 11** cold spittering snow all Day men hauling firewood above 4 10

**Sa 12** cold clear sunny, hard frost but calm above 8 4

**Su 13** tremendous frost clear below 20 Do 4

**M 14** threshing here finishes above 20 30

**T 15** Foggy ice on trees cutting Pea straw in afternoon 26 30

**W 16** raining Ice all night trees laden till afternoon by which turn it

thawed off roads slushy, snowing at night 30 38

**Th 17** frosty cloudy 28 34

**F 18** choring cutting Pea straw in afternoon 26 30

**Sa 19** getting colder good Sleighing 20 26

**Su 20** at church 20 28

**M 21** May & me at Dundass cold gets #49½ men begins to take

out timber for Shed 10 20

**tu 22** hard frost Libby Tod and Mr. Laidlow here men at timber below 8 20

**W 23** men at timber cold blowing clear below 4 26

**t 24** very snowy all day heavy in afternoon Campel Innes & Anderson comes 10 34

**F 25** clear cold. men at Timber Anderson &c goes to Milton 10 24

**Sa 26** at church Ca Preaches 10 ~~48~~ 28

<b>M Su 27</b>	our Sacrament clear	2	20
<b>M 28</b>	at Kirk meeting men at Timber	4	26
<b>T 29</b>	mild R. Chambers hauling timber men hewing	14	32
<b>W 30</b>	Snowing & drifting almost all day men hauling imber	20	30
<b>th 31</b>	fine day, Nimmos chopping Bee, shew at Kirkwall John & Jean at it	12	20

## Feb

<b>F 1</b>	Men hauling timber heavy snow in afternoon,	above 8	22
<b>Sa 2</b>	Men finishes hawling timber Snow 17 inches deep with a crust on it	12	26
<b>Su 3</b>	good winter day at church	14	24
<b>M 4</b>	Kills 2 Pigs Campell Inness comes angd goes for home	20	31
<b>t 5</b>	John at Brock Road with Potatoes mild	20	30
<b>W 6</b>	Tom Nicol & Esther here John & May at Golf for Plaister, some snow	22	32

**Th 7** I believe this day without exception is the severest I have yet seen in Canada.

It has blown a gale all Day often with snow and always drifting, with intense cold

at 8 AM the glass stood 8 above zero but fell all Day till at 4 P.M. it stood at 14 below

zero. we shall yet hear of many deaths from freezing this day at 9 P.M the glass

at 18 below 0

above 8 below 14

### Feb 7 1861

**F8** The glass *{thermometer}* rose during night to 12 below and during the Day has

got to 3 above. dull cloudy J hauls some fire wood

below 12 above 3

**Sa 9** John hauling fire wood Bill chopping, milder cloudy above

14 24

**Su 10** Strange country, thawing warm Sunny

44 50

<b>M 11</b>	raining like mad almost all Day cut some oats in afternoon	44	46
<b>T 12</b>	mild <del>some</del> cuts oats & Pea straw in forenoon John hauls some firewood	32	38
<b>W 13</b>	John at Brock road with spring Wheat gets 93 cents per Bushel	30	33
<b>th 14</b>	mild John hauls fire wood Bill fill up load of potatoes	30	32
<b>F 15</b>	mild men at R Penland threshing snowing in afternoon send to New York for book	32	34
<b>Sa 16</b>	men brings a load of straw from R Pentland in afternoon John takes a load of potatoes to McMillan, still very mild but though the glass every day points to thaw there is no snow melting but spiders and some other crawlers is going on the snow Daily	30	35
<b>Su 17</b>	still mild at church	30	31
<b>M 18</b>	mild John hauling cord wood	30	30
<b>t 19</b>	mild John hauling wood Bill chopping.	30	30
<b>W 20</b>	mild snow showers every day	30	30
<b>Th 21</b>	blowing more snow	26	30
<b>F 22</b>	John making cultivator snowing steady from {?} afternoon snow very deep about 2 feet	26	30
<b>Sa 23</b>	a real thaw, raining all day and often very heavy	32	36
<b>Su 24</b>	a pretty hard <del>ef</del> snap frosty	10	22
<b>M 25</b>	mild again John hauling soft firewood	22	32
<b>tu 26</b>	clear sunny warm, thaw by sun John hauling	30	44
<b>W 27</b>	May & me at T. Nicol's very fine mild day, R Chambers & John at Lindsays Mill racking & get a load of potatoes	30	50

**th 28** Very mild Sun thawing strong, crows come 43 52

**F 2**

## March

**F 1** John & me at Galt, ward meeting at Kirkwall about Clergy Reserve money,

steady thaw snow going fast {every} 34 46

**Sa 2** very warm for the season, makes hole in Turniphouse for under water 46 32

**Su 3** Very wet all last night a thorough thaw all the streams running from Bank

to brae fields blackening fast sees a Grey bird and Bill says he has seen Blue birds 46 32

**M 4** Yanky President Lincoln elected, thaw stopped getting frosty towards night 36 30

## March 1861

**tu 5** Pretty cold & frosty to Day creek gorged and flowing over road 22 20

**W 6** cold windy, creek fallen again 20 26

**th 7** very hard frost last night, clear & fine today freezing in shade but thawing a little in sun 0 18

**F 8** got a Langholm Newspaper last night recording the Death of Uncle Matthew Elliot

aged on the 17th Jan'y aged 93 years thawing to Day threateng rain John & Jean at Mill 28 44

**Sa 9** threshing Peas in afternoon mild. 30 36

**Su 10** fine day. not very well 30 34

**M 11** Bill hauling wood temperate 30 32

**T 12** Pretty cold. going to Maggy Cowe's wedding 28 30

**W 13** ~~Kills~~ Sawing cord wood with circular saw saws 18 cord 30 32

**th 14** Kills big sow, weight 400 lbs Minister at the Ross's 30 36

**F 15** John & William at Robsons & Cowes sawing cordwood 30 36

**Sa 16** men cleaning Peas getting cold in afternoon 30 30

<b>Su 17</b>	hard frost cold all Day St Patrick's day	above 4	10
<b>M 18</b>	Very hard frost last night cold all Day. May at McGonegals	below 4	above 2
<b>T 19</b>	Still frosty Men getting joists in swamp	12	20
<b>W 20</b>	John & Jean at Preston for Bone dust gets a ton for \$20	20	30
<b>Th 21</b>	Snow last night at the Funeral of G Jamieson's daughter	24	34
<b>F 22</b>	clear milder men bring home oak Winter beam	28	40
<b>Sa 23</b>	Raining last night and some to Day puts beams on Barn loft	36	40
<b>Su 24</b>	cold to Day thaws a little in the sun	20	30
<b>M 25</b>	mild Taps for Sugar in afternoon	30	40
<b>tu 26</b>	Very wet all last night and forenoon, empties Sap troughs	36	48
<b>W 27</b>	no sugar to day wet at night <del>emptied troughs again</del> gets 12 pails	36	40
<b>th 28</b>	cutting Pea straw taps Janes Bush we gather 23 Pails	30	36
<b>F 29</b>	<del>Boiling gathers 23 pailfuls</del>	32	44
<b>F 29</b>	poor sun very wet with heavy Thunder in after noon gets 12 p	36	44
<b>Sa 30</b>	windy, cold gathers 4 pails, empties the rest half rain water	30	34
<b>Su 31</b>	at Church cool	30	34

## April 1861

<b>{M} 1</b>	Snowing almost all Day, Sweeps the troughs near night	34	34
<b>{Tu} 2</b>	Gathers 30 pails Boiling men sowing grass seed on the snow	32	44
<b>{W} 3</b>	good run gets 60 pails	30	54
<b>{Th} 4</b>	fine day good run gets 50 pails	34	48
<b>{F} 5</b>	John Sells the Steer to McMillen. gets 44 pails of Sap	34	44

<b>Sa 6</b>	McMillan takes the Steer away. gets 30 pails of sap	34	48
<b>Su 7</b>	No Sap running to Day rain in afternoon at church hears one whistler	34	46
<b>M 8</b>	Empties rain out of trough Dull cloudy no run, weighs our Sugar has 114 lbs from 237 pails of Sap. the other 20 pails being made into molass. the sap this year is very strong being nearly one pound to two pails Jane has made 30 lbs which makes our total up to date 144 lbs. Daffodil pointing up yellow	36	46
<b>Tu 9</b>	mild growing no sap, cuts oats hay & Pea straw in afternoon	36	46
<b>W 10</b>	clear sunny little frost last night	36	56
<b>Th 11</b>	gathers 14 pails of poor sap, makes it molasses mild growing warm	36	60
<b>F 12</b>	gets 8 pails sap makes it vinegar Sugar time over Jean pulls out her sprouts	38	60
<b>Sa 13</b>	rain last night, frogs whistling, Very growing clear breezy men begins to Plough sod	40	62
<b>Su 14</b>	mild at Church Fort Sumptor taken yesterday	38	54
<b>M 15</b>	men stoning Potatoe land brings Pots from bush	34	45
<b>t 16</b>	men Ploughing Potatoe land I Plant trees Mrs Watson here	34	41
<b>W 17</b>	men Ploughing, wind north barren weather	34	46
<b>Th 18</b>	<del>men Ploughing takes Potatoes</del> No Sectator comes forenoon snowing all forenoon	36	45
<b>F 19</b>	takes Potatoes to Kirkwall, George Elliot here paying interest	36	45
<b>Sa 20</b>	John Cultivating turnip ground for Spring wheat, has a bad cold Hears Fort Sumptor is taken on 13	36	30
<b>Su 21</b>	has been poorly some days with a cold, at home, very fine	40	65
<b>M 22</b>	Men Sowing Spring wheat very warm and windy, slight thunder	40	75

<b>Tu 23</b>	men Stoning sowing Grass seed cloudy calm. begins to dig Garden	40	60
<b>W 24</b>	John rolling Spring Wheat Sees three Barn Swallows. breezy cool thunder & rain last night	40	60
<b>th 25</b>	clear breezy John finishes rolling Wm Plowing	35	36
<b>F 26</b>	digging Berry Bushes Sows some Peas	36	60
<b>Sat 27</b>	dragging & cultivating Peas, Rain & Thunder near night	38	62
<b>Su 28</b>	Very wet last night growing weather	38	65

## April 1861

<b>M 29</b>	John at Rocton for Tiller I graft some Apple Trees	40	75
<b>T 30</b>	John Rolling Peas I go a Fishing gets none	40	60

## May

<b>W 1</b>	ground white with snow in morning Thaws before night	32	40
<b>th 2</b>	about one inch of ice this morning barren weather {?}eans double Halo roun the sun	30	45
<b>F 3</b>	Men begins to Plough Turnip land, groundf too wet to sow Peas	32	50
<b>Sa 4</b>	Men Ploughing Turnip land ice last night	32	55
<b>Sa 5</b>	Sunny clear temparate	32	53
<b>M 6</b>	rather growing to Day raining in afternoon men Ploughing	36	58
<b>t 7</b>	Very wet last night Showery to day Preston & Donald at court	38	54
<b>W 8</b>	in Bed all day from folly last night	40	56
<b>th 9</b>	clear breezy men stoning	40	60
<b>F 10</b>	men finishes sowing Peas raining in afternoon	38	55



**Sa 11** men sowing Plaister I go a fishing gets about 20 Sees Chimla Swallows 40 65

**Su 12** at church growing but the Spring is very backward willows pretty green.  
Very little green on any other 40 60

**M 13** cloudy with drizzling rain Sees humming Bird & King bird Post \$3 Dollars for Naturalist 35 50

**Tu 14** Digging in Garden all Day men stoning clover. 40 60

**W 15** Digging fine in forenoon very windy and threatening rain AP 40 66

The woods has just a slight tinge of Green with the exception of Willows. while last year they were quite splendid at same Date

**th 16** The Maiden breaks the Buggy Shaft cool Showery men Stoning 56 48

**F 17** John & Jean at Galt clear breezy men stoning gets the first Rhubarb 40 55

**Sa 18** clear breezy John dragging Turnip land, swallows in barn 40 54

**Su 19** clear cool at church 40 56

**M 20** John Drilling Potatoe land I go a fishin gets five Dozen 40 60

**T 21** Men hauling dung for tatoes The rest cutting Potatoes warmish 45 65

**W 22** Planting Potatoes all Day 50 70

**Th 23** finishes planting Potatoes Plants in all 39 Bushels, warm 56 74

**F 24** Queens Birth Day Men Lodgering at Rocton, Meg colts 50 70

**Sa 25** Men working Turnip land at church 50 70

**Su 26** our Sacrament Mr Lee here 54 70

**M 27** goes a fishing gets five Dozen

## May 1861

**tu 28** John Drilling for Turnips I pul Red root 56 68

**{W} 29** Sowing Turnips and Bone Dust 52 70

**{Th} 30** Sowing Turnips all Day warmish 52 72

**{F} 31** John at Brock road with wheat Wm & me finishes sowing Turnips 60 74

sows 12 bl in all pulling red root PM

## June

**Sa 1** washes our Sheep cloudy pulling red root in afternoon 55 72

**Su 2** at church Minister going to Montreal next Thursday to consummate the union  
with Free church, fine rain at night 55 74

**M 3** John at Brock road for Bridge Lumber for Road in Swamp I go a fishing  
has a good take & some big one gets 56 trout 56 75

**Tu 4** Men hauling Muck, cherry & apple trees in full blossom this is later I  
think the woods was a forward last year on 17th May 50 72

**W 5** clips the Sheep, cloudy cool with heavy showers cuts the Lamb's tails  
has 40 and the Pet = 41 50 60

going to Lucknow tomorrow

**Th 6** Gone to the Huron cloudy 50 68

*{new diarist}*

**F 7** Drawing out Dung Goslings all gone, sky Clear 50 70

**Sa 8** Very warm to Day Clear with a breese of Wind 55 80

**Su 9** Warm and Clear with slite brese from the East 70 86

**M 10** very warm and dry with Some wind 68 86

**T 11** Warm and Sultry - - Lightning 70 86

<b>W 12</b> Light Shower Last night with <del>Lightning</del> Lightning	60	70
<b>Th 13</b> Cool Last night A Change	50	62
<b>F 14</b> Verely Like rain but passes of Sowing Plarster on the Turnips, wants rain very bad	42	70
<b>Sa 15</b> A good thunder Shower this morning	62	82
<b>Su 16</b> Light Clouds Cool and Pleasant	55	66
<b>M 17</b> Cool and light clouds Men Workking at the Roads	45	64
<b>Tu 18</b> Cool and Cloudy like rain	50	62
<b>W 19</b> Very Warm finishes the Road Work	50	80

*{David resumes writing}*

<b>Th 20</b> Returns from Huron with Mrs Armstrong Mr Notman at Kirkwall Canvassing previous to Election	50	88
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## June 1861

<b>F 21</b> clear Sunny	50	78
<b>Sa 22</b> at the Funeral of Wm McGonegal's child who was accidentally burned to Death, warm clear	60	80
<b>Su 23</b> at church cloudy in morning clear after cool	50	73
<b>M 24</b> choring in garden clear cool & Dry	50	75
<b>Tu 25</b> choring at Jno. Wigts for Pills to May	54	84
<b>W 26</b> May & Mary at P. Pentland's I choring, cool	50	78
<b>Th 27</b> getting drouthy Spring crops suffering	50	78
<b>F 28</b> very dry cuts thrissels P.M. at Cowes raising afternoon	55	78

**Sa 29** cutting thistles among Peas very dry send 2 paper to Innes, Election ones 50 76

**Su 3** at Church 50 72

## July

**M 1** at Dundass at Nomination for member Mr McKenzie has the Shew of hands  
 buys a pair of shoes for 2 Dollars John goes to Harrisburg with Mary, Sees the  
 Comet tonight for first time, it is very large, Strange we have not seen it sooner 50 74

**Tu 2** Men patching old Barn I cut thistles cool Drouthy 45 72

**W 3** Hurkling turnip in forenoon John Singling William at John Dickson's  
 Logging Bee John & me Rakes some Speargrass Hay in afternoon Mr  
 McKenzie at Kirkwall Canvassing at night, very dry 50 84

**Th 4** Singling Turnips. the Comet getting shorter in the tail and going rapidly South 60 82

**F 5** I hurkle in forenoon men Singling very warm, takes in one load Hay 60 88

**Sa 6** Singling in forenoon, I hurkle in afternoon 60 88

**Su 7** at Church warm Dry 60 86

**M 8** John at Rocton Election I Hurkling Turnip men Singling Thunder 60 88

**T 9** I at Election Notman 50 Majority yesterday at noon finishes Singling Turnips 60 88

**W 10** I setting up Potatoes, John at Doctor men begins mowing threatening rain 60 82

**Th 11** Some rain last night but not much young Harbettle here 60 80

**F 12** men mowing cooler I setting up Potatoes 60 78

**Sa 13** coiling & taking in hay cloudy cool 60 72

**Su 14** No Sermon to Day Mr Porteus at Garafraxa 50 72

## July 1861

<b>{M} 15</b>	cool cloudy we take in all the Hay cut threatening rain	50	72
<b>{tu} 16</b>	I double 14 rows Turnips Men mowing	60	80
<b>{W} 17</b>	Raking & Taking in hay. John at Doctor	60	78
<b>{th} 18</b>	nearly frost last night Raking & hauling	50	75
<b>{F} 19</b>	takes in Hay at sideroad distant thunder Slight shower at noon <del>60-80</del>		
	Mr Porteus comes Thunder with very heavy rain afternoon which was much wanted everything being badly droughted	60	80
<b>Sa 20</b>	cool at Smiddy with Charly Shakes out hay at Concession & rakes it	50	72
<b>Su 21</b>	at Church dry clear fine	50	75
<b>M 22</b>	May & me at Dundass I gets #49½, Lodges #100 in Bank	50	75
<b>{tu} 23</b>	John very Poorly Sing taking Doubles from Turnips	50	75
<b>{W} 24</b>	Doubling Turnips William cultivating fallow	55	75
<b>{th} 25</b>	gets news that the Yankees was whipt at Bulles run	60	80
<b>{F} 26</b>	Hurkling Turnips -----	60	75
<b>{Sa} 27</b>	Marks our Keeping lambs Hurkles	60	75
<b>Su 28</b>	very wet all forenoon not at church	60	78
<b>M 29</b>	cloudy threatening rain Libby Nicol Mrs Todd Died	60	78
<b>tu 30</b>	Cradling orchard very Hot	60	86
<b>W 31</b>	Cradling at Neels field Hot	60	88

## Augt

<b>th 1</b>	Very Hot I follow a cradler saer work	70	88
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<b>F 2</b>	Suffocating hot Doctor here, I Bush'd from noon till Tea	70	94
<b>Sa 3</b>	still hot I still manage to follow a cradler	70	88
<b>Su 4</b>	at Church Mr McLean here	70	86
<b>M 5</b>	takes in Orchard then cradling	68	86
<b>tu 6</b>	finishes cradling hauling afternoon	60	84
<b>W 7</b>	hauls 4 loads in morning then stopt by rain, cool	60	76
<b>Th 8</b>	Raw cloudy & drizzling & cool	50	72
<b>F 9</b>	Men cut the oats Stalker & me cutting Peas afternoon cloudy	50	75
<b>Sa 10</b>	Men cutting Peas clear drouthy breezy	60	80
<b>Su 11</b>	clear Drouthy good for the wet Stooks at Church	50	72
<b>M 12</b>	takes in all the fall wheat but caught by rain on the last two loads which we stook in the Barn, very wet all afternoon	50	65

## Augt 1861

<b>tu 13</b>	cradling spring wheat cool	50	78
<b>W 14</b>	finishes cradling Spring wheat	50	76
<b>Th 15</b>	taking on Spring wheat fine	56	80
<b>F 16</b>	Cutting Peas	56	80
<b>Sa 17</b>	taking in Peas in afternoon	60	78
<b>Su 18</b>	at church John Dickson's Boy christend	60	80
<b>M 19</b>	cutting Peas all Day warm	60	88
<b>T 20</b>	cutting Peas till noon then stopt by rain	60	72
<b>W 21</b>	Brings in the last Load of Peas Eliza Elliot & Isobel here	60	80

<b>Th 22</b>	very wet Last night cloudy	50	70
<b>F 23</b>	goes for the Doctor for John then goes to Galt, fine Day Cowe threshes gets Owen's Palaeontology	50	72
<b>Sa 24</b>	Fine day Stalker hauling Dung	50	75
<b>Su 25</b>	at church	54	75
<b>M 26</b>	Cowe here threshing in forenoon moves trough to Swamp well	50	74
<b>Tu 27</b>	Threshing at Wm. Robsons Stalker Ploughing	50	74
<b>W 28</b>	fine day Men Ploughing heavy thunder & rain at night	54	76
<b>Th 29</b>	gets no Spectator to Day men Ploughing cleans some Seed wheat	56	78
<b>F 20</b>	cleans Seed wheat in AM then at I. Denhams funeral	50	74
<b>Sa 31</b>	men finishes fallow, cleans some Seed wheat	50	72

## Sept

<b>Su 1</b>	at church fine day	54	76
<b>M 2</b>	Sows 22 B. wheat (12 acres) men dragging warm	60	80
<b>T 3</b>	men dragging in forenoon I Sow 10 B. in afternoon, finishes Sowing	60	75
<b>W 4</b>	men finishes dragging I am ditching Wm Cradling Hungarian grass	60	78
<b>th 5</b>	I am ditching water furrows in wheat William Cradling Hungarian	60	75
<b>F 6</b>	Binds 4 Stocks Hungarian Men Stoning and Logging oak Break a Yoke	55	75
<b>Sa 7</b>	Breaks stones on lane Doctor here a shower this morning, cool	50	70
<b>Su 8</b>	<del>F</del> —No Sermon, Mr Porteus at Caledonia T Nicol here	50	72
<b>M 9</b>	takes in Hungarian grass John & Jean at Crooks wi woo, Cool	45	62
<b>T 10</b>	Heavy rain last night fair all day	45	65

**W 11** Ditching at Sugar Bush warm 50 70

**Th 12** men fixing fence on line East I ditching Jane {?}ess comes 50 7

## **Septr 1861**

**{F} 13** John & me at Galt Buys a Clock for 8 Dollar men chunking fence 50 72

**{Sa} 14** {wettish} Wm at Freelton with wheat, J Anderson comes 40 64

**{Su} 15** fine day Joe Anderson & Jane goes away, I at church 50 75

**{M} 16** cool cloudy, men making Bridge To Janes Sugar Bush me draining 40 64

**{T} 17** cool men finishes Bridge 40 60

**{W} 18** men moving fence on Lane 45 65

**{Th} 19** fixing fence 50 65

**{F} 20** meeting at our school for Road money heavy rain at night 50 60

**{Sa} 21** Very wet last night at Church Mr Millegan preaches 60 70

**{Su} 22** Our Sacrament fine day 53 70

**{M} 23** Wm away with Load of wheat Stalker chunking fence 50 60

**{T} 24** I am ditching Stalker at Cowes threshing Peas Wm ploughing Orchard 40 64

**{W} 25** I am Ditching Wm down below with wheat fine warm 40 70

**{Th} 26** I am Ditching on Lane Men Ploughing 40 70

**{F} 27** Ditching Men Ploughing cool very wet in afternoon childrens Picnic

at Puslinch Lake 40 60

**{Sa} 28** Threshes all our Peas with the Machine 40 60

**Su 29** at Church 40 55

**M 30** I am at the Doctors for Pills for May William finishes his time with John 40 55



## Octr

<b>Tu 1</b>	John & I at Bridge on creek William at Galt	40	60
<b>W 2</b>	Willam goes away John & me finish the Bridge	40	55
<b>{Th} 3</b>	cleans 32 Bushels of Peas	40	33
<b>{F} 4</b>	I am ditching some rain	40	50
<b>Sa 5</b>	I am Ploughing with oxen 2 Potatoes found rotten being the first seen	40	62
<b>Su 6</b>	very wet almost all Day at Church	40	50
<b>M 7</b>	I am ploughing Stalker at Wm Robsons threshin Potatoes threatened with rot, some frost 4	36	33
	Forgot to enter this week but I finished the Ditch The men has been stoneing		
<b>M 14</b>	Begins to dig Potatoes digs about 30 B. but many rotten fin day	36	60
<b>T 15</b>	Township shew John Jean & Stalker at it King gets first prize fine day	36	60
<b>W 16</b>	Digging Potatoes a good many rotton fine mild weather	40	62
<b>Th 17</b>	Digging Potatoes very finer	38	60

## Octr 1861 {X written in blue ink}

<b>F 18</b>	Digging Potatoes warmish	36	60
<b>Sa 19</b>	a Soft steady rain on drow no Digging to day	36	60
<b>Su 20</b>	at Church fine day	30	53
<b>M 21</b>	finishes our Potatoes Edwin Chambers gets hurt	30	55
<b>Tu 22</b>	Begins to take up Turnips some rain	32	53
<b>W 23</b>	<del>Quarrying at Barn for foundation of shed some hail</del> taking up Turnips	30	50
<b>Th 24</b>	Quarrying at Barn for foundation of shed hail	30	50

<b>F 25</b>	frost last night pretty hard, taking up Turnips	2{6}	50
<b>Sa 26</b>	taking in Turnips all day William returns	28	50
<b>Su 27</b>	at church very fine John & Wm goes to see Edwin	29	54
<b>M 28</b>	hard frost in morning takes in apples about 12 B. John hauling Turnips hauls the Nimmo's Turnips	26	50
<b>Tu 29</b>	hauling Turnips in afternoon fine	30	50
<b>W 30</b>	very wet last night some rain today Wm at McGonegals Bee	24	50
<b>Th 31</b>	hauling turnips William at McGonegals Bee again	34	50

## Nov

<b>F1</b>	hauling Turnips all Day T. Watson goes insane		
<b>Sa 2</b>	heavy rain all last night and to Day with high winds our creek brought down in great flood pools everywhere	34	40
<b>Su 3</b>	at Church, poor attendance	34	40
<b>M 4</b>	fine day hauling Turnips in afternoon <del>a sort of Indian summer</del>	36	44
<b>Tu 5</b>	<del>finishes our Turn</del> fine a Day a sort of Indian summer hauling Turnips all day	36	55
<b>W 6</b>	finishes our Turips in all 83 loads or Bushels 1860 But took 70 Bushels or 3 loads to Kirkwall	36	38
<b>Th 7</b>	taking in the Potatoes from fields a good Deal rotton	30	40
<b>F 8</b>	finishes taking in Potatoes a Damp day frosty last night	30	40
<b>Sa 9</b>	<i>{ink blot obscuring part of entry}</i> frosty <i>{?}</i> night clear sunny to Day Delving at Orchard tres	30	46
<b>Su 10</b>	<i>{ink blot}</i> at Church fine day	30	56

**M 11 Tu 12 W 13 Th 14** Men Ploughing I am choring frosty - average 30 46

**45 F 15** Puts the Ram to the Ewes, working at ched foundation {"x" written  
in later in blue pen} 28 40

**Sa 16** at foundation hears the Yankees has taken Beaufort 28 40

**Su 17** at church a vile stinking smoke in it 26 44

**M 18** at foundation hard frost 22 40

## Nov 1861

**{T} 19** William goes away to Lucknow John & I quarrying foundation frosty clear 22 38

**{W} 20** getting Subscriptions to Browns Testimonial fine 30 40

**{Th} 21** John & me quarrying at Shed foundation fine 30 43

**{F} 22** a Dour cloudy day wind East Quarrying. Back very sore 30 36

Neglected to write for a spell

## Decr

**{M} 2** at Cowes killing Pigs kills 9 very good. Snow last night 18 30

**{T} 3** very hard frost clear sunny writes to D Martin above -2 22

**{W} 4** fine day mild cleans some Peas Jenny Watt comes, Mr Porteus  
here visiting 18 28

**{Th} 5** clear sunny mild cleaning Peas about 60 Bushel William returns 16 40

**{F} 6** Thawing last night misty & drizzly rain in forenoon then clear Sunny & warm  
men chopping firewood in Bush 36 50

**Sa 7** Jenny Watt & John Goes to Galt some rain in afternoon John gets a  
Post Office Order for {£} 4 Sterling for Aunt Betty 40 52

<b>Su 8</b>	at Church Very fine like Summer	40	55
<b>M 9</b>	William & me Quarrying foundation uncommonly mild weather for the season no frost in the ground folk might Plough	40	43
<b>Tu 10</b>	Kills 4 Pigs very fine	40	50
<b>W 11</b>	William & me Quarrying foundation like summer	30	60
<b>Th 12</b>	Quarrying Frost last night	30	50
<b>F 13</b>	finishes the foundation	28	45
<b>Sa 14</b>	Wm chopping firewood	28	43
<b>Su 15</b>	at Church thanksgiving day for Union fine clear	30	45
<b>M 16</b>	John at Doctor William chopping and hauling wood fine clear	30	50
<b>T 17</b>	William & me filling Lane fence bottom with stones, this is most extraordinary weather their is no frost in the ground any person might plough Last night although the sky was clear there was no frost and every night for some time been very slight	30	45 50
<b>W 18</b>	Kills 4 Pigs very fine slight ice on rain trough last night <del>William at Cowes threshing John takes Pigs to McMillan Prayer meeting at at church</del> William & me stoning fence in afternoon	30	45
<b>Th 19</b>	Wm at Cowes Threshing John takes Pigs to McMillan, the four weight 1230 lb I get the sixth Instalment (\$136) from Robert Riddell	30	45
<b>Decr 1861</b> { "x" written in blue ballpoint }			
<b>F 20</b>	hard frost last night cloudy cold to day	above	20 20
<b>Sa 21</b>	choring gets News of war excitements in Britain	24	28

<b>Su 22</b>	at Church coldish	26	28
<b>M 23</b>	Kills our cow Snow last night, not good sleighing goes at night to Kirkwall to see Juggler	28	28
<b>Tu 24</b>	hard frost last night John at Doctors for Mrs Stritton	12	18
<b>W 25</b>	Christmas day kills Mrs Ross's Pig clear frosty Bill hauling wood	12	26
<b>Th 26</b>	Collecting seat Rents gets \$33 thaw some rain hears of Prince Alberts death	30	40
<b>F 27</b>	Frost again windy choring, some snow	18	24
<b>Sa 28</b>	Slippery walking but no right sleighing	14	30
<b>Su 29</b>	at Church hard <i>{illegible}</i> hobbling, walking little snow	20	30
<b>M 30</b>	Colecting seat rents gets just #17 some slight thaw	20	34
<b>Tu 31</b>	very mild goes to T. Campbel and J Dickson gets #6	24	40

## **Jan'y 1862** *{"x" in blue ball point pen}*

<b>W 1 New years day.</b>	No frost last night and no snow on the ground not a bit of Sleighing yet this year begins with gloomy prospects for Canada <del>with</del> War with the states is imminent we expect tomorrows mail to decide the question God grant it may decide for peace, but the Yankees seem "Craz'd Essentially mad"	36	46
<b>Th 2</b>	Received news this day that the Yankees has given up Sliddel & Mason so war is likely to be postponed for some time, the Meletia out at Rocton today for volenteers did not get enough, but Canada is Loyal Quarrel'd with {J Wedge} Choring Paid Globe with Postage also Postage on record & Evangelist all for 12 months	12	20
<b>£ F 3</b>	Threshing Oats here in afternoon, very hard Black, frost no snow on ground		

Mrs Gilberts funeral	above	3	12
<b>Sa 4</b> Very frosty choring Bill at Saw mill sick of Dysentery	below	2	12
<b>Su 5</b> not at Church not very well		8	12
<b>M6</b> Election for Conseller McMillen Elected without opposition some snow last night poor sleighing		10	24
<b>Tu 7</b> Took McQueen <del>over</del> 76 Dollars seat rents Wm hauling wood		14	24
<b>W 8</b> Yearly school meeting soft Snow in afternoon Wm at Sawmill		20	30
<b>Th 9</b> Threshing here all day very mild		26	36

## Jan'y 1862

<b>{F} 10</b> Threshing till noon thawing all day William's leg Sore		34	40
<b>{Sa} 11</b> Cutting Hungarian grass afternoon, Snowing afternoon		18	24
<b>{Su} 12</b> Tolerable sleighing for firstime this winter. Soft slight thaw		30	34
<b>{M} 13</b> wrote Walter Armstrong gave Peter Pentland \$12 to pay Treasurer at Rocton Interest on Kirk Mortgage John & Jean at Bobs Some more snow last night pretty good Sleighing now	above	10	12
<b>{T} 14</b> Small frost last night Stalker hauling cord wood from Riddels bush <i>{brown stain}</i>	below	16	12
<b>{W} 15</b> more snow last night & this morning, good Sleighing now Stalker hauling cord wood from Rideels bush above 10. 20			
<b>{Th 1}6</b> at Shool meeting am Elected a Trustee against my will		12	24
<b>{F 1}7</b> more snow Stalker hauling wood		20	24
<b>{Sa} 18</b> more snow last night snow pretty Deep now		20	26
<b>{Su} 19</b> More snow last night a feeding snow now at churh		20	26

**{M} 20** John & Jean at Hamilton took my Debenture to Dundass, Stalker at  
Dicksons threshing 24 30

**{T} 21** John & Jean returns at night Stalker at Dicksons 24 30

**{W} 22** Mild Stalker hauling wood 24 32

**{Th} 23** William Armstrong comes, at Prayer meeting mild 26 32

**{F} 24** Lent Wm & Walter Armstong \$300 for 3 years John breakin King  
Wm & Armstrong goes away 26 32

**{Sa} 25** at church No Globe comes Snowing lightly all day 24 32

**{Su} 26** our Sacrament drifting all Day but no snow 20 27

**{M} 27** our yearly congregational meeting gives J McQueen \$43 2 cordwood  
choppers comes 0 22

**{T} 28** blowing with small snow like sleet Stalker hauling wood from swamp 22 28

**{W} 29** a gentle thaw all day John hauling cordwood Stalker at Robsons threshing 35 35

**{Th} 30** frosty again Robsons threshing finished at noon 26 28

**{F} 31** Nimmos Bee John at Sawmill clear colder 0 18

## Feb

**Sa 1** John at Sawmill Stalker hauling wood 16 20

**Su 2** at church fine clear day our Cow calves 20 26

**M 3** cloudy John & Stalker both hauling wood R Valens here with Agreement  
with Andrew, the Doctor here 12 24

**Tu 4** cloudy John & Stalker hauling firewood 20 28

**W 5** John goes to Dunns for Shingles Jean with him John Innes comes

Cloudy Mild Just at thaw in afternoon 6 32

## Feby 1862

**Th 6** cloudy thawing all afternoon choppers finishes at noon having chopped

40 1/2 cords at 25 cents per cord 28 38

**F 7** John at Mill chopping Oats, Stritton has his Bee 26 32

**Sa 8** clear frosty John away for a Shingle tree, Sent \$2 to Fleming for Ch Journal 16 22

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**Su 9** No Sermon Mr Porteus at Waterdown John & Jean at Galt 12 24

**M 10** John & Stalker at {?}dams for Cedar Sleepers cloudy 12 24

**T 11** John Stalker & {Wil}liam at Swamp finishes hauling the Cedars

ta{kes} six Dollars to McQueen, mild 28 30

**W 12** John & William goes to Frielton with a Load of Fall wheat cloudy 28 30

**Th 13** Gets 4th Instalment from Wm Dickson Dan comes 28 30

**F 14** We are at Thos Nicols clear cold below 4 18

**Sat 15** at Galt Puts \$300 in Gore Bank Wm brings Plaster 1 ton

took Blackwood = \$3 above 2 20

**Su 16** at Church clear above 4 16

**M 17** William bring {Log} for trough cutting chaff in afternoon 12 30

**T 18** John & Jean goes to Blenheim coldish 18 28

**W 19** mild in forenoon heavy snow in afternoon & night 30 30

**Th 20** John & Jean comes home fine 18 26

**F 21** John at Mr Duns about Shingles I am poorly with cold 20 32



**Sa 22** at Kirkwall McQuillian's before Magistrates 28 34  
**Su 23** Very mild not at Church poorly 36 42  
**M 24** Very stormy to day drifting a deal of Snow last night We are at  
George Elliots seeing Eppy & Jean Little 32 20  
**Tu 25** clear calm roads blocked up tracking to side road as we mean to go to  
our Soiree to night small frost last night below 8 above 16  
**W 26** at Soiree last night full meeting with Galt choir to Day at Church  
hearing Dr Ormiston on Widows Fund , mild 22 30  
**Th 27** William goes for Shingles cold blowing 16 24  
**F 28** cold clear blowing May at Mrs McGonegals 14 20

Sa **March**

**Sa 1** George Nicol here roads drifted yesterday, Dugal Buchanan brought  
to Galt to be buried 9 20  
**Su 2** at Church mild but chilly 16 26  
**M 3** at William Renwick's Funeral raing ice in forenoon and near night Robt  
Valens here with Widows fund 30 32  
Subscription papers Subscribed \$3

**March 1862**

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**{T 4}** {illegible} more snow last night bad roads with drift now 16 20  
**{W 5}** {William} at Mill with chopping stuff, mild sunny 14 28  
**{Th 6}** William goes for Shingles to Dunns, John with Sow to Boar

has in house \$50 16 26

<b>{F 7}</b>	John and me at Galt takes up 5 years Chambers Journal to Bind thawing	30	40
<b>{Sa 8}</b>	{mild} cloudy thawing a little	32	34
<b>{Su} 9</b>	very mild warm thawing at Church		36 45
<b>{M} 10</b>	{rain}ing all forenoon large pools of water Standing	36	42
<b>{T} 11</b>	goes to James Clarks poor sleighing thawing all Day	34	38
<b>{W} 12</b>	{Retu}ns home, thawing a little	30	34
<b>{Th} 13</b>	Cutting chaff all Day finishes, Thos Wallace & wife here	28	32
<b>{F} 14</b>	{Me}n setting horse power for sawing firewood, drizzling ice	30	32
<b>{Sa} 15</b>	{This} morning the trees loaden with ice every straw & twig nearly anch thick many branches and some trees broken Poplars stripped two apple trees broke &c &c	32	32
<b>{Su} 16</b>	Church € some snow last night the trees look Queer John Innes comes	30	32
<b>{M} 17</b>	{T} Pentland cutting our wood cuts Forty Cord, ice still on trees	30	34
<b>{T} 18</b>	Wm takes wheat to Brock Road and bring {L}umer, fine sunny the most part of the ice falls from the trees	26	36
<b>{W} 19</b>	William goes for Lumber, clear choring R McDonald & Lizzy here	28	38
<b>{Th} 20</b>	Cloudy Men choring William training steers John at Donebrook	26	38
<b>{F} 21</b>	Snowing & drifting all last night and till noon to day, heavy falls	30	36
<b>{Sa} 22</b>	Mild cloudy thawing, William breaking up roads with oxen	30	40
	{It is} said the last fall of snow is 14 inches at all event it snowed fourteen hours		

our total depth of snow is said by some to be 30 inches now

**Su 23** thawing fine mild at church church very thin 30 40

**{M} 24** Wills at Sawmill Doctor Calls after being at W. Cowe 28 32

**Tu 25** William at Sawmill clear thawing in Sun glass low 20 34

**W 26** John at Sawmill William at R. Pentlands threshing 24 38

**Th 27** William at Sawmill Mr & Mrs Porteus Senior here 24 40

**{F} 28** John and William both at Sawmill to bring home the last of the Lumber.

Crows & Henhawks came about a fortnight ago but this the first day I have seen

small spring birds, saw 4 Robins some ground birds *{word obscured by folded*

*page corner}* & Blue Linties, at Cowes cutting wood in afternoon 28 40

## March April 1862

**Sa 29** Little thaw John & Jean at Donebrook 28 32

**Su 30** Thawing in Morning at Church 32 34

**M 31** Thawing a little May at McAlisters gives 4 sheep sulpher 32 36

## April

~~M 1 Thawing a little May at McAlisters gives 4 sick Sheep Sulpher 32 36~~

**Tu 1** Thawing, we cannot think of tapping for sugar the snow is so deep 30 46

**W 2** cut the throat of 2 sheep that was going to Die, other 2 is sick and we

expect them to Die also. Liver rotton Lungs white Thunder near night 30 48

**Th 3** one of our my Sheep Dies pulls the wool Shooting crows, John Innes comes 32 45

**F 4** William goes on horseback to Galt with John Inness who says he is going to

Frazer River gathers 6 pails sap, no run threatenin a storm 30 36

<b>Sa 5</b>	Raining some empties the troughs creeks full of water	34	38
<b>Su 6</b>	at church hard job getting through the water, swamp swimming	30	34
<b>M 7</b>	hard frost last night gathers 6 pails of yesterdays sap freezin yet	28	34
<b>Tu 8</b>	hard frost last night & all day, cloudy. Wm splitting Rails, blowing hard all Day	28	28
<b>W 9</b>	still blowing, no sap yesterday or today Wm splitting rails	28	36
<b>Th 10</b>	fine gets 30 pails of sap	30	42
<b>F 11</b>	good sun gets 55 Pails Wm says he heard frogs	30	46
<b>Sa 12</b>	good sun gets 52 Pails hears of the Battle of Corinth	32	48
<b>Su 13</b>	at church cloudy mild	32	48
<b>M M 14</b>	gets 37 Pails yesterday sap no run today Cloudy warm	33	60
<b>Tu 15</b>	got 9 pails no sap sugar seems to be over Frogs whistling a little a good deal of snow wreaths lying yet but John Dickson says he is going to begin ploughing tomorrow warm cloudy	34	60
<b>W 16</b>	got 12 Pails of sap poor run, John at Doctors did not see him our Ewe Lambs twins, William filling fence with stones at creek side, I help him in afternoon, Very warm sultry, Cloudy, Frogs in full cry	34	70
<b>Th 17</b>	fine growing, cloudy Rain in afternoon Toads birring at night	60	62
<b>F 18</b>	Doctor here mild John ploughing grass & wheat looking green Stalkers comes in afternoon	60	64
<b>Sa 19</b>	cooler to Day Stalker & William pulling stones to fence John Ploughing	34	46
<b>Su 20</b>	at Church mild Snow all gone	32	44
<b>M 21</b>	Raining all day cold Ewes lambing	34	36

**Tu 22** Digs round some currant Bushes Men ploughing in afternoon brings  
kettles from bush 34 40

## April 1862

**{W} 23** hard frost last night Piling wood Wm Ploughing in afternoon 26 32

**{Th} 24** hard frost last night John takes Meg to King of the West Wm  
Ploughing Mrs Ross confined {Totum} & the heifer Calves I kill a Calf  
to Mr Ross, clear breezy 26 48

**{F 25}** Wm Ploughing I dig round currant bushes 30 46

**{Sa} 26** I digging trench in garden Men dragging previous to sowing spring wheat 32 54

**{Su} 27** at Church Saw Swallows for first time fine 34 54

**{M} 28** Sows 16 Bushels of Spring Wheat in afternoon 34 56

**{T} 29** Men Ploughing for Peas I high Graft apple tree at Rhubarb 36 56

**{W} 30** finishes trench at Poplars sows the seed from Plant got at Volen's  
Island grafts high one Apple Tree 36 56

## May

**{Th} 1** Digs 2 holes to Plant Trees gets Grape Vines from Mr Porteus Lends  
ten Dollars to George Tennant 36 57

**{F} 2** Plants the grape Vine Men Ploughing 40 60

**{Sa} 3** *{illegible - page torn}* takes Physic has sore back, Wm Ploughs garden  
at Old Barn 40 52

**{Su} 4** No Sermon Mr Porteus at St George 40 56

**{M} 5** Sows 44 22 Bushels Oats Peas Duncan McCaul come to Dig holes for apple Trees 40 60

**{T} 6** Sows 15 B. Oats then Plants 21 apple Trees John at Brock road for them

**{W} 7** Plants 11 apple Trees 32 in all Duncan goes away in forenoon in afternoon

Sow the last of oats

**{Th} 8** Delving for Onions Men taking out Stable Dung frost last night 32 64

**{F} 9** Chimney Swallows comes Men Ploughing at old Barn William at George

Tenants raising in afternoon, sows Barley, Writes D Martin 40 76

**{Sa} 10** Colt Fair the Colt cut Men sowing Plaister Wm goes to Dundass with

Meg warm & getting Drouthy, Willows & Lilacs looking green. little green in bush yet 50 76

**{Su} 11** clear Drouthy, at church Swallows in Lum already only 3 days after coming 45 68

**{M} 12** Scrapes & washes apple Trees John Drags Orchard William at Stalkers

Ploughing Sees a humming Bird King Bird and Canary for the first time this season 45 70

**{T} 13** John & Jean at Galt for Plaister William at McGonegals Bee heavy shower

in morning with some Thunder keeps cloudy and gets colder 60 30

**{W} 14** Delving in P M then Sows one Pound of Carrots, clear gets the first Rhubarb 35 65

**{Th} 15** John at Mill, Framers comes, warm Proud Taylor comes or Baltimore Oriol 40 80

**{F 16}** *{page torn}* Delving cuts the Lambs at noon has 38 of which 18 in {withers} warm 40 80

## May 1862

**Sa 16** Still warm Men Cross Ploughing Orchard for Potatoes, Framer Boy cut his foot 50 80

**Su 18** at church very warm & sultry till 3 P.M. when the glass at 80 but from 3 till 6

viz in 3 hours the glass fell 40 Deg. viz to 40 68 80 40

**M 19** Cutting Potatoes & fix Potatoe land Very cold & chilly women white washing

cherry trees in full blossom 36 44

<b>Tu 20</b>	hard frost last night cherry flowers frozen with Clematis Locust &c Clear		
	Plants Potatoes in Orchard in afternoon	30	60
<b>W 21</b>	A good deal of rain and pretty heavy thander tho rather cold all Day finishes		
	Planting Potatoes in Orchard Orchard takes 18 Bushels	36	58
<b>Th 22</b>	goes a fishing gets about 2 Dozen tar clear Men Ploughing at Neils for tatoes	36	70
<b>F 23</b>	Plants Potatoes at Neils in AM, Lays foundation of Shed in afternoon	36	64
<b>Sa 24</b>	some frost last night, at Church		
<b>Su 25</b>	our Sacrament Drouthy barren weather	38	65
<b>M 26</b>	waters the young apple Trees. Raises Shed in afternoon	38	70
<b>Tu 27</b>	goes to see Mitchel who is sick with drinking Spanish flies	40	70
<b>W 28</b>	Stalker & me pulling Red Root Men Ploughing <i>{tear at edge}</i>	36	68
<b>Th 29</b>	William at Fletchers Raising, Stalker at R. McQueens Stoneng Bee I am pulling Red root & John Ploughing Turnip Land Apple Trees in full Blossom but everything looks bad with drouth and frost it freezing a little every night frost last night	32	70
<b>F 30</b>	Washes our Sheep Drouthy goes	36	70
<b>Sa 31</b>	choring	38	72

~~Su~~ **June**

<b>Su 1</b>	at Church		
<b>M 2</b>	at John Cowes clipping then goes a fishing gets about a dozen	50	75
<b>Tu 3</b>	Clips our sheep, the Framers leaves, cold	45	62
<b>W 4</b>	goes a fishing gets about 2 dozen very drouthy	45	70
<b>Th 5</b>	fixing fence at big Spring Edmond Chambers here Drouthy	30	75

**F 6** John & Jean at Galt with wool and for Bone dust got 32 1/2 cents per lb  
men at fence Slight frost last night 60 80

**Sa 7** Pulling Red Root has a bad cold 60 68

**Su 8** no Sermon Minister at Synod at Toronto John & Jean at Westovers meeting 60 72

**M 9** Pulling Red Root the second time May at Mitchels very Drouthy clear, every  
thing looking very bad their cannot be much hay or any thing else if this weather hold  
much Longer 60 72

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**{T 10}** Warm & very Dry Wm Ploughing sod Edmond dragging with steer & ox 60 80

**{W 11}** Drouthy Wm Dragging Edmond hauling chips from new shed 60 76

**{Th 12}** Drouthy Sows some Turnips & Bone Dust in afternoon Letirally among Dust 60 78

**{F 13}** Slight shower looks like rain Sowing Turnips & Bone Dust cloudy 58 72

**{Sa} 14** Slight rain looks like more hauling manure for last of Turnips cool 50 60

**{Su} 15** not at Church taking Physic 55 65

**{M} 16** at the Roads all but Edmond who hauls chip manure 60 72

**{T} 17** at Roads 60 68

**{W} 18** at Roads finished, heavy Thunder shower near nigh fills rain trough 60 74

**{Th} 19** Rains in morning scatering mu{tear obscuring words} all {to William covered much}

**{F} 20** Sows the last of the Turnips sows 10 lb seed men cuts burs {?m} Nicol here 50 6{?}

**{Sa} 21** Some rain last night clear sunny to day rather growing weather but too little rain,



Ploughs still turning up dry dust	56	70
<b>{Su} 22</b> Not at church for coughing clear	56	70
<b>{M} 23</b> <i>{large piece of page missing}</i> but rather wet	50	68
<b>{T} 24</b> Jo <i>{piece of page missing}</i> ging Jenny Hamilton and Daughter from Scarboro		
Arrives here at 1 oclock P.M.	60	68
<b>{W} 25</b> John <i>{piece of page missing}</i> Homopathic Doctor men stoning clear	60	78
<b>{Th} 26</b> At Geo{rge} Elliots funeral aged 32	65	84
<b>{F 2}7</b> warm clear, John at Sawmill	66	86
<b>{Sa} 28</b> Scarboro folk goes away John takes then to Flamboro Edmond gets a		
Letter from Mr Innes plaistering Turnips	70	84
<b>Su 29</b> Mr McLean preaches here fine rain	60	80
<b>{M} 30</b> Wallace takes away 6 Lambs and one Ewe Men Ploughing	60	76

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