

August

Weather quite unsettled yet. This ~~four~~ ^{four} ~~morning~~ ^{morning} was fine and we had hopes it would remain so but had to put up with more rain, and pretty heavy too while it lasted. Really the harvest situation has become a serious problem. I wheeled round some stones from the Robertson girls house and also brought the pile of our own from behind the poultry yard. I received a letter from brother Alex. this evening he makes no apology for being so long in writing and makes no mention of getting my card I mailed last Thursday morning.

Sunday 25

A very fine day. threatening cloud but no rain fell, it has been close and warm and lightning flashing around this evening. Maggie has been twice at meeting to day. Bella McKenzie also the young folks along, the latter also this evening. Mr & Mrs Melman arrived home last night after a 3 weeks vacation. we had a call from Mr & Mrs Arthur Bolton & Child. They were on their way up to Ewart.

Monday 26

Weather as unsettled as ever, last night was terrible with thunder & lightning. Geo. Marshall told me he thinks he never saw the like of it in his life before for a long time it was one continuous sparkling of electricity and a falling of thunder. we hear that Mr. Bird, in the vicinity of Marden, had his barn burnt to the ground. we also hear of a shock of grain being burnt in the field on Jackson's farm. I rode up with Neil McKean over to McKenzie's just in time to have our dinner. Harold was with me. I got Willie McKenzie to go to the 2nd line gravel pit, below Osprey, and took a yard of sand for us to Ewart. to build the wall under the house, at the back verandah, and when we got supper we drew up 2 loads of stones from John Reid's place. Mo. one before and one after supper. I paid him a dollar, which he did not wish to take, for doing it. Marshall wanted to charge one a dollar for about half a load.

Tuesday 27

Quite cool last night and dry, and the day has continued much the same, very pleasant and a valuable day for drying the wet grain. I have been choring some around and made a start to fit under the house, took the boards up on side verandah and find that I can put the stones under the house from that way. I also the light to show to do the work. I walked down to Mc Dougall to enquire about Mary Stephens, they had a letter from Kenneth this evg. and he reports poor Mary is in a very bad way. The doctor gives them no encouragement to expect her to get better.

Wednesday 28

A change again this morning in the weather, quite dull and threatened rain all day. it did not rain much but enough to make them cancel the order for the garden party, so we can't say when it will now be. the thing may be abandoned in the mean time indefinitely. I riddled some sand and mixed lime in a portion making it into mortar so to be ready to build. had quite a talk with David Jackson. Maggie & Mary paid a visit to Ed. Mc Dougall's folks this evening. The mail did not bring us our paper this evening, some thing wrong. others in the same plight.

Thursday 29

A very fine day. if it would only continue fine for a couple of weeks it would be of immense benefit to the country. Some farmers are getting a little of their grain housed but, I rather think, it is not in good condition. Ewart has not taken in anything, but a load of fall wheat.

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Rain, Rain

a card from Mrs. Stephens is held her own. light so get quite low a letter from Mrs. Alex. Macford. wheeling stones for wall under north the house.

no rain to day. very close & warm. The Melmans arrived home. Bella has a call from Mrs. Bolton when on their way up to Ewart.

great thunder & lightning last night. constant blaze & noise.

Willie McKenzie drew one a load of sand from 2nd line gravel pit. and after work 2 loads of stone from John Reid's place. Ewart paid Willie a dollar, Marshall wanted a dollar for a part of a load of sand.

fine drying day. made a start to build under the house. Kenneth Mc Dougall reports Mary Stephens in a bad way.

Cancellation of Garden Party. riddling sand for use under the house.

Maggie and Mary, visiting at Mc Dougall's. papers not to hand this evening.

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Friday 30

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FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 29

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Weather again unsettled looking, no rain however beyond a few drops. Ewart drove down this morning and I went up with him. I shocked up all day at oats, Ewart cut 4 acres of oats this afternoon, finishing up the cutting & binding for this season. he has about 4 acres of peas to pull. they are almost a failure of a crop. farmers are very dull over the situation in not getting a chance to save their crops no sooner than the grain gets a little dried than down comes more rain. Ewart's cow had a litter of 14 pigs. and today down to 8 or 9. She does not take care of them. Ewart drove me home this evening.

unsettled weather. Ewart drove down this morning and I went up with him and helped him shock oats. Ewart's son has pigs. she is doing some through carelessness.

Saturday 31

Weather very good to day, threatened a change this forenoon but became fine afternoon, got 90¢ worth wheat for the house. This forenoon started about 11 o'clock to the well under house and worked this afternoon, it is slow work, as I have all the stones to wheel, and mortar to make and wheel round, but patience & perseverance will do it.

Sunday Sep. 1

Very wet again last night, really this is awful weather for harvest. wish it would only take a turn. rained a little this forenoon, though dull and threatening no rain of any account. We had the McGonigles and George & Mary Doree to dinner and a pleasant time this afternoon. I wrote a long letter of 6 pages to day to brother Alex. Meaford, his letter to my last was only the size of a postscript compared to it. Willie said good bye, he intends starting for north west Tuesday morning.

Monday 2

Weather as unsettled as ever, very misty to day and damp. Close & warm this afternoon. Everett drove down the Gerlie mare & buggy with his Mother. Mary & Maggie made up a pair of pants for Everett, he goes to school tomorrow. I worked under the house this afternoon.

Tuesday 3

Dull & threatening rain this morning, but cleared up very nicely, very warm and the air damp. The grain in shock is growing rather badly. Ewart drove the team & low with grain rack, and took home 10 square of shingles at two dollars a square, and 2 square of 2' class at \$1.25 a square. H. Kortop gave an extra bunch of the latter to make up deficiencies have been under the house working to day, tired of it no head room.

air damp, but no rain to day. Ewart drove home 12 square of shingles to day. working under the house tired of it. poor head room.

Wednesday 4

Misty in the morning as usual for some time, but turned out a fine day, very warm and hardly breeze enough to be a good drying day for the wet shocks, however we hope this dry weather may continue. I have been working under the house to day again, got the wall all built excepting about 5 feet by south, verandah, have finished what is done.

misty morning warm, but not a good drying day. working under the house

Thursday 5

Bright & clear this morning but a heavy shower visited Everton before dinner, and another shower towards night. the first, we hear, did not fall up at Ewart's. fortunate that it didn't, I have been under the house some to day, facing up the ends of the sleepers which were too much exposed to the cold.

2 Showers - pass around working. Some under the house mending ends of sleepers.

Friday 6

Another bright day and very hot, big clouds passed along but fortunately no rain. I finished up the building under the house this afternoon, and was a little short of stones but a few under the verandah, covered with earth served to let me out. I gave Will. Kortop a cheque for \$22.50 in payment for the shingles this other day.

very hot to day, finished building under the house. paid shingles by cheque \$22.50

September

Saturday 7

1912

MARCH

MONDAY

(60-305)

A very fine day, the weather seems more settled and though warm and a nice breeze there is not the same sultriness that has so lately prevailed, the McKenzies came along this morning and picked about 3 baskets of plums for themselves, Gertie & Everett drove down also and got about 2 baskets. I went up with them and helped to take in 6 loads of oats, they were in fair condition, Ewart helped Charlie Duffield to thresh this morning. Gertie brought a nice basket of apples from their father's folks.

Sunday 8

A fine day, moderately warm, valuable harvest weather, if it only keeps like this for awhile, Bella McKenzie was at their meeting, and John drove them down again this evening our Maggie attended both meetings too, I wrote a long letter to Mrs Kerr, Hamilton, Asylum, in answer to one I received from her a few days ago. Everett drove Prince & Huggy down to Sunday School

Monday 9

A very fine day, the sun shone but brightly and hot, but there was little or no breeze so the grain did not dry out very fast, I went up with Ewart this morning and we cut a lot of the heads of the barley, ~~and~~ drew in a load before dinner, we drew in 2 or 3 loads after dinner but as they did not dry out as well as we would like, we quit the barley and drew in 2 loads of oats out of the orchard, the oats were fairly dry, and good grain and long straw, Harold walked up from school, and rode home with me after dark with Gertie & Huggy. Maggie sold 2 baskets of plums to Kenton 25^{cts} each, plums are plentiful, Mailed a letter to Mrs Kerr this morning.

Tuesday 10

Weather continues fine for harvest and I went up to Ewart's to help at his harvest. we drew in 3 loads of oats and gave the barley all the time we dare. So as to dry out, we then drew in the balance of the barley, 3 loads, before supper, Ewart cut the principal of the heads and for all the stuff was hard to dry, after supper we took in 2 more loads of oats, which made 8 loads in all to dry. I staid up there to night.

Wednesday 11

Another beautiful day, and we have had a very busy day. fields of stores stood this morning, but we went at it with a will, there was a heavy dew, but as we had a load to spread and a big load, it gave them a chance to dry. we then hauled 3 loads before dinner, and did not get off much time at noon. Charlie Duffield fortunately came along, I think about 2 o'clock, and they drew in while I spread the bulk of them, in that way I think there were 12 loads taken in before quitting, I came home to night, Ewart drove me down.

Thursday 12

Continues fine, farmers have now cause for feeling jubilant over the opportunity for saving their crops. Ewart on Tuesday last took barley into the barn, he talks of it having been cut a month or more. I went up again to Ewart's this morning and we drew in 2 loads of oats and pulled some peas with the revolving rake before dinner, after dinner Ewart pulled the balance of the peas with Sulky rake (between 3 & 4 acres altogether) took them in in 3 loads, a poor crop but better than we expected, kept us till dark to dispose of them.

Friday 13

At home to day for the first this week. plastered outside of wall of back verandah & tightened up the boards of floor of verandah and nailed them down, inserted about 1 1/2 inch pieces to fill up the shrinkage. our folks selling plums at 25^{cts} a large basket. an open air social held at Mary's this evening, passed off well and pleasantly.

the McKenzies picking plums for themselves also Maggie picking for Gertie

up helping to draw in oats Ewart threshing at Charlie Duffield's

fine weather not looking too well to night wrote a letter to Mrs Kerr Hamilton

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September

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MARCH

THURSDAY

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Weather continues fine & pleasant, slight shower to day. I have been under the house to day and finished up the work there, and gathered the debris together and cleaned up yard, bought hen feed, chop & bran 60^{cts} worth. Ewart was at the mill and brought it up for us.

Sunday 15

Very heavy rain has fallen to day. The most of it was over between 3 & 4 in the afternoon however. The harvest is principally over in this section of country however which is a fortunate thing for the farmers. Bella was here to day, and went home with John & Maggie evening.

Monday 16

A beautiful day, Sunshine and quite warm. I have been doing up some chores around, repairing Mary's shoe, and, after dinner shovelled off some of the old shingles from house roof and partially covered them with better shingles. Mary & Maggie picked 2 baskets plums. Sold to Mr. Barber, 25^{cts} per basket = 50^{cts}.

Tuesday 17

Threatened rain to day, but it held up well all day for all, after dark it began to rain some and looks as if we might have an oncomp more in the morning on purpose to leave Mother & Maggie up to their house for a visit, they have been talking about it some time and they went to day. Mother was delighted with her visit to the old place and much pleased to find Ewart & Gerlie so comfortable. It was pretty near dinner time by the time they reached there, and I think it was between 8 & 9 before they got back home. Ewart was plowing this afternoon, I was shingling some on the house roof to day while they were away.

Wednesday 18

Considerable rain must have fallen last night but it cleared up this morning, and the day was moderately fine, although cloudy & threatening. The surroundings kept damp and indeed rather wet for comfort. I repaired Mary's boots to day, it kept me quite a time to do them, after Harold came home I took in hand to repair his boots, and they kept me at it till about 9 o'clock.

Thursday 19

Fairly fine all day up to about 5 P.M. when quite a heavy plump from a black cloud fell. I was at Ewart's and was getting ready to start home with Ewart when the heavy shower came along and having to wait till too late Ewart had to run down in the buggy with me, I rode up this forenoon with Al. and I took the siding from the walls of the horse stable and pulled out the grout in preparation for the renovation of the stable.

Friday 20

A very fine day. Ewart drove down to school with Prince and I drove him up this morning, and helped Ewart to cart away the grout from the horse stable and put it on the ends of the lane, (down at the Culvert, and at the entrance of upper gate). I went to see Jim Standish about coming with his facks to raise the building a bit, but he could not leave his Sibs. he will come tomorrow morning if fine.

Saturday 21

Quite dull and unsettled looking this morning, but after awhile these conditions changed and a bright fine day followed. I drove up this morning to Ewart's, and called for James Standish on the way, who went up with me to have a look at the horse stable. we took up a fack, but we did not go to work with it. Jim is sick, after taking him home again. I helped Ewart to pick & bag 30 bags potatoes, we were late in getting done, as we only had some 6 bags done before dinner time. Ewart intends taking his load to Orton on Monday.

Dougal Robertson paid us a visit

heavy rain Bella here to day

Choring and repairing shoes and shingling house roof. 2 baskets plums sold to Mr. Barber

rain at night but held up - through the day Mother & Maggie visiting up at Ewart's to day - Mother enjoyed it shingling on the house

repairing pair of Mary's shoes also Harold's

heavy rain cloud, taking off siding and grout from horse stable walls

up at Ewart's carting off the grout & debris

paid 2 dollars to Jim Standish for the poles covering the Culvert at the gate. he is sick now helping Ewart to pick and bag potatoes (30 bags) to take to Orton

September

Sunday 22

1912

Forenoon fine but threatening rain, after noon rained heavily. really we are having terribly wet weather, no sooner a fine day arrives than we get paid up for it on the next day or so. Maggie was at Church this forenoon, and visited at Mr. Errett's this afternoon, coming to Church with Errett's evening. Mary took Maggie's place with us, and George went with Ethel & John Allen on a visit, I wrote a letter to brother James.

Rain again makes it unpleasant. wrote a letter to Bro. James Meaford.

Monday 23

Weather turned fine, and to day has been finer than was expected early this morning. Ewart took his load of potatoes up to Oton this afternoon, the price dropped to 45¢ per bag. his 30 bags were chiefly little sugar sacks &c. but they weighed 29 bags. 2610 lbs. = \$13.05. John Reed fell off an apple tree this A.M. and was hurt, but it is not known yet how much. mailed letter to

Ewart took a load of potatoes to Oton, afternoon. John Reed - fell from an apple tree and hurt.

Tuesday 24

Bro. James

Rain again this morning and kept it up less or more all day. I took the chance of a ride up to Ewart with Mr. Jackson, although wet and uncomfortable but I put forward the work of the horse stable. Come by facting it up, and clearing out the foundation of the rotten side of Mr. Baldick's way there, but going home again for night. I drove home with Prince & buggy, and Errett took them home, he had just come there from school. John Reed passed a good night last night and as he has been fairly well to day, it is hoped he is not so seriously injured, as was feared he might be.

Rain again all day. helping Ewart at house stable.

Wednesday 25

Lack of sunshine to day, but has not rained, warmer to night and cleared up some but does not appear settled after all. Ewart & Gertie were here to day, Ewart at the mill, he brought up 100 lbs Royal household flour, and 50 lb pastry flour for us. 25 lbs graham flour, I gave him a check for \$15.00, and he gave me the balance \$9.60 or so. cash. I have been cutting some stove wood in 2, and doing some other chores. bought this evening from Marshall 50 lbs string & nails and 30 lbs 3 inch 23.25 100 = \$2.75 in all.

unsettled weather. Ewart & Gertie got 100 lbs R. household flour, 25 lbs graham flour, and 50 lbs pastry flour. gave him a check for \$15.00. he gave me \$9.60 of the balance. bought nails from Marshall.

Thursday 26

Weather fair. Errett drove down the horse & buggy as he went to school and I spent the day up on the farm pulling down the balance of the ground and clearing out the foundation for the cementing. Johnny was at Greenwood and got 9 sacks of 1.50 a sack, with 10 2 inch x 4 inch x 8 inch of returned. Ewart drove over to George and bought 7 planks 8 inches wide, 112 feet. = \$2.42. I gave him \$2.00. He owes 42¢. It is a pretty tight business man. he took the 2 cents. I had a hard job to get some of the old wood apart. came home to night.

at Ewart's today at the horse stable. Johnny got 9 sacks cement at R. H. Ewart got 7 planks at Caprine for stable foundation.

Friday 27

A fine day, Errett drove horse & buggy down this morning again and I went up again to help Ewart. I plowed some this forenoon and gangplowed this afternoon. The peatland was terribly grown up with thistles and it was impossible to make a good job of the work. Johnny has helped Ewart at the boxing and cementing, and will probably get pretty well through with the balance tomorrow. staying to night at Ewart's.

at Ewart's plow to day, Johnny helping Ewart at cement foundation. stay up there to night.

Saturday 28

Very cloudy all day and threatened rain, but it did not fall till near night. I finished the gang plowing this morning, and plowed the balance of the day excepting to give time to Errett to harrow the gangplowing ground towards night. I helped Ewart to clean up the debris, after Johnny & he finishing the cement work.

gang plowed to day, Errett harrowed it. Ewart and I cleaned up the debris.

Sunday 29

Some rain through the night, but the day has been fairly fine. I intended writing to Alex. Mass. but on account of visitors could not accomplish it. I wrote a short letter to Aunt Isabel Nixon and enclosed it in our Maggie's to Nellie Nixons (Mrs. Locher) Port Rowan.

wrote a short letter to Aunt Isabel. Maggie also wrote to Mrs. Locher.

September & October.

Monday 30 Sep.

1912

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 A fine day, drove up to Ewart's this morning, and plowed hard frost up till noon in the field behind the orchard as usual. Ewart drove over to see Coffey about coming to help cement at Ewart's the floor of the Box Stall in horse stable, but he cannot come until getting in his buckwheat, so Ewart pulled 2 loads of beets and we hauled them home, the potatoes are rotting now badly.

Tuesday October 1

Very cold last night and this morning, but did not observe any frost, I remained at Ewart's all last night, plowed again this forenoon, Ewart pulled 3 loads of beets and I hauled them up to the root house and unloaded the first 2, the last load, we both came home with them. Harold had the toothache very bad last night and gave his Aunt Maggie little or no rest, Everett and I drove home this evening, Ewart & Gertie drove over to Osprey, got a letter this evening from Alex. Spig'd.

Wednesday 2

Continues pretty cool, but the weather is fairly fine, some rain last night, but not enough to stop the drying of the buckwheat, John Coffey got his in yesterday, and he helped Ewart to cement the box stall to day I charged him \$1.25 for it. I plowed all day, and drove the horse down at night to Ewart's.

Thursday 3

Cool, but a fine pleasant day, somewhat threatening towards night, Ewart cut the corn and stacked it up, and finished pulling the beets and I hauled them and unloaded them, Ewart also shovelled the shingles off the east side of the stone piggery roof, Mary went up to Ewart's to day with me.

Friday 4

A beautiful day, warm and pleasant, Mary & Maggie planned to go to Rockwood Show and take the 2 boys along. I was to stay with mother and keep house, and the 2 buggies were to drive down together, Geo. Lorie & Mary in theirs, and our folks in ours. Geo. gave notice he wished an early start after dinner, Maggie could not get ready as soon as he was ready, and he went off with out them, so they impressed me into the service, and mother stayed with Mr. Abbott, there was a good turn out.

Saturday 5

A very fine day, I went up to Ewart's and plowed for him to day in the orchard, Ewart took off the balance of the shingles also the sheeting and rafters, I spent quite a while taking out the old nails out of the sheeting and Ewart plowed at the time, he drove me home with Prince & buggy.

Sunday 6

A fine day, it looks as if we are to have more settled weather now. Bella has been with us to day, she attended the church forenoon & night, we had a call from Leonard McWilliams this forenoon he and Walter drove to Guelph to see their father who is at present at the Gen. Hospital and very poorly indeed, he is no better to day, the doctors have been preparing him to undergo an operation but they don't consider him in a fit state yet to risk a surgical operation.

Monday 7

Weather continues fine, I had intended to start taking up the potatoes to day but Mary & Maggie concluded to set up their heating stoves and clean the pipes &c. and wanted me to help them, and I did so, and regulated some other things that required looking after, the stone pipe business kept them late at work, and they had quite a Pic Nic over them to night.

1909
 I have been plowing and otherwise helping took in two loads beets.
 Stayed all night at Ewart's took in three loads of beets Everett drove me home, Ewart & Gertie to Osprey this eve.
 Letter from Alex. Springfield

John Coffey and Ewart cementing Box Stall to day

plowing at Ewart's and finished beets barely 7 loads in all, Mary went up with me

took out of the Bank \$10.00 ordered the winter coal from Lindy Rockwood.

Rockwood Show, ordered the coal, Mother stayed with Mrs. Abbott

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October

Tuesday 8

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October

^{MARCH} Pretty cold last night & this morning, ^{MONDAY 15} and the day was fine but the air was quite cold, I dug 6 rows of the potatoes this forenoon and intended to dig more, but Maggie thought that as there was some appearance of rain we had better go at the picking of them. She helped me to pick after finishing her washing, and it was well we did not take up any more than we did as we found them very tedious to do, the rot has done terrible work, there may be 3, 4, or 5 times tainted ones to one of sound, and they are very difficult to distinguish which are sound. We carried in to the stable, 14 pecks of what we considered fairly sound. Received a letter from Uncle Alex. Meaford this evening.

Wednesday 9

A bad turn of the weather again, threatened rain this forenoon and I did not venture to dig out any potatoes until about 11 o'clock when I dug up 2 rows, as it began to spit some rain we decided to pick them up and house them, and barely got them together when the rain came on, and a very wet time followed this afternoon.

Thursday 10

Dull and threatening rain again today, but very little fell however, the land has got another wetting. I did not take up any potatoes today. Ewart drove down to the mill this morning with a bag of oats to sell, and I embraced the opportunity to bring up 65 cents worth of chop & bran mixed for the hens, he is plowing in the stony corner in the back field. Agnes Marshall told me this evening that Uncle Rick McWilliam is expected to be operated on tomorrow morning, Mary had a quilting Bee this afternoon & Mr. Helmsman took Mother to & from it, it was very dark when he returned. A Souvenir Card from Willie McKenzie this afternoon, he is well, says he will write me.

Friday 11

This morning opened out extremely dull with a dense fog, the fog remaining for a long time, and the sun remained hidden the most of the day, there was not much, if any, rain however, the land and all exposures kept quite damp for the most part all day. John McKenzie was at the mill and brought Bella & Maggie along. Bella brought 16 lbs of butter, which our Maggie is putting down for winter's use, she is getting 27^{or} per lb for it, we did not pay for it. Rick McWilliam was operated to day at Guelph at about 11 a.m. he is very low, fears are entertained that he won't recover. I cleaned out the hen house, took out 5 or 6 barrow loads of stuff to the compost heap.

Saturday 12

Heavy thunder storm last night with rain, and to day has been cold and cloudy, no rain however, the land is too wet to take up potatoes, I have sawed in 2, 4 barrow loads of the McKenzies stove wood for the Range, and doing up some other chores. Mr. & Mrs. Gamble went to Guelph to day to see about an ear trumpet for Mrs. Gamble they took one of my ear drums to Mr. Peter to see if it would assist the trumpet to make her hear. Rick McWilliam is reported to be doing well after the operation of yesterday, Maggie got a basket of ripe tomatoes from Guelph by Marshall for 35^c to day.

Sunday 13

Cool, but fine, I wrote a letter to Alex. Springfield to day. Ruth McWilliam called to see us, she came out here last night, and stayed at Walters all night. Walter drove her to Guelph again to day, she came along to see her father, and being anxious to go home and her sister Lizzie wishing to get home, while now at Charlton. She telegraphed for her to come, and she goes back to Clear Lake tomorrow.

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^{MARCH} Fine to day and dry, we have taken up potatoes to day, it is an unpleasant job on account of the terrible per centage of rotten ones, we made up the quantity sifted and put into the stable 34 ^{potatoes, 34 pails} pails, we put them into the cow stall, mailed letter to Abby Springfield ^(taken in which we expect may be sound.) also a card to Mrs Garbut, Peterboro, Maggie has helped pick the potatoes.

Tuesday 15

Frosty last night and quite a cold wind all day - we had nearly 8 rows of potatoes to take up this morning and I got a fair start at them and finished the digging of them before dinner, Maggie and I picked them and I wheeled them to the stable in the wheelbarrow, it was very cold, as a high cold wind prevailed all the time, the ground is strewn with rotten potatoes, but, for all that, we made up our pile to 62 pails of what we call good, of course, there are some that may have to throw out on a second inspection.

Wednesday 16

Very hard frost last night, Ewart told me the ground carried him on the plowed land, I chanced it up to Ewart this morning, in order to prepare for working at the horse stable tomorrow with Robert Parker, on going up however, I found that Gertie had been Sick since 11 o'clock last night, and Ewart had driven to Rockwood to see the doctor, the telephone being out of repair, the doctor being engaged there - was considerable delay entailed, he expected to get up there about 9 A.M. but it was nearly noon before he reached there, and Gertie was suffering up to that time, she was released at about 3 o'clock, but the child was dead, a pretty little boy. on coming home to night, I cancelled the engagement with Parker for tomorrow, on account of Gertie's illness.

Thursday 17

Frost again last night and to day has been fine and clear sunshine and a little cool, Gertie has had a very good day and gives good hopes of being soon over her trouble, the doctor took a run up to see her to day, and he was well pleased to find her so well, I plowed quite a piece to day, we would have liked to have Parker on tomorrow, but he couldn't promise to come any time soon on account of having on hand Maudie's pig pen.

Friday 18

Extremely misty this morning, but it eventually cleared up to be moderately fine, until 5 o'clock at night when rain set in. visitors at the show would have a bad home coming on account of the rain, I have plowed to day for Ewart, he worked at the stable got the wall ready for sheeting, next the lam, Maggie left here to go to Erin with the McKenzies, she rode with me this morning to the Town Line where we met John McKenzie coming to meet her, Gertie seems to be doing nicely she was visited by her 2 sisters, Mrs Mary Aitken, and Emma, Mrs Baldie and Mrs McPeavy are in charge and are doing nicely. Everett & I drove home this evening.

Saturday 19

Cool to day but fine after the rain of last night which was very heavy, Everett and I drove up to the farm this morning, and I plowed all day in the gang plowed pear land doing a fair day's work, Ewart fixed in the studding on to the plank on the end of the stable in the cattle shed, he spiked on 2x4 pieces to the old studs, he also picked the balance of his apples, Ewart drove me home in the buggy.

Sunday 20

Beautiful weather to day, bright sunshine and fairly warm, Bella McKenzie was at church this forenoon, Maggie both meeting we had several visitors, I read considerable, but needed and took rest, tired from yesterday's work.

finished digging the potatoes 62 pails of what we think is good. the ground is covered with rotten & tainted ones.

trouble at Ewart's to day Gertie Confined Baby dead. Robert Parker was coming to day to work at horse stable - but we stop him.

took up the other 2 rolls of felt (tar) and paid \$3.50 for the 3 rolls.

I plowed quite a piece to day Parker cannot come to us now

Erin Show to day. plowed to day for Ewart Gertie doing well! Maggie at Erin Show to day.

I have plowed all day at Ewart's. Ewart working at stable this while. also picking their apples.

tired and resting to day reading also

October

Monday 21

1912

White frost as usual last night. ^{MONDAY 21} but beautiful weather through the day. Maggie and I sorted and laid by our potatoes in the cellar, 5 bags to Maggie's cellar, and 7 1/2 to our own. 5-pails to the bag, we had fully 4 pails to throw out at the second sorting. Geo. Loebe dug his today. he considers he has but 5 bags altogether of good ones, a large crop is left on the ground. I went up to Dougald Robertson this afternoon, to engage him to help us at the stable, he promised to go on Wednesday morning. I rode across the concession with James Henry Read, in his Auto to Smiths Cor. Ewart was down this evening. Errett comes with buggy to morning.

Tuesday 22

Very dull and indications of rain impending this morning, but little rain fell this forenoon however, afternoon it was very disagreeable as rain fell continuously, and on in the night it fell heavily. I drove up in the buggy to Ewart, Errett brought Prince and buggy down as he went to school. I finished the plowing of the big field behind the orchard, Ewart went a couple of rounds on the lands, but had to quit on account of the rain. he lined up quite a bit of the end of the stable in the cattle shed.

Wednesday 23

Quite dull and threatening rain this morning. The wind high and temperature low made it anything but comfortable to be exposed to, however, as the day advanced matters changed for the better. I drove up this morning with Prince & buggy, and took Dougald Robertson along, he & Ewart put in the end of the horse stable, by putting in 4 or 5 studs, the doorway and 2 windows, and the outside lining we intend continuing at it tomorrow (weather permitting). I plowed a day in the back field, (south). Ewart has been looking after the threshing.

Thursday 24

Continues dull and lowering. rained an hour or so about 11 a.m. I called again for Dougald Robertson, we took in a couple of loads of turnips before leaving for Ewart's, we lined up perhaps an hour or little more before dinner, but rain coming on had to quit about 11 o'clock. after dinner we continued the lining and finished the side next the lane. Ewart drove to Rosewood this afternoon, and Dougald & I drove home after tea.

Friday 25

Weather yet quite unsettled, and an unpleasant drizzling of rain has prevailed the greater part of the day, more especially in the afternoon. I plowed at Ewart's the greater part of the day, the machine did not arrive at Charles Duffield's place till after 3 o'clock, and as the rain came on harder a little while after that they decided not to continue the threshing, and Ewart came home and took the plow in hand as it slackened off again, I drove home this evening and

Saturday 26

Cold, but Sunshine again and pleasant. the land is very wet, but Errett & I took in 4 loads of swede turnips, one before dinner, and 3 after, came home before tea. Errett driving me down to Smiths Corner Ewart attended Charles Duffield's threshing, they finished there, and filled the tank for Ewart's threshing on Monday. I spoke to Jamie Duffield for 2 bbls N. spy apples, price \$1.50 per bbl.

Sunday 27

The weather much improved this morning and the day has been fine throughout. Bella here this morning to church Maggie there twice, quite a number of visitors to day. I began a letter to Bro. Alex. Macfarland, but on account of the visitors was prevented from going on with it, especially Kenneth McFayal who came late to see us, and remained till about bed time.

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our potatoes
an auto ride
Geo Loebe diggy
his potatoes
engaged Doug
Robertson to
help at the
horse stable

rain this
afternoon
interfering
with our
work.

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Robertson help
Stable.
Ewart looking
after threshing

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Ewart's horse
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to Bro. Alex
Macfarland

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Fayal paid
us a visit

October

Monday 28

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MARCH

THURSDAY 28

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Dull to day with a cold raw wind, and threatening rain. Some
 Errett drove down this morning to take his Auntie Maggie up to
 Errett's threshing to day. They started to thresh about 7, and took but
 a short spell at dinner time, and had done about one o'clock. They
 then went right on at Johnny's and may have threshed his out by night. Mary here
 Mary staid with Mother & I to day, this being Thanksgiving day. Harold
 went up with them. Errett drove he and Aunt Maggie down before dark.
 I cut up some stone wood and put it into the wood house, also lifted
 the cabbage and wheeled them to the stable, bought 100 lb sack of Redpath
 Sugar for \$5.25, and paid by check. gave a 10 dollar cheque and got the balance
 in cash.

Tuesday 29

A very fine day, not very cold, rather mild if anything.
 I went up to Errett's this morning with Prince & buggy. Errett
 drove him down as he went school. I plowed to day, in the
 back field (south) 5 1/2 rods wide, just an acre or so, barring a strip
 in a low place in the field that is very stony, it was very pleasant
 work. I made arrangements to go to Erin tomorrow if good weather
 to see Mrs. Tolton, and get a storm sacker and stuff to make a stable door

Wednesday 30

FRIDAY 30

Dull and threatening rain this morning, but kept dry after all.
 drove the horse & buggy for me this morning, and I drove to Erin, reaching
 there in about an hour & half drive. I never saw Prince do much better
 he was not so free in returning home. I paid a nice little visit to the shop
 had my dinner there, along with a Mr. Hedden, one of the disciples
 preachers. I think Uncle Thomas is becoming more feeble as time passes.
 I got stuff (tongue & grooved) for making the stable door, and a
 storm sacker for the parlor window, from Mandell, \$1.75. paid. I also
 paid Douglass Robertson \$1.50 this morning, as I passed, for his work at stable

Thursday 31

Mild to day, but overcast this afternoon. Mary & I drove up to Errett's
 this morning, Errett drove down the horse & buggy, instead of plowing
 I worked at house stable, got it ready for shingling at dinner time.
 Mary helped me to place the tar felt on the 36 foot wall next the lane
 and I put on 4 rows of shingles, by about 4:30 when we hitched
 up and drove away at 1/4 to 5. So as to meet Errett and send the horse
 and buggy home. Errett was at Coffey's threshing and got quite sick.
 he had to come home early and get up for dinner and go to bed. Gertie
 set up to day for the first time out of the bed since taking to it.

Last night Friday 1

Halloween night, and some rain falling, it is very dark.
 but the youngsters are out making a noise, and likely playing tricks.
 This has been a very cold day, especially as the wind has been high.
 I rode up to Errett's this morning with Ab. Young, he was at the mill
 with a load of chop. I did a little shingling, but had to put on the
 tar felt against a terribly high & cold wind blowing which made it tedious
 and unpleasant work. Drove home this evening as I intend going up in
 tomorrow morning

Saturday 2

Very hard frost last night, and the land is quite hard frozen. we got
 word there is now coal in Rockwood, and that we can get it to day or
 Monday. So drove up to Errett's to help to day or Monday, whichever
 suits him best, he thought we had better draw in some turnips
 so we took in 3 loads of white, and in the afternoon took in 3 loads
 of sugar. The latter could not be cleaned very well on account of the frozen mud.
 Errett & I drove down with Prince & buggy. Errett not well after the threshing

Thanksgiving
 day. Errett
 to day, Maggie
 there helping them
 Mary here
 keeping house
 100 lbs Sugar
 a \$10, check
 to Marshall
 went up to
 Errett and
 plowed an acre

arranging to
 go to Erin
 tomorrow

drove to
 Erin to day

had dinner
 with Uncle
 Thomas & the
 paid Mandell
 for sack & horse
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November

Sunday 3

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^{MARCH} Frost again last night, but the day turned out fine. ^{MONDAY 20} Errett drove down the horse & buggy this morning and walked home again after S. school was out. I drove up this afternoon so as to be ready to go to Rockwood tomorrow morning for coal.

Monday 4

Cold & frosty last night, but the day was fairly mild though I had my fur coat wearing. Started from Ewerts at about 8.30, reaching Rockwood about 10 o'clock. Lundry was out of the Chestnut coal and I had to take Pea coal, 2640. ^{Jan 104} \$5.75. = \$7.63 got back to Ewerts shortly after one o'clock, on getting dinner and the load off, it was past 3. I drove to the school and got Errett to take the horses & wagon home, I went across nearly to the town line to see him safe from Autos. lifted ten dollars out of Bank. to pay coal &c.

Tuesday 5

A fine day. Errett drove down the horse & buggy for me this morning and I drove up to Ewerts, got a bag of shorts at the mill for him. Ewerts sent a 2 dollars to pay for it which I paid and gave him back 15¢ change. I got on some tar felt, and shingled quite a piece of the stable wall to day. Ewerts took in 4 or 5 loads of shingles finishing what he had up. Mr & Mrs. Helmsman paid a visit to Ewerts folks, The Helmsmans proposed me riding to Ewerts with them, and I gladly accepted, as it saved hitching up the other horse. Maggie had a busy day at home, cleaning up & changing things in the bed rooms.

Wednesday 6

Very dull this morning, but, as the weather frequently turns fine after just such a morning, I expected Errett to bring down the horse & buggy for me, as I told Ewerts that I wished to stick at the shingling until about done with it, and I set out on foot expecting to meet Errett on the road. Errett had come to school without bringing the horse but had not been seen by the folks at the corner. So I continued my walk all the way up. I delivered the book, Byron poetry, to Mr Campbell. that I had on loan. Ewerts was just starting off with a load of chop to the mill when I reached there and because I complained because he had not seen that Errett took the buggy in accordance with the reason I have stated, he flew off at the handle and said things he should not have said. rain came on very hard this afternoon, and I ^{WEDNESDAY 21} drove up to meet Errett coming from school, I turned at N. of Grays gate, and walked home.

Thursday 7

The heavy rain of last night ceased through the night, and this day has been fair, but continued dull and threatening looking. Bella McKenzie, with Willie & Maggie came along on a visit this afternoon. Willie had just arrived home last night, he reached Quelpk on Tuesday night, and he came along with Mrs. Baptie yesterday. Willie is not enchanted with the north west, he had a nice visit at Edmonton, and says he was well treated by the friends. James Duffield delivered 2 barrels N. Spy apples for which I paid him \$8.00. three dollars is reasonable.

Friday 8

Weather very unsettled yet, this morning and forenoon gave promise of turning fine, but, like many other of the days of this season it went the wrong way. and rain set in again in earnest, I hitched to the buggy in time to meet Errett at the corner, and from there I walked home. I made out to shingle some this forenoon. Ewerts was hauling out manure.

Errett here to day, I drove up to Ewerts stayed all night.

drove to Rockwood for coal got pea coal 2640 lbs. at 5.75 = \$7.63 took \$10.00 out of Bank

drove up to Ewerts put on tar felt and shingled

Mr & Mrs. Helmsman visit at Ewerts and I rode home with them.

walked all the way up to Ewerts expected Errett to bring the horse delivered back to Mr Campbell Byron's work

Bella McKenzie came along with Willie & Maggie Willie just arrived from Manitoba James Duffield delivered 2 barrels N. S. apples. paid three dollars

Shingling some at Ewerts

Ewerts hauling out manure

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Saturday 9

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THURSDAY

Weather improved considerably to day. The sun shone out some, but not very much. The rain of yesterday met up all the surroundings again. The cellar is flooded with water. Others men by are in the same condition. I have been at home to day, and been very busy choring around, getting some of the storm windows in line cleaning out the outhouse, pulling the corn stalks at Marep, and putting them up over the stable, repaired Nellie Abbotts shoes &c.

Sunday 10

Weather fairly fine to day. I was reading and kept pretty close to the house the greater part of the day. The war news is rather alarming at the present time, and I was perusing the portions of the Prophets which deals with the final winding up of the nations of the world during the latter days. Bella was here to day, and Willie also later on, he expected his mother was here, and called to take her home.

Monday 11

A very fine day. Mild and dry. Everett drove down Prince and buggy this morning, he went to school, and I drove up to Ewarts. Ewarts and I both worked at the end of the stable and we finished it up by night, putting on the tar felt, and shingles the balance of the wall next the same, nailing on the siding under the eaves, we had to nail up and erect scaffolding to do the shingling &c. Mother has been fairly well foked to day.

Tuesday 12

Quite mild and misty this morning, and although the horse & buggy were here all night I somewhat hesitated to go up to Ewarts. I drove up however, and it was just as well I did so, as we got quite a move forward with the work on the horse stable. Ewart helped me about a couple of hours before dinner, to put on 2 widths of the tar felt and shingle some. Ewart plowed after dinner, and I continued the shingling as far as the 63 inches would let me. The roll is 32 inches wide, and we lap it an inch. Ewart drove down with me this evening. Gertie & her mother got us to move the Cook stove to day. They are preparing for winter.

Wednesday 13

A very rainy day. I did not go up to Ewarts to day, the weather was so forbidding that I remained at home not doing much of anything. Somewhat interested upon the arrival of the mail, with the detailed accounts of the Turkey Balkan war, in which the Turk is getting worsted lately.

Thursday 14

A very fine day, dry and some sunshine, rather a rarity this season. I drove up to Ewarts this morning. Everett brought down the horse & buggy for me on his way to school. Gertie and her mother drove down with the little mare and paid a visit to Mother & Maggie. I was much pleased to find that Ewart had the end of the stable next the shed fetted & shingled, he did it yesterday with the help of Percy Peavoy in the afternoon. Peavoy offered to help him, which of course, was gratefully accepted. To day, Ewart & myself finished up the end excepting the inside lining of the wall, of the stable next the house. We had the door to fit & hang, and to put on the third of the felt, and finish shingling it looks as if now it will be a comfortable stable and am glad to see it so nearly done.

Friday 15

Hard frost last night, and the land is quite hard frozen this morning. But more comfortable than when muddy to get around. I assisted Mary to fix up her doors to make them warmer for winter. I have been working at our stable floor, it is badly out of repair, and cutting wood for stove &c.

busy shingling to day. fixing the storm windows repairing shoes cellar flooded

up at Ewarts both working at the stable putting on tar felt and shingling

drove up again to Ewarts. both working at the horse stable moved their Cook stove into their living room

rainy, stopt at home Percy Peavoy helped Ewart at stable

Geo. Marshall cashed a cheque for fifteen dollars for me.

I drove up to Ewarts, and we hung the door on stable and some shingling Gertie & her mother visit folks at Ewarts

Hard frost set in, helped Mary some and fixing floor of our stable &c

November

Saturday 16

1912

^{APRIL} Frosty again last night, and the ground is quite hard it is said the plow was shut out this forenoon, but running this afternoon, sawed some cedar stove wood in two for kindling, filling up the ~~into~~ holes in stable & drive house with earth and intend to further repair stable floor. Harold has been exposing himself too much and is not at all well to night. Maggie McKenzie is here to night.

Sunday 17

A fine day, the surroundings are more pleasant than when mud & mire has reigned supreme. Bella McKenzie has been at church this forenoon and evening and with us during the interval, we paid her 8 dollars for butter received. There was also 2 dollars paid her recently, ten dollars in all. Harold is rather a sick boy, and is very uneasy & troublesome at night.

Monday 18

Frosty again last night, but only moderate. The day has been fine throughout. I have been quite busy fixing up things around. Storing away cabbages, glazed the parlor storm sash after getting the 4 large panes from L. Marshall, paid him 85¢ for them, and 15¢ for the line #1.00 in wall.

Tuesday 19

Slight frost last night, succeeded by a beautiful day. This day is very fine with but little frost. I chanced it up to Ewart this morning with Geo. Marshall and Robt. McMillians, who were cutting wood at the latter's place, I took a quantity of lumber out of the stone piggery and had a hard job cleaning it, it formed the poultry house and was very filthy. There is yet more to be taken out, and I may go at it tomorrow again. I lined a part of the end of stable with it. Harold went to school although not very well. McGreives Junr was buried to day. Ewart is nearly done plowing the front field south. Gertie has not been well the last 2 or 3 days. Ewart gave me a ride to the top of the hill at Grays on gravel.

Wednesday 20

Another fine day, it looks much like Indian Summer. it is very acceptable this pleasant weather after such a long spell of unpleasant weather. I was again at Ewart's and taking out of the old piggery the greater part of the lumber comprising the double floor on upper flat. I had quite a unpleasant job in clearing it. quit early and took home Prince & buggy to be ready in the morning.

Thursday 21

A most beautiful day for this time of the year. Maggie & I started off in fair time for John Roszels Sale, I took Prince then intending to put him up for sale, it was late however, before they got through and the horses were the last thing, ^{Sold} excepting the grain, so there was a poor chance of selling him. Mr. Nevils of Otono wanted to buy him, but would not go my price. John's horses brought nearly \$1100.00, and the cattle also went high, one cow brought \$80.00, don't know how much the sale amounted to at this writing.

Friday 22

Weather keeps fine, Ewart finished his plowing entirely up shortly after dinner to day. the front field of sod, and the back field south also. had a paper from Alex. Spigg, Alex has been nominated for an alderman but would not stand. I helped Ewart to haul in his stove wood. Ewart tells me he had offered me \$40.00 for Prince before I took him to the sale, I did not understand it so, and suppose that now, as I offered him for that I told him I would not go back on his offer. an old account of Josiah Stewarts received from him to day, of Sep. 17th 1911, and Dec. 1911, are found to be an error, through not being cancelled in their books, it is not good business

rather frosty for plowing. choring and stable fixing. Maggie McKenzie here

A son of Mrs. Greives died last night, he has been long ill from Bright's disease of kidneys

Settled with Bella for butter

choring. Settled with Marshall for storm sash storing cabbages in cellar.

Chanced it up to Ewart's.

taking down and out the lumber out of piggery and cleaning it

young Greives buried to day

again at Ewart's, sorting the lumber of piggery.

brought Prince down home to be ready for tomorrow.

at John Roszels Auction Sale.

put up Prince for sale, but did not sell

John's Sale a Success.

Ewart done plowing for season

Sold Prince to Ewart. I helped to draw in the stove wood

an old account of Josiah Stewarts cancelled, a mistake regarding it

Miss Mitchell laid up to day, with fluency no school

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Saturday 23

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THURSDAY

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East wind, and cold and raw, has prevailed to day, great rings round the moon at night several times lately would seem to fore bode storm ahead but nothing has, as yet, come of it. Errett drove down the horse & buggy to day, and I went up and helped Ewert to finish up the hauling of his stone wood into the wood house, from the barn yard he drew some hard wood, that he had cut, up from the bush also. we drew a quantity of lumber that I had cleared and prepared out of the stone piggery to the ^{stream} shed above, also have some prepared to take to Ewerton.

looks like an impending storm but nothing comes

helped Ewert to draw his stone wood, mostly also at lunch

Sunday 24

Dull and threatening an outcome, snow began to fall about the darkening, and before bed time quite a white mantle covered the ground, Amos Lovell has been holding forth in disciples Church A.M. & P.M. to day. Maggie went with the McKenzies at the dinner hour, and Mary filled her place here, George & Bella Stewart also dined with us.

Maggie at McKenzies - Mary & Geo. Love and Bella Stewart here

Monday 25

The first fall of snow of any consequence of the season, and a small one at that, the snow fell on soft ground, and it is hardening from frost today. I have been at home to day, and fixing up things some. Maggie and I put up the new storm window for the parlor. I have also put away 2 barrels of Spy apples, purchased from James Duffield, into the cellar. Ewert was down at the mill with a load of chop, and brought us a quantity of the old lumber from the stone piggery, and we put it up in the loft in driving house. I also bought 5 hemlock planks 8 ft long, from the Horst. ~~4~~ 5 feet, ~~7~~ 5 feet inch, 2¢ per foot = 96¢ unpaid.

a light fall of snow. laying away apples in cellar. Ewert brought lumber bought planks from Horst

Tuesday 26

Quite a wintry day, pretty cold, but moderately frosty, looks like we may have some cold weather, it has taken a large part of the afternoon to sew up and repair Ewert's old leather leggings, and hens are continuing to lay a few eggs daily, 3 or 3 a day, Maggie got 38¢ a dozen from Marshall yesterday. Blakeley inclined to quarrel with Geo. Weatherston now that the term has expired that he was bound over to keep the peace. Kristy McKenzie, John's Cousin, has, we hear, committed suicide by hanging, she is to be buried tomorrow afternoon, Bella here to day.

repairing Ewert's leggings. Blakeley ugly with George Weatherston. Maggie sold eggs at 38¢ to day.

Wednesday 27

Wintry, but only moderately frosty, the little snow has been melting some and we are thinking it might all go soon again, the day has been fairly fine, we hung the kitchen storm door to day, the 2 have lately been painted and they don't dry very well, or we would have had both hung before now. I have been laying the stable floor, the funeral of Christy McKenzie took place this afternoon, we were told they were to start from Guelph at 2 P.M. and I figured they would reach the Cemetery here about 4 o'clock, so I started up there and came in sight off the Cemetery before 15 & 20 minutes to 4, but was told by Geo. Weatherston, while unloading a load of hay at McCutcheons that the burial had taken place a half hour before and that they were all away, some disappointed I returned home, received a letter from Bro. James.

Burial of Christy McKenzie this afternoon, she committed suicide. John and Bella McKenzie there. received a letter from Bro. James Meaford.

putting on storm windows and other choring

Thursday 28

Fairly fine to day, indeed it may be termed very fine for this day of the year, Miss Mitchell resumed teaching to day, although not well. I got the floor in stable complete to day, plank below with inch covering. Geo. Love is threshing to day with Barber's machine, have the inch lumber in drive rows left.

Miss Mitchell opened school again to day. closed school last Friday. Stable floor piling maple & beach short wood in house also blocks for heater.

Friday 29

Colder to day and threatens a storm, but does not materialize. I have wheeled and piled all the hardwood short cut for the range into the wood house, also the blocks for the heater, put on the front storm door, we now have all the storm windows and doors on.

November & December

Saturday 30

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December

^{APRIL} ^{Easter Monday (Dominion)} ^{MONDAY} ⁽¹¹²⁻²⁵⁷⁾ 1909
The threatnings of change in the weather have not materialized in anything of consequence, this has been a very fine day for this time of the year, there has been great traffic to and from the mill-stone & blacksmith shop, I expected a stray letter might turn up from some of the far away friends, but nothing appeared, the news from the seat of war in the Balkans is a little more pacific, it is thought an armistice may be established for awhile, I have been cleaning up the yard to day, cutting up boards & other timber into stone lengths.

fine weather for this time of year, friends long in writing, war news interesting

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Sunday Dec. 1

Dull day, but very moderate in temperature, the little snow that has covered the ground these few days back is pretty well melted off, Maggie McKenzi has been with us to day, Ewart & Gerlie & Errett had also been with us this afternoon, Gerlie remained with us till Church time, while Ewart drove up home with the 2 boys, and returned after seeing to the chores, Mary has been away to day, Geo. Love here this evening, Geo. Robertson & wife at wife here awhile also.

Ewart, Gerlie & Errett here Maggie McKenzi also Geo. Robertson & wife

Monday 2

^{TUESDAY} ⁽¹⁰³⁻²⁶²⁾ Dull and rainy this forenoon, cleared up some in the afternoon, but wet and disagreeable under foot, people have to keep in doors mostly, some drove out to the mill after dinner, but nothing done in the forenoon, mailed letter to Alex. Tuesday 3 Spiff

Wm. Horton cashed a 15 dollar check for me, got \$1.85, chick feed 15¢ change

at Ewart's killed and dressed a sheep

he had a valuable cow to die other day helping to line the horse passag with tar felt

Ewart drove me home this eve

Ewart lost a fine ewe

up at Ewar

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Board of Health meeting at Rockwood

paid taxes for Ewart into the Bank \$2.62

the Bills of members of Board of health kept horse over night

John Harris' account was \$13.55

A very fine day, Errett drove down Prince & buggy.

This morning as he went to school, and I drove up to Ewart's, we butchered a sheep before dinner and dressed it, it was a very nice shearling, but her udder went wrong and Ewart was afraid to risk keeping her for breeding, after dinner we lined the passage ahead of the horses, on the barn side with tar felt, and put on old Barn Siding to keep it straight.

Wednesday 4

Soft weather, but cold & raw wind makes it unpleasant, I half soled, and partially heeled a pair of shoes for Maggie McKenzi to day, Harold has gone to school all week so far, got a nice piece of mutton from Ewart, too bad for him to lose so valuable a ewe lately, he says he would not have taken 15 dollars for her.

Ewart lost a fine ewe

Thursday 5

This term of soft & damp weather continues on, but it is raw and cold, which makes it unpleasant, I have been lining up the horse stable on the south side, and putting on tar felt, and nailing on top, the old siding boards that covered the horse stable on the farm, and which Ewart brought down under a load of chop, they now answer a good purpose.

up at Ewar putting on the tar felt Ewart brought down the old siding boards

Friday 6

The soft spell continues, but the cold is increasing and pointing to frost & cold this evening, Errett brought down Prince & buggy for me this morning, to Lurath Rockwood meeting of the B. O. H. requested that we should meet early, as the days are short and the night dark & dreary, but the Clerk & Reeve were so late in appearing that it was about 4.30 before any business was done, the doctor's Report was read and adopted, and his Bill presented \$14.05, the Bills of members were then made out, only 2 meetings having been held, John Harris' Bill for disinfecting &c was \$13. mine 4 dollars for the meetings, and \$4.00 for disinfecting Hortons & Robertsons houses on last year's account, making \$8.00, the remaining for members being \$4.00 each, dark travelling home, kept the horse over night, Errett also staid over, John Harris' account was \$13.55.

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Quite a change in the weather, Jack frost paved the ground completely last night, but although now dry the surface is terribly rough, the wind has been very high to day and one feels it very much. I paid Marshall 35¢ for 15 lbs of tar felt, that we took of his roll to day, and which I returned this P.M.

Sunday 8
Very frosty & cold last night, and to day. has been cold throughout and increased towards night. it is quite a change from the moderate weather that has so long prevailed, Bella has been with us to day excepting church time. I have kept the house pretty much all day, too cold to be exposed outside.

Monday 9
Pretty hard frost last night, and the wind has been high to day and very cold. I tightened up the door entering the horse stable, this forenoon, it was a very cold job on the hands. also this afternoon I spread some old wall paper on the loft above the stable, and piled boards single file on top of the paper. Ewart drove down this evening, and I bought a new latch for his stable door, for the other is broken. Bella complains of cold, her stomach troubles her again. Mary & Maggie also complain of cold. Mother keeps fairly well.

Tuesday 10
Quite cold, perhaps not so frosty as yesterday but the wind has been very high and the full force of the cold has been given with it. I chopped the upper crust of the ground and banked up a part of the house with the unfrozen ground. Ewart brought down a wagon load of maple & Beech blocks for the heater, for which we were thankful to him, I put a portion of them into the wood house and piled the rest outside.

Wednesday 11
A winter, cold and raw, day, with sundry snow showers. Maggie rode to Guelph with Willie McKenzie and his mother, Maggie McKenzie kept house for us till her mother returned from Guelph at about 6 o'clock or a little later, they report a large crowd in Guelph. Willie thinks he has seen a better show of cattle, but that other things were up to the mark. fixing & repairing shoes and doing up sundry jobs.

Thursday 12
A very cold and frosty air to day, and high wind which increases the cold, as we thought it was possible that John McKenzie would drive to Guelph to day and call for me to go with him, I made ready and waited for a couple of hours, on him, but he should come, he did not. Come however and it was just as well, because it was so very cold. Ewart and Gertie were to Guelph (I think) to day. they surely were cold.

Friday 13
Not so cold as yesterday, but rather cold for comfort. This is the last day of the big show at Guelph and, no doubt, there will be a great crowd there. I have been looking for a letter from each of the Alexanders for a good while, they each owe me a letter but there is no response yet. I have been trying to learn of the hour of burial of Alex. Currie tomorrow but cannot find it for sure.

Saturday 14
The cold has moderated well down and this has been a very fine winter day. Ewart has been down to the mill with a load of chop. John Webb and wife and daughter drove up to Abbots to day, they have Thomas Webb's horse and have him in our stable for the night. the funeral of Alex. Currie took place this afternoon. they were to leave Erie at 12 or 12.30. They arrived here (I think) about 3 o'clock. he was a "big man" and quite a number of members were present.

tar felt, pit change to cold weather. no snow - however.

frost & cold increasing Bella with us to day. She is not so well.

very cold rain. I have been trying to make the stable more comfortable. Ewart this evening got new rubber shoes for Bertha.

hauling home some. Ewart brought us down a load of blocks for the heating stove.

Maggie to Guelph with Willie McKenzie & his mother.

Maggie McKenzie keeping house for us to day.

we hear that Alex. Currie of Erie village is dead. he has been quite a time ill from heart trouble.

got word that Mrs. McGregor of West Toronto died on Sunday evening Nov. 24.

Ewart to mill John Webb, wife and daughter to Abbots to day.

funeral of Alex. Currie.

December

Sunday 15

1912

^{APRIL} Moderately fine weather, not at all cold, but not much
 i. Sunshine, John Webb & wife & daughter started off for home some
 where between 2 & 3 o'clock this afternoon, they carried out poor Bella
 f. (Mrs Webb) and placed her in the buggy, she is very helpless, and so
 is very unlike what she has always been, we think she has enjoyed
 to her visit fairly well, Mrs John Roszel drove along before
 the Webbs were off, and their mare took the place in the stable that
 their horse occupied, they are staying over night with us.
 th. Willie McKenzie put his mare into the drive house till after church
 he was over, so that we had a pretty full stable for awhile.

John Webb &
 wife & daughter
 gone home this
 John Roszel
 and wife
 came on horse
 staying over
 night.

Willie McKenzie
 here also.

Monday 16

a Fine day for this day of the year, Mr & Mrs John Roszel were up
 and around pretty early, and did not delay long after breakfast
 they were going to pay McKenzies a visit and have dinner with
 them, they seemed to enjoy their visit with us, John is good
 th. Company, they intend moving to Hillsburgh about Jan. 1st
 when the tenants time is expired, Mother has been kept on the Chat
 pretty steady these two days, she walked into Abbotts to see Bella.

Mrs & Mrs John
 Roszel away
 again.

Mother walked
 into Abbotts
 to see Bella.

James over
 from Erin

TUESDAY 17

An east wind has prevailed all day, and thick & foggy
 weather overhanging all, not cold, but very unpleasant for
 all, Mary has been here to day helping at sewing and other work
 I wrote a letter last night to Joseph A. McGregor, and finished
 and mailed it this morning, in reply to his containing the
 account of his mother's death and burial, have not done much
 to day, have not felt very well.

Mary here
 sewing

Sent a letter
 to J. A. Mc
 Gregor in
 reply to his

Wednesday 18

A fine day for this day of the year. Sunshine and warm, the frost
 is giving way on the top and makes sloppy walking, Austin McCutcheon
 brought up 100 of Royal Household and 50 lb of pastry flour from the mill
 not paid, mailed a letter to Jennie, Edmonton this morning.

got a cheque
 from Fredrick
 for 8 dollars
 on, Board of
 Health action
 mailed letter to
 Edmonton, Jan

Thursday 19

Great change in the appearance outside this morning, there
 has been quite a heavy snow fall through the night, there was
 no snow last night before dark at least, of any account, and this
 morning there must be between 4 & 5 inches, the mud ruled yes
 colder and more wintry like, Mary & others have a big job
 preparing for the S.S. entertainment to morrow evening, they are having
 a rehearsal to night, Geo. Loe provided the trees yesterday

heavy fall of
 snow last night
 gave to. 8. 11.
 cheque to Horton
 and paid, \$
 4.25 for flour
 also \$1.85 for
 oats 70¢, & 75¢
 for oat chop
 for the hens.

Friday 20

A little addition to the snow fall has made fairly good slipping
 and this has been a very fine winter's day, the S.S. entertainment
 came off this evening and was a very fair success, there was a very
 large attendance, Thomas Webb from Eden with his daughter, and
 Milly Webb were there, put his horse in our stable, Ewart & Gertie were also.
 Ernie & Harold had a part to play. Harold & Irene Enkeligh a short dialogue
 killed & dressed 3 rooster chickens

S.S. entertainment
 this evening.

Thomas Webb
 daughter at it.
 Ewart & Gertie
 and Ernie were
 too. Killed 3 roosters
 weighed 2 1/2 lbs
 good intention

Saturday 21

A little snow falling the most of the day and the sleighing is
 getting better all the time, I have been clearing up things in
 the stable, so that we can put in 2 horses, I have now
 for the most part have the whole building below protected
 with tar felt, and the stable part covered over it with old
 1/2 inch siding.

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THURSDAY 22

(112-253)

1909

Colder some to day, and a more wintry appearance have kept the house pretty closely to day, the sleighs & cutter are doing the running to day. Mary has been sending away soverer cards &c, I enclosed a few lines to Alex. Springfield complaining of their remissness in writing.

a letter sent to Springfield kept house closely

Monday 23

Some colder than of late, the frost is heavier, the sleighing is now very fair, no wheels to be seen, the stage has been with the runners now for some days back. Ewart was to the mill this afternoon and Geo. Robertson's shop, getting Prince Chod. Maggie helped scrub the church floor this forenoon, getting out the stuff from horse stable, so as to be ready for our friends on Christmas day, who are invited to dinner.

sleighing more fairly good Ewart at the mill and Geo. Smith Shop Maggie helped scrub the floor of church

Tuesday 24

Very fine winter day, a little snow has been falling to grease the sleighing. Bella came along to day to help Maggie to prepare things for the visitors who are invited to their Christmas dinner tomorrow. I finished up the stable so as to accommodate horses tomorrow. and killed 3 fat hens for dressing up, they are good ones. Mary provided one of them, I gave a dollar towards helping Mr. Burnett who is we received a registered parcel from Edmonton, with quite a number of articles as Christmas presents. for the older folks as well as the children a Photo of Willie on a dapple grey. the outside paper of the parcel was torn and in bad shape. received my first copy of the Toronto daily Star. Kenneth Mc Dougall & his wife paid us a short visit this afternoon. Christmas day.

Bella here to day killed 3 fat fowls registered pkg. from Edmonton Geo. & Mrs. Ken with Mc Dougall. I gave a dollar in charity

Wednesday 25

A fine pleasant winter day, there is now very good sleighing and people are taking advantage of it, there has been much driving back & forth. Our friends came to hand before noon, excepting George Luce, who was a little later, there were John McKenzie and Willie & Maggie, of course Bella was here since yesterday morning. Ewart & Gerlie & Errett, and George & Mary Luce, comprised, with ourselves the company, received a 12 dollar postal note from Alex. Springfield, 4 dollars each to Mother & Maggie and Bella McKenzie, excepting Willie, stayed to tea. Ewart & Gerlie went off earlier to do the chores, and go to their tea to Baldwins.

had our friends to their Christmas dinner received a postal note from Alex Springfield Ewart, Gerlie & Errett to Baldwins this evening

Thursday 26

SATURDAY 27

(114-251)

A very fine day, not very cold and bright sunshine, rather windy while afternoon, Maggie washed and her clothes dried quickly and she ironed them off hand before bed time. Ewart drove down to day and took Harold up home with him, I was out at the time and did not see him, the snow has been soft to day.

Ewart down took Harold up with him

Friday 27

A little snow fall last night, which will make better slipping rather stormy this afternoon, high wind and snow clouds flying. upon invitation, Mother, Maggie & I had our "Spite tide" dinner at G. A. Abbotts. Mary was also invited, but could not attend conveniently. Grace and Catherine Robertson were there also, they had a fine goose and other et ceteras, which went to make a fine set out. Nellie discoursed some good music on the organ after dinner and altogether we spent a very enjoyable afternoon. I received, by mail, a beautiful necktie, and fancy pin from Mrs. A. E. Hunter & family, Errett & Harold also received a story book each. The Methodist S.S. School entertainment is on to night, and Maggie is in attendance, also the McKenzies, excepting Willie, Mother enjoyed the afternoon well.

had our "Spite tide" dinner at G. A. Abbotts. Robertson girls also there Christmas presents from Springfield Methodist S.S. entertain ment this eve

December & January Saturday 28

1912

Heavy fall of snow to day which was quite soft as it fell. but just cold enough to preserve the snow. I got out of patience waiting for word from Meaford and I mailed a card this morning reminding them that I had written last. and I had been looking a long time for a reply. I fear there is something wrong but hope not. Alex's last was written on the 7th Oct. and it is very unusual for him to be so neglectful in writing.

Sunday 29

Lots of snow on the ground this morning and the merry ring of the Sleigh bells will now be heard everywhere. the cold is very moderate and the temperature is nearly at the thawing point. Maggie went to McKenzies to day, and Maggie McKenzie and Edna Stewart took her place in providing our dinner & supper. Grace Nelson & her Sister Kitty had tea with us.

Monday 30

Cold moderate and weather fine. I have been working at Maggie's felt Boots, putting on new cloth, the felt had given out, it is a very unpleasant job, had to use the needle instead of brush.

Tuesday 31

Very fine day, and the sleighing is excellent. I had quite a job finishing up Maggie's Boots, a troublesome job. had a letter from Bertha Sinter Meaford, saying that her father has lately been quite miserable. He has a sore on his face which causes them grave anxiety. I fear it proceeds from the sore he had under his eye and which required treatment. This seems the cause of his long silence in writing. I received a letter from Sister Betsey B.C. She speaks of being unwell for some time past. I think the scandal of Joe's divorce may be the cause. we were much shocked by the news new years day. Bella McKenzie Wednesday. Jan 1 here to day helping Maggie.

An ideal day for new year, beautiful weather now prevails for the holidays and people are taking good advantage of it. we spent a pleasant afternoon entertaining our visitors after partaking of dinner. Ewart & Gertrude & Errett, Geo. Love & Mary, and all the McKenzies. Mother has enjoyed the meeting of so many friends immensely. between social chat and good music we had a very enjoyable time indeed. Ewart's company left early, they were to tea at Balders.

Thursday 2

Fine weather prevails yet, and the winter is passing along. not doing much these times, a little shoe repairing. Mary is now with us. She & Maggie are making a new overcoat for Harold. I mailed a letter to Edmonton, and one to Springfield, this or yesterday morning. Margaret and I are feeling very sorry about Uncle Alex's trouble. they will not be able to enjoy the festive season very much. Auntie Betsey, B.C. also is out of sorts.

Friday 3

A thaw is on hand to day. Soften weather has prevailed now for some time, we are having a very fine mild winter so far. perhaps we may have to pay up for this yet before Spring arrives. Mary has been working at Harold's coat a part of the time. She attended a meeting of their institute at Helmsman. we had a call from Mr. & Mrs. Charlton last night. Mr. Wells also, we saw Mr. & Mrs. Alex. McRivie from north Dakota to day.

Some snow falling. sent card to Meaford to learn of the cause of their long silence.

more snow good sleighing Maggie to McKenzies to day Grace Nelson and Sister Kitty to tea with us.

fixing up Maggie's felt Boots to day.

received a letter from Bertha Sinter. Uncle Alex is quite poorly. also got letters from Auntie Betsey B.C. had news about Joe's domestic relations, divorce and both married again.

Beautiful weather for new years day.

had a very pleasant gathering of friends.

Ewart & Gertrude left early to attend Balders tea.

mailed letters to Edmonton and Springfield.

Auntie Betsey and Uncle Alex are both unwell. shoe repairing.

thawing again Mary working at an overcoat for Harold.

had a call from Mr. & Mrs. Charlton. saw Mr. & Mrs. Alex McKenzie, N.D.

Jan 1
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January

Saturday 4

1913

Froze up again last night, and a little fall of snow greases up the sleighing which was in places getting poor. The sleighing now is grand. I have bought a new hand sleigh from Geo. Robertson and Everett & Harold have been running it. They are a little disappointed that it don't run as easily as the old ones that have been worn smooth but it will get over that in time. There was no political meeting at Erin last night. The Guthrie crowd were stuck on the road somehow it was very windy & stormy last night, they may have had an auto, and that would account for it. Patches have great Coasting on the hill here these times. Ewart was at the mill to day and here awhile, received a letter from R. McGregor Toronto.

We undertook James Abbott has had a son and her born to him last night.

Hugh Guthrie stuck on road to P. meeting Erin

received letter from Robert McGregor Toronto

Sunday 5

Quite a pleasant day, the snow is being preserved although it is about all that can be said of it. Bella has been with us this afternoon. She seems to be passably well, although not so well as she has been for the most part since the operation. I took a walk over to enquire how John Heathers' daughter was doing, she is considered to be recovering. Maggie has been twice, as usual, at church to day, and I have been with mother.

Bella with us to day - involved other to find Heathers' enquiring about his sick daughter. She is getting better

Monday 6

A thaw last night and this morning the surroundings are soft and slushy. It was misty & raining this morning. I subscribed to day with Barrie Nutrie for the "Mercury" & "Montreal Herald & Star" have to pay Barrie this week \$1.85 for them. have been trying to find out how the Municipal elections have resulted but cannot learn of it, have just heard that Jim Blakely last Sunday - morning assaulted and badly pounded John Symonds, because blaming him for stealing away a bottle of whiskey from his premises.

Mrs. G. A. Allen went over to Erin to day on ap of Baby Thawing to day Jim Blakely assaulting John Symonds, great ending.

Tuesday 7

Slushy to day but getting colder at night fall, which increased to a gale by bed time, and the frost & cold also increased, we hear that the Smallhorns from Guelph are coming to morrow to live in the Henry brick house next us. So, it would appear that negotiations from Geo. Jester must have fallen through.

change in weather, rumours about John Henry's brick house

Wednesday 8

Very windy and cold last night, and this morning snow drifts and icy surroundings prevail everywhere. The day has been quite cold throughout. Our thermometer has been fairly good, it used to show degrees too low. This however has been a cold day, received a letter from Jennie Edmonton this afternoon, they intend leaving Edmonton on the 17th inst. to spend awhile in California. Ewart delivered a fat cow & his ram lamb at Rockwood to day. no range coal in Rockwood, so he couldn't bring us any.

windy & cold to day, received letter from Jennie Edmonton Ewart took a cow & ram to Rockwood to day.

Thursday 9

A fine winter's day, pretty cold, but not nearly so much as yesterday. The sleighing is splendid and the teams are out plentifully. Ewart & Gertie were down to day. Ewart was at the mill, he brought us up a bag of corn for our hens, costing a dollar & five cents. a letter from Aunt Margaret, Meaford, to day, is rather doleful. Alby seems much depressed and does not seem to care to write. She says the sore on his face is surely spreading. But does not cause him much pain, and does not interfere much with his rest and sleep. H. Horstap cashed my check for \$10.00. Mary here to day said

over for her feed \$1.05 Ewart & Gertie down here letter from Aunt Margaret Meaford. H. H. Horstap cashed my check for \$10.00. Mary here to day said

January

Friday 10

1913

Quite a heavy thaw this morning, we think it must have been on the most of last night, with considerable rain, everything is in a splash all day. Ewart was at the blacksmith shop and says he may perhaps go to Guelph tomorrow for a load of coal for us, if it should be stormy he won't go, I sent word to Mr. Lundy not to send any coal to us till further notice, but I needn't have done it, as Jim tells us that he hadn't it to send, we find Rockwood very unreliable for coal.

Saturday 11

The thaw has held sway all day, although not so great as yesterday and towards night it became colder, likely freeze to night, I lowered the heels of Mr. Wells' boots, she bought them from our Mary, as they were a misfit for her, it is quite a contract to do them as the whole heel is fastened on by long nails and have not a good hold of the insole, to make a good job of them the heel should all be taken off and rebuilt from the bottom up. Ewart arrived from Guelph about 3 o'clock, with 2600 of nut coal for which he paid \$10.05. I paid him \$5.00 on it, and offered him \$2.00 for himself, he would only accept of one dollar to pay his expenses however. I gave Mr. Lovell as a contribution towards the Cemetery, and Maggie also gave him one from Mrs. Alice Bryant.

SUNDAY 12

Very pleasant winter's day, but much colder than these two days past, the past night was wintry & stormy, the wind drifted the snow into heaps. we have had comfort in the house to day, the coal we got yesterday seems to be much better than what we got last at Rockwood, as it throws very much more heat, have written a letter to Willie & Jennie Edmonton.

Monday 13

Pleasant weather continues, frosty, but ^{only} moderately cold have not stirred out much to day; mailed the letter I wrote yesterday for Edmonton, Bella came along to day, she is staying with Mary all night.

Tuesday 14

A very fine winter day, frosty last night, but we did not feel it uncomfortably cold in the house, like yesterday, I had nothing much on hand to day, reading, tending ~~the~~ fowls &c, Maggie washed yesterday and has her clothes in good condition to day, Bella with Mary to day in forenoon, this afternoon the three of them ^{sewing here at Bella's dress &c} they are attending a meeting at the Church ^{this evening} it business meeting, I am writing a letter to night to Aunt Margaret Meaford, in reply to hers of the 7th inst. Harold is away up to the farm to night, Errett had the horse to school with Duffield's cutter, I believe they are arranging to go week about with Duffield's

Wednesday 15

Temperature higher to day, and the snow has been melting this afternoon, a little colder this evening which may arrest the thaw. George A. Marshall cashed a check of ten dollars for me to day. The water has been running down into the floor of wood house, the pipe being frozen, it has also been coming through the ceiling of the pantry from the gutter on the roof, it will have to be tooned after at the right time, the three girls have been at work, same as yesterday.

Thursday 16

Quite a heavy thaw again, and the ground is pretty much covered over with a glare of ice, I went up to Mr. Lovell's this morning for a piece of belted that Joe Stewart brought from Guelph for Bella's dress that Mary is making the 3 are at work on it this afternoon, too misty & sloppy to do anything outside

Quite a thaw to day.

Ewart down and says he may go for a load of coal to Guelph tomorrow.

Thaw still on, but not so great as yesterday, lowering heels of boots for Mr. Wells, not easy.

Ewart brought 2600 of coal casting \$10.05 paid him 5 dollars on it, and one for expenses, paid a dollar to Mr. Ford for Cemetery, also Maggie hair one from Mrs. Bryant.

Weather pleasant but colder.

wrote letter to Willie & Jennie Edmonton.

mailed letter to Willie & Jennie Edmonton Bella came along to day.

Maggie, Mary & Bella all sewing here this afternoon.

writing letter to Aunt Margaret Meaford.

Geo Marshall cashed a check for me \$10.00

piping and carrying away the rain water properly. the 3 girls hard at work.

very icy a message & walk up to Mr. Lovell's

January

Friday 17

1913

The thaw still holds sway, and the snow is melting away, but leaving a great coating of ice all over. Ewart was here last night and is off to school this morning along with Harold Ewart and Gertie were at a second dance at Smith's hall at the corner. The girls have finished Bella's dress this afternoon, Mary did not get here till between 2 & 3 o'clock. She was helping to dress clothes for the market, Geo. Marshall takes them to Guelph tomorrow. I am writing a pretty long letter to Sister Betsey, B.C. to mail in the morning.

Still thawing dancing at Smith's hall Bella's dress done. writing letter to Aunt Betsey B.C.

Saturday 18

Weather again changed, the snow was pretty well gone this morning, only where ice abounded there was sleighing. Snow again fell fast this afternoon, and there was quite a blizzard of wind with our folks. McKenzies & Maggie with Roy Shindler & Nettie Abbott had a late visit to Josiah Royce's home last night, it was about 2 A.M. when Maggie returned home. Ewart & Gertie were here to day, I paid him the balance of Coal measure \$5.00 also \$1.85 to give Barrie Mubini for pay sub. "Montreal Star & Gazette". Also figured up what I owed on Cement for house steps. he counts Coffey's day work \$1.25. balance of price of plank to young 4 2 1/2 and all have cement with sacks returned to her \$6.50

The snow fell to day and renewed the sleighing a party to Josiah Royce's this evening paid Ewart balance of coal measure \$5.00 also gave \$1.85 to pay Barrie Mubini for "Montreal Star & Gazette" Guelph Mercury

Sunday 19

Fine sleighing to day, the ice got well covered with snow yesterday and it was not so dangerous to walk over, and made fine sleighing. I kept the house pretty closely to day, reading & rest. Peter Geary is very poorly to day, although a little better than he has lately been, he is considered to be in a dangerous condition.

wrote a letter to Hannah Stephens to day Peter Geary - very ill

Monday 20

Thaw again set in last night, and raining hard again this morning. A party drove down to Dnr's Coopers this afternoon to cut stone wood out of Railway ties. a number of girls with them, Maggie & Nettie Abbott among them. I mailed my letter to Hannah Stephens to day.

party of young folks to Mr. Cooper to cut wood for her

Tuesday 21

Blew up a strong wind last night and considerable snow fell it is very changeable weather, as the roads got very bare. This new snow will be very acceptable. Ewart brought down a grist of chop to the mill but did not stay for it as it was to be late. before it would be ready, he intends going to Rockwood with his hog tomorrow.

Ewart here with a grist of chop went home without it

Wednesday 22

Fine sleighing to day, and air frosty and dry again. we prepared dinner for expected visitors, Mr & Mrs Davidson but they went to Abbotts instead, and came to us for tea. there was a mis understanding somehow but we had a very pleasant visit of them after all, and they walked up to Willie Coverts after night. Ewart delivered his hogs to day. they weighed 700 lbs the three and brought 56 dollars. 8¢ a lb. received reply from Hannah Stephens

Ewart took 3 fat hogs to Rockwood weighed 700 lbs 8¢ a lb \$56.00 received a reply from Hannah Stephens news. Erin -

Thursday 23

Another change in the weather, this winter, so far, is full of change. last night it must have rained a great part of the time, and to day it has hardly ceased to rain all the time. the snow again is greatly gone and ice instead, now prevails. I have read all through Hugh Guthrie's great speech on the naval question, in the Mercury it certainly is a great effort. I notice the sharks are about to give up Adrianople. Ewart was down to day, expecting to get his lower plates of teeth, but they did not arrive.

a rainy day a grist of ice again Ewart down in quest of his lower plates of teeth they did not come The sharks about to give up Adrianople did not arrive

January

Friday 24

1913

Feb

Moderate frost again last night, and everywhere to day it is in a glaze of ice, there is not much snow, but ice in abun-
dances. Thos. Weatherstone had an old horse die with him last night, he was not of much value however, being 28 years old. There has been great pleasure taken out of sleighing with the little sleighs in the shape of a ^{new} Rob, linked together with a plank, and running from the top of this hill towards the mill, I took a ride with the rest, and rode from almost in front of Marshall's store to the mill dam, without a stop or a push, done quickly too.

Weatherstone lost an old horse last night. pleasure coasting on hill these times. I got a ride with rest.

Saturday 25

Very fine weather, very icy stepping around though, Ewart & Gertie & Everett drove down this evening, they were out at the hill among the crowd sleighing on the hill they were out on the dash seeing the skating, they certainly have lively times on the hill and mill dam, it has been very pleasant while the moon rose early enough for them, these 3 nights or so, it is too late however in rising, and they have to use lanterns to light things up. I got notice to hold B.O.H. meeting on Monday.

Young, Gray, brought us \$20.00 they to day received notice of a meeting of B.O.H. at Rockwood next Monday.

Sunday 26

Quite mild for a winter day, and the ice and snow is going, I walked up to Eclair's to day to see if he could let me have his horse & rig tomorrow afternoon to go to Rockwood to organize the B.O.H. He agreed to let me have it, Bella has been here since last night, and twice at church, and home tonight.

walked to Eclair's, my age his horse & rig for Monday.

Monday 27

A stiff frost last night, and the surroundings are very icy and slippery to day, it is dangerous for old people to walk about on them. I walked down to the mill and got 50¢ worth of oak chop, Harry Benham brought it up for me, I got my check for ten dollars (\$10.00) cashed from Will Hooton. Expected to have to go to Rockwood on account of B.O.H. but was phoned not to come. Mr. M. Head could not attend, as he was sick, we understand, Geo. Lestin has bought the John Henry property, next door to us. Last week sometime.

Will Hooton cashed a ten dollar check for me to day.

Tuesday 28

One of the cold nights and cold days of the season, icy ground prevails making it dangerous footing. Received a card from Jennie, they had just arrived at Vancouver on the 20th and expected to sail from Victoria on the 22nd. She also sent news of Edmonson which are interesting. Ewart was at the mill to day with a grist of chop. Jim Blackely, settled with George Weatherstone this morning, to appear at court next Monday to answer for bad conduct to George, also for assault on John Symons.

The notice court mandated for Rockwood to day. St. H. Hooton cashed a check for \$18.00. Geo. Lestin has bought the John Henry property.

Wednesday 29

Cold and frosty and icy surroundings, the sleighing is only good partially, the roads in part are very bare of snow, but the whole are being brought into service again, but it is dangerous travelling with wheels on account of slooing round.

icy, danger in travelling.

Thursday 30

Raining and thawing again to day, really this is queer weather, you never can guess what kind of weather we are going to have on the morrow, I half sold a pair of boots for G.D. Abbott to day, Mr. Robertson brought the 2 poles from Guelph yesterday, I gave \$4.40 to Mr. Towell to pay to Mr. Gray for the hay I bought of him.

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Froze up again last night, and to day it is cold and frosty, the wheels are again on the roads, the Erin Stage is again mounted on wheels, got a letter brother Alex Meaford, he does not say anything about his trouble, he enclosed a photo of old Jack Peise, he says Brother Jannie is better than he has lately been, he extends us a kindly invitation to visit them, Harold unwell, have kept him from school yesterday and to day. got the book "Elpis Israel" at Meaford.

Saturday Feb 1

Hard frost last night, and it has been very cold to day, the wind being a little strong is partly the cause, the thermometer only shows 12 or 20 above zero, one would think it was more however, by the feel of it. our hens are still laying a little, one, two, and sometimes 3 a day. Ewart here to day. says Charlie Baldick is laid up these times from Muscular Rheumatism.

Sunday 2

A very cold & stormy day, Mother has been up out of bed to day and she would have been better in bed, as she has been taking pills, and not so well as usual, Bella had not ventured out to day. Maggie was at church forenoon.

Monday 3

Some milder to day, and weather finer than these few days back. Ewart was at the mill for Charlie Baldick to day, we received a letter from Jennie to day. they have arrived safely in San Francisco after a delightful trip, Val also had a letter from Alex. Springfield. They are well, and have been very busy, Jim Blakely and John Simonds are at Guelph to day, re their late fracas, we are told it has cost Blakely \$75.00, settled out of Court.

Tuesday 4

Colder to day and stormy, high wind and snow clouds passing around, Mother has kept her bed to day as well as those with as yesterday, Ewart & Gerlie drove down to day to see Mother who is a little better to day, Maggie washed the clothes to day which was a cold job for such weather.

Wednesday 5

Very cold & frosty last night, and it has remained very cold all day, the wind is rather high which increases the cold in house, the thermometer does not register as much frost as it should be expected, it within 2 or 3 degrees of zero, Mary has been sewing here to day. Mother has been out of bed to day, she was getting pretty tired lying so long. The mill is being largely patronized just now the papers say the Balkan War is resumed since Monday night that the Armistice expired, a little snow on the ice but not enough.

Thursday 6

Cold & stormy all day, the wind has been very high and the cold seeps into the house very much, a little snow falling and drifting, Errett came here from school and remains all night, the poor boy was very cold in walking to school this morning, Mr Weatherston is sick and the doctor attending her, Bronchitis the trouble, Mr Burnett is operated on (I think) to day for trouble in head.

Friday 7

Continues stormy & cold, the wind high, but temperature slightly higher than yesterday, Mary here to day, carried out over 20 pails water out of cellar. very windy & stormy towards night, Errett went home, got a ride from H. Jackson, Harold got a ride with A. W. Hutchison who is very kind & attentive to do what he can, Mother up again yesterday and to day.

letter from brother Alex to day, does not mention his trouble. Harold unwell from school these 2 days. Photo of Jack Peise. got Elpis Israel. O. K.

windy & cold. hens laying a few eggs. Charlie Baldick unwell.

Mother is not so well to day. Bella not out.

a letter from Alex & 3 of them and one from Jennie from Sisco.

Blakely and Simonds to day a Guelph.

mother a little better. Ewart & Gerlie here to day.

cold night also day. near zero, wrote a letter for brother James Meaford.

temperature 2 above zero. Errett here all night. Mrs. Weatherston sent sick at present. Burnett operated.

Mary here to day. hauling water out of cellar. Errett & Harold at school.

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Weather continues much the same. We have been having a very rough time. The frost has not been so great, the high wind however causes much cold & discomfort. Ewart at the mill this afternoon. he tells us the corn has arrived at Rockwood, and he intends going after a load on Monday.

Ewart at the mill. he says the corn has arrived at Rockwood

Sunday 9

Not quite so windy and stormy to day. our Maggie at meeting twice to day. Belle came along this morning, and accompanied Maggie forenoon, at night she met their own rig at church. we had quite a company this afternoon. Mary brought along Mrs. David Stewart, and Mr. A. Abbott & Nettie. came in also and waited for tea with us. we hear to day that Mary Totton, Albert's wife is dead, and they are bringing the body here there are no particulars of the cause of her death to hand. funeral next Thursday is expected.

load has come to day of the day of Albert Totton's wife.

some visitors cheer up - mother some

Monday 10

The Sharpest frost of the season last night. here 9 degrees below zero. but a very pleasant day after all. it was however too cold to go outside much. I wrote a fairly long letter to Annie Senter at Meaford in reply to one I received from her lately. she describes her father's condition more fully than the others have done.

9 degrees below last night.

replied to a letter from Annie Senter

Tuesday 11

Not so frosty as yesterday, but windy and somewhat blizzardy in spells. I got 2 bags of corn at the mill, and John brought them up for us. there were over 4 bushels a 63 per bushel costing \$2.70. Maggie McKenzie has been with us to day. we got an intimation of the death, and funeral of Albert Totton's wife, which takes place on Thursday next to Corning's cemetery, at 2 P.M. from her father's residence, 3rd line Ewen.

got corn to day for the hens. Costing \$2.70

Wednesday 12

Pretty cold this morning. our thermometer recorded 8 below. at about 8 o'clock, which meant 2 above by Abbot's. which is right, it had just been about zero a little earlier. the cold kept up all day. Ewart was with a load of chop for Baldis. mailed a letter to Fernie San Francisco this morning. Mother was not very well last night but is some better this morning and fairly better to day. Ewart here to night.

Temperature about zero.

Ewart down with chop for Baldis. Mother not very well

Thursday 13

A very frosty and cold day. with high wind which makes it piercing. this was the day set for funeral of Mrs. Albert Totton, but it has been postponed on account of the train bearing the body being delayed on the road somewhere about Sudbury. George Lane and Mary drove over to Thomsons and the corpse arrived while they were there. they say that parties who were expected to tell of the postponement had failed to do so, and had caused great inconvenience. I got the promise of Mr. Snell's horse and buggy to go to Rockwood to morrow. for B. of Health meeting.

very cold Geo. Lane & Mary go to Thompson but no funeral till tomorrow detention on the Railway the cause of postponement

Friday 14

Not so cold as yesterday, and rather a pleasant day. I made ready and had dinner on the early side, and reached Rockwood in good time for the meeting of the B. of Health, but found that the doctor was at Guelph attending at an operation, and we had to wait for the 3.23 train when he came to hand. the Law is changed, so the B. of Health did not go through quickly. paid the insurance premium on farm \$4.40 and took out \$5.00 more. Funeral took place this afternoon. our folks on Town Line did not attend. too bad, they should have made an effort.

Funeral of Mr. Albert Totton this afternoon. paid insurance premium \$4.40 B. of Health meeting again appointed Chairman