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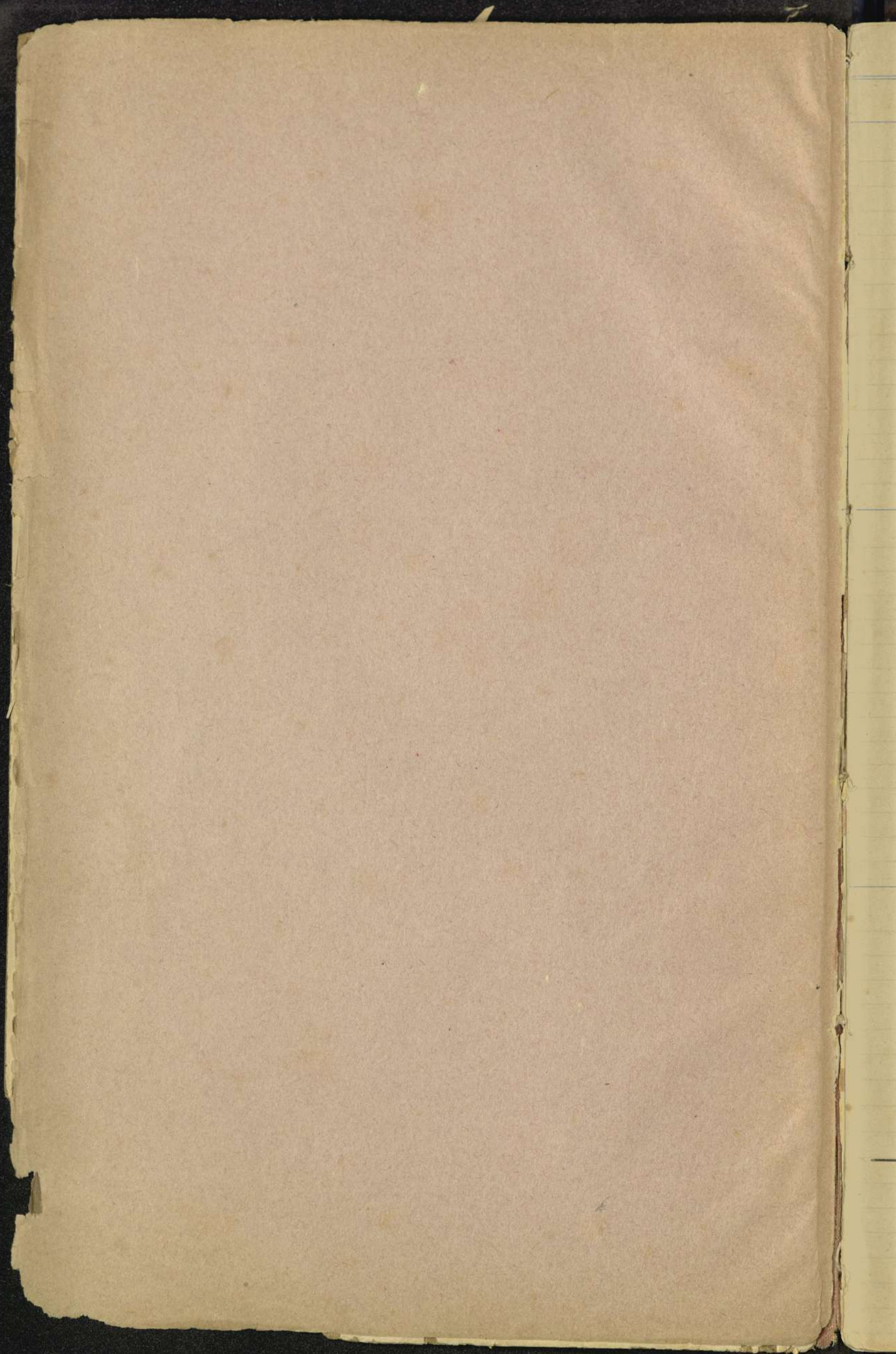
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MEMORANDA FROM 1887.

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Sunday (1-365)

Considerable snow has fallen to day the temperature has been mild, the sleighing is likely now to be good. The girls were at meeting this forenoon. Bella & her Mother & I spent a while at Duffields this afternoon and had our tea with them. Willie and Jennie drove up to Mimosa to day to spend their New Year.

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Monday (2-364)

Bank Holiday in Scotland.

Quite a heavy fall of snow last night. Willie has been back at the Bush this forenoon for wood and thinks there is about a foot of snow on the level. there was considerable drifting as the wind was high. did not do much this forenoon as for account of being sleep last night did not feel well. I rode up with Johnny to Oastie and voted for Talbot for By Reeve, and George Armstrong, Robert Scott, and Mrs Hindley for Councilors. Willie also followed me up and voted about the same. Johnny voted for Brunker Hamilton, not much to his credit. I understand he has got into by 2 votes. Councilors elected, Armstrong, Scott, Cove. the roads are heavy. we had a visit of Duncan Anderson who is now down this way. we had our new years Supper at Willie's and Mr Anderson joined us.

3

Tuesday (3-363)

A very cold night has just passed. the thermometer recorded 12 degrees below zero. Willie has drawn some quite a quantity of stone wood to day. Ewart's shoes were not in order to start to school so I had to fix them up to day. I sewed up some rippings on a Boot for Rich. McWilliam. McWilliams children are about to start driving to school and we have been trying to provide harness for the purpose. Bella and the girls have been visiting there to day. the roads are improving as they are travelled upon. the snow does not pack extra well on account of the cold snap.

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Wednesday (4-362)

A very cold day, the frost was pretty nearly as heavy as yesterday. Ewart got his teeth sent him by mail some days since but they do not fit. so we made up our minds to drive over to Erin Village this afternoon. after a lunch at about 11 o'clock we drove over and had the drive for nothing as the dentist did not put up an appearance to day. he is about moving to Acton and has his time engaged this week in consequence. it was very disappointing to find matters in this shape after so long a drive on so cold a day.

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5 Thursday (5-361)

A very stormy & cold day. The frost was keen as well as being stormy. Considerable snow fell. I cut the rail for the stair way and got it into position by taking it in by the upper window. I bagged up 2 bags of mixed stuff and took it to Everton to quilt. They had so much on hand that I did not wait for it. I have been doing the Chores as Ewart is to School and Millie has been at a Stone drawing her for Millie Shearer. Johny also was there. They drew the most of the Stones away that Johny took off the land adjoining the Beaver Meadow. Jennie is up home for a few days helping her mother to fix up her Stone Books.

6 Friday (6-360)

Frosty and cold last night, the frost was keen this morning, the cold however became less severe as the day wore on and the sun shone out some. Millie went to Coltons this morning to help thresh. I drove Ewart down to School this morning and called by way of Everton and got my Shop also got irons made to fasten on the rails on the stair way. Bella has been looking this day or two for Johny coming down, we guess he must think it too cold to risk the Baby out in. Johny is preparing a load of oats for Guelph tomorrow and I have had all ^{settled} ~~with account~~ the work of the Chores on my hands. paid Robt. McWilliams 12 dollars as interest on note, and settled for the Mutton and he for mending Boots 75¢ balance on bill account 1.15. Maggie and her Mother and I visited at Johny's to night to see Barrie.

7 Saturday (7-359)

Frost less severe last night, and this forenoon was very fine. I was working quite a while in the Shop today mending Chores and harness. it became snow again this afternoon. John McKenzie drove down this afternoon, or rather before dinner and took Bella and the Baby away home, it was storming pretty hard as they went away but it moderated down after awhile. I was at Everton this evening and got some mail. Johny was at Guelph with a load of oap. sold at 2 1/2 Cents. he called by Pigg's Mill and brought home Millie's wheat grist, also Robt. feeding. Willies on 14 Bu.

8 Sunday (8-358)

Another Snowy day. The snow is considered to be fully 14 or 15 inches on the level now. the girls & Millie drove to Everton this forenoon, Jennie is unwell to day. they did not go down in the afternoon. Margaret & I visited the Sire this evening. Robert McWilliams and Barrie Nutrie over at Johny's.

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Snow. an additional fall of snow, this evening it has become
Choring quite a bit colder again. I have been quite busy
at home to day. Shovelling snow, splitting wood and
drawing it in to the house, putting up fixing for
paid and hanging clothes lines. before night I hitched
Money up Billie and drove over to Sam. Lovell and
Wheat paid him \$6.90 as interest on note. he wishes me to let
the note lie over if I have any need for the money.
I drove to Everton and Mellicore made fresh holes
from the hanging irons for the stair rail. I drove him up
Mill. home and I drove across the side road home. I fixed
driving on the stair rail this evening. the flour received from
again to Pops mill weighs 38 lbs to the Bushel. the young folks of McWilliams
School. commenced to drive to school this morning and Ewart gets a ride with them.

Coldest 10 Tuesday (10-356) This has been what we think the coldest
day of the Season so far. The thermometer showed 22 below zero this morning
the Season and at noon it stood at 12 below. 14 at tea time and held on the same at evening
So far. Ewart went to school with McWilliams but came home with Willie who
22 degrees below zero was down that way with the cutter. Ewart says a number of the scholars
got frost bitten to day. I have heated the water for the pigs to day
Kept up the supply of split wood. and helped the other
hens laying Chores. the wind has been high and the snow is drifting
some. the hens are thriving apparently through all the cold
I got 3 fresh laid eggs this morning when feeding the pigs
and took them over to Barrie. poor Barrie does not gain
strength very fast. Johnny has been at home all day.

extremely cold this morning 11 Wednesday (11-355) An awfully cold night has passed.
Willie was early astir this morning and noticed the thermometer
showing 25° below zero at about 5 o'clock. at about 8 o'clock
which some it had risen 5 degrees. Willie & Ewart started after getting dinner
what modified early, to Erin Village. Ewart got his teeth fixed. Willie settled in
Willie and full with Moses Hurren for his Boy's wages, taking 100 lbs of flour
Ewart away and some meat & cash. they drove round by Hillsburgh
on a long And their Uncle Thomas. and got the balance of note Cash
drive to Erin Dunbars \$24.50. I have been Chose Boy to day.
and Hillsburgh leaving all the stock to feed and look after up to the
Dunbars last as they were late in getting home.
note paid Maggie and Minnie have been visiting at Johnny's this afternoon -
\$24.50. Johnny was at Everton this afternoon and found that Mary was
unwell. Minnie and her Mother and I drove down in the evening
and Minnie stayed while we came home. Mary was not as
bad as we were led to think she might be.

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12 Thursday (12-354) Continues very cold but this has been a pleasant day although cold. Ewart went to school with Mr Williams' right to day. Margaret and I long and drove over to Toltons to day and paid a long talk of visit. we went over in the forenoon and had both of dinner and tea with them. Maggie and her Mother Toltons visited at Robert McWilliams this evening after our James Black returned and afterwards they walked up to see Barrie visited Nutrie while I drove down to Everton to bring Minnie with John home and get the mail. James Black and his wife were at John's this afternoon. James McWilliams evening. What might have proved a very serious accident while went to hitching up to start home. in passing John's "fan" Mare she Ewarton for kicked out at John's horse it is supposed and struck him on the Minnie arm disabling it at the time. it is to be hoped it is not serious.

13 Friday (13-353) Not quite so cold to day and rather fine this forenoon. became overcast afternoon Ewart again to school to day with Mr Williams. Maggie, Minnie with their Mother and I hitched up the double team to the Cleigh and drove up to Mr Kenzie's after dinner. we saw Whresping going on at Weatherstones. As we were about passing there and I stop to enquire if any of the McKenzies were there and found they were all there we got Bella with us and John and his mother followed on behind. Weatherston said he could get along without John which was lucky as they were visited by another neighbor as well as by us. Mr & Mrs Bain - we had a very pleasant afternoon & drove home to find we had lost our bells. Willie drove up the Cutter after ten o'clock and found them near John's place. he went on to see the Baby and returned about 2 o'clock A.M.

14 Saturday (14-352) Another very cold day. I hurried through with my chores this morning and made ready to go to Guelph so as to catch the Bank before closing. I called on Mr. Duff to take him to Guelph if he was ready. but he was unwell. I was just in time for the Bank and took out the \$25.⁰⁰ that Jefferman paid on the note. they kept the discount, \$24.⁸⁵. I settled Rudd's Bill for house piping, got an axe and handle and other Sundries. Alf. House rode home with me from Guelph.

15 Sunday (15-351) Continues cold and frosty. the frost has got further into the turnip house than usual the girls have been twice at Everton to day. Barrie Nutrie is improving some although very slowly.

16

Monday (16-350)

A Continuation of this long spell of cold and frost. The frost has got further into the turnip house than is very pleasant a good many of the turnips are frozen. Johnny's Cellar is letting the frost in rather much, although his turnip refuse is all right. I helped Johnny & Willie away with their lambs this forenoon. Johnny had 4 and Willie had 10 with our little one. we weighed them, Johnny's 428. Willie's 1021. Johnny sold his by the lump for 21 dollars. Willie's Skunk about 10 lbs. but Henry Duffield allowed Willie another quarter on the 100 because of Willie delivering in Guelph instead of Rockwood according to agreement. I have had the charge of both places on my hands to day, which with the work of wood &c has been rather much for me getting on comfortably with.

17

Tuesday (17-346)

Continues frosty and cold. Margaret & I started off for Rockwood this morning so as to catch the 10.52 train. Margaret intended staying at Stewart's until I returned from Georgetown but we found that Mrs Stewart had gone to Hillsburgh and she concluded to go on to Georgetown. we had a nice visit at Moore's and returned on the 6 o'clock P.M. train. I got a new note from Bennett for \$118. I also paid Peter Laird Junr. \$15.00 in full of account for the Bed room set. The Pony is very lazy on the road at present. She was sick to night but she got over it in about an hours time. I paid Kate ten dollars (\$10.00) that Willie sent down with me to pay on the Cow. Walter & Mabel are both unwell, and James is not very well either. Joe is not strong and Kate not very either.

18

Wednesday (18-348)

The frost and cold continues although not nearly so severe as some days in the past. The wood has become scarce with us and I drew up 3 loads to day. Willie went down the first time with me before dinner as the old track had got filled up and I had some shovelling to do at the gate ways. Willie took Mary home this afternoon and got Fred Sharped all round at Willie's house. I had a very busy time this evening preparing wood for the stove and doing up my other chores. I intend going to Guelph tomorrow and am getting Johnny's Jennie. Minnie's talks of going also to get a tooth pulled. She has suffered once quite a time from toothache.

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19 Thursday (19-347) Weather somewhat moderate we have ated but yet quite winter like and cold. after feeding heard to up the things. I got John's mare (Jennie) and hitched day to her to our Cutter and Minnie and I started for Guelph. Neustadt about 12 after nine. I put up at the "Victoria" and did last first went to Pringles with Willie Cook, then found the money had been paid in to the Bank by Heppernan, and took it out. (\$40.⁰⁰) I then went with Minnie to Campbell the dentist and had her tooth taken out. he rubbed her face with his hands ^{before} pulling which he considers secures painlessness. Minnie says she felt pain but not severe. we called on Mr. David Cotton and had dinner. I attended the Meeting of S.W. F. Institute. and heard several addresses and some discussion. Lessons learnt while judging prize farms - Hobson. an address on orchard Management - Easton. that took part in the discussion. McGee. Whitelaw. Hill.

20 Friday (20-346) A very fine winter day. the cold has moderated perceptibly. I have had a very busy day. having had the charge of everything left to me. Willie went to a Bee for Oliver Campbell in the afternoon. the girls and Ewart went to an entertainment at Hugh Black's house which comes off this evening. the girls meet Ewart as he gets out of school. I paid Robert McWilliams thirty five dollars on the 200 dollar note he holds against me, which makes now 95 paid on it. when I make it the 100 I am going to make a new note for the 100 and retire the old one. I helped Mrs. to get Robert down stairs to his room. he is improving although still very feeble. Barrie Macrie is improving very much now. he is able to take his usual walk with his Crutches from his Bed room to the big room.

21 Saturday (21-345) A very beautiful, sunshiny day. the finest day for a very long time. the thermometer showed 15 or 16 above zero. and the change is very enjoyable. Margaret went to Guelph to day along with Lizzie they had Butter and eggs to the market. Sold the eggs at 23 ^{cts} 14 1/2 doz. Lizzie got 19 ^{cts} for Butter they walked up to Mr. Sockets and saw Mr. Neustadt's remains they appeared to be gratified by their visit. the funeral takes place tomorrow. I haly soled my Boots and prepared my usual wood. also attended to some young pigs that I got from Robert McWilliams that his cow refuse to nurse.

Funeral of Mrs. Neustadt
22 Sunday (22-344) Weather continues fine and the cold quite moderate. the girls were at Ewart's this forenoon and brought Maggie Mitchell up with them. Ewart drove them all down again in the evening. George & Mary paid us a visit to day. The Boys & I attended the funeral of Mr. Neustadt. leaving here about 2 o'clock P.M. and returning about 5 o'clock. we met the Cortage at Parkinsons. the burial was at the Centre burying ground.

23 Monday (23-343)

Moderate weather with gleams of sunshine, the snow has been very near the young pig melting point. we are feeling relieved that the iron grip of frost the steady frost is somewhat relaxed. the last of the little pigs Mr Williams that I have been trying to raise has died to day. we have an idea now all that they may have had their chances of life insured by the word of "black dead to day tooth". Johnny has got started with his man this morning. they Johnny has taken in their straw stack and started at the swamp. Margaret came to I drove to Everton this evening. we had tea at Marys and spent the evening there along with the 2 Mr Abbott and Maggie Mitchell. Settled I paid the taxes to Mr McKimmon \$37.⁰⁰ and settled my with Alf. Bill with Alf. House. \$2.95. he gave me back 20^{cts} as I House told him he was charging me 25^{cts} more for pulling on the Choes or paid taxes the cutter than he bargained for, namely \$2.⁵⁰. Willie, Jennie and the visiting girls are visiting at Nells this evening. Sent 3 dollars to D. W. W. Appleton. ^{John Mackenzie & Self.}

24 Tuesday (24-342)

Keeps mild weather. Considerable snow fell on in the afternoon, the cold is now quite moderate. I drew up 3 loads of stove wood from the bush. Snow fall this afternoon the snow was falling fast part of the time which made it rather a wet job. I was working in the shop while mending the single harnesses. Mending harnesses. Willie has been choring round fixing and cleaning out the pigs, his roan cow calved to day a nice Cow Calved heifer Cad. She makes a great appearance for milk. Ewart, after doing up his Choes went to Mimosa along with Willie & Jennie this evening to the Patron Concert at Johnny is away also he is one of the singers. Johnny has been with his man in the swamp to day. Barrie has had visitors from his old home neighborhood. he keeps better.

25 Wednesday (25-341)

Nice mild winter day, not very much Sunshine however, I think I noticed the thermometer indicating 24 above zero. I have been working around at the Choes and afterwards spent a long time in the shop sewing up near in the tops of the light double harness which have long been badly the Swamp ripped. Johnny and his man are steady in the Swamp. I bought a new axe and handle when in Guelph lately very fairly and Johnny has it at work. I don't always get the cream now. of things although purchasing them. our hens are laying started some now for quite a while. we get 4 & 5 generally a day to read and an odd time six. the girls were over seeing Barrie the Life this evening. I did not get my accustomed visit to day of the Hon. paid to Barrie. I have just started to read the Life of Hon. Alex^r Alexander M. George. John Webb owns the Book and he offered me a reading. M. George So far as I have got I feel much interested in the narrative

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26 Thursday (26-340)

A very pleasant winter day. I was working in the shop this forenoon mending and attended Single harness. After dinner I made ready and drove the Annual over to the Centre inn to the annual meeting of the Meeting of Eramosa fire insurance Company. They had just started to business when I arrived by road having read the Auditor's report. They had some discussion on the Company question of allowing insurance to the full amount of person or property in buildings. Some contending that it offered a down to premium on burning, especially to tenants. The matter was brought up as lately arranged, to the full amount of loss. Elected as evening directors, Geo. Haffield, Dick Johnston, David Rea. Old W. Armstrong retired. Joe Croft I drove Lizzie down to Croft late this evening. They had word of Jennie (Mrs. Fox) having met a serious accident by falling while carrying a kettle of boiling water and getting burned. Mrs. Croft intends going to Oakville tomorrow.

27 Friday (27-339)

A little colder to day with east wind and indications of change. It is snowing this evening and blowing. I was again in the shop this forenoon putting heels on my Willie's Boots and sewing repairs. Willie being away at dinner time I had to do up the noon chores and, after dinner I went down with Johnny to Talbot's with his cow which was not required - to be hoped fortunately as she was taken there before - Willie was at McKenzie's at dinner time to day. They are all well and the Baby seems to be thriving nicely. Johnny & his man are steadily working in the swamp. Willie was hunting help to day to enable him to do the same work.

28 Saturday (28-338)

Misty and disagreeable weather to day. The hoar frost hangs on to the trees &c. in the evening there was quite a fall of rain. I went down to Robert W. Williams to day and paid him the remaining five dollars on the note which reduced it to a hundred. I made out a new note for the amt and dated it the 4th Jan. payable in a year. Margaret and I drove down to see little George Robertson who has been very sick this week from Croup & Bronchitis. He is now some better although still very unwell.

29 Sunday (29-337)

Fine to day. The girls have been twice at Everton to day. Ewart drove them down with the colt in the evening. Willie & Jennie drove up to McKenzie's to day and visited at Minnosa on their way home. Ewart & I had to do the chores. Margaret & I paid Barrie & his mother a visit this evening.

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Furnace

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Monday (30-336)

Weather moderate & Mild.

on early hoar frost in the morning. we got the furnace this morning going early this morning and on the boil by and we about nine o'clock. Johny & Thom. McDougal have had were on hand but Uncle Thomas did not come the help to hand till about ten o'clock. Robert Jestin came of Johny along but as we were waiting for Thomas they went to McDougal for his hog which we killed first. we had other 2 to help kill. Strung up before dinner. we got them all (7) hung over the Centre inn to the meeting of the Board of Health. we have a change of a member in the Reserve. Mr. Fletcher. we had not much to do but organize

Willie

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Tuesday (31-335)

Somewhat stormy to day atth

& Robertough not very cold. a disagreeable east wind has prevailed all day. Willie and Robert Jestin went to look the pigs to Guelph. Robert had also 8 bags potatoes. Willie had 12 pigs. one weighed 150 lbs. the other 165. we had one 185 lbs. he got \$8.50 per 100. Robert Jestin the pork did not sell his Stag. all he was offered was \$11.00 per 100 for it. Willie bought 2 small front quarters of beef. he got it cheap \$4.50 per 100. a young heifer from a Mr. also from Wilson. down at Shaw Station C.P.R. he brought us 1 ton Coal. 4 Coals. \$3.25. a pair of long Boots for Ewart \$1.50. Boots & I cut up our other 2 pigs. one weighed 172 the other 125 for Ewart and salted them down. Johny borrowed a Shoulder 24 lbs and he also got a head 10 lbs. I have had to do up all the Chores to day. as well as provide wood which had ran entirely out

fixing up

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Wednesday (32-334)

Rather a mild day. The Cust.

things this morning hoar frost was present again this morning. toward forenoon evening it blew up colder after there had been perhaps a couple cut up the hours snowing and blowing. I cut up our small quarter Beef and of beef and Margaret packed it away among snow in a box. put away it weighed 68 lbs. Willie paid me \$6.70 being the balance out the Coal. of the proceeds of the pig. \$15.55. Maggie and her Mother and visiting I drove over to Suttons this afternoon with Billie & Cutler. Mr. at Mark Sutton is very poorly he keeps his bed the most of the time. Suttons he is being very much enfeebled both in body & mind and this afternoon a great handful for Mrs. Sutton who, though energetic and active for her age (70 years) can hardly be expected to have strength sufficient for the work. Mrs. McKenzie is now there and Annie from Sic. the girl. Kate (Mrs. W. Sutton) and the baby are both doing nicely. The baby is 2 weeks old to day I believe. in coming home we called at David Robertson's. Eliza is now poorly from Grip, it is thought. The little Boy is getting better

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Thursday (33-333)

CANDLEMAS. Scotch Quarter Day.

Rather colder to day, not so much that the frost is greater but weather that an east wind has been very raw and piercing especially the wind drifted the snow very much through the at night. I paid a visit to Robert McWilliams this forenoon, he is improving now, although it has been up meat, very slow indeed in getting in. I spent awhile at down at the Swamp where Johnny and Thos. McDougal are working the Swamp the snow is very deep down there and the living timber (cedar) is so much covered by the snow as to increase the work of making it into cordwood very much.

Willie has been about home the most of the day. I helped him cut up his beef, but the pig is too much frozen to cut up. it has turned out very stormy this evening.

Johnny has had quite a lot of visitors this evening. John McWilliams, Arch. Johnson, Mike Johnson, Maggie Scott.

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Friday (34-332)

The wind has blown a hurricane wind to day and the snow has been driving before it till it is which is piled up in high drifts and through every cranny, the piling cold has not been great which was fortunate. I half up the soled a pair of Boots for R. J. Kerr. I charge 60¢ for snow, then, though there was a patch on the upper heel. Willie into the night was helping Robt. Justin break a Colt this forenoon. I did up some of his Chores. Johnny & his man have been Ewart working in the Bush through all the storm. to school Ewart went to school along with McWilliams at work they have the sleigh all the time, they say the roads through it are filling up badly.

Breaking R. Justin's Colt.

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Saturday (35-331)

The wind has gone down but the cold has again today considerably increased since yesterday. The thermometer shows 7 or 8 hands and below zero. I have been looking after the house ramp in the matter of wood & shovelling water &c. and fixed up a blanket for Ewart to be used for the Colt. I snow and fixed on buckling straps and mended it up. Ewart has been helping at the Chores and he and Willie have broken the road on mending the lane out to the line, quite a number have been out to day breaking horse blankets the roads and shovelling snow. Willie drove down as far as David and doing Robertsons. Eliza is still very poorly although a little better today. other Chores Johnny & his man have been cutting up the big pine logs down in the bush.

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Sunday (36-330)

Pretty cold but not quite so severe as yesterday, the roads having so lately been blocked up, the girls did not venture out this forenoon to Ewart. Johnny drove over to Springs this being Sacramento Sunday. I gave him my letter for Meapord to mail. I enclosed a dollar in it to pay for the horse. Margaret & I paid Robt. McWilliams a visit this evening. he is improving. Ewart & the girls drove to Ewart's this evening, also

no one out this forenoon visiting Robt. McWilliams the girls & Ewart to Ewart's this evening

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a rainy day.

6 Monday (37-329)

working at the Water Spout

Writing a letter to Alex. McGregor.

Quite a change in the weather from frost and cold to rain and thaw. it partook of the pancake thaw in the morning but it became softer and we had rain and thawing all day. There has not been any work of consequence going on to day either with Johny or here. The water was getting into our cellar from the bedding pipe to the cistern chocking up with ice. I had quite a time liberating the water course and shovelling snow. Ewart went to school to day and, we hardly liked to see him go as he has a cough & cold. but, of course he rides with Mr Williams. I am writing a letter to Alex. McGregor this evening. but, as all the rest are off to bed, I suppose I shall follow suit and finish up perhaps tomorrow.

Frost again

7 Tuesday (38-328)

visitors. Barrie Nutrie & his Mother. Barrie Nutrie and his Mother.

Sent a letter to Alex. McGregor. a pamphlet from Amherst.

Froze up again and rather cold all day. dry however and pleasant. I have been churning around land trying to get things comfortable for our visitors. Barrie Nutrie & his Mother. I was fixing up the horse blanket that our colt tore up badly. The wood also got very low on account of the soft weather and rain. Johny brought over Barrie & his Mother after dinner in the sleigh. they spent a pleasant time with us. And Barrie did not seem to feel any bad effects from the exertion it turned colder towards evening and Johny drove them over in Crofts Cutter. their young folks were visiting this afternoon. I mailed a letter to Alex. McGregor and got the Monitor & a pamphlet from Alex. from Amherst. illustrating the Town and giving an account of it.

a cold day & passes the cold as it blows high and is drifting the snow the wind up some.

8 Wednesday (39-327)

drifting a visit to our folks to day. I have been at home the snow all day. doing up our own chores and helping some somewhat at the Barn & Stable Chores. Johny was helping Ruth and Albert Totton to cut straw this afternoon and I went Maggie over at night and helped do up his wound. Mr Williams Mrs Nutrie complains of a pain in her knee she pay a visit first it felt it this forenoon and it has become very painful this evening. Eddie Abbott came along with Ewart from school this afternoon. there is no more school this week as the Teacher (Miss Mitchell) is going home with to attend the Teachers Convention.

Rather cold and the wind more. Maggie and Ruth McWilliams have paid a visit to our folks to day. I have been at home the snow all day. doing up our own chores and helping some somewhat at the Barn & Stable Chores. Johny was helping Ruth and Albert Totton to cut straw this afternoon and I went Maggie over at night and helped do up his wound. Mr Williams Mrs Nutrie complains of a pain in her knee she pay a visit first it felt it this forenoon and it has become very painful this evening. Eddie Abbott came along with Ewart from school this afternoon. there is no more school this week as the Teacher (Miss Mitchell) is going home with to attend the Teachers Convention.

Mild morning but last night brings a heavy snow storm after a slight frost. took for this afternoon.

more snow to rec. shovelling roads. Johny Nutrie away again. more also a report great by E. in place.

fine to have Mary

Teachers Convention at School

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9 Thursday (40-326)

Mild this morning but an east wind brings up a huge snow storm about ten o'clock and arrived up there about noon. The roads on account of the late drifts were a little heavy in going up. The city roads are badly blocked but the upper one is open at John Red. However we drove through Jam. Red's farm to the other line in going up. We came home by way of the road in a blinding snow storm from the east which started about 2 o'clock P.M. Mr. McCalla & the Baby were well. The Baby grows splendidly but was very shy at first and made strange for awhile. John had just driven down to Everton Mills and mother had to go down to this afternoon returned at about 4 o'clock. He had dinner at Willis Mary's night as she took care

10 Friday (41-325)

There is to day quite an additional depth of snow to record and in places it is blown up into inconvenient piles. I drove the pony and cutter down our lane this afternoon to go to Everton for Mother and I had a very hard job to keep from upsetting. They shovelled it out while I was away. Mary is better again. I was over at John's awhile this forenoon and saw Mr & Mrs McIntosh. They went away after dinner to Joe Croft and took Mrs. Nutrie with them. Mrs. Nutrie's knee gives her some trouble and she also goes more concerned about it on account of the pain and reports of swelling coming to it without any apparent cause. I see by the papers that the snow is 4 feet deep on the level at Owen Sound. and the report also says that 14 inches fell there in 24 hours.

11 Saturday (42-324)

Very fine day and quite mild in the early part although getting colder towards evening. I drove John's team to the market with Lizzie along with Margaret to the market with Butter & Eggs. Lizzie had also 2 bags dried apples which she sold to Fielding at 5¢ per lb. We sold the Butter & Eggs to Matherstone the Baker at 22¢ for Butter & 25¢ for Eggs. John drew out his wood with Frank and the Morton Mare.

12 Sunday (43-323)

One of the finest days of the season the sun shone out beautifully and the air was mild & fine. The girls went to meeting this forenoon. Emart drove them there with the cutter. He also drove them down in the evening. I remained at home all day. Willie & Jerry were away the most of the day and I had to feed up at noon and at night.

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13 Monday (44-322) A very fine day, mild and pleasant. I have had to attend to the chowes to day. Both Johnny & Willie have been at Henry Duffield's threshing all day. Johnny had his team there and was one of the Machine Managers. I helped to up his chowes this evening. I hitched up the pony and Cutter and brought Barrie Nutrie over to day. he got over nicely and I took him back again in the evening he seemed to enjoy himself very well.

14 Tuesday (45-321) Great fog and frost rain on every thing this morning which remained all forenoon on the trees, until rain began to fall about 2 o'clock, the rain kept falling less or more till pretty late at night. I hitched the Pony to the Cutter and started off with Barrie Nutrie to Groft at about one o'clock arriving there about 2 o'clock. we had not been long there when it began to rain. Johnny and Willie have been drawing out the Cedar Cord wood this afternoon with 2 teams till they were both very wet. we thought it was getting cold enough to freeze this evening but at bed time it was raining on.

15 Wednesday (46-320) Soft and rainy yet this morning but soon after day break the air got colder and frost was soon visible. everything has been icy although the frost is by no means severe. it has been a very fine and pleasant day. I have had a very busy day. Johnny has been threshing at Wm Barbers to day and he has engaged Ewart to see after his stock night & morning. I fixed them up at noon. I have also been doing some Boot mending. Sewing up some seams on Johnny & Wm Barbers Boots. I also took to the mill 3 bags of Chop this afternoon but could not wait. borrowed 7 lbs of Horlop. it was Johnny's grist. Willie took a load of turnips to Rockwood for Robert Morton this afternoon. I brought up to Willie Thomas the young lad he talks engaged. he has been unfortunate in getting captured and the doctors to day operate upon him. Dr McCullough gave him his idea to wrap himself up in and will try to get it down to him.

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Thursday (47-319)

Frozen up again and it is very slippery getting round on the icy ground, it is not extra cold however. Johnny is threshing to day again at Willie Barbers. Ewart does his work night and morning. Willie helped Robert fatten till his pigs this forenoon and in the afternoon he took down a quist of Chop to Everton, he brought home his own quist and also brought home Johnny's that I left yesterday.

I have had the Charge of the Stock to day on account of Ewart having to do Johnny's work, and Willie being away at fectins. I forgot to send down to Dr McCullough his robe that he gave us yesterday to wrap the young lad in he operated on. Johnny & Lizzie are attending a select party at Willie Usherwood's to night. Johnny does not appear to sympathize very much with his own friends whom these creatures injured & wronged.

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Friday (48-318)

Much colder than yesterday and the wind rising in the afternoon to a high pitch made it an extremely stormy afternoon. The roads are getting filled up with the drifting snow which makes heavy travelling. As I unfortunately forgot to send down the Dr's robe with Willie yesterday, I had to hitch up and take it down to him this afternoon. I grudged hard to have to do so for no other purpose in the midst of so wild a storm. But, as I in a measure obligated myself to see it down to him in a reasonable time. I could not very well get out of it. I will try to be more careful in future in voluntarily obligating myself on such occasions, as my memory plays me false at times. Johnny & Lizzie are off again to a "Chin dig" to night at Joe Crofts. They must be ^{they should have done so} ~~these things~~ surely. I did not wonder at their desire to attend this occasion, but last night

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Saturday (49-317)

Not so stormy as yesterday and the temperature is more moderate. I sharpened and set our Crosscut saw this forenoon and split up a lot of stone wood. I hitched up the Colt to the Cattle and drove over to Mrs McPhails for coal oil. I got 5 Gall at the old price 12 1/2 cts per Gall. John McKenzie and Bella drove down this afternoon, they are staying all night. The Baby makes strange which makes it somewhat unpleasant. we hope to see the weather remain good so as to let them home again.

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Sunday (50-316)

Quite a drop in the temperature since last night. The thermometer shows it colder this afternoon and the wind is rising and drifting the snow, it became so stormy as to make John McKenzie afraid to start for home. he has got a cold and Bella prevailed on to stop all night. They are now sorry to regret they did not start off in the morning as it was neither so cold nor so stormy. The Baby is not nearly so troublesome to day he is more reconciled to his company.

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20 Monday (51-315)

A great drop in the temperature the thermometer showing 16 degrees below zero. it was also an awful night with wind (through last night). we expect to hear of the roads being again blocked. John McKenzie and Bella have been at their skits end to conclude whether to go home or not. Johnny made a start about ten o'clock alone but on learning that the lower line was likely to be open he turned back and they all got dinner and made ready to start getting away at about 1/2 past one o'clock. I fixed up a wind break and as the wind is from the West Bella & the Baby sat with their backs to John on the bottom of the Skips. Willie & Jennie goes to Mimosa in the Cutter at same time. after returning home Willie says they had a terrible experience in getting across from the Church to Mimosa but that they expected John would get through by way of Jamie Reid's without much trouble. we would like to hear how they got home and hope no harm befall them.

21 Tuesday (52-314)

A very cold morning. the thermometer showing 17 degrees below zero. the temperature however rose very much through the day and in the afternoon it had risen as much above as it had been below zero. we had also quite a fall of snow during the day of the afternoon. I have been doing quite a few chores to day among others I have put on four patches on the uppers of the Shank of my Boots. They have been leaning for quite a while and making my feet cold and unpleasant. Willie took a gist of Chop to Overton this afternoon, also took down the Straw Cutter and had a piece of Steel put on the side of the mouth piece, where it had become much worn and rounded. we think he charges a little Steep for the job. 75^{cts}. he took it to Mr. Hosking.

22 Wednesday (53-313)

Weather moderated and to day has been quite tolerable and enjoyable to the traveller. we had the Company of Annie M. McKenzie last night and to day I drove her up to her Brother John's. I promised some time ago to take her up. we found the roads very heavy but were not blocked so as to hinder us getting through. we drove through James Reid's place to the other line and took the fields from Weatherstone's gate to John's Barn. Crossing the side line down in the hollow. we found the folks with the baby, had suffered no harm in going home last Monday. Bella had fear on the road of the baby's feet being cold. but on arriving home it was found he was warm and comfortable as on unwrapping him he was happy & cheerful. we had about a five hours visit and returned after tea well satisfied. Colin McWilliam has come to night to begin work for 2 a month at the rate of \$10.00 per month. I filed our longest saw today before going up to McKenzie.

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Thursday (54-312)

On a fully snowy day, not

for John - Cold however, this is a wonderfully severe winter. McGinzie and I accompanied Willie & Colin to the bush and helped them to get the first tree, a big maple, down, we had considerable trouble with it as the tree did not leave the stump A.O.W.W. after falling. before dinner I went up to Duffields and borrowed also \$1.50 their way. after doing up the things I hitched up the collie for Relief as the Pony Cut herself yesterday. and I drove down to Everton for the mail, taking Annie McGinzie to Usherwoods in the passing. on my way home I called at Webb's and got the bag of Coal they owed us from last year. Willie and Colin hung round at the bush in the midst of that snow storm. I am nearly laid up to night from a lame back. George Black has sent a pamphlet containing a Sermon, "What we believe and why we believe it." George's departure from Campbellton is very pronounced.

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Friday (55-311)

A very fine day, bright Sunshine

lame back to day And not over cold. I have not been able to get around much, especially in the forenoon. Johnny has killed his pig and, Willie & Colin have been helping also, Henry Applefield and Robert Jettin. They finished up between 3 and 4 o'clock, it being so late they did not go to the bush and instead went at shovelling and opening up our lane which has been blocked for some time. I did not venture to do much to day but, on account of Johnny having so much on hand I went over after tea and cut up the three hogs he is keeping for himself. I took out all the fat and spare ribs, and took the bones out of the hams.

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Saturday (56-310)

Another beautiful day. Johnny

Johnny & Willie & Lizzie went to Guelph to day with their pork. at home they weighed at Guelph 70 each the 2 small ones, and the large Cow (Blairley) 392 lbs. to day. they nearly were as much at Guelph and he realized \$8.40 for the 2 Pork, eggs and \$7.80 for the Cow, per 100. Willie & Lizzie also went to town + Butter, with Butter & eggs. 20 + 22 respectively. I have had to do up Johnny's things at noon, and am not yet ready. Johnny brought 2 barrels of Coal for us \$1.75. they report the roads as very heavy and terrible pitch hole in places. we have engaged a man named Kennedy to come and fix our Organ on Monday. he does it for \$2.00.

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Sunday (57-309)

A fine day. Ewart & the girls have

been twice at Everton to day, he drove the collie there in the cutter as the Pony Cut herself pretty bad the day I had her up to McGinzie. I sent away a letter for mailing to Meaford.

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Monday (58-308)

Continues fine, Willie cleaned up some stuff for chopping and went to Ewerton with it this forenoon. Colin McMillan and I went to the bush and we cut off 16 cuts on the same trees that they cut 13 off the last. Afternoon we all went down and we cut up a second smaller maple and a good deal of the balance of the first one, also split and piled a lot of it. The man - Mr Kennedy - fixed up the organ to day. he took from 11 o'clock A.M. till after 6 P.M. to do it. Margaret and I took a drive after supper to see old Mr Loe who has been very poorly. he was a little better.

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Tuesday (59-307)

Very windy last night and considerably rain fell. threatened to be very soft and wet this morning but as the day wore on it improved a good deal. Willie and John started off along with Henry Duffield who had 2 steers and a sheep in his sleigh. The boys had a steer each. John sold for \$39.00 Willie for \$33.50. Colin McMillan and I cut in the Bush from about 10.30 A.M. we helped them off with their cattle before going to the bush. we got along very well cutting wood this afternoon. They returned from Lyeath in said time. without any mishap, and did their business satisfactorily.

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Wednesday (60-306)

March 1st

Weather very fine, the sun shone out the forenoon so nicely as to make it very warm where we were working. it was somewhat foggy in the afternoon and considerable of a snow storm passed over. Willie did not come to the bush this forenoon as he felt used up. Colin and I got along very well in the forenoon and Willie joined us in the afternoon. I saw along with Colin for the most part. Willie splits up and piles we have been helping to trim up some as it takes up quite a good part of the time to trim as they are so bushy.

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we think we have enough cut of the hardwood to fill the contract to Abbotts
 2 Thursday (61-305) A most beautiful day, the sun has shone out warmly, although the wind has been frosty. Willie has helped Colin and I at the bush to day. we have cut among the beeches to day, and with the exception that they have been very brushy they cut and split very well. we think there is plenty cut for to fill the contract with Abbotts. and we intend starting in the swamp tomorrow if all is well. we have been driving the old mare to the bush which saves us a long walk. Ewart goes to the school steadily. Johnny helped Henry Hayfield to kill pigs to day.

Colin McMillan
 3 Friday (62-304) A very moderate temperature to day. a little inclined to a slight snow fall at times. threatened Willie & I came in the morning but soon held up. Willie, Colin & I have all started to cut in the swamp. I put all started Johnny are on the handle, it is one that went through to cut the fire at Clunis & Tringles, it seems to hold a fair edge. I have been cutting principally by myself and got timber along very well. the snow is terribly deep in the swamp in the swamp it takes me to the breast in some places. we rigged for firewood up the old single sleigh to the shafts this afternoon the old Fanny mare cut up some with us in the morning and was nearly getting off on us by sticking over the shafts. it has been barely frosty enough to keep the snow from melting on a person while working among it.

Colin McMillan
 4 Saturday (63-303) Much colder to day, the frost has been quite a bit heavier than yesterday. the three of us Willie and I have been again in the swamp to day and I have again been working by myself while Willie & Colin have been working in a place further into the swamp. we measured in the swamp from the line fence back 34 rods lest we might be slipping on Vinnolls bush and we came to the conclusion we & Johnny to were all right as yet. Johnny went to Guelph to day to buy a load of Cedar wood.

wrote a letter to John Turney
 5 Sunday (64-302) excepting that it was windy through the day. A fine day. I felt so tired after such steady work in the bush last week that I kept the house all day. I read a good deal and wrote a letter to John Turney of 8 pages. Minnie stayed down after going to Euston Foreman and came home at night. Kitty Robertson paid us a visit. Came up with Maggie and returned with her.

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Colin
McMillan
6 Monday (65-301) A fine day although a little cold and frosty. we have been working round engaged some all day. Willie wanted to cut his corn to helping day. and as Johnny was away till 2 P.M. we Willie to get our hands full preparing for it, we had the cut his horse power all to unbury out of the snow and corn. and fit up the cutter. I filed it all up the gone dinner giving in the first it a wider level. Johnny drove over for Lizzy to help place her mother has been very ill last week, her life almost move the despaired of. we cut up nearly all the corn but horse power had a terrible job with it as it would not feed from over
hype.

Colin
McMillan
7 Tuesday (66-300) A very fine day. there was considerable snow through the night but after sunrise the temperature rose and it was warm all the rest of the day. the snow fell a good deal and the morning water was running off the buildings from the melting snow. the three of us were in the Swamp all day, and it was rather warm work. and to day. also rather wetting. the snow being so deep. Mr. Webb paid us a visit this evening. they brought us 1/2 lb of Onion Seed. for which I paid them \$1.75. they got to John a pound from Steele in Toronto.
Webb for
Onion Seed

Colin
McMillan
8 Wednesday (67-299) Frostier last night and to day the snow has not been quite so wetting as yesterday. the three of us have been working in the Swamp. I have only that Willie did not do much in the afternoon. been at on account of Grant. just the pump maker coming along the Swamp and fixed the pump at the barn. he charged two dollars Grant, for it which Willie considered an overcharge. as he had agreed the pump to fix it without charge on a deal of a Cistern pump. the latter to cost five dollars. or 2 1/2 pump log - ten feet long - or 2 1/2 ft per foot. not altogether came and stipulating that they should all be the 10 feet long. but the number of feet much fixed the he provided. the repairs provided for the barn pump were expected to be paid for. barn pump is we heard that Bessey Tolton was ill, as also Hannah and her mother Margaret. Considerably under the weather. Margaret and I drove over and I heard there to night. we were pleased to find there was some improvement. although Bessey had been very ill from inflammation of the inner ear. there was a great fuss going on on account of a lot of young folks Congregation for making a raid on Rick McWilliams folk.

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8 9 Thursday (68-298)

A little frosty last night, but not enough to keep the snow from melting through W. Millan the day. Colin and I were at the Swamp this fore and afternoon and we had some trouble with our rig on the Swamp account of our hitching wire breaking. we had to leave this forenoon, while I rode the mare home at noon. Colin and I helped I stayed up afternoon to help Willie to cut straw. Willie to Johnny was to have been home to help him get things cut straw in order but as he was late in getting away to Crest afternoon this forenoon. it was about 2 o'clock before he returned. Robert Jettin and Henry Duffield also helped us. although between 3 and 4 o'clock before we got fairly under way we succeeded in getting quite a nice lot of straw cut.

9 10 Friday (69-297)

Colin & I have the snow is going quite surely however but day again and the bottom of the snow on the land is water. been abogged. Colin and I were again at the Swamp this forenoon and what I have recorded as happening this forenoon to our rig was a mistake, as it was this morning it helped abhappened. Willie made quite a show of his bad temper Johnny this morning because I complained to him of getting our horse blanky to cut torn to pieces by the colt being tied by him out in the shed yesterday straw this with the blanket on him, when he ought to have known to take it off as afternoon this is the third time he has done the same thing and I had to repair it twice. Albert Toltos it is now, however, unmendable. I and Colin helped Johnny to cut wife & children straw this afternoon. as well as Willie. Thorny Webb. Thom McDougall. Visited here Albert Toltos wife and 2 little children were visiting this afternoon. they waited this afternoon till nearly 2 this morning for him returning from Crest, but not coming all night.

10 11 Saturday (70-296)

Colin & I started water is running pretty lively under the snow these times. to cut a large Colin and I walked back this morning to the large elm tree elm tree this at the lower corner of our Sugar bush and we cut off 8 forenoon of cuts off the but. I sharpened and set the saw before going, as the Sugar bush rain came on after dinner we did not return. his 2 months paid him \$5.00 for 1/2 was in last night and. I paid him five dollars to day. he would not charge months wages for this forenoon. I drove him and Mary, who was up here since yesterday, home break down to night midst a petting rain. in coming home again. Robert Jettin and another and cutter Young Man riding with me on the bad roads caused the harness to break in a pitch.

12 Sunday (71-295)

Visit to Weather yet partakes of the soft and humid character it has lately assumed. Ewart drove the girls to meeting this forenoon and afterwards in the evening. Margaret & I went over to Toltos after dinner and stayed till after supper. their best mare died to day she has been ailing a number of days and they have had the farrier but she is gone to day.

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12 13 Monday (72-294)

a little colder which older weather through the day has checked the great has stopped melting of the snow which has been going on for some to come out days. The low places have been filling up with water. ent the great I helped Johny to clean up 10 bags of mixed grain for chopping this forenoon. and also helped him Johny away load up the Circular Saw frame that he takes over to at Johny's. Johny McIntire's to night. he intends helping them to thresh tomorrow. I wrote a letter to Auntie Kate to day sent 12 dollars and enclosed twelve dollars. that Willie sends her to to Kate Moore pay the balance of the price of the cow he bought sent letter of rev. I mailed it this evening and registered it to Mrs A.S. I also mailing a letter to Mrs Peavoy at same time Peavoy that I wrote to day

13 14 Tuesday (73-293)

very foggy a frost upon there was quite a heavy shower of rain + and cold icy hail before daylight this morning. and this forenoon Colin McEwen kept very dull and uncertain looking. the Millan afternoon was a little brighter and less damp. and I have Colin McMillan and I finished cutting the large cut Stowellm tree that we started on last Saturday. I think there wood in were 35 or 37. 20 inch blocks to the first heavy limb. I the Bush we cut them all to day excepting the 8 but cuts Willie has that was cut on Saturday. we split it all up to the drawn 2 12 but cuts. Willie took down 2 loads of stone loads of wood to Everton. the sleigh broke through considerably the first load but I think he put on too heavy a load. Margaret is called down to Willie Peavoy's to day.

Everton
Mrs Wm Peavoy
had a Corn
yesterday.

14 15 Wednesday (74-292)

Frosty and colder, which has hardened the roads considerably. The sleighing ment in and general getting round has very much improved the state I have not done a great deal to day. I think of the I must have got a cold working out in the roads etc. damp yesterday. Willie's (Dunbar) sow pigged 11 pigs Joseph last night. she lost 2 of them this morning. Joseph McEntosh, McEntosh and a comrade named James and a Harrison - came here to night. Harrison is companioning houses and intends looking around paid tomorrow. Willie took 2 loads of wood down a visit to Abbotts.

Joe Stays

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Willie 16 Thursday (75-291) A fine day, the roads are now getting quite good. Joseph W McIntosh Hyndman and his friend Harrison are off to day and Joe looking up horses. Willie accompanying them over and his to James Hyndmans and they bought a friend share from him for \$120.00. Thomas Tolton's Harrison folks have been sawing with the machine to day. I bought a Arch Stevens, who was there, met a serious accident Mare, by being knocked over by a party sleigh riding on a John Hill, it is not known how badly he is hurt. John has Mudrie been to Guelph to day with a load of wood. I wife Mr & Mrs John Mudrie paid us a visit this visiting evening. Joe came to help entertain. we have just been hearing that Mrs Farris has become insolvent.

Johnny 17 Friday (76-290) The weather continues fine. at Guelph frosty at nights and the roads are now in fine to day Condition. Johnny went to Guelph again to day. I have with a load of wood, he tells me he got measured canvassed what he has in - Six Cords and a quarter - They are some for waiting till another season for the rest. the roads are small though bare of snow near Guelph and makes very fund to tough pulling for the horses. Willie took a load of wood day. I to Abbotts and 9 bags grain to Chop. I also helped have from helping him load up. drove out to the Talbot - the business neighborhood and Canvassed some for the small is all done now fund. The Mitchells would not give anything. got the excepting promise of some from Johnny Dore and Atton. I was glad to have to raise some that the deed is made and all settled. it is conveyed in fee more money simple to 4 trustees. Myself. H. Horton. Dan Talbot & Mr Woodyak.

Johnny 18 Saturday (77-289) Very beautiful day, the sun has shone out clear and warm. there is considerable frost at night however. I helped Johnny to load up a load of turnips to take to Rockwood. there was 49 bushels & odd to Rockwood. Willie took down a load of wood in the forenoon and after dinner he loaded up a load of turnips for Tommy Webb, they 2 loads were stopped however by a telegram and Willie took down another load of wood to Abbotts. Maggie & Minnie and Joe McIntosh & Evans Abbotts. drove up in two cutters to McKenzies. (with Pony & Fred) they had a very fine day but complain of the state of the roads of that way.

Joe and 19 Sunday (78-288) A wintry day, although somewhat the girls miss. Ewart drove the girls to Everton this forenoon with to Meeting Fred & Cutter. they also went down again at night and Joe accompanied them. Margaret and I spent visiting a while of the evening at Rich. McWilliams. Johnny & Lizzie were also there as well as Robert McWilliams & Miss Peterson.

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Snow 19 20 Monday (79-287) Frosty last night but became mild and threatening looking through the day and, later on snow hauling began to fall, which turned to rain. Willie and I hauled tamarac 4 loads of the tamarac poles out of the Swamp this poles out afternoon, he took a load of wood to Abbotts at of the Swamp finishing up the Contract with, he thinks, mp to a little to spare. Joe & Margaret have been away visiting home. today at David Robertsons and Joseph Hindleys. Mr Dunbar came over to see me about the new and arrangements in connection with the Relief Society which drove over takes effect on the 1st of April. we went over together to Erin, to Erin and Mr Wood could throw very little light on the matter, he pro to night mised however, to look into it and report immediately. I returned by way of Dunbars having left our Pony there, while Mr Dunbar drove one of his horses over to Erin, about 3 o'clock A.M. before retiring to bed.

old James 20 21 Tuesday (80-286) Rain last night and, this Kilgour has been a very soft day on the snow. The snow has died last pasted a great deal but the air being cool kept the night at snow intact longer than it would otherwise have been. Joe and Margaret have been visiting to day at Millers goe and and from that to Evertors, where they spent some time Margaret with Abbotts as well as with Mary. Willie and I visiting have been drawing home tamarac poles for sawing to day, with the Circular Saw, we drew up 2 loads before drew home dinner and 3 afternoon, making 7 to day, and 7 loads 11 loads in all so far. I drew up a load of dry tamarac Stone wood before starting at the Swamp this morning. poles. Jennie had Billie and the cutter away to Minnosa to day and we worked old Transd with the Morton Mare to day. received a letter from Brother Alex to day

finished 21 22 Wednesday (81-285) Considerable frost last night drawing which dried up the ground and checked the flow of water the tamarac that set in from yesterday's thaw. Willie and I finished poles. drawing the poles out of the Swamp, excepting some cedar, 15 loads there were 4 loads, making 15 loads in all. Willie cut Joe Mc down some to make a full load by last time while I Intosh drew up and disposed of the 15th load. Joe is moving and I round and talks of going home tomorrow, he thinks attended however he may remain over so as to attend the the funeral of James Kilgour. Joe and I helped of James Willie to clean up a grist which he intends taking Kilgour to Birge's Mill tomorrow. 10 Bags Chop (oats) and 16 Bags wheat. Willie drove over to Birge's Mill

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22 23 Thursday (82-284) A fine day. The snow is leaving very fast although there is now some check to the terrible flow of water we experienced some days ago. It is a good thing it is so as much damage might have resulted had there not been these repeated checks. Willie went to Biggs Mill today with the grist he prepared yesterday. Joe and I went to meet the funeral of James Kilgour, which we understood was to leave Guilford at 11 a.m. we left here somewhere about one o'clock and drove over to Charles Sackett's gate before meeting them. There was only a fair attendance at the funeral. John told me his father was taken off without a moment's warning through heart failure. I sent away a letter to H. S. Duncan. Mr. Smallhorn's brother asking assistance to pay their house. got 50^{cts} worth Sigs at Forester's got the mail home with us.

23 24 Friday (83-283) A very fine day. Johnny and Willie took each a load of turnips to Rockwood for Thos. Webb this forenoon. I had to hustle round this forenoon to do up the Chores so as to go myself and allow Willie to go to Cook's Sale afternoon. I was showing Johnny's bull to a young man who wished to buy. Young James Benham & Luther. It had also some trouble with a Cal. of Johnny's. I got Henry Duffield to come and look at it. Robert McWilliams and I operated on it. it had no natural passage from the bowels. and we cut an opening. but do not expect it will live. it is a pity as it is a nice well developed Cal. I went to the Sale with Henry Duffield. thinking to get a set of single harness. They went too dear however. I got a shovel, rake and hoe for 15^{cts} returned home by getting a ride to Willie's place with Ed. Lovell. and walked across the fields and getting my feet very badly wet.

24 25 Saturday (84-282) Froze up again last night. and thereby checking the rising floods again. The snow which was so deep has gone off in a fine easy manner after all. Mr. Dunbar and I took a drive down to Rockwood this forenoon to see about getting Margaret & Mrs. Dunbar to join on with the Relief Circle that is likely to be formed at Rockwood. Mr. Dress the agent, was at Toronto. and we could do but little about it. we called at Crofts and had our dinner, and saw Barrie and his Mother. Mrs. Matie is still in bed, although improving.

25 26 Sunday (85-281) A very fine day. fine Sunshine & the nights are beautiful as well. Clear moonlight. The girls drove the Pony to Everton today. The pony's foot is still unhealed up yet. They did not go to Everton in the evening but visited at M. Williams. and Margaret and I visited at Henry Duffield's.

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26 27 Monday (86-280) A very beautiful day. Clear Sunshine and mild. The snow is going very fast. I helped Millie sawing to clean up some grain to take to mill to chop. he was in a hurry to get away this morning so as to get back in time to attend a sawing bee at Rich^d Williams. I then from put off some time with a gentleman from Georgetown wanting to buy up a car load of apples. his name is looking Arnold. his address is at the end of this book. he thinks he after apples may get do business through me. I hitched up Billie to the drive to Cutler and drove down to Everton this afternoon expecting to meet a young lad from Luelph who engaged with Millie. Death. They sent a card he is not coming. Mr Dryden examined of Mr. Robt. Minnie. he says she needs some building up and is to bring up a bottle of Scott's Emulsion. for 80^{cts} (whole price) next Wednesday. got word to night of the death of Mrs Robt. Grein.

27 28 Tuesday (87-279) Weather much as usual. very fine poles and beautiful through the day although cold and of the frosty at night. the snow drifts are so hard in Swamp the morning as to bear up a team and load over also 2 them. Millie and I took out the last of the poles loads of out of the Swamp (cedar) for fence stakes. we also tops from took up 2 loads of tops for cutting with the Circular Bush. Saw. I finished splitting the elm tree cuts. and accident afterwards went with Johnny to the Swamp and to my helped him awhile to cut. some poles for sawing watch with the Circular Saw. his own Swamp is flooded Johnny has and he wants some timber to cut when we get started all ready. Ewart is staying over night at Everton. cut poles in our my watch was pulled out of my pocket to day while handling Swamp a pole in the Swamp and thrown quite a piece away. it is going to

28 29 Wednesday (88-278) Frosty at night but very fine through the day. Robert Jeshin has a sawing bee to Robt Jeshin day and both Johnny & Millie are at it. I drove over to Johnny's Mill at Henry Dunbars this forenoon and got 14 Bushels of good wheat. I helped clean it up and it was between 3 & 4 got 14 Bush 8 o'clock before I got back home. The roads are not good what very good. the bare spots making heavy drawing. I paid at Henry's 6^{cts} per Bushel for it. making \$7.85. I paid him Dunbar the balance \$3.85. having paid him before \$4.⁰⁰. mending after returning home I started to 1/2 Sole a pair of Johnny's boots for Johnny. had to leave them when getting Boots. one done as neither Ewart nor Millie were attending to the Stock. Ewart is remaining again to night at Everton. They 2 night.

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29 30 Thursday (89-277)

Shoe mending and the wind howled and blew a hurricane, this to day. however has been mild and thawing day and all the falling snow that fell was all gone shortly after dinner time. and George I have been working in the shoe shop a part of the day, half soled and otherwise repaired a boot cutting pole for Willie, and also half soled and partly heeled at Swamp a Boot for John, the other I did yesterday. I have been choring some around also. John Willie has been cutting in the Swamp this afternoon. George drawing McWilliams has helped him. Willie has been drawing wood from home some wood from the bush, one of Stone Wood, the bush. other is logs to cut with the crosscut. John's calf died today. it is wonderful it lived so long under the circumstances to day.

30 31 Friday (90-276)

GOOD FRIDAY. Bank Holiday.

A very fine day. the snow suffers through the day, although a little frost at night that generally prevails, keeps it lingering some longer. John has drawn 3 loads of pole home this forenoon from the Swamp. he fears the Swamp and roads are about to break up and prevent him from getting any home. Ewart and I drew up a couple of loads of Stone Wood from bush. the 1st one (Ewart brought) was the elm that I cut in the northwest corner of the bush. Willie attended Thomas Webb's sawing bee all day. John did so this afternoon. Margaret and I visited John Webb's place this evening. Mrs Webb was upset out of the cutter about a week ago and got hurt. She is not well yet although some better than she was.

April 1 Saturday (91-275)

Parties residing abroad should now order this Diary for 1889.

This morning opened up rather unpromisingly, it was rather dull and threatening looking and rain fell for quite a while. it cleared up however and the day turned out not so bad after all. Lizzie accompanied the McWilliams to Guelph. they got 20¢ for butter, 14¢ for eggs. I have not been well today. Pains in back. Chest & head. La Grippe symptoms. I put on a heel etc. Sewed a hole in Alfred Duffield's Boot. also soled Ewart's Boots also fixed up our single harness some.

April 2 Sunday (92-274)

Weather getting softer. And as this is now fairly into April it is likely that we had such weather as will clear away all the snow and bring us spring it is only within this last few days that the runners have ceased to slide and altogether to resort to the wheels again. Minnie & Maggie drove the pony to milking this forenoon. they did not go out after noon.

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23 Monday (93-273) Bank Holiday in England and Ireland.

Very grey and lowering the most of the day. There was some frost last night and John took advantage of it to draw up 2 or 3 loads of poles from the Swamp. Ewart is home from school on account of this being a holiday and he helped John. I am still under the weather, but some better than yesterday. I did not get out of bed yesterday till noon. I finished writing a letter for Bro. Ab. Menford and drove down this evening and mailed it. There are yet great banks of snow on the Guelph road and driving with loads on the Wagon is not over safe. I called to see Mary and had tea with her. Jamie Abbott came up home with me, he wants an axle and pair of wheels to rig up a hand Cart, that he may use it for drawing chips and other truck. John & Willie attended Robert Morton's Sawing Bee. John afternoon Willie all day.

24 Tuesday (94-272)

Very high wind to day, and rather cold too. The wind blows from the N. West. our bay window met an accident in having something blown against it and breaking a pane of glass 28x16. Ewart drove down a quilt of Chopin the mill for John to day. it was well for in the afternoon before he returned home. Jamie Abbott uses make happy be me giving ^{him} the 2 front wheels of old Mc Entoch Buggy and the axle, he is making up a hand Cart. John & Willie attended a Sawing Bee at Albert Toltons.

25 Wednesday (95-271)

The wind has fallen and there has been considerable frost last night. This is fair day at Guelph and quite a number of the neighbours are away to it. I sent to Judge Smith with Rich McWilliam for a pane of glass for our bay window. he brought it safely. 1 lb putty and the glass cost 2.75. John drove over this forenoon to John Mutries for the Circular Saw, he took over a heavy Wagon and bottoms of hay rack. Willie had quite a number of hands at a Sawing Bee this afternoon. I have been attending to his shoes the while. I also drove Minnie down about 3 o'clock to see Dr Dryden at Steppmaris. The Dr thinks Minnie is not in a very good state of health and we will have to see that she takes exercise when the weather gets fine.

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56 Thursday (96-270) Quite hard frost last night the ground is quite hard this morning. Robert Justin and Willie went to Rockwood this forenoon for empty apple barrels. Robert brought 30 and Willie 14. I helped Johnny cut and bring up a load of poles from his Swamp this forenoon as Willie was late in getting back from Rockwood. I had to attend to his Chores at noon. His brother in law John Campbell clipped his old mare this afternoon. The mare has been rather unwell these few days back from Diakrea. I drove to Everton this evening for the mail. A cold, easterly wind blew this evening. I hear Dr. McQuire of Guelph has become insane and taken to the Toronto Asylum.

57 Friday (97-269) Very high wind last night and rain which has frozen as it fell. Every thing this morning is covered with ice. The apple packers came along from Robt. Justin this morning and got fairly started to pack in Johnny's barn when Willie suggested driving them up to Mrs. Gauthier's to pack what she had, as the ice made shipping for the sleigh. They packed 5 Barrels for her and 3 for John Reid and after returning they finished packing about ten Barrels in Johnny's barn. one of the men is stopping at Willie's and the other two at Johnny's. Willie's black cow (McKenzie's) pigged 8 pigs to day while he was at Dublin to day. Minnie is not well to day. the fever is too high. 104.

58 Saturday (98-268) Extremely high wind all day which seems to be taking away ^{the snow} very fast, the last of the snow. The apple packers packed 3 Barrels for Willie this morning. there was some over but not enough of good to make out another barrel. They drove over to Robt. Kerr's. I had sold a pair of Boots for Thom. Mac's boy. and repaired a pair for Mr. Mac. in all 50^{cts}. Willie went to Mill to day with a grist of Chop. Minnie is a little better to day.

59 Sunday (99-267) A very fine day. Sunshine and mild. Minnie & Maggie went to meeting this forenoon. Ewart drove Maggie down at night. John McKenzie and Bella ^{Baby} drove down to day. John returned in the evening, but Bella remains for a few days. the baby is thriving & growing nicely. Minnie is a little better to day.

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9 10 Monday (100-266) A very fine day. Some frost last night and the Boys moved over the house poured from the other barn before the ground got too soft. Millie's team brought it over on the bridge a pretty good pull on the bare ground. we set the machine ready for starting tomorrow morning to cut with Circular Saw. we expect John McBride along in the morning early as he has not come tonight. I drove down Minnie to see Dr. Dryden at Heppernan. Minnie is not doing very well she is too much fevered and she does not stand a very good exam. in the class.

10 11 Tuesday (101-265) Another very fine day. we got a pretty fair start at the cutting this morning some little time before 8. and finished up shortly after 11. there was 15 or 16 loads of pole &c. I think 20 loads would keep the machine very busy for a good forenoon and it would require them to be well handled and attended we had 10 hands all told. Ewart & S. John & Millie, George Lowe, Thomy Webb, Robt. Jettin, Robt. Morton, Dan. Tolton, John McBride. I drove at both John & here. after dinner we moved the machine over to John's and we cut all his stuff in 2 hours. Johnny kept the hands afterwards to split all he could till night. John McBride would not make any charge for our cutting and we should remember him some way.

11 12 Wednesday (102-264) Rather a showery day. it looked gloomy and dull in the morning and it rained a while before dinner. we had different other showers but it did not settle down to a wet day. Johnny took the 13 barrells of apples to Rockwood after getting early dinner. he started away in the midst of rain but it did not hold on long. John Campbell also took down 8 barrells. and after returning home about 6 o'clock. he sold their little grey mare for fifty dollars. Cash. to Sam. Towell. who paid us a visit and waited for him. he took the mare home with him. I settled up with Henry Duffield this evening by paying him \$1.35. his acct. was Beef \$1.60. ^{prime} wire 50^{cts} day's work of George 75^{cts} = \$2.85. my acct. shoe mending \$1.50. leaving one the above to pay.

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12 13 Thursday (103-263)

Weather pretty fair, although not at all spring like. I helped Willie to clean up a load of Chop for the mill which he took down after dinner. James Mc Dermott and Mr Brownridge came along to day while Willie was away. Brownridge was collecting for the horse service, McLean had not taken note of the Amount he agreed to take for the Pony & Willie's mare, but Mr Brownridge took my word for it and accepted the price agreed upon - \$6.⁰⁰ each, which I paid him. When Willie returned home he said that was the correct Amount. They went over to see Johnny, his book did not show that Johnny had paid \$5.⁷⁵ at the time, he also did not dispute that.

13 14 Friday (104-262)

A very dull day and a very cold east wind has prevailed all day. Johnny has made a start at the plow for the first of day. Others of the neighbours have been at it all week. Tommy Webb I think has plowed all week. I mended Bella's Choes this forenoon, and helped Johnny to clean up a gist of 8 bags of Chop. Willie & Jennie drove to Guelph after dinner, he took a bag of apples and sold for 50^{cts}. Mr Brownridge was round collecting yesterday. Willie bought Clover & Timothy Seed for himself & Johnny. red clover \$4.50 white \$7.50. 1/2 & 1/4 Timothy \$12.⁷⁵. I had hard work to do up all Willie's Choes and after dinner I took Johnny's gist to the mill & waited till it was done and brought it home.

14 15 Saturday (105-261)

Quite a wintry appearance this morning. Snow has fallen to the depth of fully 4 inches and if kept fairly well the most of the day in these parts. Johnny went to Guelph to day with the mare and buggy. They took our Case of eggs which only lacked 8 eggs of being full. They made a mistake in the selling of them in stating the quantity to be 24 1/2 dozen. They sold to Martin of the "Wellington" and we hope to get it rectified. Ewart hauled up 2 loads of Stone wood from the bush while I split and prepared it for loading. Willie went to see Hindley's and got his seed per he pay 60^{cts} per Bushel. 6 Bags. Ewart & I did up Johnny's Choes. I have been hustling to get quite a number of home Choes in shape to day.

15 Sunday (106-260)

A very fine day. The snow is melting fast to day and the roads they say are very soft and heavy to travel on. John McKenzie drove down to day, and Bella and the baby went off home with him after tea. The girls went to meeting this forenoon, we will all miss the baby very much he is so good and so interesting.

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16 17 Monday (107-259)

Dull and Cool all day except that it was some brighter Afternoon, not unpleasant although the cool north wind made it a little chilly. Minnie and her mother drove the Pony down to Haffmans Corner to see Dr. Dryden, we are all glad to find the doctor found Minnie considerably better. he says her lungs are much better and there are general indications of betterness. we had a visit of Mrs. Peavy (John Harris) I sewed some rippings on her boots, gratis. also a halter shank for Willie. I drew over a load of turnips from John which he gives us for our Cows. he opened the pit this morning. John Mubie taking away 2 loads. I helped Johny clean up about 10 bags of stuff to chop. he took it down to the mill and brought Abbotts home with him, Mr. John Abbott paid Margaret Six dollars all paid the balance of the Wood Money. it is now all paid off \$12.⁵⁰

17 18 Tuesday (108-258)

A very fine day. the frost was severe last night and the ground was quite hard for a time. Johny & I sowed Willie's grass seed this forenoon on the fall wheat ground. next the Sugar bush. Willie plowed for Johny. he intends plowing a day or two for Johny as his own Sod is too wet. I uncovered Johny's turnip pit and loaded another load of turnips that Johny is giving us. I drew one in yesterday. and Willie drew this in this evening. Maggie & Minnie took a drive over to Lottons to day. the day is so fine they stayed rather late however. Willie is getting Thomas Rappert's boy. Thomas brought him along this evening. Johny & Lizzy drove over to John Mubie's this evening. Mr. Mubie's son & Barrie are both there and they are not at all well.

18 19 Wednesday (109-257)

A very drying day. I think one of the most drying of this Spring but. a very cold east wind blows and there is the look of a storm impending. the Sun is casting a hazy glare as it goes down. Johny & Willie have both been plowing on Johny's Sod and have the piece nearly done. I helped Johny to measure off the large field and find the Centre where he intends building a fence and divide it in two. 52 rods in all. 26 rods in each field. first field behind his barn. I loaded a load of turnips for Johny this morning and Johny drew it in. I also loaded another in the evening but he did not draw it in. I had quite a job taping off the handle off my axe and wedging it on again straight. I also wrapped wire on handle near the head where it wears when splitting. This is the day that Farris's Creditors meet at Guelph to arrange his affairs.

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19 20 Thursday (110-256) A terrible storm of wind and rain. The rain freezes as it falls and everything outside is capped heavily with ice. The wind increased in strength as the day wore on until about 4 o'clock P.M. when it seemed to abate a little. I drove to Everton for the mail this evening it was still stormy but nothing to what prevailed a couple of hours before. The stage reached Everton while I was there (6 o'clock) I notice a great deal of timber blown down in Robert & Dan Talbot's bush mostly, if not all, up by the roots. Johnny unloaded the turnips I loaded for him last night. I was afraid to see him open his barn doors but it did not affect that side of the barn so much as the wind is from the east. Ewart did not go to school to day.

20 21 Friday (111-255) The weather yet remains wintry although it has been soft enough to melt off the ice. The snow that fell last night on the ice does not get away in a hurry. I started to sew up the rippings on old robe and Geo. Lorie coming along with his boots to help sole and heel I did them for him, also put on a patch on the toe of one of Johnny's boots. Just as we were going to sit down to tea we got word of Albert Cotton's oldest child (Hyman) being very ill, and in a very short time afterwards Dan Cotton brought us word of his death. Margaret went down with him. it is a very sudden taking away of the little fellow. Dr. McCullough was called this morning and he did not seem to think his case serious although he found inflammation of the bowels. He rapidly got worse from about 2 o'clock P.M. and died at about 6. He appeared to be in convulsions for the last 2 hours.

21 22 Saturday (112-254) Weather quite cold yet although we are again getting clear of the ice and snow. This of itself will be a great help in making the air warmer. I have had quite a job to day sewing up the rippings of the old robe. and before I got through with it I had to go to Everton. I drove the colt in the buggy and got William to rest his shoes all round. I sent a letter to Mr. Wood and the two cards of A. O. W. W. for self & Mrs. Kenzie. double assist & dyes. - \$5.00, also \$1.50 for relief making bill \$6.50. I did not mail it but gave Mr. Moore to carry & deliver it. and gave him 5¢. I had tea with Mary and shortly after the colt was done and I paid Lorie 40¢ for it and came on home. I brought Margaret down to Albert.

22 23 Sunday (113-253) Continues cold and ungenial, really we are having a very late and backward spring. We all went down to the funeral. The girls and Lizzie coming back home with the pony & buggy. I rode over with Johnny. Willie had Billie & Carl. R. J. Ken accompanied him over, and Albert returned with him. Ewart being one of the pall bearers he rode over with the others with Emerson Cotton. There was quite a number at the funeral. a good many only going part of the way. Mr. Barker spoke over at the meeting house. where we were warmed, it was very raw and cold.

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23 24 Monday (114-252)

took elm evening. I helped Willie to load up 3 logs of elm logs to on the trucks. he had quite a job fixing up one of the mill reaches that had given out. (this, however was done later on when the logs spoken of was sawn up and provided a short Mr. Albert for the purpose) Willie after taking them to the mill reached and Tolton brought the lumber home with him. he means it for Maggon very ill bottoms. Albert Tolton is not out of trouble yet, his wife has taken ill to day and Daw. was sent up for Margaret Minnie to go down and help nurse her, her fever was up so high down to as to cause uneasiness to Dr. McCullough and they thought see Dr. it best to bring Dr. Dryden also. Minnie was down to Dryden the corner and saw Dr. Dryden. he says she continues to improve

24 25 Tuesday (115-251)

John is very cold all the time, which does not dry up the ground and Bella very fast. Spring weather is much needed now so as to visit us bring on Eiding. but we have a late spring now whatever to day betides. John McKenzie and Bella drove down here to day. John paid up his Cash Account to me. \$9.50. which included this month's Assmt & dues for A.D.W.W. John went down to Everton for up all a bag of flour. they started home after getting early tea. taking with arrears of them a barrel of hard wood ashes 2 bags apples and a pig he bought of A.D.W.W. from Willie.

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25 26 Wednesday (116-250)

four Cherry dropping up the ground which, at the present time, is much logs to needed. it keeps cold however and there is very little signs Mill to of vegetation. I helped Willie this forenoon to cut up a day. fallen cherry tree in the bush into 42 feet saw logs. and we loaded them on the trucks and brought them up to the house Minnie & I drove down to Hugh Black's this afternoon. to see about Hugh Black the Ashenwood embroiler. Mr. Black thinks I am safe enough called to in allowing him to see and that I would be allowed see old my account. Minnie and I had tea with Mrs. Black. Hugh & his Brother John left while we were there, to help fix up the bedms on their new addition at the meeting house. Minnie stays at Everton with Mary, and I called, while on my way home, to see old Mr. Love who is now very low. he was sitting on a chair when I went there and, Shaw & Mrs. Love lifted him into Bed.

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26 27 Thursday (117-249) Another windy and cold day
a Mormon visits us. I had quite a job this forenoon helping Maggie and
 her mother to take down the stone pipes and clean
 Death of and set them up again. After dinner Robert
 old Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Walker of Utah, came
 George along to pay us a visit. Mr. Walker had just seen
 Loretta Nichol Rogers about 2 weeks ago. Nichol wished
 this eve to be remembered to us all. I was sorry after they
 at Goddard the house to learn that Mr. Walker - a Corp
 of the Regt. Walker Senr of my old acquaintance - was
 cleaning a Mormon. as if I had known. I would have
 and had some conversation with him relative to his Sect.
 Setting Ewart drove the Colt to school today and brought home
 stone pipe the mail at night. a letter from Alex to night.

27 28 Friday (118-248) Weather continues cold and backward
 potatoes I helped Willie to sort up his potatoes this forenoon. he laid
 Willie away in the barn about 24 bushels for using & seed.
 took 6 and bagged up 6 bags, which he took up to Oron and
 Bags to sold for \$70^{cts} per bag. he bought 10 bushels english barley from
 Oron Peter McDonald for chopping. price 46^{cts} per bushel.
 we got word to day of the death of old Mr. Lores which
 Albert took place last night at about six o'clock. Margaret
 wife and I drove down in the evening to see them. while
 ill again on the road down we were met by Emerson Cotton on
 his way up to get his Aunt to go down as Mary.
 Margaret Albert's wife - had taken worse again, on returning
 & I to see from Lores Margaret remained there and. I drove home
 old Mr. alone.

28 29 Saturday (119-247) Rather finer than what has generally prevailed
 of old we are anxiously looking for more genial weather. the season is extremely late in opening
 Mr. Lores up. Willie took 7 bags of Chopch to mill this forenoon. 4 barley, 3 peas. Ewart drove
 Ewart driving Loretta to Loretta with "pea" & buggy. Willie & the girls & Mother & I attended the funeral of
 Loretta to old Mr. Lores. I drove Willie in our buggy with Maggie & her Mother. Willie took the Colt & Carl
 Loretta to Minnie rode with him. 2 o'clock was the hour appointed to start but it was three when they
 day. Started. there was a good gathering of people. 53 Vehicles. They had Jonell's hearse from
 Willie to Loretta. Mr. Barker spoke at the house before lifting. 4 grandsons were the pall bearers
 and John Lores. 2 Perins & 3 jesters. I helped John in with the last of his turnips
 taking out of the pit.

29 30 Sunday (120-246) Very fine this forenoon, we were in
 forenoon hopes the weather had taken the needed turn but, the cold & damp
 but at night again set in in the afternoon. Ewart drove the girls down
 girls stopped at Everton in the morning and, as it was raining at night
 all night we did not go for them. I wrote a letter to Alex. McFar
 at Everton to day.

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May 1 Monday (121-245)

Threatening rain in the early part of the day and rained pretty steadily and heavily in the afternoon. I drove down to Everton this morning and mailed a letter to Alex. McGregor. On our way home Maggie & I called at Ross's. I took some notes to assist me in drafting up an obituary for old Mr. Lorne on returning home I started to write, and after dinner drove Margaret down to Webb's to help them mix paint. at 1/2 past 3. Hitched up again and drove down to the corner for Minnie whence she had come to see Dr. Dryden. Mr & Mrs Lorne drove up in the evening and I wrote up the obituary notice, and Shaw took it away with him we had a very pleasant visit from them.

May 2 Tuesday (122-244)

Somewhat dull to day, but there has been no rain the land is some dried. we are beginning to feel very uneasy on account of the lateness of the season, the boys have sowed no grain at all yet, and Willie feels particularly anxious on account of having nine acres of sod to plow. John & I drove down to Usherwood's this forenoon and, I told him of the day's plowing he owed me and, he seemed to look on the matter kindly saying if he owed me for that, he was only too glad to pay for it, and agreed to let the one account stand against the other. John has been moving a fence and Willie splitting wood, forenoon in the bush. Margaret & I drove down to see Mrs Albert Tolton. She is improving. fat legs are, we hear, 6 1/2 a hundred now.

May 3 Wednesday (123-243)

A little warmer to day. The sun shone out awhile in the morning and gave promise of being the finest day of the season so far. But it became overcast again and remained so all day. I drove Maggie & her mother to Guilford to day. we got the loan of Mr Webb's mare and drove her with our colts. They went finely together. We had 46 dozen eggs and sold to Mr Weatherston for 9 1/2 Cts. Maggie got a tooth pulled at Campbell's 50¢ another tooth that may have to come out soon. he agreed to pull for 25¢ Margaret bought stuff for a summer coat. we bought a dress for Bella's Boy - Willie - I got 50 lbs cut nails \$1.50. pair boots \$2.50. water glass 15¢ I took in \$16.00 brought back \$4.50. I saw about the culling of the Cherry lumber. to be cut into inch and edged. Willie has worked on the land to day. there is not much doing on the land towards Guilford. it is a terribly late season.

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Spring weather so as to dry off the land for working. The Boys have been much ben coming morning. Johny gang plowing and Willie has needed some mixed crop for the first down on either place. first Maggie and her mother have been papering the pantry covering the work of clearing everything out and placing them done to all back again took up a large percentage of the time. day. I helped them quite a while to cut paper and pasting. Willie drove down to Everton afternoon to get the Cherry lumber that Mr. Hortop promised to have ready to day. he got dissappointed however, as the mill broke down yesterday. Colin Campbell drove to Guelph to day and sent a message to Peter but he failed to see him.

5 5 Friday (125-241) Weather dry but dull and not as drying as we would like. Johny has sowed some mixed seed on his turnip ground. we cut some straw and hay at Johny's this morning with the one team. Willie Boy & Ewart & Johny & I comprised the party. Maggie & her Mother papered the hall, and stair way to day. Ewart & I cut some branches off the apple trees in our front orchard with the Cross Cut, and also in the afternoon we hitched on the Colt to Willie's Cart and drove down to Rockwood. we got some lime for whitewashing and saw John Jones for the Relif Society, he sent in the names of Mrs. Dunbar & Margaret Corniline ago. I applied to Eli Stout for money for Alex' Start in business. he promised to have it for us if required.

6 6 Saturday (126-240) Continues dry but cold, a little improvement to what has been prevailing. Ewart and I have been working in the orchard pruning and cutting up the limbs of the apple trees. I helped to fix up the lounge by quipping the Springs, & C Maggie & her mother covered it anew in the bottom & pad. and, I think, made a good job of it. Willie has been plowing sod with the 3 horses. Johny has finished plowing his sod in upper field and commenced to cultivate with Rob. Morton's Cultivator.

7 7 Sunday (127-239) A very fine day. beautiful Sunshine and warm. This, I think has been the finest day of the season so far. Ewart drove the girls twice to Everton, I walked over to Soltons, had dinner there. Pessie is again unwell from a sore throat. I walked over to Dunbar but he was at Ocpringo. Margaret & I paid Morton's a visit after supper, but we had to take another before we returned.

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7 8 Monday (128-238)

Bank Holiday in Scotland

Very fine day. The Sun has shone out brightly all day and it has been warm and drying. The land is getting in much better condition for working on and people being so far behind are very eager to make the best of it. Johnny has cultivated his sod and made it ready for sowing his peas. I helped him clean them up to night. Willie has been plowing with the three horses again today. he says he plowed 36 yds wide and 40 rods long (over an acre & half) I mended up a pair of shoes for Johnny and also 1/2 a sole and otherwise repaired Johnny Rafferty's shoes, after getting done with those things I started the garden work. burning the rubbish and commenced to regulate the Rhubarb bed. Minnie was to see the Dr. today. he says she is improving.

8 9 Tuesday (129-237)

Another very fine, warm, drying day. The Sun has shone brightly and I was astonished to find the thermometer register 86 degrees, it was in the Sun however and not exposed to the cool wind. Johnny has sowed all his peas in the sod patch and harrowed them and nearly completed the rolling. Willie has plowed all day. he sold his Steer to Barbers at 5 1/4 cts. to be delivered in June. he also sold his 8 white hogs at 6.20 per lb. to be delivered on next Thursday. I have been digging the Rhubarb patch and planted 19 new pipes and 12 of the old. the women have been cleaning up the rooms today. Coal Stove &c. I had a telegram today from Alex. he wants the money at once.

9 10 Wednesday (130-236)

Another very warm day and very drying. The land is getting nice for working now. Johnny helped me out with 9 loads of manure this forenoon. he brought his team and buckets. we are preparing for our onions and early potatoes also the garden patch. after dinner I helped Johnny out with 14 loads of manure and spread it from the waggon. after getting through with Johnny I spread the nine loads of dung and Willie started to plow it in. after Smart had his tea he plowed the balance of the time and Willie took the old mare up to Festina and brought down the hog rack. Willie is pretty well through with plowing the sod. Both he & Johnny are further behind than they care for. but the land has been so wet.

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10 11 Thursday (131-235) Fine day. Land drying fast. delivered Willie took his hogs to Rockwood (8) weighing 1330 lbs his hogs he took \$80.⁰⁰ for them by being stumped to sell by the dollar. at Rockwood by weight he lost \$2.⁴⁰. They were a nice lot of nice little this fore hogs. I hitched up the Pony with the "Methy" mare & noon. finished plowing the balance of the land left by Ewart Duffield last night. Henry Duffield sold ten cattle to Barber's and Mc and delivered them to May. \$450.⁰⁰. Rich. McWilliams Williams also delivered 5 Steers \$350.⁰⁰. I drove down for also took the mail this evening and hurried home and borrowed their fat Duffield's harrows and Ewart harrowed over what our cattle there have plowed. James McLean, insurance agt called and Insurance renewed our insurance at John's. paid him a dollar fee, and Willie paid me Sixty dollars gave premium note for \$25.⁵⁰. insurance for \$1600.⁰⁰. McLean is staying all night. Willie paid me Sixty dollars.

Rockwood 11 12 Friday (132-234) A very fine day, warm and Alex - Summer like. I hitched up early this morning and business Minnie accompanied me to Rockwood, staying at Stewart's Truelph while I attended to the business concerning Alex's remittance on the train. I got \$200.⁰⁰ from Mr. Eli Stout, which he loans from this date for 2 years at 6 per cent. per Annum. I gave my note Stewart for the amount and John's is to join in the note. I procured both a Bank draft from Mr. Ross, of the Savings Bank. \$23.⁰⁰ well. and sent it off by letter to Alex. I had dinner at Dan Tolton's horse also and. called on Mr. Waters and settled to take Willie's cattle to his remittance pasture, he charges the same all round although the one is over age and if to Alex. they are much smaller than the average that are in, he will take it into consideration but, he wishes me to settle with him when the time comes. I returned to Rockwood on the 6.00 train, getting tea at Stewart's & then I started home with Minnie, the Colt was nice at Stewart's. I went up on the 10.00 train to Alex. Mr. Stewart has been very sick lately. Mrs. Stewart also.

12 13 Saturday (133-233) Another very fine day, very warm taking out hen I fixed up the onion ground this forenoon, took out a load of manure on Oatman manure & ashes and top dressed. afterwards cultivated it in with 1 Bed. the Gale harrow and harrowed it over repeatedly with the Common and work it up. harrow, stoning it also before dinner time. we had Willie's team salted - after Ewart finished some harrowing on the sod. Willie took a grist away our dried meat. Ewart with the Colt and his Mother. I just started the onion cut early bed and getting along nicely when a heavy rain came on. we not a lot then salted away our dried meat and cut all our early potatoes. Willie took a grist to Ewart.

Rockwood. 13 14 Sunday (134-232) heavy rain last night. A very fine day but, rather mucky funeral after the heavy rain. Margaret & I drove the Colt & buggy to Rockwood of George And paid a visit to Stewart's. Mr. Stewart is some better. their horse was visit to Stewart himself continues poorly. we attended the funeral of Geo Stout who died on Friday morning. we left the procession and came home on reaching the gravel road. Maggie rode down to meet us in the morning with us.

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14 15 Monday (135-231)

Sowing
Onion
Seed.
Willie
Sowed peas
in Sod
field.
Johnny
Sowing
hill field
got rasp-
berries to
plant.
and Currant
cuttings

A very fine day and very warm. Maggie & her Mother and I have been busy sowing Onion Seed. I laid out and raked the ground ahead of them. we finished up the first bed next the house and got the second bed South well under way. The ground was rather baked on account of the wet and late season and hard work to pulverize with the rake. After tea I hitched up the coll to the buggy and drove down to David Robertsons and got 200 Raspberries Springers. They have grown to nice little bushes. Maggie went with me to Mortons and got some Currant Cuttings and gathered all on my way back. Willie has been sowing peas in the Sod field behind the orchard. Johnny has been working up and sowing the hill field by the road.

15 16 Tuesday (136-230)

WHITSUNDAY. Scotch Quarter Day.

Great deal of rain last night and to day, we would liked to have planted out the Bushes and Cuttings but could not on account of the wet. Emory took down the coll and Buggy to school and brought home 3 Bags + 1/2 stuff from the mill at night. Taking 2 Bags mixed grain in the morning for Johnny.

16 17 Wednesday (137-229)

Weather still unsettled. Some rain to day pretty heavy in the morning. Emory did not go to school this morning. he got cold yesterday he helped Willie to drive his cattle to the pasture they started to go to Waters pasture but, finding he could do as well, if not better, at Lores, he put them in there. I helped the women to fix up our room to day, we lifted the carpet in the forenoon and put on all the paper afternoon. whitewashed the ceiling forenoon. we were all busy Minnie & I cut and measured while Maggie and her Mother put it on the wall. I sent a card to Mr. Waters telling him that Willie does not take his cattle to the pasture. I also mailed a letter to Bro. Alex. Meayord.

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18 18 Thursday (138-228)

Weather cleared up once more we shook and cleaned the carpet this morning and Maggie and her mother laid it down before dinner. Ewart and I planted out the rasp berry slips and the currants and Margaret and I afterwards worked at cleaning the Strawberry of the weeds, dandelion &c.

19 19 Friday (139-227)

Weather keeps dry and the ground is improving very much in condition for working. Willie called us up this morning on finding the pony in a very bad state. She had ^{been} trying to foal and failed the colt dead, and from her own struggles and condition it seems doubtful whether she will get over the ordeal or not. Willie drove over to see Mr Ashley about her and returned before dinner. he sent medicine and directions how to treat her.

20 20 Saturday (140-226)

Weather fine, the ground is getting more fit to work on, I was up all night with the mare. She passed a fairly tolerable time, although giving evidence of some pain. She eats well, but does not get up on her feet. I drove over to see Mr Ashley and he thinks since she eats so well, she may get around all right again. I paid Mr Wood \$2.⁵⁰ for Assinto John McKenzie & Son Assinto A.O.W.W., Maggie and her mother finished sowing the onions this forenoon.

21 21 Sunday (141-225)

Fine day. The pony passed a bad night in the past. Willie drove over for Ashley and as soon as he came he gave it as his opinion that she would not get better. he considered the injury to her back would take her off. he is staying all night and commenced experiments on the pony, to meet any possibility of her getting better.

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21 22 Monday (142-224) Bank Holiday in England and Ireland.

Very fine day and warm. I was sitting up all night with the pony. Mr Ashley and Mr Coffey were up also till after 12 o'clock. I had a terrible night as she seemed to get very much worse and became terribly restless & uneasy as soon as Mr Ashley got up, he said it would be better to see her at rest, so we got Robert Jestin to shoot her we all feel the loss of her more than attaches to our ordinary stock, on account of the years of faithful service she has given. I am terribly tired and sworn out with want of sleep and hard tugging with her. Willie and I dug a grave for her & her colts ^{in the field behind the barn} and covered them up before dinner. I went to Everton and got 2 Bags Bran 70 - Minnie went with me

22 23 Tuesday (143-223)

Very warm this forenoon. and just a little before noon there came up a terrible Thunder Cloud accompanied with heavy wind & rain. I was sorting the potatoes in the turnip house and it became so dark that I could not see to work. the fences around have been badly thrown down and several barn roofs are blown off & wrecked, among them are Rich Symonds Barn, the old Barn of the late John Stewart. Mr Barbers &c. the Boys sold their hogs to be delivered next Monday at Rockwood. John Harries bought them for Scott. price \$6.50. I feel a little better after a good sleep last night. Margaret & I drove over to Soltons after tea. Bella has been very ill, the doctor having been called twice. She is a little better to day although yet very poorly. She looks very bad but I hope she may soon have a turn to get better.

23 24 Wednesday (144-222)

A very fine day although the air is cool. the grass has made considerable progress notwithstanding all the wet, cold and backward weather. I notice too that the early corn grain is well forward for the time it has been sown. Edward & Minnie took a run up to Mr Kenjo to day. They are in their usual except that the baby is not very well. Willie finished seeding to day. at noon he ran the Gale Harrow over our early potatoe land, and we planted them 2 bags. Johnny finished plowing his rough piece over the Creet and harrowed it. he has yet to sow it and has the beaver meadow piece to plow and sow besides. Maggie and her mother sowed the most of the garden seeds to day. Mr Webb brought us up some "pop Corn" for planting

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24 25 Thursday (145-221)

A fine day, a cool air but drying rolling. Willie has been rolling and I was thinking the land the land is hard enough without making it any harder. Johnny which I has finished sowing and harrowing the rough piece by the think to Symp and has been preparing the way for plowing the hard already beaver meadow, he is late in getting through seeding but he is all alone and the chores take up some of his time daily. Morning I have been working around helping plant strawberries. Laron cutting the lawn with the mower. I also sharpened up and gave the mower and drove down to Everton, taking Maggie plot at to help Mary at some baring. I trimmed up and cut Cemetery the grass at the grave plot and did not get along planting very well on account of a piece being lost off the Strawberries, mower, got a newspaper from Alex describing the St. Opening Tessa and Sunter.

25 26 Friday (146-220)

A passably fine day but not Starting rapid growing, weather on account of the cold air in to clear prevailing, I was choring round considerable today. up his I went down while this morning to where Johnny was East field preparing for plowing at the beaver meadow. He had for crop just got finished with the bed of the old fence, cleaning up Strawberries and I helped him pick up the broken limbs, Johnny did patch a remarkably large day's plowing. I helped Margaret planting finish up the planting of the Strawberries, we have put in an additional seven rows to the old 6 rows. Minnie Minnie & I attended the funeral of Laughton Currie & myself it was appointed for the leaving of the house at 2 o'clock attended but it was about 4 before they arrived at Everton where funeral of we met them, there was religious service before burial Laughton Currie

26 27 Saturday (147-219)

Very dull this morning and weather with cold rain, although remaining dull, cold & cloudy all day it did not rain. Margaret & I drove to Guilford with the Colt and own buggy for the first time in that way. we had 28 dozen for first time eggs and 18 dozen, sold to Arthur Duffield at 10¢ C marketing per dozen = \$4.83. also sold a bag of drill apples to Fiddling & Shopping at 4¢ per Bushel = \$1.35. got the buggy fixed. Cross bar & John's shafts renewed \$75¢. Straps 10¢ = 85¢. piece of lawn mower 10¢. bought finished present for coming wedding \$2.00. Bird seed 25¢. Margaret paid out seeding to day. all her money for Sundries, Window Curtains &c. Johnny finished seeding

27 28 Sunday (148-218)

Cool air continues, dry and clearer at Tilton than yesterday. I walked over to Tilton this forenoon. Bella is this forenoon thought to be a little better, although she neither looks nor feels well yet. I returned home soon after dinner. George & Mary Girls at paid us a visit this afternoon. Maggie & Minnie drove Fred alone to meeting this forenoon. Smart accompanied them in the evening Meeting

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28 29 Monday (149-217)

Very fine weather although the air is cool. Johny & Willie loaded up their hogs this morning weighing them as they ran them into the wagon to Rockwood. Willie's 4 averaged about 160 each and Johny's nearly the same. at Rockwood they shrank about 16 lbs each. Barn raising helped them load up in the morning and get away. After they left I hitched up old Frank & Court in Fanny to the plow and plowed the potatoe patch in Rockwood and corn patch over again. Johny returned earlier than Willie and attended Mr. Lean's raising of a Barn. plowing Willie remained longer in Rockwood to heal the Court for our trials. Wm Hindley. Vernon Geo. Cutting junr Geo. Doughlin Selues. & Passmore. on bad rape seed.

29 30 Tuesday (150-216)

A beautiful day. Bright sun but not nearly so hot as often prevails at this season of the year. This Spring has been a cold one throughout. I have been choring round at a good many jobs to day. digging 100 lbs flour in the garden, harrowing the ground I plowed yesterday with Johny's team. helped Johny to bag up a load of potatoes. Mr. J. Webb and helped him at his mare. She foaled afternoon down Eden. on the lane leading to the creek. She seems all right. Johny has a visit had a long term of watching her. Johny M. Kenzie & Bella was down John M. while with us. She brought up a 100 of flour for which I paid him Kenzie & a dollar & 1/2. Mrs. John Webb. Eden. paid us a visit to day. Bella visited. She rode up with the Coulsons of Eden. friends of Mr. Dermott and went home again with them this evening.

30 31 Wednesday (151-215)

Fine weather and. Somewhat started warmer than has generally obtained. Every thing Manure is in good shape for growing provided the drawing weather comes in warm and moist. The grass this after is making a good appearance and gives promise noon Johny a fine crop if it continues to go along as it smallhorn has been doing. Willie has been preparing both Waggon helping for drawing the manure and started at it afternoon. John Smallhorn got through with Robert Morton this garden forenoon, and came along to help for a couple of days. fixing I have been choring round to day. gathering wood and then c and fixing up the garden. Johny is fixing up around Chores in preparation for dragging out the manure with John Smallhorn's help when he is done with Willie.

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June 31 / Thursday (152-214) A very warm day. The weather seems to have taken a turn to the usual heat to be at which looked for at this time of the year. John Smallhorn is helping Willie the load up manure. I also all day turned in and helped all day. we took it out of the shed and of course was out of the Letter from Sunshine but it was very close and warm and Alex. with made us lose considerably. ^{and partly on the potatoe land} Willie is drawing account it out on to the turnip land. Some rain through the of first night makes the land a little Cloggy but is opening. Setting on the growth rapidly. Got a letter from of Stone Alex. this evening giving the account of their opening. Went a out their drug Store in Holyoke, Mass. note of hand.

June 2 Friday (153-213) Another warm day, the growth is going on apace. the manure drawing the Manure came to an end, for the present, at dinner time I am for the John Smallhorn went over to John's to help him. present. we drew out seven loads on our potatoe patch potatoe and I spread it nearly all so as to be ready patches for rolling and planting tomorrow. Willie got both covered his all spread and Ewart rolled it. I started to cut our potatoe, and Mother finished up the Lecture at Cutting of four bags while I spread the manure. Everett. After tea I hitched up Fred and drove down I go to hear. to Everett to hear the "Lecture on India" by Mr. Jackson. Death of a disciple Missionary. the girls were there all day and Mr. John returned home with me after the Lecture. A telegram to day from Greene, Mass. Meaford Announced the death of Mr. John Greive this morning. ^{Funeral}

23 Saturday (154-212) Continues warm and close and toward heavy rain. to night a terrible storm of thunder and rain visited us. the wind was very high for awhile and the rain fell in torrents. Willie plowed in the greater part of the potatoe before the storm. he first put in his own and went at ours when his Cud ran out. Ewart dropped planting I cut a quantity for Willie which he intended to plant but to day. for the storm. there is great driving on the road to the Everett Big meeting big meeting. in full blast.

34 Sunday (155-211) More rain last night, but to day has been fine and warm. the roads dried up rapidly. a terrible commotion in and around Everett. our folks down forenoon. I stay at home I go down evening. James Moore come up with the folks. ride down with me in the James Moore evening. and goes home in Carvall. Mr. Touper speaks in house. I hear Mr. Moffat who spoke up with a outside adjoining Methodist Church. who delivers the testimony and advocacy of Christ in old & new testaments, dwelling considerably on the Communion. I saw and spoke to lot of George's old James Mengus his two daughters also Mr. Brown & Mr. Early.

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5th Monday (156-210)

very warm, almost too much washing for comfort, but the matter of comfort comes in of secondary importance when that of good growing weather is placed in the balance. Willie with Robt. Ness was ^{his} sheep this forenoon, and he plowed afternoon. Johnny washed his & ours after dinner his mother and Lizzy helped him by warding them on the bank while he washed them on the east end of the bridge, the water being very high, by recent rains, one could wash any place about the bridge.

6th Tuesday (157-209)

Continues hot and sultry, we expected rain again today on account of the great heat with a forenoon, it must have rained some other where round Bag of as it cleared off and became quite cool towards evening. I drove down to Everton this forenoon for Johnny with a bag of grain to Chop, and returned home in time for dinner. I called to see Edie Abbott, who is very much fevered in to see although not so sick otherwise, his case somewhat puzzles Edie the doctors until it is further developed. Abbott.

6th 7 Wednesday (158-208)

A little frost last night, it is strange how soon the temperature changes from hot to cold. This has been a beautiful day. Maggie and her mother were hoeing the strawberry and raspberry patches. I mended up my old dress shoes so as to serve for every day wear, we had to begin making ready for the wedding by 1 o'clock. I brought the cows up and they were milked about 4 o'clock. as 6 o'clock was the hour appointed for the ceremony we had to start off. Ed. Stevens, Maggie & Mizie started off on foot before we did and were taken up by John Colton who was over at Fallbrook. Smart and his mother and I followed with our own rig. we were there in good time and others which they waited or were late in coming. It would be fully seven o'clock before the ceremony was gone through. there was a large company and friends from a distance. There were three tables set, the old folks getting their supper first. The bride & groom occupying the centre seat, a few primly remarks were indulged in after tea and the health of the newly married pair drunk in pure water. Wm & Mrs. Baker left shortly after for home but the greater number remained until quite late. There was a sort of social formed for the rendition of pieces of music and recitations. It was appointed to the chair, and we had quite an interesting and enjoyable program. Carried out, it was past twelve o'clock before we started for home and the girls accompanied the Coltons over in their 2 buggies (Dan & Albert) while we came home the same way as we went. It was 2 o'clock A.M. before we retired to our nests. Thus ended with us the night of Hannah Colton's wedding. a good many nice presents graced the table, and I think none too many as Hannah has been a very deserving young woman. Edward Stevens paid me five dollars to night as payment of my outlay to him while canvassing.