

June.

THURSDAY, ~~MA~~ 14<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This is a very fine morning

Began to dig out the road into Heiginhottams lot at the back of the Hoile  
P. H. Gibbs of the Ontario Bank died yesterday aged 44 years, <sup>11 months</sup> funeral tomorrow at Oshawa on arrival of train 3-30 pm

Got the fence completed last night & began to the cutting of the road, and preparing a couple of new gateposts,

FRIDAY, ~~MA~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

This is a very close warm morning, it rained heavy last night, there was a good deal of thunder and lightning during the night  
Funeral of Mrs George Patterson to day at 2 O'clock,

SATURDAY, ~~MA~~ 16<sup>th</sup>

This is of any thing a dull morning, and not unlike rain  
But as the day advanced it became clear & bright and all appearance of rain vanished,

Got the gate finished and road leading out to the main road finished this evening  
My son William's, wife was safely delivered of a son to night



June.

MONDAY, 18<sup>th</sup>

1872.

Sabbath morning is fine and warm  
Rev<sup>d</sup> W Sanderson officiated in the forenoon and  
Rev<sup>d</sup> W Warthrop in the evening. This morning  
opens bright and warm, and has continued so all day  
I got over my old drawing table from the Office to day and a job it  
was to get it down stairs, having originally been taken there in pieces

TUESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup>

This is another very fine morning, with a smart breeze  
It will be a fine day for the sale of the remainder of the  
lumber, Barrels

Wrote a postal card to Illinois this morning

WEDNESDAY, ~~19~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine windy morning when out hunting  
my strayed Cow, which I found, but fine  
warm weather

Mr E Morris & wife left this morning  
for England Strawberries in abundance now  
at 15¢ a basket

Mrs Towse and Mrs McNaughton arrived this evening  
from Waterloo



June.

THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup>

1872.

This is a dull morning and heavy clouds  
I went up to see Dr Heerod and John Hobson  
start for England by the early train, also Miss Pipe  
City of St John's N. Brunswick some 200 acres of houses  
burnt up

FRIDAY, 22<sup>d</sup>

This is a chilly morning, and throughout the  
forenoon, farther news of the Great fire at St John's  
N Brunswick is very distressing, some 15,000 people out  
of house & home

It is quite cold this evening

SATURDAY, 23<sup>d</sup>

This is a fine bright morning, but I hear that there has  
been frost early this morning sufficient to produce ice



June.

MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This Sabbath morning was fine and warm,  
 A student by the name of Tait, from Toronto  
 preached a very excellent sermon this forenoon  
 and Mr Wardrope in the evening

This morning was dull with a light shower,  
 but the day turned out warm,

TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup>

This morning was at first bright then clear  
 and early in the forenoon began to rain, and  
 continued tolerably heavy during the middle of  
 the day, Mr J<sup>r</sup> Anderson presented me with a bag of Potatoes

WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup>

The morning was rather dull and looked like rain  
 but little or nothing came,

The Gas Company are  
 very busy laying a extended line line of pipes to  
 convey the gas across the River Speed at the Mill  
 Bridge on the lower side close to the wall, And what  
 crosses the Bridge is lapwelded pipes 4 inches diameter  
 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick with screwed couplings, the cost laid  
 down 45¢ per running foot, will stand a pressure of 400 lbs  
 per inch, and are 12 feet long each and weigh from  
 212 to 230 a piece, they have deep sockets & ample room  
 for hemp gaskets & lead,





June.

THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This is another dull morning but no rain as yet has fallen, though at times thought coming, Mrs Tawse & Mrs McNaughton left this morning by the Brock road stage at 11 O'clock

Dr John Finlayson, M.D. of Elora died there to day aged 77 years, a native of Rosshire & settled in Canada in 1833 first in Cornwall & came to Elora in 1848 he was an Episcopalian

FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup>

This was a dull morning but no rain fell till about 10 O'clock, The men employed by the Gas Co. began at 3 am to tear up the planking of the Mill Bridge so as to lay the pipes between the stringers or main Beams of the bridge, which was done, and then filled in with tan bark to keep out the frost as much as possible, But during the day it was discovered that the majority of the stringers were so much decayed that it would not be safe to risk a covering of new planks, & now awaits the decision of the Road & Bridge Committee.

I met an old acquaintance this forenoon a Mr John Buchan, who boarded with me and my father at Mr Shearers in Toronto (then little York) in 1832,

We had some showers of rain both forenoon and afternoon that the Masons had to stop work on the New Herald Office

SATURDAY, ~~29~~ 30<sup>th</sup>

This is another dull morning, and it began to rain about 1/2 past 9 am and continued a smart shower for an hour and a half, and since it became fair it became close and hot, a number of men are now digging out the trench for the gas pipes on the North side of the River 4 feet 6 inches deep.

This has been a close warm day, Mr Thom of Montreal is here. but goes up to London at 6,



MONDAY, 2

1872.

3<sup>rd</sup> bath morning is close and warm, with a fine  
 breeze from the South West, Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Gallagher preached  
 This is also Dominion Day,  
 While we were at Church the wind blew down the famous Glass Plum  
 tree with a considerable crop of fruit, This Monday is to be  
 the day of rejoicing and a number of fine Boats  
 and Canoes competed for prizes, a great number  
 of people were assembled the Bridges below and  
 above, and in Davidsons and the Priory grounds  
 were thickly ranked with sightseers, we both took  
 a drive round the old Glebe and Exhibition ground  
 &c,

TUESDAY, 3

This morning was dull after a heavy shower about  
 5 O'clock, and some light sunny showers  
 after that, The Catholics are erecting triumphal  
 arches for the Archbishop who is to lay the foundation  
 Stone of the Cathedral I have been using Paris Green  
 for the Potatoes,

WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine bright morning for the Monthly Fair  
 which turned out well, so far as numbers of people  
 is concerned, plenty of Mowers, Rakes, and Reapers and a  
 good many sales of them made,  
 Death of John McIntosh of Arthur I observed that an old acquain-  
 tance of the Willage of Arthur died last week aged 89 years, he listed in the  
 92<sup>d</sup> Gordon Highlanders in 1804, was wounded & lost a leg at the Battle of Bayonne, came  
 to Canada in 1840, got a free grant of 200 acres close to Arthur, his wife died several years ago  
 & at the age of 83 married a woman of 19 years of age, with whom he lives happy,  
 While attending the Strawberry festival of Chambers Church  
 at the Drill Shed, our servant Gerl, Alisha Pollock, fell off our swing &  
 hurt her back so as to disable her from work.  
 I hear of the failure of Mr Robt Rae, distiller of Windsor



July.

THURSDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This is a very fine morning

FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup>

This is also a very fine morning

I went to the drill shed to hear what the Hon Alex Mackenzie  
Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada had to say, and was very  
much pleased with his easy and moderate way that he charges  
~~his own~~ the opposition

SATURDAY, 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning, went over to Helen Bothams  
before breakfast and had a conversation with the Hon Alex  
Mackenzie and found him very frank, and soon after  
10 a m he and the other gentlemen accompanying him proceeded  
in Carriages, with a number of others forming a large procession  
to the Great Western Station, where a Special Directors Car awaited to  
convey them to Fergus



July. 1877

MONDAY, # 9<sup>th</sup>

This Sabbath morning is dull, with very little wind, and it continues close and warm all day, a Rev. Mr. Gall preached for us in the forenoon, and Rev. Mr. Mitchell of St. John's, when a Collection was taken up for their Church Building fund, he stated that 400 acres of houses were burnt up,

This Monday morning is wet there having been a considerable amount of Thunder & lightning during the night and morning and heavy showers of rain, yet not of such long duration as to penetrate the soil sufficient to keep the grass from getting brown

TUESDAY, # 10<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY, # 11<sup>th</sup>

This is another fine morning, The young folks are busy preparing flowers & such for the display and refreshments after the induction of our Minister J. C. Smith, Mr. Allan & I dined at Elmhurst, in company with Mr. & Mrs. Reisk & wife from Buffalo, and came in in time to attend the Induction at 2 o'clock, the attendance was large

One unpleasant announcement appeared in the Herald that James Massie & Co had called a Meeting of his Creditors to meet at the Queens Hotel, Toronto on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst



July. 1877

THURSDAY, ~~11th~~ 12<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This is a fine morning, but dry and warm  
I hear this morning that the Carpenters working  
at the New Wellington Hotel, have stopped work, for want  
of pay for several weeks

My son William went down to Hamilton this morning thence  
to Toronto next day

FRIDAY, ~~12th~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning A fine breeze has sprung up  
which cools the air a little,

SATURDAY, ~~13th~~ 14<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine pleasant morning, also a  
very large Market with large loads of cherries at 5¢  
a quart, and potatoes at 40¢ a peck  
McInbothan went up to Loudon this morning.



July.

MONDAY, ~~14th~~ 16<sup>th</sup>

1872.

Sabbath 15<sup>th</sup> July was a very warm day. Rev. Mr. McDonald preached in Andrews Church in the forenoon the Introductory sermon and our own Minister Rev. J. G. Smith in the evening.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Fine morning, but dry and warm, I expected John Edington from Stratford to attend the meeting of my Creditors to day, but he did not come. The meeting began at 2 p.m. present Messrs Stone & Elliot 2 of the inspectors, Kemp & Thomas, of the Bank also their Solicitor Mr. McKelcan, Stachan, George Sheppard, Hamilton, Alex. Smith, H. C. Allan, Higinbotham, Brydon, & Mr. Catten for Creditors & John Smith, Assignee. It was resolved that the Mortgage to the Bank is legal and good to them.

It became dull in the afternoon, with strong signs of rain & very warm, rain began about 8 but only light.

TUESDAY, ~~16th~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

This is a close morning, it was raining between 1 & 2 O'clock a.m. at 6 this morning thermometer stood at 66°, and heavy at 4 O'clock I was told, Meeting of Creditors of J. Massie & Co to day at the Queens Hotel Toronto at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, ~~17th~~ 18<sup>th</sup>

This is a warm morning, and very warm during the day.

The sky got cloudy in the afternoon, and looked very like rain. We visited our old servant Lidia Anderson to day, who is to be married tomorrow to our old Distiller James Dourie, and proceed to Manitoba on a visit to her Brother's family.

It rained this evening.



July.

THURSDAY, ~~1871~~ 19<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This is a dull heavy morning but no rain, Bot 1/2 Bushel of new potatoes at 50¢ or \$1. per Bushel,

Went up this afternoon to see the new Engine that Worwick is making for Mr. Marsden of Newmarket, it a splendid piece of work,

FRIDAY, ~~1871~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

This is rather a chilly morning, compared with yesterday, The wind is from the N. West I have not felt quite so well to day

I looked into Ingles & Hunters shop this forenoon, and saw no Engines on the floor, but was told that they have orders for two, I saw a small 6 horse power upright Engine out in the yard and about ready to send off,

SATURDAY, ~~1871~~ 21<sup>st</sup>

This is a fine clear warm morning with gentle South Westery breeze  
Plenty of fine potatoes much larger than last Saturday, at \$1.25 a Bushel down to \$1.00.  
The Fruiters are getting in Boxes of American harvest Apples, and Peaches, but very dear.



July.

MONDAY, ~~22~~ 23<sup>o</sup>

1877

Sabbath was a fine morning warm with a gentle breeze our own Minister Mr Smith preached his first forenoon sermon, and evening likewise, both were powerfull and convincing discourses, neither Davidson or McCrea were able to be in Church from indisposition

This morning is fine warm & clear, but as soon as the Mail came to hand it brought alarming intelligence of the great Railroad riots in Pittsburg, Reading

TUESDAY, ~~23~~ 24

This is another beautiful morning, with a gentle breeze as the day advances it becomes very warm

Railroad matters on the other side are getting more settled and hear of no more destruction of Property, But it appears that the strikers hold the Station ground at East Buffalo and will not allow any trains to go out, and many cattle are dying for want of food and water,

WEDNESDAY, ~~24~~ 25<sup>th</sup>

This is likewise a very warm clear morning, I have been up quite early at the church, as the scaffold for painting the spire is completed, & was desirous of stopping any unnecessary alterations in the weathercock, but only to put in links to hang the Bells to the arms & requild them and the Cock,

Mr A. B. Stewart returned from Dundas and Toronto this afternoon, and had a chat with him till late this evening, and is going off by first train to Toronto in the morning.



July.

THURSDAY, ~~XX~~ 26<sup>th</sup>

1877

This is a close warm morning, Thermometer at 7 a.m. 73°

Mr A B Stewart left by the 8,25 train this morning  
this is a very warm day

John & I went through all the  
kitchen to day and took dimensions of its rooms &c.

The painter strongly advises 5 coats of paint instead  
of 3 coats and sanding it,

FRIDAY, ~~XX~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

This has been a stormy morning about 3 o'clock the  
thunder and lightning was very severe, with frequent  
showers of rain and the ground was very wet this  
morning, and all the forenoon close and warm about  
One o'clock a heavy shower of large drops came on  
but only lasted a few minutes, I was overcome with the  
heat and walking about yesterday that I don't feel so well  
to day

SATURDAY, ~~XX~~ 28<sup>th</sup>

This is another close warm morning  
and the market well supplied with all kinds  
vegetables. The accounts from the States are more pacific  
except the miners who have stopped the pumps and  
the water will soon fill the mines.



July.

MONDAY, ~~29~~ 30<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath was very warm.

This morning is also very warm

Meeting in the School room this evening principally in regard to the enlargement of the Manse, the Committee that were appointed got plans out that would cost about \$3000 while the Trustees would not expend more than \$1300, Offer of Exchange was made by Hugh Walker, he to take our manse, & we to take his (new house) & the old one, and allow him \$2,500 for the difference, & to be decided on Monday next,

TUESDAY, ~~11th~~ 31<sup>st</sup>

This is a very warm morning

~~Massie~~ ~~that~~ went down to Toronto to day

I observed the contractor nailing down the 3 inch elm planking on the Bridge with 6 inch Cut nails & told him they would never hold, he said these were the kind allowed him to use, I then spoke to the Chairman, and the Engineer and they agreed at once with me, and sent down a Keg of 6 inch wrought iron spikes, which drew them down firm & solid

WEDNESDAY, ~~11th~~ August 1<sup>st</sup> 1877

Another very warm morning

They got the North half of the Bridge planked to day and made passable for foot-passengers,

~~Not~~ went down to Toronto & ~~ret~~ in the evening,



August

THURSDAY, 2<sup>o</sup>

1877

This morning glass at 70° at 7 a m,

We went down to the Pustinch Lake to see the Boys the day was very warm but there was a fine cooling breeze, we had a boat and rowed out to the Island where the boys were encamped, they were pleased to see us but we did not stay long partly fearing a thunder storm but it passed off, but it had rained very heavy for 3 or 4 hours in town,

FRIDAY, 3<sup>o</sup>

This is a cool morning from yesterdays rain, the news from the States is not all quiet yet and matters are in an unsatisfactory state yet

Higinbotham and family with Miss Blainey are preparing to go down to Pustinch Lake, they started at 3 o'clock P.M. and did not get home till a 1/4 to 10. the night was pleasant no moon but star light

SATURDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning, with hardly a breath of wind, they are about to put in the last beam of the Bridge, I dont think that the bridging between the beams is sufficient and will be apt to spring a good deal



August.

MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup>

1877

Sabbath was a cool day

This morning quite pleasant but as the day advances it becomes much warmer, Rev<sup>d</sup> J. D. McDougle here this forenoon on his way to Fergus

We had a very good meeting this evening in our school room, when it was resolved to buy Walkers new house for \$6,000 and to dispose of our Manse

TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup>

This is another warm morning, The men are busy planking the Bridge with new Birch elm plank and

WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>

This is a warm close morning, and was quite warm all day

About 7 a m received a Telegram from John Edington to meet him ~~here~~ at the evening train but did not arrive another came saying he would leave Toronto at 9.15. but he did not get here till 12 O'clock and slept at Heiginbothams



August.

THURSDAY, A. 9<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This was a fine airy morning,  
Went up to the Station to see John Edington  
go home to Stratford,

Mrs A and I got ready soon afterwards  
and started for Puslinch Lake and arrived there  
about One O'clock, rowed out to their Island & eat Lunch  
and remained for an hour or so, left the Hotel at 1/2 past

4 for Peter Edingtons at Fishers Mills and home about  
10 O'clock we got a little rain, but it had rained  
very heavy 1/2 way to Guelph as we saw all the pools on  
the road filled with water, it was very dark that  
we could not a Buggy before us but with great difficulty  
a good many flashes of lightning helped us at the  
first start

Heard that Robt Caldwell was shot by accident by his son  
in Africa on the 6<sup>th</sup> June last,

FRIDAY, A. 10<sup>th</sup>

This morning was dull and heavy looking, my toes  
are quite sore that the Horse tramped on last night & 3  
are coloured a dark purple

William Higginbotham came up by train last night &  
went down to the Lake early this morning with the 2  
horses & light waggon and brought up their Tent and all  
their things and got home by O'clock a m

SATURDAY, A. 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning is much the same

On Tuesday last Messrs  
James Massie & Co made an assignment to John Smith  
official assignee, and a meeting of his Creditors are  
called for the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at 2 O'clock



August.

MONDAY, ~~Aug.~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath 12<sup>th</sup> heavy rain about 4 or 5, then again about 9 - and at 10 o'clock it became heavier again, it kept fair after 11 o'clock but remained dull and heavy all day

This is a dull morning and likely to bring on more rain, between 10 & 11 it rained very heavy for a while with light showers now and then. The afternoon was dry but close & warm.

I examined McLaggans hot air furnace and also that of Mr Gowdy

TUESDAY, ~~Aug.~~ 14

This is a very dull dark morning, there was considerable thunder and lightning during the night & some showers this forenoon has been quite wet, some heavy showers fell about 12. And again in the afternoon  
The wind was southerly

WEDNESDAY, ~~Aug.~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

This is also a dulish morning with hot outbursts of sunshine and not like settled weather yet.

About 12 & 1 it rained pretty heavy for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour then again at 6 it came on very heavy with large drops and close

Saw Mr Farish the Miller who has been down at Halifax about a loss he has sustained by the failure of a commission house Goldie is in for about \$8,000. John Pepe a 100 Bells Tolton is also in



August.

THURSDAY, ~~14th~~ 16<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is dry morning and more settled like, but it looks like as if it had rained during the night, the thunder is rolling this forenoon and the sky is becoming dark again.

Great rain came on about One o'clock and continued for 3 hours of incessant heavy rain, when all the gutters and drains were completely overflown and great many cellars flooded and considerable damage done. The crops standing out will suffer greatly.

FRIDAY, ~~14th~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

This morning opened out fine and clear and looked like settled, it continued so till after One o'clock when a close rain came on with close heat, and must now greatly injure the Spring wheat that is standing out, and are told they are sprouting an inch long.

SATURDAY, ~~14th~~ 18<sup>th</sup>

This morning opens out fine and dry like, yet there now and then warm gusts of hot air which makes it very doubtful if it will continue so all day.

The amount of Massie's debts are \$238,738,39  
The Bank of Montreal's claim is \$183,725,00



August.

MONDAY, ~~19~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath 19<sup>th</sup> was a fine dry day

This morning is bright and beautiful and looks quite settled to all appearance

About 1/2 past One a fire broke out in Horseman's hardware store it began in the cellar, and took hold so rapidly that little or nothing was saved, Williamson & Co. Cormack & Sons, and the Bank of Commerce & Ontario had to move every thing, which was a work of great labour and destruction, but with the hard work of the firemen, and plenty of water the fire was at length got under control,

TUESDAY, ~~20~~ 21<sup>st</sup>

This is a very fine morning, and settled looking, and the late rains has improved the pastures a good deal

A great many Tomatoes are offered for sale at 75¢ per Bushel, and remarkably fine

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WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>d</sup>

This is a very fine morning, clear sky and likely to be very warm this day, and it was so, Men have begun to remove the Rubbish out of the burnt building, and O. Kennedy has got the job of putting all to rights again, Rev. Mr. Edward Ebbes came here to day along with Mr. Wickson from Toronto they left in the afternoon by the 4-45 train



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THURSDAY, 23<sup>o</sup>

1877

This seems to be a close morning and of any thing dull looking have thoughts of starting for Stratford this morning, which I did and got there at a 1/4 to 12 and met John Edington on the street, The day was fine and had a good view of the House both of the external and internal arrangements, the floors are laid on nearly all the rooms and the lathing going in the Kitchen part of the house

FRIDAY, ~~23~~ 24<sup>th</sup>

In Stratford, The weather is rather cloudy this morning & raw of any thing. Had a turn about the Town this forenoon and found several new Brick houses covered in & ready for the carpenter and plasterer, I met with Mr Todd of Galt also Mr Ballintyne a dealer in Cheesie, with whom we dined, I then went out to the Grand Trunk Repair Shops, & found an old acquaintance who has been directing & making changes in shops there, has now returned and is going to make such alterations in the amount of work which must be done by the men in the shops, also of the enlargement of <sup>such</sup> cylinders as will admit of it, that will enable an Engine to draw nearly double the number of Cars they formerly did, and with the same number of men,

SATURDAY, ~~24~~ 25<sup>th</sup>

Very fine morning. The Great London Show is here already this morning with over 30 Cars & 2 fine sleeping Cars all their own property, it appears their Contract with the G.S.R. Co is \$200, Cash down for every time they move, with the Company's Engine always in attendance, their Canvas nearly covered the whole fair ground



August.

MONDAY, ~~26~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath 26<sup>th</sup> This is a very fine morning, the day was dry  
and warm

Monday morning bright and warm

TUESDAY, 27.

This is a pleasant morning, The forenoon was quite  
fine without the least appearance of a change

But between 12 & 1 a dullness came over the atmosphere  
then the rolling of thunder and a heavy shower  
of rain for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour, after an interval of about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour another very heavy pouring rain came on  
which lasted 15 or 20 minutes.

Mr Cooper the Surveyor  
has been beat off his work in surveying the Priory  
Grounds to day, with the view to divide it into  
lots for Building purposes

WEDNESDAY, 28.

This was a close cloudy morning and threatening rain  
Mr A and I intended going to Toronto by the cheap Excursion  
train at 9 a m, but I having to sign a deed of the old Manse  
to Dr Howitt (for which he paid \$3,500. Cash) We could not get  
away till the 11 o'clock train, the weather by that time turned out  
very fine, called on the Alexanders, and saw the House they are building  
of Brick & to Cost \$2,500. the ground in that street is worth \$45 per foot front  
to be ready 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, We also called on W<sup>m</sup> Higginbotham, but could not see  
him, as he would be able to recognize either of us, We left by the 11.45 train  
having been too late for the 5.15,



August.

THURSDAY, ~~Aug~~ 30<sup>th</sup>

1877.

We got home this morning from Toronto about 2 O'clock by the midnight train, with a great many Guelph folks who had been left behind,

This is a splended day for the Harvest Home on the Model Farm, to which I have been invited ~~but~~ for want of conveyance of my own, and having to attend the Bapltism of my Sons child this evening I thought it would be too much for us both

We went up to Williams to the Bapltism at 7 O'clock and left at 10 the child was named Walter. Mat, Maggie, & Miss Edington were there

FRIDAY, ~~Aug~~ 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is a very wet morning, raining hard at 6 O'clock, The Thunder was rolling at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 and still raining 9 O'clock and still raining hard. This is our Fast Day in the Presbyterian Churches in this Town, The afternoon was dry but in the evening it was of any thing a little drizzling rain. The attendance at night in the Church was much better,

I went up to Goldie's Mill for a supply of chicken feed, and looked in to the New Engine house, which is very much enlarged, and found them far advanced with the foundation and bed ~~for~~ the Engine it is substantial and well built with Water Lime, and bolt holes preserved in the work by means of wooden boxes built in as the work goes up.

SATURDAY, ~~Aug~~ 1<sup>st</sup> September

This is a fine morning and the rain has ceased, I sent Postals card to A. Loungham. But as the day advanced it became quite chilly. There was a meeting of my Creditors this afternoon. All I can hear that was done was the reception of offers for the outside property, that could not be entertained being far below the mark, another matter, was the purchase of a life interest for my Brother William



September.

MONDAY, 3<sup>d</sup>

1877.

Sabbath morning is of any thing dark and cloudy, and hope it may keep fair, this being our Communion Sabbath,  
It got quite cool at midday 60° and at 6 p.m. 55°.

This day has also been chilly, a cold N. West wind has been blowing all day, and those that were up very early this morning found the side walks white with frost.

TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>

This is of any thing a better looking morning a fine clear sky, ~~the fair~~

WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>

This is the Monthly Fair Day and it is a very fine morning, The Fair is but poorly attended

I have just heard that the Elora Mills have been purchased from the Merchants Bank by Mr. Keoretop for ~~\$12,000~~ \$13,000



September.

THURSDAY, 6<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a cool morning after the rain yesterday afternoon.

The day has been pleasant yet cooler than of late. This is the Horticultural Show day, and a very fine show it is. Neither the Cauliflowers nor the Egg plant was so good either in size or compactness, & too many green leaves in the centre of them, a fine display of Plums, but hardly ripe.

FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a dull morning and looks like more rain and there was a light shower in the forenoon.

SATURDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>

This was a fine morning, and as it advanced a great many waggons with fruit and vegetables drew up at the market such as, tomatoes, grapes of various kinds, Melons, Corn, &c.



September.

MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath, this is a fine clear morning with moderate temperature

In the afternoon there was a slight shower

TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup>

This was of any thing a dull morning, and very much like rain

Went out the Dundas road to look out for some store pigs

WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning and as the day advances is getting very warm



September.

THURSDAY, ~~12~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a splendid morning, and it will be highly favourable for the Caladonian gathering this day at the Exhibition grounds

FRIDAY, ~~13~~ 14<sup>th</sup>

This appears to be a very fine morning, I have made up mind to go down to Kespeler by the Cars and walk to Peters, I found them all so far as he & the son & daughter were well, but Mrs Jington was complaining a good deal of looseness of spirits &c, The weather was very warm, they have had a fine crop of Splended peaches ripe & good It is only once in several years they can have the like

I was driven down to Kespeler saw Old Jacob who is preparing to run his distillery next week, he complains of the poor profits they are making, he sold the last sale of rye at 80¢ duty paid, and from having them in store for some 8 or 10 weeks it was found that the Barrels after being emptied, weighed more than they were tared on an average 6 lbs which he had to allow of the spirits,

SATURDAY, ~~14~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

This is another very fine morning, with a very fresh breeze, a great quantity of Peaches are daily being brought to town by rail and selling at \$1.50 a box that a few days ago were selling at \$2.50 to \$3.00 — Apples 75¢ & \$1.00 a bag,

I met Geo Raudale of Waterloo returning from Toronto he says he sold Rye Whiskey duty paid at 83¢ & in Bond at 23¢ and says that there is nothing in it, I would gladly sell out Mill & Distillery at 50¢



September.

MONDAY, ~~16~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath morning was dull after such a heavy fall of rain during the night, washing out great ruts on the roads. But as the day advanced it became fine & warm, Mr Smith in the forenoon, & Mr Wardrop in the evening,

This Monday morning is a little damp but pleasant about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past One it began to rain and continued more or less throughout the afternoon

Mr J. Caulfield's flour and saw mills were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning between 12 & 1 a.m. They were leased (except the saw mill) to Messrs Cordiner & Heaigh, the total loss is from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and no insurance whatever, having neglected to renew the Policy for some months. Higginbotham started for Orangeville meeting to night

TUESDAY, ~~17~~ 18<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine morning, and looks as if there had been some rain last night. I took a stroll this afternoon to see the progress made. F. W. Stone is getting round again but he has been very ill for some days back

WEDNESDAY, ~~18~~ 19<sup>th</sup>

This is quite a fresh morning, but there was frost on the side walks at 5 a.m.



September.

THURSDAY, ~~20~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a fine dry morning, and cool and pleasant

FRIDAY, ~~21~~ 21<sup>st</sup>

There was a little frost this morning, but clear and bright

SATURDAY, ~~22~~ 22<sup>d</sup>

This is another fine clear morning, but the grass had a white coating this morning, there is very little done in the Mill in gristing of any kind



September.

MONDAY, ~~23~~ 24<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath morning 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept clear and bright, and looks as though had been a light frost

This is a very fine morning. The Inspectors of my Estate examined the piece of road I purchased from the Council or rather exchanged as I gave them a road for it, and got a deed from them & gave them one also,

TUESDAY, ~~24~~ 25<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine morning, and a long train went up to London well filled with passengers for the Exhibition at London.

Higinbotham left for Toronto by the last train to be present at the marriage of Mrs Wm Higinbotham's daughter by her first husband. Miss to Mr. Morrison son of Angus Morrison, Mayor of Toronto,

WEDNESDAY, ~~25~~ 26<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning, but so many Cars for the Exhibition as yesterday

I went up to Goldie's Mill this afternoon, and find they have got the Engine & fly wheel connected, & have hung the new boiler along side of the old one, the old wall remaining between them. They are both return tubular boilers the masonry was building in the furnace with fire Bricks, and forming the inverted arch below the boiler with common bricks, they are also taking out the old Pulley & part of the shafting, and going to put in a larger pulley & shaft of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter, very little done to the condenser as yet, will take 2 weeks yet before all is going again,

A. B. Stewart, passed down from Detroit by the 5<sup>th</sup> train, spoke to P. S. Stevenson who was also on board,



September.

THURSDAY, ~~27~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a rainy morning

William went to Toronto at 11 a m,  
George Linds 2 boys called to the eldest is 20 years past last May, they  
had both been to the Exhibition at London, where over 30,000  
people were admitted by tickets,

James Goldie is putting in a new intermediate wrought iron  
shaft about 20 feet long at least, all turned and polished  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches  
diameter. (the old one was only about 4 in and in 2 lengths, The Chimney  
plate on the new foundation (which is only temporary is 30 inches diameter  
to suit the present smoke stalk) But the foundation for ultimately building  
a Brick one on is 9 feet square of substantial masonry,

FRIDAY, ~~28~~ 28<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning, quite mild and the  
flowers in the garden fresh vigorous as they were in June  
and think that new flowers are commencing in Bloom

W<sup>m</sup> returned from Toronto this morning,

A great many have returned from the Provincial Show this  
afternoon

SATURDAY, ~~29~~ 29<sup>th</sup>

This is another beautiful morning  
A great many people in town, and great quantities  
of fruit and vegetables, also an Auction of Horseman's goods  
saved from the fire

Our Minister Mr Smith got up another  
2 loads of furniture and got them in from the Station  
The wooden drain along the South side of Quebec Street is nearly  
completed it is about feet wide, and deep at the deepest part  
Cedar cills



September.

MONDAY, ~~1~~ 1<sup>st</sup> October 1877.

Sabbath 30<sup>th</sup> is a very foggy or misty morning that I cannot see  $\frac{1}{2}$  across the river

This morning we enter on the first day of October 1877 which is a most charming morning, there has been a light shower of rain during the night but now all is clear & fine,

About 9 a.m. Hoiginbotham, little Alice and I went down to Richard Nicklin's saw Mill in Flambro & returned in the afternoon the day was very warm, yet fine and airy, people seemed to be busy lifting their Potatoes, Mrs Leslie had the largest I have seen

The roads were in fine order, and the condition of the Farms and Steading appeared much improved since I was down in that quarter

October.

TUESDAY, 2<sup>o</sup>

This is quite a dull morning and has every appearance of rain which will be a drawback to the Fair which opens to day here, as well as in Hamilton, neither Society being willing to give way to the other,

The Contractor for digging the cellar of Hoiginbotham's small shop at the East end of the Grand Trunk Bridge began this morning,

About 10 minutes past 7 this evening my daughter Mrs Hoiginbotham was safely delivered of a daughter,

WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>o</sup>

This morning is likewise a dull morning, but the mist now appears to be falling, and likely to be fine,

The day is turning out to be fine, and a great many visitors are pouring in by horse conveyance and by the Trains

I went up to the Exhibition grounds in the afternoon and found the show of farm implements more extensive, the Roots of all kinds larger, and very solid, and the display of fruit was extraordinary, and fine



October.

THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>

1877.

There is quite a change this morning, the rain has come at last and rather heavy at times, the wind from the West

The Early Vermont Potatoe is a very fine one, But the Late Rose is more productive

FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>

This is quite a cool morning, there had frost, but as the day advanced it became more pleasant

About noon we got the loan of Heiginbothams horse & Buggy and went up to the Exhibition ground, and found that the Exhibitors were beginning to pack up their things, altogether the affair was a success notwithstanding that the Hamilton show was on the same days

It appears that Messrs Kemp & Mitchell of the Bank were looking all round the premises

SATURDAY, 6<sup>th</sup>

This is a pleasant morning, although there has been a little frost, The day turned out quite pleasant, at noon when I went up to town I met our old friend Edward Martin, the lawyer formerly of Quelpk, but now of St. Louis

The contractors for Heiginbothams cellar has about completed the excavation



October.

MONDAY, ~~8~~ 8<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath morning <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> mist is a fine dry morning. but the grass was quite white at 1/2 past 6,

This Monday morning is very wet, seems to be steady & with a heavy shower now and then & no outdoor work going on.

TUESDAY, ~~8~~ 9<sup>th</sup>

This morning is hotter but still dripping of the roof, as if there had been rain during the night.

The day turned out much better than could have been expected in the early part of the forenoon.

The Sabbath School Convension of Ontario began this morning in the Norfolk Methodist Church about 200 having arrived, but they are flocking in by every train.

• Miss Alice Snider, a delegate took tea with us.

We attended the meeting this evening of the Sabbath School Convension, which was filled to overflowing, & good speeches delivered.

WEDNESDAY, ~~10~~ 10<sup>th</sup>

This is a dull looking morning after the rain during the night or early morning.

The day continued very unsettled with showers in the afternoon and evening.

We again attended the Convension this evening,



October.

THURSDAY, ~~NOV~~ 11<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is another wet and dull looking morning, and the clouds looks very watery like

Buisness still continues very unsettled still a great many failures are reported almost daily and the weekly reports are almost as numerous of late as they were when the depression was at its worst, The defalcations & embroilments very frequent, It is quite cold this afternoon the wind Northerly, and slight drizzling rain at times

A party in Hamilton has bought a large number of the old whisky barrels, 7 Cars are engaged for them & they are being loaded this afternoon

FRIDAY, ~~NOV~~ 12<sup>th</sup>

This looks like a clear settled morning, the wind is yet from a Northerly direction but not so cold as yesterday afternoon

SATURDAY, ~~NOV~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

A dry morning, with frost on the grass, the sky cloudy at 7 a.m. the sky is clearing up as the morning advances



October.

MONDAY, ~~14~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath day was fine and warm & quite a summer day

This morning was a fine clear morning, Nat, went off towards Erin village this morning

Mill this forenoon, but the Steam Engine was standing still but it had been going 3 days last week, But the Condenser is not attached to it yet, I went up to Goldens

TUESDAY, ~~15~~ 16<sup>th</sup>

This is rather a dull morning and cold, Northerly wind

It continued raw and, and drizzling rain now and then

WEDNESDAY, ~~16~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

This is a wet morning, but during the day it improved and was quite dry in the afternoon

The Sale of the Lots of Land in my Estate came off at One O'clock



October.

THURSDAY, ~~IN~~ 18<sup>th</sup>

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This is another dull morning and a good deal of mist that it almost nets one through in a short time,

I have made up my mind to proceed to Stratford to consult John Idington about dower, I did start by the  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 train and got there about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4. and found him engaged at an arbitration between a Farmer and the New Railway Co<sup>o</sup> from Woodstock, Stratford and into the Huron Tract, I staid at the Hotel all night and after tea had some time to consult him as well as in the morning,

FRIDAY, ~~IN~~ 19<sup>th</sup>

This was a very wet morning in Stratford & having rained very heavy through the night the streets were very wet I left by the early train for the East at 9.25. and got here at 11 a.m. and found it wet and disagreeable here also, and mason work suspended for the day.

SATURDAY, ~~IN~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

This is a cold raw morning, but as yet no rain although it looks like it, It is getting colder as the day advances, however the afternoon was dry but not in any way cheerfull weather, I handed in a letter to the Inspectors of my Estate this forenoon about my Wifes Dower I went up to Goldies Mill in the afternoon and saw the new Engine at work which to all appearance went well the speed is much reduced below the old one that was taken away, and the valves are not so intricate and difficult to set and keep in order the boilers are fed at present with hot water from the Exhaust cistern, But when the condenser is completed I do not see how they can feed with hot water, without an additional fixture for the purpose



October.

MONDAY, ~~21~~ 22<sup>o</sup>

1877.

<sup>21<sup>st</sup></sup>  
There was frost last night and the side walks with the effects of it,

The Assizes began to day Judge Morrison presiding

TUESDAY, 23<sup>o</sup>

This was a remarkably fine morning

It continued so all the early part of the day but a great change came about towards the after part of the day, turned rather cold and dreary

This last few days the leaves have been falling of the trees in great quantities

WEDNESDAY, ~~23~~ 24<sup>th</sup>

This is a dull morning and raw

Reports are going about that the Guelph Mills & all the property of the Bank of Commerce is sold, but cannot trace it to any authentic source as yet, but after Saturday it will be fully known after the tenders are opened

About 7 O'clock it began to rain and continued for some-time



October.

THURSDAY, ~~24~~ 25<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a foggy morning, and even approaching to fine rain, the mist lasted most of the forenoon. It was cold and raw throughout the day.

Sturdy's trial for the abduction of Miss Carr came on this morning, and the Court room was crammed.

About 5 p.m. called at the G. Trunk Station the CARRS ~~are~~ were late & got tired waiting and left, but had only gone out of the gate when I heard the train coming and returning and the first one I recognised was my Brother James, from Bayfield.

FRIDAY, ~~25~~ 26<sup>th</sup>

This is a dull raw morning and the Thermometer down to 34°. The grass is keeping green and fine as yet and affords fine pasture in abundance.

The day continued cold throughout. There was great crowds in the Court house to hear the trial of Sturdy it was difficult to squeeze in to get standing room. I was informed to day that Williamson offers Carpets made at Elora for 87¢ per yard that cost 85¢ in the making, & when you deduct his profit for selling of from 10 to 12¢ per yard it will leave the manufacturer nothing but a heavy loss, of perhaps 12¢ per yard. I heard that the Bank of Commerce has a claim or mortgage of \$25,000 on the flour & Woolen Mills at Ayr the Woolen Mill was lately destroyed by fire, which must leave the proprietors in a poor way.

SATURDAY, ~~26~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

This morning seems to be dull and lowering and looks like rain. During the day it kept off, was never clear and bright all day. The Court closed for the day about ~~one~~ One o'clock. There is yet a dullness in most of trades, great complaints as to the difficulty in collecting out-standing debts. The Wellington Hotel is not finished yet such as stairs to the basement floors there, and painting and staining. The heating apparatus is apparently finished, but the prospects of it paying are bad should the Duncan Act be carried.



October.

MONDAY, ~~28~~ 29<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath morning dull and misty, Temp<sup>re</sup> 43° and mild,

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875.

### Carpet Factory and Machinery

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

The land, buildings, and machinery of the Elora Manufacturing Company, situate in the village of Elora, Ont., will be offered for sale by public auction, on the premises, on

Friday the Ninth day of November

NEXT, AT TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Terms made known at time of sale.

The buildings are of stone, substantial and commodious, the main building being four stories high.

The machinery is modern and in excellent condition, comprising 26 hand-looms, 1 power-loom, and all necessary machinery for carding, spinning, dyeing, &c., &c.

First-class water-power, with auxiliary new steam engine, steam-heating tubes all through the factory.

At the same time will be offered the remainder of the stock, consisting of dye-stuffs, yarns, carpets, fuel, and sundries.

The premises and stock may be seen any day previous to the sale by application to Mr. ARCHIBALD FILSHIE, Elora.

W. F. FINDLAY,

Hamilton, 19th October, 1877. Assignee.

TUESDAY, ~~29~~ 30<sup>th</sup>

This morning is bright, but there has been a heavy frost as the grass is white at 7 a.m. and the side walks as well all covered with Rime,

WEDNESDAY, ~~30~~ 31<sup>st</sup>

This is a somewhat dull morning Temp<sup>re</sup> at 40° and cloudy



October. November THURSDAY, 31<sup>st</sup>

1877.

This is a very nice fall morning, But have heard that the young men, have done some mischief at the back of the Herge in taking Hergebotham's gates of the hinges, and breaking some parts, which I went over and with assistance restored to their places and got the 11 pigs put back into the field, The Assizes were finished this afternoon

November.

FRIDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>

This is a very wet morning, it rained hard through night, and has washed down a great quantity of the fine yellow leaves of the Maples &c  
The day throughout was blustering & stormy

William at Hamilton to day

James<sup>Ed</sup> Allan and Hergebotham went up to London

SATURDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup>

This is a somewhat pleasant morning yet coldish and requires an overcoat. In the forenoon it was clear dry and the masons were at work, but those on the upper works of the New Catholic Church did not appear and slight flurries of snow now and then. At 5 pm when the train passed down, the roofs of the Coaches or Cars had a coating of snow on them.

Nat returned from London this evening, he bot 500 Bbls crude oil at Petrolia



November.

MONDAY, ~~14~~ 5<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This Sabbath morning was dry and cold and a little frost on the grass at 7am but cleared off, and the fore part of the day was tolerably fine, but in the afternoon it became heavy & dull & between 3 & 4 began to snow, and continued all the afternoon & evening.

Nat went to Hamilton this morning, Monday morning wet, with showers of sleet and rain, up to about noon, it then began to snow steady and lay on the ground.

TUESDAY, ~~15~~ 6<sup>th</sup>

This is a wintry looking morning thin ice covers the Dam, and the ground is all covered snow between one & 2 inches deep, As the day advanced it became more pleasant though wet and muddy.

We made some calls for the first time on Mrs Hogg (widow of our late Minister) and also on our New Minister Mr Smith,

I cut up some pigs to day at Heiginbothams.

Some geese were frozen on the Dam last night and are not relieved yet.

WEDNESDAY, ~~16~~ 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a moderate winter looking morning, the Dam is again froze over this morning also, About 9 o'clock it began to warm up and become fine,

This being the Monthly Fair Day, I went to Evan McDonalds and brought my Cow to the Fair ground and sold her for \$25. Cash,

The masons have been at work to day building at the End addition of Williamson's Shop, and are now leveling for the eills of the upper windows,



November.

THURSDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>

1872.

This morning quite dull and wet, there is a close fine rain falling steady, and will prevent any Mason work being done to day, as the day advances there is no appearance of any cessation of the rain,

I wrote to John Smith, Bridge of Allan to day about his lot in Hamilton

FRIDAY, 9<sup>th</sup>

This is a cold morning with, ice on the ponds only yet it is dull, yet the masons began to work on Williamsons building at the ("Lion")

Also the men worked at the roof of the Catholic Church in carrying up the central spire which seems to be a slender one yet considerably higher than the old one still standing

SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup>

This is a tollerable fine morning  
The market was very well supplied, and farther I saw 30 or 40 coops of live Turkeys being the last load of a shipment of 1900 of them to be sent off to New York this afternoon

Went up to Goldies Mill this forenoon to see his New Engine going after the Condenser was attached & am now convinced that a condenser in connection with a high pressure Engine is an immense saving, The loss of which in years past has contributed to my loss & ruin, in the great waste of fuel



November.

MONDAY, ~~11~~ 12<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a moderate morning of any thing mild yet very dull, yet no rain fell during the forenoon.

TUESDAY, ~~12~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

This is a very fine morning for the time of the Year. The forenoon turned out pleasant, and the people began to turn out to attend the Sale of the remainder of the loose property at the Mills and Distillery. The Auctioneer Mr Knowles began to sell the things in the Office such as Maps, inks, desks, <sup>clock</sup> files for papers, tin boxes, Thermometers & many things too numerous to mention. Then the old Bedsteads & Bedding that remained from the last sale. Then firewood, the soft wood going as low as 50¢ & 60¢ was stopped some Casks and stumps of oak.

WEDNESDAY, ~~13~~ 14<sup>th</sup>

This is a moderate day going to be, it is dry but dull, yet mild and outdoor work going on freely. I am busy cutting down a stand for a stove for dining room to cook with &c,



November.

THURSDAY, ~~14~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a wet morning.  
At 10 O'clock it began to rain very heavy and what little  
work <sup>that</sup> was doing before the shower is now stopped  
Fitted up pipes in dining room stove,

It rained again this evening for a short time

FRIDAY, ~~15~~ 16<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine bright morning, and the sun shone  
out finely, and made a pleasant change, how  
long it may last. I began to set up the old  
8 day Mill Office clock at Higinbothams which he  
bought at the sale for \$1.00

Peter Edington & wife called  
after dinner for a short time, and left town about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past  
4, p.m.,

Peter Edington & wife were here. (I borrowed \$20 from him)  
We are to have our meeting of the Worsley Trustees on the  
3<sup>d</sup> Decr.

SATURDAY, ~~16~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

This morning is quite a change from yesterday, it is  
mild so far as to allow a drizzling rain to fall, and  
the atmosphere is dull, and looks like more rain,

It however kept fair during the afternoon but about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 it became dull & dark with frequent flashes of  
lightning and about 8 O'clock a heavy shower of rain  
and high wind from the N. West came on and lasted  
for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour



18<sup>th</sup> November.

MONDAY, ~~19~~ 19<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is a cold Sabbath morning it is dry & freezing, & a strong wind from the North & N. West

This Monday morning is fine and bright, and the Northerly wind continues cold yet the frost is not so very hard as yet the glass at 9 o'clock a.m. was 28°. But it is astonishing to see the depth that the roads are frozen, which is clearly seen, in digging up some of the old gas pipes, the direction of which having been changed, when several miles of new ~~and~~ ones of larger caliber have been put in this year,

TUESDAY, ~~19~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

This is a moderate morning and looks as if it is going to be a fine day. The Court of Chancery met to day,

The day turned out fine, and we took a walk up to Williams House,

WEDNESDAY, ~~20~~ 21<sup>st</sup>

This is a pleasant morning, and outdoor work going on freely, building in both stone & wood, also cutting down the elevated sidewalks at Elliotts Hill, and preparing to make steps of approach to the Houses on each side, Peter Edington here this forenoon, also his son John from Stratford attending to a case in Chancery which he got so arranged as to allow of his return home by the 1/2 past 2 train

The Court adjourned until Friday  
Mrs John Sully died at noon to day aged 71 years & 9 months



November.

THURSDAY, ~~21~~ 22°

1877.

This is a mild dull wet morning, with a continuous fine <sup>down</sup> rain with the glass at 42°, and the grass quite green yet.

The Church was very well attended to day, and we got a splendid sermon from Mr Smith.

The day has continued wet.

FRIDAY, ~~22~~ 23°

This is a thick misty morning, all wet around us and quite calm and mild, glass 41° at ½ past 7 a.m.

SATURDAY, ~~23~~ 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is a very wet morning dark and dull, the rain continuing all morning. Glass 44° at 7 a.m. The wind from the N East and getting colder as the day advances, and still raining. About ½ past 10 this forenoon the New addition to Williamsons with a loud noise, the whole front of the upper story and the half of the middle one, and a portion of the end wall and many of the joists broken in pieces,



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Finance and Trade.

Tuesday evening.

A favourable change, arising from purely commercial causes, occurred in the wheat trade. The market jumped up about four cents a bushel on spring, and two or three cents on fall. The rise imparted a healthy tone to business, and recorded transactions were the largest of the season. The advance was marked by some irregularity, but at the close values were steady and firm.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of Molson's Bank was held yesterday, the President in the chair. A general statement of the affairs of the bank upon the 30th September showed under the head of liabilities that the notes in circulation amounted to \$1,023,321. The rest has been reduced to \$400,000, and there is left to the credit of profit and loss \$23,939.61. The reduction of the rest is to the extent of \$140,000, which has been appropriated for the payment of dividends. The total amounts written off bad and doubtful debts are \$206,000. The profits for the year are \$218,981, of which, for the payment of two dividends of 4 per cent., \$159,737 are appropriated, leaving \$79,181 to be carried to profit and loss.

The Jacques Cartier Bank has of late been slowly regaining its former position. On the 1st of November next the Quebec Provincial Government will credit it with the sum of \$200,000 in reduction of the amount due by the bank to the Government and in liquidation of the McDonald claim; this, with current payments, will reduce the total indebtedness of the bank to the Government on that day to about \$240,000, and effect a saving of interest to the bank of about \$14,000 per annum. The amount due by the bank to the Provincial Government at the time of suspension was close upon \$800,000, and by more careful management than characterized the past the bank has been able to effect this large reduction. The undoubted assets of the bank represent an amount in excess of the paid-up capital, though these are not all available at present. It is expected that the bank will soon resume its full line of business and the payment of dividends, the latter probably next year.

The London Daily Telegraph of Sept. 27 says:—"Mr. John O. Surtees, the trustee of the first mortgage bondholders of the Midland Railway of Canada, who has returned from Canada after inspecting the company's property, has issued a report, in which he refers first to the unprecedented stagnation of trade in Canada, especially in lumber, which constitutes the largest source of income to the railway, and he states that it is impossible for the line to be entirely completed to Midland, or to recommence paying interest on the first mortgage bonds, by Nov. 1 next. An extension of time must be granted."

The grocery trade in England the past week is reviewed as follows by telegrams from London on Saturday evening:—"The Mincing Lane Markets continue without animation, and are occasionally lower. Stocks of most articles are rather large, and there is an absence of speculation. The advance in the bank rate has not affected business adversely. Sugar has lost the improvement last quoted, and is very flat; refined is lower, but the trade demand is steady. The stock of cane sugar in the United Kingdom is far below the average. White Bengal rice sold at easier rates. There is more inquiry for cargoes at the decline. Coffee has been quiet; prices, including plantation Ceylon, are hardly so firm. Tea continues depressed; further supplies, forced off by auction without reserve, went at lower quotations than those paid by private contract; for most grades of Congo, deliveries to the end of September show an important increase upon previous years. Saltpetre is unchanged. The spice markets are rather steadier."

The London Economist of Saturday, according to cable advices, makes the following reference to the discount and money market:—"While the amount of the existing reserve renders it obvious that the directors of the Bank of England did not raise the rate one day too soon, it is equally rendered doubtful whether a four per cent. rate will long be sufficient to adequately protect their reserve. We quote mercantile paper having three months to run at 3½ to 3¾ per cent. for Bank bills, and 3¼ for trade bills. Paris just now leads the movements in speculative stocks, little independent action here being taken until quotations on the Bourse are received. The elections in France have a wide though partly indirect influence on prices, those elections being now the subject of attention, not only by operators in French securities, but in foreign stocks generally, and the whole string of markets connected with them. The German speculation for the rise is still upheld, and though it may be weak the chief apparent sign of weakness is that counter operations for the fall in consols are entered into by foreign operators. Business is all round very dull, but at the close there is a little firmness in response to better prices from Paris. A bear account of some extent has been opened in the British funds as a hedge against speculations for the rise in foreign Government securities, and up to Wednesday the approach of the settlement in consols tended to induce repurchases by the operator concerned. But on Wednesday, when gold was largely exported from the Bank of England, and the current value of money was thereby raised, a fall of 1 took place, and on balance the decline is 5-16. The difference between the money price and the price for November settlement is 3-16, which corresponds to a rate of 2½ per annum for money on consols. Russian stocks are depressed by the telegram relating to an Imperial ukase, the terms of which, however, are not explicit, allowing certain railways to make payment in paper money. American government stocks have declined in obedience to tighter money. The expectation that money by becoming dearer on each side of the Atlantic may induce realizations, leads also to speculative sales."

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the scene of hostilities (the hotel-keeper at arrival and no arrival at a dozen members who have travelled for a dozen years in preventing attendance. had somewhat the same effect as about six hours afterwards; also to getting his sister, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Gill, to attend to the prisoner, then getting Dr. Walker to attend to the mother and child. Mrs. Gill testified that she was called in, washed and dressed the baby, fed it, and then placed it on the bed with its mother; also to the fact of seeing the child dead about six hours afterwards, with its face discoloured and the blood oozing from its nose; also to the child's mouth and lips showing marks of severe pressure. Two other witnesses testified to the same facts, and all agreed to having heard the mother, on several occasions two or three weeks before the birth of the child, declare that she would kill it, that it should never peep; and all, including Dr. Walker, agreed as to the child having been a remarkably healthy one when it was born. Dr. Walker testified to his attendance on the mother and child, and said that both were doing well at the time he left the house; to the fact that when he was called back about six hours after the birth of the child it was dead, and bore all the marks of suffocation; that the child's lips and mouth bore the marks of severe pressure, as though the child had been suffocated by the pressure of the hand. Dr. McMahon, who examined the child after death, at the Coroner's inquest gave evidence corroborative to that of Dr. Walker, and Dr. White the coroner, also gave similar testimony to that of Dr. Walker. No witnesses were called for the defence, but the main contention was that the death of the child was purely accidental, and that the mother, while asleep, had involuntarily and unconsciously overlaid the child, and thus produced its death by suffocation. No one but the mother was present in the room at the time the child died, and, therefore, there was no evidence to disprove the theory of the child's death. Mr. C. A. Sadleir made an able address to the jury vindicating the innocence of the mother, and was highly complimented by his Lordship for the manner in which he defended the prisoner. Mr. Idington, Q.C., conducted the case for the Crown, and reviewed the evidence in reply to Mr. Sadleir. His Lordship delivered an elaborate charge to the jury. The jury then retired, and after being out about three hours re-entered the Court at six o'clock, and returned a verdict of "not guilty." His Lordship expressed his approval of the verdict, and dismissed the prisoner without further comment. It being too late to enter upon any other important criminal case, that of 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1877



November.

MONDAY, ~~25~~ 26<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This Sabbath morning is another damp and misty day, glass at 7 a.m. 41°<sup>o</sup>, At 9 a.m. <sup>about</sup> rec'd a Telegram from Adam Brown Esq of Hamilton that he desired my attendance of ~~my~~ his Mothers Funeral at 3 o'clock, so I determined to go down, got ready as quick as possible and had the good fortune to get Mr. Murton to take me out in his Buggy with all speed, and was there 4 minutes before the 9.35 train started, got to Hamilton about 1/2 past 11. The weather showery, took dinner at McVaughtons attended funeral at 3,

A meeting of the creditors of M. D. & H. A. Austin, flour merchants, Indiantown, N. B., was held on Wednesday, the firm being unable to meet their engagements. A statement was submitted, showing liabilities to be \$125,000. A committee was appointed to investigate affairs. John Coleman, lumber merchant, of St. John, N. B., has suspended; liabilities, \$20,000. 24 Nov 1877

TUESDAY, ~~26~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

In Hamilton, wet disagreeable morning

WEDNESDAY, ~~27~~ 28<sup>th</sup>

Dry morning with a little frost, and a few flakes of snow at times, The brick layers are about up with the walls of Heiginbothams little Shop.

There is great work in voting for & against the Duncan liquor Act, those against have a very large majority



This is a fine clear morning Thermometer at 27°. Although the frost was enough to freeze the mortar yet the Bricklayers started, but having neither Bricks nor lime, they had to quit work, from that cause alone

The Anti Duncanites had a grand procession to night a great number paraded with torch lights, also a great many carriages loaded with officers & delegates from other parts, also a display of fireworks, the night was very cold

FRIDAY, ~~29~~ 30<sup>th</sup>

There is hard frost this morning, the wind was cold strong, This is our Fast day in the Church, the fires or heating apparatus had not been attended to properly and the Church was very cold, and having my Overcoat off I shivered a great part of the time Rev. W. Mullen of Fergus preached

James Kirkpatrick Esq died this morning in Hamilton, Born in Banff near Belfast 1791. married in 1815 and removed to Canada & settled in Barton as a Land Surveyor,

John Davidson, Postmaster Galt died there this afternoon at 5 O'clock of Paralysis,

SATURDAY, ~~30~~ 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>

Hard frost during the night and this morning it was calm yet the Thermometer indicated 20° below freezing the little snow that fell is still laying over the ground



December.

MONDAY, 3<sup>d</sup>

1877

Sabbath 2<sup>d</sup> Being our Communion Sabbath is fine and clear there was hard frost last night the glass at 8 was 13° above zero This Monday morning was clear & bright the ground very bare of snow and the Therm<sup>t</sup> at 26° at 7 a.m.

Meeting to day of Miss Worleys & the late G. Worleys Trustees at Gutterie, Wall, & Cullen, Office to at at 2 o'clock rec<sup>d</sup> check for balance of funds. \$416.66

Mr Coopers arrears of rent of Rose Cottage is \$196.00

Mr Watt had answer from Stratford that the arrears of taxes due by the Estate on Lots 130 and 287 is \$68.76

TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup>

This was a little milder morning, but not bright. It continued dry during the forenoon, the roads fine smooth and dry and hard.

But in the afternoon, it began with a few flurries of snow, and then turned into fine rain, but close and not heavy.

Nat went down to Toronto in answer to a Telegram that his brother William was dying, but did not get there to see him alive.

Robert White one of my oldest acquaintances died to day at 1 o'clock, I also had a letter from Mr James Hutchison, that his wife died last Sabbath wishing me to attend the funeral tomorrow, but not being free from a cold I have had I cannot go.

WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>

This is quite a soft morning and quite mild glass up to 40°, and a thick fog falling. The Chimney and gable end of the shop was put up yesterday.

Several more failures, both great and small in Montreal and other places.



December.

THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is quite a change from yesterday, the ground is quite hard, and a keen wind blowing from the N West

I attended Robert White's funeral at 2 O'clock to day as far as the Church, but the weather was too cold for me to go to the Cemetery

The times are still very depressed Moulton (colored) grain and wool buyer, has obtained an extension of time from his creditors, Lock and Galbraith have also called on their creditors for an extension of time

FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>

This is a cold morning freezing hard the wind from the N East, I got Donald McGinnes to fill up round the boxes for the cellar windows of Heigenbothams little shop.

SATURDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

This morning was not quite so cold as yesterday only 27°. There had been a fall of snow during the night but very light, During the day we had 2 or 3 light showers. Reports to day about the safety of the steamer City of Berlin are becoming alarming and some packages have been cast ashore thought to have been on board of her.



December.

MONDAY, ~~Nov~~ 10<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath 9<sup>th</sup> had snow on the ground, fallen during the night glass about freezing, at noon began to thaw and the side walks got quite wet.

This morning was mild 28° and as the day advanced it became more mild, and the snow is melting fast.

A Telegram reached here about 10 am that the Steam ship City of Berlin was all safe, having broken her shaft when 2 days sail from reaching England.

TUESDAY, ~~Nov~~ 11<sup>th</sup>

This is a very mild morning the glass at 37° and the roads getting quite sloppy again.

As the day advances the Sun is shining out fine.

WEDNESDAY, ~~Nov~~ 12<sup>th</sup>

This is a very mild morning the glass at 30° and as the day advanced it became much milder and more like Spring weather, and as the day advanced it improved, the roads also becoming more sloppy, and lots of cattle coming in for the show tramped the mudd pretty well,



December.

THURSDAY, ~~12~~ 13<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is another mild morning, dull and inclined to rain, The Thermometer at 40°  
It began to rain a little past 9 a m, This the Fat Cattle Show day, and a great many were brought into Town yesterday, There was a fine show of fat cattle, and a very fine display of fat Poultry of all kinds, some of the Turkeys weighing 14 lbs each, I wrote to John Smith Bridge of Allan, Scotland, also to Wm and Andrew Fisher in Philadelphia,

X I received the first paper of the Weekly Witness ~~today~~ dated the 13<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup>

This is a little colder the glass at 30° at 7 a m, the roads are dry, and the weather clear.

Nat and his son William went down to Hamilton & thence to Toronto this morning

(X Weekly Witness to day)

SATURDAY, ~~14~~ 15<sup>th</sup>

This is a dull morning as yet

I have got Busby this morning to trim the Grape vines so as to preserve them as far as I can & my means will permit, But several of them are dead from 1 to 2 feet from the top downwards I afterwards got him to dig a drain at the side of Heiginbotham's little store and found the ground so soft that he could strike the Pick at one blow down to the handle I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from John Smith in Scotland

Nat & William returned from Toronto this evening



December.

MONDAY, ~~17<sup>th</sup>~~ 17<sup>th</sup>

1877

This Sabbath is a remarkably fine day as mild as a day in May in morning at 7 a.m. it was 2° above freezing viz 34° and at One O'clock on our return from Church the thermometer was 42° out of the sun and all the frost out of the ground

This is a mild morning the glass at 34° at 7 a.m. and became warmer as the day advanced, it is as mild as yesterday

The cold that my wife has had for a week & more was worse this evening -

TUESDAY, ~~18<sup>th</sup>~~ 18<sup>th</sup>

There is quite a change this morning the wind is round to the East and the glass at 7 was 26°, the sky is hazy and dull

Martin has got the floor of the small shop for Higginbotham laid, I remitted money to Wickson & also Mr Reeve of Toronto,

WEDNESDAY, ~~19<sup>th</sup>~~ 19<sup>th</sup>

This is a very different morning for yesterday during the night it became quite mild and it rained during the night and morning at 7 a.m. a light shower was falling and the thermometer at 40° and about 10 O'clock it was 46° and a thick fog was falling



December.

THURSDAY, ~~Nov.~~ 20<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This morning opened up the same as yesterday with the glass between 30° & 40° and quite mild all the day, and the roads out of town are very muddy, that is the side and concession roads, the main gravel roads are in pretty fair order.

FRIDAY, ~~Nov.~~ 21<sup>st</sup>

This is much the same kind of morning, with the exception that there had been rain during the night and also a shower this morning about 7.

The main front window is put into the shop this morning, and Martin has begun to strap the walls

SATURDAY, ~~Nov.~~ 22<sup>d</sup>

This is also a very mild close dull morning, the grass and walks quite damp, the Holly is fine and green and in demand by the Butchers for to decorate their Beef, Sheep & Pigs which <sup>is</sup> hung up in profusion, The whole day was thick and dark with fog, I cannot remember such weather, to continue so near Christmas when several have been plowing this very work with great ease



December.

MONDAY, ~~24~~

24<sup>th</sup>

1877.

Sabbath 23<sup>d</sup> was mild a little above freezing, and the ground wet with the falling fogg.

This Monday is another soft morning and the glass about 35° and as the day advances it becomes more foggy that one can scarcely see more than across the street, such a continuation of thick close weather I cannot remember, even the Year of the Rebellion 1837 which was mild and open weather even into the new year, but cannot remember so much fogg,

TUESDAY, ~~24~~

25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day, at 7 a.m. dull and dark weather and the glass at freezing, and did not get above 35° all day, in the afternoon the fine rain or falling dew came on and towards 4 o'clock a close rain fell for some time, there was very little mirth and pleasure riding or driving and hardly any ice on the Dam, I dined at Heiginbothams but Mrs. Allan did not venture out having not sufficiently recovered from her Cold,

WEDNESDAY, ~~24~~

26<sup>th</sup>

This is another moderate morning at 7 a.m. the glass was exactly at Freezing and not a breath of wind, it was dark that I had to go outside with the light as frequently of late to see the figure of the Thermometer, It is really a remarkable season, and all the Merchants complaining of the want of trade,



December.

THURSDAY, ~~27~~ 27<sup>th</sup>

1877.

This is another very mild morning glass at 37° at 7 a.m. and the Sun shone out, and every thing except the leafless trees looked like a May morning

William Higginbotham starts for Erin Billiage to try what he can do in a druggists shop there

The glazer has put in the glass in the windows in the New Store and the Plasterer is first coating it to day

FRIDAY, ~~28~~ 28<sup>th</sup>

This is another charming morning, there was frost last night sufficient to freeze the Dam over with a thin coat of ice. at 7 a.m. the glass was 27°

at 10 the Sun shone out splendidly

I put on a new truss this morning made in Philadelphia and seems to fit well so far and give me great relief

SATURDAY, ~~29~~ 29<sup>th</sup>

This is a fine clear morning glass 28° at 7 a.m. the grass is all white with frost.

The day was certainly fine and the Market well supplied with every thing you could think of. The news to day from Europe looks as if England is to be drawn in to the war so as to maintain her ground as to the protection of Constantinople and the free passage of the Dardanelles



Sabbath was a fine day and the Church well attended, there had been pretty hard frost through the night, for the streets were hard and dry

This morning being the last day of the year is getting colder as the glass was at 20° at 7 a. m., the wind inclined to the East and snow flakes flying, & does not seem to come down freely,

The large wholesale house of George Wink & Co has failed with liabilities of \$300,000 and assets to pay 74c in the dollar.

Mr Kirkpatrick of Goderich and Mr Hugh McCulloch of Galt were here inspecting the Mill to see what repairs are required, and what improved apparatus is requested to keep up with the times \*

### TUESDAY, 13111

\* Mr Kirkpatrick told the Miller that he could build a new mill at the Railway Station that could grind all the flour he would want to make for \$18,000 and save all the teaming of flour & wheat, which is a very large item, and have no dam ice or backwaters to contend with, nor shortness of water for half of the year, so that the Bank would have to come down a great deal more in their price than what they now ask,