

April

MONDAY 21

1873

This has been a coldish morning with ice on the water yesterday and this morning

This afternoon it was cold and a thick shower of snow fell

TUESDAY 22

I went down to Hamilton this morning and got the Balance due on Alex^r Allen's mortgage \$228⁷⁰/₁₀₀ from J. C. Kerr & Co.

WEDNESDAY 23

Strong frost last night, and the water falling fast

April

THURSDAY 24

1873

This is a dull morning and has the appearance of rain, I took a look at Goldies Brush Dam this morning, which has now reached across the gap, and is constructed of trees, and the tops with its bush on, placed up stream and the butt down stream, I have great doubts of its being able to do any more than direct and turn the water down to the Waste gates, if even that,

FRIDAY 25

SATURDAY 26

April

MONDAY 28

1873

This was a fine morning, I went down to attend the Presbytery in Hamilton and return the same evening. The business was principally to sustain the call of the 2^d charge in Hamilton to the Rev^d Smith of Belleville also to receive a call from Mill home for Rev^d Mr. Edmison of Waterdown.

Gibson began to work again this morning

TUESDAY 29

Fine spring weather

WEDNESDAY 30

Fine morning warm and pleasant, went up to Goldie's Dam, and found them quite busy carting gravel on it, but the weight of it will settle down the brush and poles laid across and will to all appearance take them about 2 weeks if it does not break out, before they can turn the water into the mill race.

May

THURSDAY 1

1873

This was a dull morning and wet and had rained through the night

There has been some showers through the day and the water rising considerably

FRIDAY 2

This is also a heavy kind of morning

Had tidings to day of the death of Mr Adam Johnstone my wife's Uncle at

SATURDAY 3

Fine morning, and the water in the River is falling a good deal

I went up to Goldie's Mills to see how they are getting on with their Dam, and find that they have begun to close rather early as a great quantity of gravel and earth is being washed through below the brush & I advised him to use bags of earth to stop the holes.

May

MONDAY 5

1873

This is a fine summer morning

TUESDAY 6

This is another fine morning
Our mare had a colt this morning

I sold my calf this morning 3 weeks old for \$3

William went up to Stratford this morning

Walter Dainton here to night, Wm returned to night

WEDNESDAY 7

This is a fine morning, and a great many
cattle in the market ground, but they complain
of low prices.

The wind is rising and it is getting very
dusty,

May

THURSDAY 8

1873

This is a dark rainy morning, and appears to have been raining all night

John Allan went down in the cars to Galt this morning, thence to Ayr to see the smutt machine there

William Allan went down by the early train to Toronto to attend meeting of Tho's Griffiths & Co Creditors,

John McPherson & Gibson are laying the joists in the lower floor of the new house

We have exhausted all our Indian Corn to day - and I bought 322 Bushels from Davis at 50¢

Am in Hamilton to night

FRIDAY 9

Dark and dull this morning has been raining through the night, and a little still falling,

I went up to see how Goldie is getting on with his Dams, they have got a raft out in front an six wheelbarrows at work wheeling gravel have some 18 men employed independant of teamsters

SATURDAY 10

This is another dull morning with a very light rain, corn about done to day again but 3 cars have arrived at the Station above & will be brought down at noon.

May

MONDAY 12

1873

This is a very cool morning, from the rain that fell yesterday afternoon and through the night

The River is keeping high

Have been unloading Corn to day

Have begun to fence in the vacant lot below the old school house

TUESDAY 13

WEDNESDAY 14

This was a fine morning leave for Toronto at 7:30 to attend meeting of Mack's Creditors in Toronto

I was in Toronto to day, having waited over from yesterday, and attended meeting of creditors of Thomas Spiffith & Co wholesale grocers,

A great deal of Building is going on in Toronto a number of large warehouses are being built in some of them the foundation walls are very thick and in others not so, good stone pillars are built in the cellars and cast iron pillars resting on them to support the floors above

got home to night at 9 o'clock

FRIDAY 16

This is a fine morning, and find that James Goldie has got the Dam high enough to turn the water into the Mill Race and 2 run of Stones are going,

SATURDAY 17

This is a fine morning but yet not sufficient heat to push on vegetation We have melancholy news of the death of Mr John Shedden who was killed last night, he had been at Cobocouk and in returning to Toronto went out at Caunnington Station, and in stepping on after the Train was in motion tripped and rolled between the platform and the wheels and died in a few minutes, I knew him well

May

MONDAY 19

1873

This is a very fine morning, with a gentle refreshing breeze,

TUESDAY 20

No rain after all,

Have begun to unload the Car of large staves, bucket Boards &c

WEDNESDAY 21

This morning is somewhat dull and looks like rain

Busy to day piling up the stave stuff to dry, & laying it very open to let the wind through

At noon to day the Thermometer stood at 72°

This is a very fine morning, quite warm and no rain yet. The water in the river is getting low, and only runs over the Dam during the forenoon.

Looked at Goldie's Dam this afternoon who is only able to drive the smutting machinery and one pair of stones, as there is as much water passing through the dam as comes out from the 2 wheels. I went down to Galt this afternoon to see W^m. Heigimbotham at D^r Tassie's school, and found him quite well. The rules of the school would not permit of me bringing him home with me.

FRIDAY 23

Fine warm morning, and set about examining the spring water pipes from the Priory which are still stoppt by either ice or something else, they are all clear till where it crosses the main road at the Bridge, But hope that the great heat to day 84° at noon, will thaw it if it is ice. A large flour mill, burnt in Montreal yesterday lost from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

SATURDAY 24

May

MONDAY 26

1873

This is a delightfull morning, but we want
rain very much

A Boy of the name of _____ was very near drowned
in my Mill race this afternoon

TUESDAY 27

This is a fine fresh morning, We have had
a shower of rain during the night but it has
only gone down about 2 inches into the ground
The water was low this morning in the River
and had to wait untill they had started above us,
Attended the Funeral of Mrs John A Wood to day,

One of the Grand Trunk men from Stratford was
here packing the Pump, but for all that it does
not discharge the quantity of water it ought
to do and am convinced that there is a
defect in the pipe where it enters the ground
from the flume, and is what I have suspected
is the case all winter,

WEDNESDAY 28

This is a dull morning and looks very like
rain I intend starting to day for Seneca Falls
in N York State

May

THURSDAY 29

1873

FRIDAY 30

SATURDAY 31

June

MONDAY 2

1873

Fine weather, but keeping very dry and much need of more rain

TUESDAY 3

This is another very fine morning there is some appearance of rain

WEDNESDAY 4

This is of any thing a duller morning and more like as if there will be rain,

This is the Monthly fair day, there was a good many people in Town, but not such a number of cattle as last fair day,

The rain began a little in the forenoon, but the clouds very soon disappeared, but in the afternoon it came on a smart shower and continued for about a couple of hours,

My son, Williams, wife was prematurely ~~delivered~~ of a daughter this evening about 6 o'clock, but only lived to 1/2 past 10,

This is a fine morning

At 4 o'clock this afternoon we took the child (intended to be called Mary) and buried her in the East corner of my Cemetery lot.

FRIDAY 6

This is of any thing a cloudy morning

There was a very slight shower in the forenoon but it soon passed off

SATURDAY 7

This has the appearance of going to be a warm day,
Saw George McCullough

We unloaded a car load containing some long staves and some $\frac{1}{2}$ inch oak boards

June

MONDAY 9

1873

Of any thing a dull morning and some looks
of rain

There was a few drops only.

I went down to Toronto by the 11 O'clock train
to attend meeting of Griffiths Creditors, but owing
to the lawyers not being able to obtain evidence from a
witness, without a regular summons to attend, the inspecting
Committee could not report, and was adjourned till Saturday
the 14th at 11 O'clock

TUESDAY 10

This morning was dry, but in the forenoon
it thinned like rain

Grand coal to day
Went up to the Church

WEDNESDAY 11

June

THURSDAY 12

1873

FRIDAY 13

Fine morning, William went down to Toronto
at 11 o'clock

William returned at 8.30 p.m

SATURDAY 14

Warm morning

Got the Vestry at the Church in its place this
afternoon

This is a very fine morning, but very warm and dry. Have found out the cause of the falling off in the yields in the Distillery for this last half month, it appears that there has been a leak in both of the steam columns at the upper end, and I have now to go down to Toronto to get a new one, and the last one that was put in is to be changed and used instead of one of them, I got the job done but not in time to catch the $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 train and had to wait, till the midnight train.

TUESDAY 17

This a fine morning, I got home from Toronto by the midnight train at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2. One omission was made in not getting the pipe of the inner column to project down ^{below} ~~through~~ the flange and through the head of the still to prevent the wood from burning, and which had to be done by Feek, in soldering a piece to it.

I found a notice from the health officer ~~about~~ (complaints) as to removing the filth from the pigery and the cattle sheds, and that none shall be allowed to go into the river.

WEDNESDAY 18

This is another dry morning and no signs of rain, John is going up to Enotsville about the wood & coal.

June

THURSDAY 19

1873

This is a dry warm morning.
Mrs John McCreia died at One this morning, being worn out
from long illness from a hole in her cheek, aged 58 years

About noon to day the glass stood about 90° in
the shade, and every thing is drying up

FRIDAY 20

This is another dry morning,

Have begun to draw plans of the Mill for the
Excise Department in Triplicate,

SATURDAY 21

A good deal like rain this morning

June

MONDAY 23

1873

This is a dark dull morning, the same as it was all day yesterday, and no rain to speak of, not enough fell to lay the dust. There is to be a meeting of the Directors of the Wellington Mutual at Heeseler to day at 1/2 past 12. I have been down at Heeseler and returned by the afternoon train and got home at 6 o'clock.

A fine steady rain began to fall about 1/2 past 7, and likely to continue.

TUESDAY 24

Fine morning, From fear of not getting an answer in time from the Chief Inspector whether he will waive the taking of stock in the Mill at this time, I have to leave for Toronto by the 7.30 train -

I started accordingly and found Mr Godson had not been at his Office, so I drove to his house, and presented my letter from the Department referring the matter to him, which he acquiesced in as not being necessary at this time, and he telegraphed Mr Gow to that effect.

WEDNESDAY 25

FRIDAY 27

I have got the Plans of the Mill completed and have had hard work on account of lumbago or Rheumatism in my hip bone and all down my left leg.

SATURDAY 28

This is a dry morning, and has the appearance of going to be a warm day

This is a dark wet morning, there was thunder during the night and rain. But during the early part of the forenoon it rained very heavy for several hours, and in the afternoon it rained also and continued cloudy and thick that we never saw the sun all day. William Nichols of the Court House Inn died yesterday at noon of Heart disease aged 77 he came to Guelph in June 1832. Mr G. Ridout Esq of Toronto died yesterday aged 66. he represented Toronto in Parliament

This is a close morning and warm from the rain yesterday. The Mills went all night but shut down this morning, and all the other works being Dominion Day, I had Mr Alexander in as one of my Bondsmen as formerly, him in \$6,000. James D. Allan \$3,000, William Allan \$3,000

Mr James Blain and wife of Galt here this afternoon on their way to Malton

Higinbotham away at the opening of the Southern Extension of the W.G. & Bruce Railway to Wingham

This morning was cloudy, and wet but faded off as the day advanced it was sultry and close throughout the day. Which is our Horticultural Show Day. but I am too lame with Rheumatism to attend. I wrote to my sister in Illinois, to day

Great complaints of the low price obtained for Hill fed Cattle and Hogs, importations from the States are competing hard against our feeders here

In the evening it rained very heavy

July

THURSDAY 3

1873

This morning was wet and rained up to 7 O'clock, and then continued fair, but very cloudy. Jackson from Berlin here offering to sell wheat.

In the afternoon of the day it cleared up and likely to be dry weather.

FRIDAY 4

This is a fine morning, warm and of any thing close, a considerable quantity of wheat has come in this morning, the price has fallen $\$1.16$ to $\$1.17$.

SATURDAY 5

This is a fine morning. A great many teams in with wheat, some 350 Bushels selling about $\$1.16$. My leg is rather better to day.

The lining of the Mash tun broke out in holes in a thin plate, & I telegraphed for a piece to Toronto, in the mean time got Feek to solder up the holes, first & last it took all day, so there was no mashing.

July

MONDAY 7

1873

Fine morning Dry and warm

TUESDAY 8

This is also a fine morning

*Preparing to go to Stratford by the 2 o'clock train
and to stay over at Baden for the 6 o'clock
train*

WEDNESDAY 9

*Returned this evening from Stratford by the Dutch
Mail,*

July

THURSDAY 10

1873

Very wet this morning, a good deal of rain fell through the night, and the morning feels cold & started a fire in our bedroom

FRIDAY 11

This was a fine dry morning but not warm

William started for Hamilton at One O'clock and returned about 1/2 past 9.

SATURDAY 12

Dry weather

July

MONDAY 14

1873

TUESDAY 15

I went up to the Hay field this afternoon & find the 2 men will have it all cut this evening

WEDNESDAY 16

This is a dry warm morning

Went up to the hay-field at the Glebe, and the hay will be ready to take in after dinner, the crop is light, but there is over 3 tons of it,

William left town about One O'clock for Orangeville

figgery

Gordon here paying part of rent for

Meeting to night at Massie's, about inviting the Merchants Bank to open a Branch here,

John Stewart of Hamilton here this evening,

July

THURSDAY 17

1873

This has been a wet night it rained on till after 6 o'clock this morning very heavy

This afternoon got the large water tank set up and 3 hoops on before night

William got home to night about 12 o'clock

FRIDAY 18

It rained in the early part of the morning the large tub is all hooped and they are now pushing on with the sports

The Election this day for a Councillor for the East Ward in place of Mr Bell who resigned, terminated in the declaration of Charles Davidson, Mayor over David McCrea, of 25

SATURDAY 19

This is quite a cool morning, and rather dull and dark, with a light breeze

July

MONDAY 21

1873

This is a somewhat cool morning,
and very dry weather

TUESDAY 22

This is a warm dry morning

We are working away at the pipes for the bottom
of the large tank to draw of the water to
wash away the filth of the pigstyes.

WEDNESDAY 23

This is a fine warm morning, and
going to be a hot day,

Have got the water running into the
tank freely to day, and making arrangements
in the inside. John went up to day to
Enatsville. Young Marcon got married
this morning about 7 past 6 to Miss Goodene,

This is a fine morning, and likely to be a very warm day. The case against Mr Gordon was brought up in the Police Court this forenoon and a several witnesses testified as to the intolerable smell arising from the pigs, when judgement was reserved until Saturday.

Higginbotham and I are going down to Toronto to see what Gooderham & Worts have done to abate the smell of their yard, so much complained of there.

FRIDAY 25

quite a heavy shower of rain fell this evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY 26

Fine morning but no more rain. Gordon was fined \$1,00 and costs and to have the pigs removed in two weeks from to day. Repairing the Steam Mill Bridge these two days, with new cut water post &c.

Higginbotham and family went down in a hired carriage to spend the day at the lake in Puskeech. Mrs A and I went away about 4 o'clock to meet them and after going all the way to the Lake could not find them out though several of Ingles men had seen John Allan there, and got home before them about 1/2 past 8.

July

MONDAY 28

1873

Fine morning, The Engine is standing
to day for cleaning out the Boiler & and
taking of the cover of the Steam chest to see
what is the cause of the spalling noise at
times as if the slide valve or Piston were going
dry, but could not discover any thing

TUESDAY 29

WEDNESDAY 30

Sherrif McDonald died

The crank pin of the Steam Engine of the Mill heated to such an extent that the Brasses were almost melted, and the pin so damaged as to require a new one, I started for Galt at One O'clock with it and the connecting Rod

Shery, McDonald Burries

This is a very fine morning I have made up my mind to accompany the deputation to go to Montreal to apply for a Branch of the Merchants Bank here, consisting of Messrs John Hogg, Massie Wilkie & myself

Started for Ottawa

August

MONDAY 4

1873

The Engineer got here & understood at noon this day with the new crank pin and connecting rod

TUESDAY 5

WEDNESDAY 6

Mr Easter one of Day's men built up the gate in the dining room from $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4.

August

THURSDAY 7

1873

Joseph Lynch died aged 81. resident in Perth.
upwards of 40 years.

FRIDAY 8

SATURDAY 9

August

MONDAY 11

1873

TUESDAY 12

WEDNESDAY 13

August

THURSDAY 14

1873

FRIDAY 15

SATURDAY 16

August

MONDAY 18

1873

Fine morning

Have got the Steam Mill started again
this forenoon

Mr A. B Stewart left by the 11 o'clock
train for Toronto

TUESDAY 19

This is another fine morning but very dry
and the day is turning out to be warm

WEDNESDAY 20

August

THURSDAY 21

1873

Fine morning, Sad. Glover leaves this town for Manitoba
his wife 3 children and Nephew, his eldest daughter 13 years old

Intelligence came that the Duke of Manchester
would pay us a visit

FRIDAY 22

Of any thing a dull morning, but as the day
advanced it became fine, And being a Holiday
by Proclamation of the Mayor, many will attend
the Picnics, and the great Boston, Bas Ball match
The distillery is standing, but the the Mills
were going.

SATURDAY 23

This was very fine morning, and warm
have been fixing the Boom^{mons} on the N. East side
of the Dam, which was injured by the ice
last winter, for some days past,)

This is a wet morning, a good deal of rain having fallen throughout the night, and still continues. at 8 a.m. about 10 it was quite fair, William, wife and Annie, Mrs Higginbotham, & Annie Grant left for Illinois at 2 o'clock, It was quite an anxious day for me

Observed

Lenox the plasterer off work to day from a hurt he got on Saturday night in stepping through a stove pipe hole in the upper floor of the new house

TUESDAY 26

This is a very fine morning, Gibson plastered top of stone work with water lime where washed away, Observed river very thick and muddy this forenoon and found that the new earth work at Goldies dam had washed away, leaving them about where they were about a fortnight ago

WEDNESDAY 27

This is a cool dry morning, and an excursion day to the Falls where a ^{is to walk} on a rope below the falls elevated about 140 feet above the water, several of my men are away at it, the 2 engineers, the distillery not being at work to day, allows Taylor to attend the Mill Engine John Allan is up at Enotsville to day, The carpenters are erecting the scaffold for plastering under the easing of roof of new house

A man named Wilson came down to put in new leathers in valves of Grand Trunk Pumps

FRIDAY 29

This is a fine morning, John up to Mickles saw mill for lumber, I went down to Acton to see the Grand Trunk Steam Pump, The men are lathing & Plastering under the eaves of new house

SATURDAY 30

This has been a very fine day, they are giving the fascia board of the roof a coat of Paint

Mr Thomas Heffernan of Heffernan Bro. returned from the old country at 6 this evening.
Pumps going late to night

This is a dull cool morning, Partly from the heavy rain that fell on Sunday morning which moistened the ground, Yet it did not fill the Dam any faster, The Engine is stopt for cleaning out the Boiler and after that was done we had to fill the boiler with pails as the hole in the connecting rod was worn out and broke and a man came down from Stratford and took it up to repair

I Put in a new brass Oil Cup on the steam chest on trial for 3 weeks and 2 brass oilers on the crank shaft,

Ground some coal to day

TUESDAY 2

Fine morning but very dry, The Oilers are not giving satisfaction as yet

Three Teams up to Enotsville for Hardwood timber, and came home very late

WEDNESDAY 3

This was a very cool morning, and has continued so nearly all day, This is the Fair Day and a good many loads of wheat came, Man been putting up gutters on new house, The Steam Mill, Boiler began to leak badly this afternoon had to stop, put out the fire and Telegraph to Galt for a Man

A very bad time to be stopt having flour to finish by Saturday

This is a dull morning, the fogg is thick & falling like fine rain. The boiler maker did not arrive last night.

But he came by the noon train but did not bring the force pump with him as desired, I telegraphed for it & got it by 5 o'clock train. I filled the boiler and tested it at over 100 lbs to the inch but did not find any more leak than a good sweat.

Got a hand hole from bigles and put on above the crown sheet so as to loosen the scale there.

FRIDAY 5

Fine morning, The men worked all night expanding ends of tubes and caulking some joints, then tested the Boiler again and found it quite tight, and got her started during the forenoon. The mans name was George Dakin, he charged full time for the day he came double time for night and a full day to go home in all 4 days which I think is too much.

SATURDAY 6

Fine morning, but last night was cold was up at Goldsers, ^{Dam}

Also in the mill the Engine driving 5 pair of stones and most of the Machinery, they say their Packer and a boy can pack from 180 to 200 lbs from 7 to 6 pm.

have been drawing detail drawings for school house. Having taken cover of End of cylinder and found it all corded from the borings of hole for oil cup.