

James Cameron (1824-1912)

1897

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James Cameron Island

30th of Dec 1896 West Wind Thawing Soft High West Wind this Evening cut some alders up in the Bay Leander went to the Kit Kit Drew some stovewood Looking for my mits

31st Last Day of the year Fine E Wind Cutting Alders and Piling Brush on the Bank Leander and Stanley Fishing Perch in the Back Bay Got 21 Fish Lots of Perch There Fernandez Came to night had Sweetys and Casteel Soap 2 Lead pencils

1897 New Years Day

1st of January Fortunate Day Fishing Perch Caught 29 Fine East Wind ice cracking

2nd Fine a Fortunate Day Boys Fishing got 107 Perch 8 Eels 1 Pike cutting and clearing Kind of Soft Shot a Wild Goose on New Years Day cleaned 155 Fish to night

Stewart in F Covington Died

{page two} Murdock {illegible} 2nd of January 79 years James Cameron Island

3rd of January 1897 Allen's Birth Day 1853 Unfortunate Day Fine E Wind Gordon and Dan Spink here Boys a Fishing got a Pike 11 1/2 lbs got Perch Eels and Pike

4th Fine Day clearing up at the Bay Unfortunate Day Fernandez went to F Covington got 3 Teeth Drew Dollar Billy came Down with him Leander and Stanley put in a Stack the other stack did 8 Days and Fishing Thawing some Rain to night some holes in the ice

5th Fishing Eels Perch Pike Some Flakes of Snow W Wind went up the Bay cut 2 Birches

6th Ephinay Fine Windy Freezing some Fishing got Perch and pike Leander and Billy crofsted up at the Upper end of the air-hole Fernandez crofsted to the Burst Turned Back cutting 2 Birches Looks Like Storm of Snow no snow

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7th of January 1897 Fine W Wind ice Breaking Up Jamming coming Down Big opening Between here and Hamiltons Leander came Down From Hopkins Point Bought Tea and Horse Shoe Nails cutting in the West Peice Splitting stove wood Blocks Took off the wire Fence out in the Water up in the Bay

8th Annie's B Day 1866 E Wind cold ice Jamming

9th Fine E Wind Cold Brushing Went to EEI Island North side

10th Fine snowed a Little Windy ice not good

11th Fine Froze some Last night Put a handle in my axe Got some Fish Leander and Fernandez crofsted to the Foot of Hamiltons Island and got the Mail at Hamiltons cutting up at the West Peice

12th on this Day of the Month 1891 Aunty Mary Departed Windy Frosty cold

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13th of January 1897 Fine Frosty W Wind Thrashed oats that was on the Pease Began the Pease Put Bait Down on the ice cut some Rails up in the West Peice Foxes came Last night air-hole smoking Unfortunate Day

14th Unfortunate Day Fine clear Frosty some Foggy E Wind Drew a Load of Wood Bad with Rheumatism Stratening nails

15th Fortunate Day Fine Cold Thrashing the Big Pease and oats Leander crofsted for the Mail got a Letter From Bismarck B.C. Got an Almanac From D M M with compliments

16th Fine Warm W Wind some Grains of snow moved our Bed Put our Feet to the South For a change My Good Dog Sport Dead without me Seeing Him Piling some Wood cutting Stove Wood Fernandez came had new axe him and Leander went to see the Hockey game in Summerstown Randolph came Lancaster Beat Randolph came

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17th of January 1897 Rained Gordon came Had a Fox Fishing Perch and Pike ice Busting crack Fernandez sold his axe to Gordon

18th some Rain Windy West Freezing Boys scating skinned the Fox

19th very very Frosty air-holes smoking Done Thrashing the Big Pease Randolph and Leander got a Pair of Mits an a Pair of Braces From Randolph

20th Unfortunate Day E Wind Martin here for the cutter Fine Randolph went to Summerstown put in a Stack of Hay in the Barn Fernandez crofsed to Lancaster 2 Men Passed upon the ice a Scating Randolph came from Fort Covington Gordon not well

21st St Agnefs Day E Wind Snowed some Martin came home with the Cutter gave him Hicory for axe-handles

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James Cameron Island

22nd of January 1897 Fine Sun very warm a Lot of Teams crofsing From Summerstown to get their Marsh-hay Randolph took the Ice to Lancaster Leander and Stanley Drew the Stove-wood and 3 or 4 Loads of Longwood Seen a Hen Hawk Flying

23rd Snowed some Last night and E Wind cutting Stove wood Heard A J Grant of the South Branch Ex M.P. Departed

24th Fine Frosty Windy Charles Tupper's B Day of Butternut Island Gordon Came Frosty to night

25th Robie Burns B Day very Frosty and high Wind cold

26th Windy Drifting air-holes Shutting some Grinding the axes Fortunate Day cold

27th A very Fine Day crofsted with the old Mare Randolph & Leander to Summerstown
Bought of Haggarty 100 of Flour cutting in Cordwood Ba{illegible} Put in the Bottom Marsh
hay Stack

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28th January 1897 E Wind Snowing Drifting Windy

29th Fine W Wind Thrashing Oats Fanned the Pease cutting it up in Cordwood Bay Freezing
Lewis Boys here with 2 axehandles paid them 20 cents for Making them

30th Fine cool Frosty the Boys Thrashing Randolph went for the Mail Fernandez came

31st Fine Gordon and Randolph Went to Lancaster

1st of February St Bridgets Day The Black Month Boys Went to Willie Roses Bee Fernandez
and Sissy went to Dundee took Hide Sheep Pelt Mink Fox skin 1 Mink 1 Hide 1 Sheep 35 Mare
Shod 40 Tea 6 lb 2 Dollars Mustard Matches 10 Stopped all night at Bills cutting alders
Thrashing very Fine

2nd Candlemass Day Fine E Wind The Bear will see his Shadow came From Dundee
Thrashing The Raccoon too Badger too

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3rd of February 1897 Unfortunate Day Fine E Wind Cool Thrashing oats Went for Elm Butt
for to Make a Beetle or Maul working at it Fanned some oats Randolph and Gordon went to
Tot Craigs Bee Fernandez

4th E Wind cutting an Elm and saw some Logs of it Thrashing Made a Box Bushels for to
hold oats 3 of the Boys went to Renshaw Bee and Frank Laplants Bee very Fine Day

5th Fine E W Finished Thrashing the Oats Began Thrashing the Barley cut a small Maple for
the Bay Butt {?} for a Beetle

6th Fine E W hailed some Rained a Little cool Stanley & Fernandez Thrashing Leander and Randolph Went to Dundee Bought the Goat-skin and Cover

7th Rain Unfortunate Day Gordon came Leander and Randolph came (Sold a Stack of Marsh Hay)

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8th of Feby 1897 Fine Gordon's B Day Leander and Randolph went to Lancaster Bought a Sett of Harnefs Boys Fishing got a Pike and Perch Making Beetle or Mauls an Elm a Maple & Oak

9th Unfortunate Day Fine Drew the stack of Marsh hay in the Marsh Drew 2 Loads of Wood Began Using the new Harnefs some water on the ice sawed some Wood put a handle in my axe Gordon crofsed Randolph came snowed some Gordon Went to F Covington and D Spink old Mr McMillain very Low

10th Fine Frosty Gordon came Randolph went to Douquets to Work at ice Thrashing Drain 3 or 4 Loads of Wood Heard of Jo Robideaux's Death

11 Fine E Wind Thrashing Gordon crofsed Randolph putting in ice at Douquets Heard George Nicholson Broke his arm

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12th of Feby 1897 E Wind Unfortunate Day Stormy Drifting

13th Fine W Wind Randolph went to Cornwall Livinia and Fernandez went to Mr Douquetts with 14 Doz of Eggs cutting stove wood Broke the wood saw cold Fanning some Barley sharpened the crofs-cut saw

14th St Valentine Day Sunday Fine Charlie Creamer and Herbert John Morris wife and the Girl Dany Spink Ed Renshaw here Randolph to Lancaster

15th a very Fine Day Harnefsed the Colt he went well Drawing wood Gordon chopping cutting stove Wood got a Muskrat

16th Races in Dundee Very Fine Unfortunate Day Took a Tub of Butter to Douquetts Bought of Mr Haggarty 200 Wt of Flour got 2 Rats Drawing Wood cut 4 Trees Down in the Peice

17th Fine Foggy Snow hail warm 3 Boys went to Dundee Unfortunate Day Rain Last night

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18th of Feb 1897 James Hugh's Birth Day Races in Dundee Fine some Hail Mr Henery and Uncl George Morris here went to Fish Got a Pike and 3 Perch Leander went up with them with the Horses Mr M Millian Buried to Day cutting stove wood

19th Fine chopping stovewood 2 Boys crofsted to Summerstown Got the Mail

20th Fine Five Boys a Fishing EEls 2 Got 2 Perch

21 Sexigissima Sunday Fortunate Day Fine Day

22nd E Wind Washingtons Birth Day Stormy snowing Drifting Sissy to Lewis's yesterday ~~Walter Ray Married to Day~~

23rd Fine W Wind cutting Stove-wood Randolph came

24th Fine St Matthias Day some snow Drifting Fernandez went off

25th Snowing Drifting Gordon came had his saw Sawed wood him and Randolph Both went to a Dance Fortunate Day crows on 21st

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James Cameron Island

26th of February 1897 Fortunate Day Gordon and Randolph crofsted Fine put oats Barley Pease up in the Stable loft cut Stovewood Hens Laying Good

27th Fine W Wind went to the Pitt Point

28th Fine Gordon went to church Shrove Sunday

1st of March St Davids Day Taffy the Festival Bill Shot a saw of the Welch Came in Like a Lion or adder very Frosty this Morning E Wind very Windy this Evening chimney of the West End Took Fire Fernandez went to A Frashers took the Horses Took a Lamb and Took the Ram From Dan Frasers took a Sack of Buckwheat Randolph took 11 1/2 lb of codfish Gordon came Unfortunate Day

2nd Shrove Tuesday Unfortunate Day Drew 1 of the stacks of Marsh hay cutting alders seen a Fox

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3rd of March 1897 Ash Wednesday Hail Soft Drifting Rain Livinia not very well E Wind and West New Moon come in Gordon to Cornwall Towels Sugar Drawers

4th Fine Gordon came McKinley at Washington to Day a Great Day cutting a Soft maple at the swamp or Ditch William Henery Shadgate Cameron's B Day Uncle John's eldest Boy

5th Raining Fine Leander crofsed to Summerstown Gordon went to Careys to cut Wood Windy to night Unfortunate Day

6th Fine some cold Wind Found a Stray Mare to Day at the Foot or side of the Island Ionia see her First the Mare Strayed from the House of Ranald McLaughlin

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James Cameron Island

7th of March 1897 Fine E Wind John H and Gordon came Drove John H to Hamiltons Gordon crofsed Mr McLaughlin here for his Mare all Bad with Cold and Grip Eddy Renshaw and Monter here

8th Cold Unfortunate Day chopping up in the Bay

9th E Wind Fine commenced to Rain Leander went to Dundee Randolph went to Summerstown Bought of Tyo Tea oil Salt-Peter 1..75 43 cents in the Due-Bill yet

10th Fortunate Day Rained hard Last night Fine Foggy some Rain Windy to night Leander came Randolph came Bought RRR 25 cents Randolph Bad cold or Grip

11th Fine Day W Wind Randolph Went to Cornwall and came to night Boys cutting at the 2 soft Maples John cutting up in the Bay Heard Mr Laughlin came home From The Asylum

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12th of March 1897 On This Day of the Month D McMaster (Senior) First Came to the Island Unfortunate Day E Wind Snowed W Wind very very hot Sun Rained and Blew very hard to night Froze hard

13th Fine Day Windy cold Frosty cut some Brush Tapt 2 Trees yesterday

14th Stanley's B Day 1880 Fine East Wind Drifting Snowing Gordon came Windy

15th Fine cutting in the Back swamp Piling Brush Sissy not well with Grip Fernandez went to A Frasers

16th Fine Leander Stanley and F cutting in Back Swamp Gordon crofsed Unfortunate Day

17th St Patricks Day the Irish Festival and the Big Fight to to Day Corbitt Fitsimmons Fine Day cutting Brush Randolph went to Cornwall Gordon came and went to Cornwall

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17th of March 1897 St Patricks Day the Festival of the Irish the Day of the Big Fight Corbetts & Fitsimmons Fitsimmon Won in 14 Rounds a Fine Day cutting Willows clearing in the Back swamp Indians Drawing From Charlies Island

18th St Josephs Day on this Day of the Month 1887 Vicky Departed Fine E Wind Drawing Willows and Brush to the Sugar Bush shoveling snow at the camp Fire place Randolph came this morning

19th Fine Last Day of Winter John and Billy Morris went to Lancaster for 2 Load of Shingles Randolph went with them took 2 Guns here Fernandez came had his saw and Boots Drew the Marsh hay Stack F Na-Houtas Island Drew some to the camp Got Papers with the {cut off}

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James Cameron Island

20th of March 1897 Spring Begins East Wind Foggy Rained Went for the Mowing Machine to Dundee seen a Blackbird seen crofsing to Salmon River a yellow-hammer

21st Fine seen Black Ducks ~~Tapt a Few Trees~~

22 Livinia Birth Day Senior very Fine Tapt some Went to J Douquets Took 16 Doz of Eggs Took 4 Sacks of Flour From Haggarty Paid him for the 4 sack we got Before Seen Wild Geese Whistlers Flying Went to the Sturgeon Island got a Stove Pipe the wind took From the House

23rd E Wind very Fine Tapping to Day Drew the Cord Wood

24th E Wind very stormy snowing all Day Randolph went to Cornwall Little water coming into the cellar A Fortunate Day Earthquake on the 23rd

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James Cameron Island

25th of March 1897 Lady Day Thawing Melting Fine Started a Fire at the Camp Boiling some to Day put out Manure on the Lower Point Randolph came

26th John Hamilton Camerons Birth Day Fine Went up to the camp Boiling Took up the Pots 1876

27th Fine Running well Made 5 Gallons and 3 Quarts for the First Took in 22 Eggs to Day cutters crofsing Summerstown ice Road

28th Unfortunate Day Fine Gordon and Dan Spink in the Sugar-Bush 2 of Lewis Boys in the Bush Made Sugar about 48 lbs

29th Fine Unfortunate Day Fixing the Syrup 19 Gallons in all to Day Seen a crane Ice opening at Francis Island Put one of the Pigs in

30th Fine Day Put the Boat out Last night Took 10 Gallons home to Day

31st Fine at Sugar Bush

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1st of April 1897 All Fools Day Fine piling wood Barry and Renshaw came for Randolph to go Hunting Ice very slow opening 10 Gallons Thats 32 1/2 in all to Day

2 Fine Lots of Shooting in the sugar Bush 39 1/2 to Day shot a Duck at the Little Island Letting the water Run hard Frost at nights

3rd Fine Frosty sap Running well shot 4 Ducks got a Rat went to the upper Point Letting the water Run on the South side Made Syrup

4th Fine in the sugar Bush ice going Down Jamming

5th Fine Frosty nights Randolph came Thunder and Lightning some Rain

6th Fortunate Day 2 of Lewis's Boys for 1/2 Gallon Syrup Made Syrup ice Left the Back Bay yesterday Gun got wrong

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7th of April 1897 On This Day of the Month Uncle John Departed 1893 Fine E Wind Shot 6 Ducks about 63 Gallons now Ionia Making her Sugar to Day Took the Bun From the Head of the Island Found a 1/2 Sugar Barrel in the water Burning the Marsh on the south side

8th Fine Taking some of the Banking away Took home Syrup 2 of Lewis's Boys 2 Bakets of Syrup for them Frogs Music sap Running well Randolph got 6 EEs 2 Young Pigs Last night 3 Dead

9th on this Day of the Month I was Married 1862 35 years to Day Fine Turned to Rain Sleet snowed to night E Wind an Indian here he is a Dummy Bought a Quart of Syrup had no change but had a 5 Dollar Bill pay it some time

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10 of April 1897 Fine the Ground covered with Snow Randolph and Fernandez crofsted got the Mail got a Bottle of Ink Got a Parcel Book from Dan Tapt some more Trees Running well

11th Palm Sunday Fine Gordon came 3 of Jo Lemays here Bacon Moses Hattie had a Feast at Taffy 2 of Lewis Boys here got 1/2 Gallon of Syrup not Paid Fixed the Gun Between them all Gordon crofsted

12th Fine at sugar Loons came Randolph to Cornwall Princefs Louise First Trip to Cornwall to Day

13th W Wind Leander to Dundee Stanley making his Sugar Windy Raining 78 1/2 Gallons up total Day Made

14 Fine Took up the Buckets to Day 95 to Day Done in Sugar Bush Let out the cows

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James Cameron Island

15th April 1897 Fine E Wind Rained Sissy and Fernandez went to Jo Douquetts Sold 28 Doz of Eggs to Haggartys Fernandez and Stanley went to Frashers Point for the Bun Randolph and Leander at the Stones one of Cows calved after the Fox did not get him a Fortunate Day cut my Hair

16th Good Friday at the Stones Fine

17th W Wind Raining went to Fish Last night after Ducks Stanley shot 2 Blackbirds for the First Shots he made Randolph crofsted

18th Easter Sunday Uncle Duncan's Birth Day Lots of Eggs to Day Shot a Fox

19th Cold snowed Rain Hail Hard Frost to night took the Potatoes out of the Cellar Fixing Fence cutting Brush very High West Wind

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20th of April 1897 Fine very hard Frost Last night Cutting Brush at North side of the Ditch
Tapt some Trees sawing Stove Wood Letting the Water Run up on the Flat in the swamp
The Chaffy came up to Lancaster her First Trip Freezing hard to night

21st Fine Tapt over 100 Trees Runs well cutting stove-wood cutting Brush and wood on the
Hill in the swamp got some Pike set Fires at the shore Randolph crofsed some of the
Potatoes Froze Last night in the Store-house

22nd Fine Ploughing for the First Drawing Stones at the Appletree Boiling Sap Sissy and
Ionia crofsed to Summerstown 1 of the Sheep 2 Lambs Thunder and Lightning to night
Rained

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23rd of April 1897 St George's Day The Festival of the English Fine Salted the Cows and
Sheep Making the Last of the Syrup 8 1/2 or 10 Gallons Randolph crofsed Got 2 Magazines
From Dan Ploughing and Taking up Stones on the Hill at the Butternut Skinned the calf put
Duck Eggs to Hatch

24th Unfortunate Day Drewing and Taking up Stones Fine Rained some went up the Bay for
a Load of Wood Put 2 Bushels of nuts up in the Storehouse

25th Fine St Marks Day West and East wind Blowing hard Raining J Hamilton and Gordon
came had Leanders Gun the Zulu Low Sunday

26th Fine Ploughing Taking up a Big Stone took 1 {Piece?} up to the Door Step Randolph
crofsed Chaffy at the Buoys the Tug Taking Down a Raft A Lamb snowed to night

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27th of April 1897 Fine Ground covered with snow snowed Last night water Raising

28th very Fine E Wind Randolph to Cornwall Fernandez to Lancaster to Bought of Mr
McGillis 50 Gallon cans for Syrup 4 Dollars Sissy Livinia Gave the Money to get them
Bought an Axe 3 1/2 lb bought a Pair of Boots at Stones & Ploughing Put 1 of the Pigs and 4

Young ones a Sheep came home and Died Just came home to Die Taking away the Banking
From the cellar Sowed Tobacco Seed Filling the cans with Syrup

29th Fine E Wind Foggy in the Morning Josey Gaberneau passed up Ploughing and Digging
oats {illegible} PC calved to Day

30th Skinned a calf Fine Leander Went to Dundee with Furs Randolph went to Lancaster
Randolph Bought a Book the Scottish clans and each clan their Tartan

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James Cameron Island

1st of May 1897 East Wind Fine Rained the Algoma went in to Dundee the Hamilton went up
2 Boats went up St Phillip & St James Lights Lit up to night Leander and Fernandez went to
Summerstown

2nd E Wind Rain and E Wind 6 Tows went Down to Day one of the Sheep Dead Nannie the
old Sheep has 2 Lambs Randolph got a Telegram From Captain A J Baker From Hamilton for
him and Thornton Craig to meet him in Cornwall Harrowing for oats Broke the Plough Point
and Harrows

4th E Wind Rain Fine Fernandez went to Lancaster Plough Point 40 cents Harrow Randolph
crofsed to go to Cornwall Leander put him acrofs putting out Manure on the Potatoe
Ground Alexandra Went Down Bought B of Wheat 1.25 a Bushel

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5th of May 1897 Foggy turned very warm set the Leach for Soap Ploughing Ground for the
Wheat Cleaning Sunflowers out of the Garden Put ashes on the Potato Ground The
Hamilton went Down 2 Lambs Dead of the Nannies Fernandez and Sissy went to Dundee
water Raising some one of the cows cast her calf Rocket into Lancaster a Meeting in
Dundee to night Cameron and Stephens Speaking

6th Fine Day Sissy and Fernandez came Bought Wash Basin 2 Dishes calico and other stuff
Sowed Wheat First sowing Ploughing Taking up Stones Lewis Lasore here wanting Hay more
chickens out

7th Fine Arbour Day Taking Stone off of the Wheat Ground Sowed the 4 Bushels of Wheat one of the cows calved the Nannie Lost her 2 Lambs very unwell to night First churning

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James Cameron Island

8th of May 1897 Fine putting Manure on the Wheat Ground sowed some of Barley at the Lower-Point Taking stones of the Lower Point

9th Fine Gordon came not very well

10th Fine Fernandez went to Lancaster Got 2 calves From A Fraser Brought {ink blot} of the Small Pigs to him Ploughing and Taken of Stones

10th very Fine Sowed 5 Bushels Oats Taking off Stones Fernandez went to Dundee took a calfskin Election in Dundee to Day Ploughing some of the Potato Ground Lewis's went a Round Island to Plough Found a Harrow tooth thats 4 we Found and there is 1 Lost at the wet Place East of the House cleaning up Stairs to Day Stephens Got in

12th Fine Foggy Rained Sowed 3 Bushels oats Taking off Stones Hamilton went Down

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13th of May 1897 Fine E Wind Ploughing Potatoe Ground making Drills Planted 38 Rows From the South or the River a Most awful Lot of Boats went to Day Taking away the Banking Drew Some Stones to the River put the Sugar in the cooler to Make it over

14th Fine Finished Planting the Potatoes Ploughed the Garden commenced to Rain Made 4 cakes of Sugar Ploughing a Peice for Pease taking out Stones cutting seed of the Potatoes

15th Fine Windy Last night Went to the Upper-Point Found a carrot and Planted it Close to shore south side Ploughing taking off Stones First churning in the crank-churn Leander crofsed to Summerstown a Raft went Down

16th Fine 2 of Lewis's here Ed Renshaw here Fernandez Went to Frashers one of the cows calved

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James Cameron Island

17th of May 1897 Fine Unfortunate Ploughing the Pease Ground taking off stones

18th Fine Fortunate Day Fine Sowed Pease Planted Corn Harrowed the Garden Taken off Stones Made some Stakes Grenada came up yesterday

19th Fine cool The Hamilton went Down Early Harrowing Taking off Stones Sowed 2 1/2 Bushel of Oats at the Soap at the Garden made some stakes

20th some Rain Last night East Wind Sowed the Barley on the South-side Planted 50 Rows of corn at the Shanty Planted 14 1/2 Rows in the Garden Taking off Stones Ploughing down from the Hog pen to the Wet Place Mark Laplante 13 oat Went Down Thunder Raining hard

21st Rained some in the Forenoon Turned Fine Ploughing sod Leander crofsed

22nd Fine Ploughed some in the oakfield Let the Horses out to Grass to night

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23rd of May 1897 Rogation Sunday Fine Gordon and Dan Spinks here some Rain Fernandez came

24th The Queens Birth Day Hoisted colours Boys in the Oakfield Fine Day Some Young Ducks out Made a Bon Fire

25th Raining E Wind Killed the calf

26th very Fine Day E Wind Livinia and Fernandez went to Dundee Brought Tub of Butter Ed Renshaw here for small Pigs got 2 thats 3 Dollars Taking of stones Sowed Pease and oats Mixed Hamilton went Down put the small pigs in the By themselves

27th Ascension Day Unfortunate Day Fine Rained Harrowed the Potatoes Drawing Stones Fernandez took 2 Pigs to Lancaster for John A McLaughlin and {ink blot} on Hen and here they were {illegible} Mrs McDougall {illegible} on 23rd and Mrs Da{illegible} 22

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of May 1897 Bought on the 26th 100 of Flour Corn meal 155 lbs Tea Boots calico cotton
Mugs outing scissors Pills corn cure Safety Pins Braces

27th Bought in Lancaster Boots Shirt 2 Pocket Books very Bad with Rheumatism

28th Fine Sowed Oats at the End next the Marsh Taking of Stones EW Leander crofsted to
Summerstown

29th Royal Oak Day or oak Apple Day Raining W Wind Leander to Summerstown to night
Unfortunate Day

30th Fine Livinia Livinia (Sissy) and Ionia went to Lasores John 9 There Selling a Boo {cut
off} Men Here this Evening Fraser and another Man a Blacksmith and Watchmaker Took a
Bite outside at night went to Fish

1st Fine Sowed 4 Bushels of Oats in the Bak Place Set Fires to Heaps Commenced to Mow
the Fence Cutting some of the alders out of the Roots cool

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1st of June 1897 The Glorious First of June Vicky's Birth Day 1878 Unfortunate Day Fine cool
W Wind Steamer Spartan's First Trip Down Working at the Fence Leander Fernandez
Stanley very Lame with Rheumatism I am cut an Oak and Thorn-Apple out of the way and
Nanny-Berries Leander to Summerstown

2nd Fine Leander went to Dundee WW Ploughing in the West Peice in the Oakfield
Fernandez and Stanley Lewis here Gave him Corn to Plant He Bought John 9's Boat for 4
Dollars 2 Bags of Potatoes came Lots of Boats a Going to Day

3rd Fine Sawing Wood and Splitting Mr Angus Rankin came to visit us as an old Friend

4th of June old George the {cut of} Birth Day used to be Kept Long ago Sawing Stove Wood
Randolph came to night

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5th of June 1897 Unfortunate Day F {ink blot} Wind Fernandez put {ink blot} ankin acrofs
Planted {ink blot} hills of potatoes at the Foot of the Lane sowed the Rest of the Peice in
oats Lewis here with Baskets got Butter and Syrup Leander crofsed Gordon came Working
at Mr McMasters

6th This Day of the Month Premier John A McDonald Departed Fine East Wind Bill Morris
Minnie and Herbert here Mr Genie hear this Morning Moses Lemay came Brought the Alarm
clock Give him a Bottle of Syrup for his Father Got 50 cents worth of Butter Found a Peice
of oak {coming?} Home Randolph to Lancaster Randolph to Dundee Moses and Fernandez
went to Dundee with 2 Sticks of Ash for oars {illegible} Renshaw here Moses got
{illegible}ase very Bad with Rheumatism

James Cameron Island

8th of June 1897 Fine Raining Livinia and Leander went to Dundee took one of the small Pigs
to B{illegible} Sheared the sheep Fernandez and Stanley Randolph put out his Boat went
Fishing cut the Tails of the Lambs

9th of June Aunty Mary's Birth Day 1813 Raining E Wind Randolph came from Lancaster
Leander came from Lancaster Leander came from Dundee other 2 Boys splitting stove
Wood Rained Last night Unfortunate Day Soda

10th Fortunate Day very Fine Day Sawing ad Splitting and Piling stove wood Fernandez
Fishing Randolph Trowling 2 of Lewis's here Got Cabbage Plants 1 lb of Butter Paid

11th Fortunate Day Fine Sawing and Splitting stove wood Fernandez crofsed for Salt Rained
Hard to night

12th Fine Fernandez went to Lanc{aster- cut off} Leander Bad with his Leg very Bad cut
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25th of June 1897 Bought of Mr Tyo 4 lb of Tea 4 lb of soda 4 Tubs Flour Collars Lewis for Butter swapt Dishes Put the Plough through the Potatoes

26th Hoeing Potatoes Sissy and Stanley to Jo Douquets with Plate of Butter and 2 Baskets of Eggs Bought of Haggarty soap nuts Thread Camphor Broom Took the Drak home from Hamiltons

27th Fine Leander and Sissy to Lemays

28th Fine at the corn Fernandez went to the Roads for Gordon Weeding the Garden Painted the Waggon cut Weeds set Brush heaps a fire

30th Rained heavy Last night Trowling the {succers?} Watson for Butter and Eggs 60

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1st of July 1897 Dominion Day Fine Trowling Mr Genie went off Peter Buck to 3 lb Butter 1 Quart of Syrup 63 Lewis for Butter 15 Milk John Isaac came to see Mr (Wetty-as)

2nd Fine Putting the Plough through the Potatoes hoeing corn Burning Brush Bad with Rheumatism Lots of Towing to Day

3rd very fine Smoky Foggy warm hoeing the Potatoes Unfortunate Day Received a Parcel From D.M.M. no Letter 2 Coats 2 Pair of Pants 2 vests

4th Sunday

5th Fine Uncle John's B Day 1803 Keeping the Yankee Day on Hopkins Point a Big Crowd the 3 Boys went awful hot Day

6th very Hot Lewis got his Poles to carry hay Began to Mow in the Grove

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7th of July 1897 very warm Sissy went to get her Teeth Pulled Raking the Grove Mowing Bought 2 Pair of Boots Flour 2 Forks R.R.R. Calico oil stockings Buttons Mr Fay Departed in Fort Covington

8th Very Very Warm Raking hay Mr Genie here Fixing spokes in the Raking Machine Put in 2 Loads of hay

9th Boy for Butter 4 lb 72 Leander took 2 Tubs of Butter and 12 Doz of Eggs to Jo Douquetts Put Poison on the Potatoes

10th Unfortunate Day Rained very hard to night stopt

11th Hamiltons all night Leander did

12th Orangeman's Day Rained some Turned Fine EW

13th Rain a Boat aground Below the Lighthouse Fernandez went to Dundee for Tubs 5 Tubs Heard Randolph got a Lunge Paid Lewis 50 cents on the Island Hay Lent him the Log chain Rain hard to night

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14th of July 1897 Fine at the Back Potatoes Lots of Eagles English Cherries Ripe Rasberries Ripe commenced to Rain

15 Fortunate Day Fine Mowing in the upper Field Broke the Bar went to Lancaster with it to get it Fixed Painting Gordons Boat Raking in the West Field a 3 Masted Yacht went up Making a Rack to hold the Load on the car St Swithin Day no Rain

16th Fine Mowing in the West Field and Back of the Barn Put Paris Green on the Back Potatoes put in Hay Watsons for Butter Peter Back for Butter and Syrup John MKay for Maple sugar Randolph here with a Letter from Dan

17th Fine put in 3 Loads Painting the Boat new Potatoes making coils Unfortunate Day Lots of Boats Going

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18th of July 1897 Gordon here took his Boat

19th Fernandez B Day 1874 John Cameron From Kansas Uncle Duncan's Eldest Son Came Quite a Surprise had a stake of meat from D Cameron Stanley and Sissy to Dundee John Fraser Dan's son here Fernandez went with him to Dundee

20th Fine Leander and Uncle Duncans John went Fishing got 10 lb Lunge also smaller ones John Duncan and Leander crossed to Summerstown he is coming Back here the 7th of August Mr Genie here took the Logs of Pine to Lancaster Bought his Rope 25 cents paid Stanley Sissy Min and Herbert came Stanleys Boots Fixed Soap Mug Fly Poison Figs Drefs Syrup to Derushie 2 Tubs to Jo Douquet of Butter

21st Daisy and Minnie came

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21st of July 1897 Helen Drove them to the Front stopt at Mrs Careys Gordon took the Girls acrofs Thunder and Lightning Genie came from Lancaster

22nd Fine Turned to Raining hard Lightning Thunder

23rd Fine Daisy Minnie Sissy Leander to Summerstown sent off 2 Letters Brought a Jar of Butter to

24th Fine Raining Gordon and Leander went to the Excursion to Ottawa From Lancaster Thunder Lightning Lemays for Butter took over our clock to Fix Watsons for Butter and Eggs Genie went off Fernandez in Gordons Place to Day Stanley Daisy Ionia went to Summerstown Boys came to night

25th E Wind Fine Gordon crofsed

26th Fine E Wind Put 2 small Loads of Hay in the West side under the Barley cut the Barley 2 Loads Stable Loft

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James Cameron Island

26th of July 1897 Cut the Barley at the Lower Point Fernandez and the 2 Girls to the Post office White Birch Bark Letters

27th Fine E Wind Turned the Barley Put in 3 Loads the rest is not Dry Put Paris Green on the Potatoes Fernandez to Lancaster Killed a Fat Mutton

28th Rain a Fortunate Day Leander crofsted for the Star Raining all Day EW Hamilton Late going Down

29th E. Wind Raining all Day. Fernandez crofsted to P Office

30th Fine some Drops of Rain Leander Daisy Ionia Trowling Daisy got a small Lunge about 10 lbs in the swells of the Columbia and America the Bosells Boys on the America Waving to Them

31st Rain West Wind Rainy Windy shiny and cloudy Fernandez went Lancaster Too Much Rain Fernandez came Leander to Jo Douquets with a Tub of Butter Got 5 Dollars on this But Where is the Rest Before this

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1st of August 1897 Lammas Day Gordon here Leander the 2 Girls Daisy and Minnie went to Salem church Rained some

2nd Minnie's Birth Day a very Fine Warm Day Leander Daisy Minnie Livinia went to Dundee and F Covington Bought 2 Scythes 1 Dollar nuts a vingar Bottle Calico Stanley Fernandez put in the Barley on the East side of the Mow Got my Books from B Morris Whistling Islanders Doctor Dow Sermons Fernandez crofsted for Gordons Boat

3 Mowing in the upper Field next the Fence Marsh hay and Fine a very warm Day went up to the wet Place Peter Back here got a lb of Butter

4th EW Heavy Rain Last night Wind changed to East Girls and Leander to P Office Last night Mowing up in the Brush Leander to snake Island a Tub to Jo Douquetts

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James Cameron Island

4th of August 1897 E Wind Leander and the Girls went Trowing Boheminian about 4 miles ahead 2 Boys Mowing Down Beside the oats Going to the Wheat north side Cool Lots of cranes got a Lunge

5th a very Fine Day made coils Made a stack Put 5 Loads in it Made 20 up and 18 Below of coils Leander and the 3 Girls went to P. O. Summerstown Stanley Island Ionia and Daisy Fishing Perch caught Fixed the Ladder Mr Genie came to night Lewis got a Rooster

6th Randolph's B Day Fine a Fortunate Day Mowing Back Marsh Genie Fishing Got a Potagraph From Bismarck of himself and 4 others

7th Fine Fortunate Day Made a stack Watsons for 4 lb of Butter cut my hair My neice and my nephew Mrs MDonald John Cameron came

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James Cameron Island

8th of August 1897 Fine John Cameron and his sister Mrs McDonald my nephew and neice went to take the Boat at Stanley Island Gordon and Leander put up there John H here Minnie and Daisy here

9th Cutting the Wheat a very Fine Day Sissy and the Girls went to Lewis cut some Oats a Road

10th Fine till after 12 and the Wind changed to W Rained hard Hailed hard Thunder and Lightning Blew hard Napoleon for Butter and Eggs for Jo Douquet very Heavy Down-pour of Rain put in 2 or 3 Loads of Whet Leander crosed to PO Bought of Haggarty Pan of Bread

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James Cameron Island

Augt 11th 1897 Raining Fine Showers Thunder Rain Rain an Indian here for Butter 10 Set a Line For Sturgeon Fernandez and Stanley Daisy Ionia out Trowing Leander with them close to the America and Algerian Leander to Summerstown Windy to night

12th Fine cutting oats on the hill put in 2 Loads of Wheat commenced to Rain Mr and Mrs Leslie here stopt at the Boat house asked for a noggin of Buttermilk Daisy Minnie Livinia Leander crofsed with Daisy to Mrs Careys Lots of Boats a Going to a Raft went Down Got 4 sturgeon this Morning put one to Smoke

13th put in 2 Loads of Wheat cutting oats Martin for 2 lb of Butter Windy got EEl chub

14th Fine Put in first Oats to Day Back for Butter 3 For Butter 3 Girls went to Lemays for the Clock Raft went Down

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James Cameron Island

14th of August continued) 1897 Put in 3 Loads of Oats Garnet went up Pic Nic aboard Columbia went Down Lots of Boats went to Day Putting in the Rakins of the Wheat Raking the oats the Girls Got the clock at Lemays 50 cents not Paid Leander and Fernandez crofsed and the 2 Girls Gordon came him and Fernandez went Back Rained

15th Fine Gordon and Leander to church Larue and Louis Hence Boy here Selling the Life of the Queen Got an Eagle in the Trap Rain

16th Leander Daisy and Ionia Trowing went to the Monument Island 4 of Them to hear the Performance in the Summerstown school house Rained heavy to night

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James Cameron Island

17th of August 1897 Rained Wind got Sturgeon 3 Men Landed here for to Get an Anchor stone 2 of them came up to see the Eagle The Man in the Boat said he would speak to the ones that was Buying them I told him I would sell him for 5 Dollars smoking Sturgeon and

EEl's cutting oats Randolph and Shetla here to Dinner Brought 2 Empty Tub Took to Jo's 20 chickens Leander and 2 of the Girls to Haggartys For 100 of Flour

18th Fine Jo Resor got the 2 Inch Augur cutting oats cut some hay in the Marsh Jacob Arkwright here for Butter 20 Found a Knife at Cedar Grove Put in 3 Loads of Oats

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James Cameron Island

19th of August 1897 19th Bismarck's Birth Day 1870 Raining Windy its showery 2 of Lucias here For Butter

20th Fernandez and the 2 Girls went to Lancaster to Willie Dunlops came up and Daisy went to Careys to night

21st Fine cutting hay Leander went acrofs Helen Daisy Gordon Minnie all came Mr Dan Cashion's Daughter Buried to Day in Williamstown

22nd Fine Helen Gordon Leander Daisy and Minnie crofsed sent 3 sturgeon to Mr Burton Gordon took a 5 lb Tin of Honey Boys came Gordon went to Hopkins Point Took Down Bill Morris

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James Cameron Island

23rd of August 1897 Fine Uncle Bill not very Well 3 Boys Mowing in Back Peice Leander to Jo's Douqueet with 15 chickens and 13 Doz of Eggs Lucias to Butter 30 cents

24th Cool some Rain Uncle Bill and Fernandez went to Dundee Lost my Knife one of them Found it one of my Pockets Leander crofsed to PO got 1 paper and Book of Fernandez

25th Raining showers Lucias for Bread 20 cents Windy Fine cutting the Pease and oats at the Pig Pen Put a Fish Box out on the Road Horses coming in Lots of Boats to Day going

26th Fine cutting the Pease cutting Pease and Oats Making coils Jo Rockwell for Butter Man for Butter 2 lb

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James Cameron Island

27th of August 1897 Fine made a stack of Marsh hay went up to the Bay Ionia and I caught some minnows Thunder Lightning Rain

28th Fine Finished cutting the Pease coiling the Pease and oats mixed 11 coils cutting the 2nd crop of clover and hay in the upper Field the Watsons for 4 lb of Butter some Plums Ripe

29th Fine Gordon and Leander to church Dany Spink came Down with them John came Windy to night

30th cutting Oats Below and some in the Back Peice Fernandez went to Lancaster Lucias for Butter 20

31st Fine very Fine Randolph took his Guns Took a Tub of Butter and 13 Doz of Eggs put in 2 Load of Oats

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James Cameron Island

31st of August 1897 cutting with the Mowing Machine in the Front Marsh Put 2 Load of oats in Made coils in the Front Marsh not very well in Great Pains a Good many odd shots at Ducks Before the Time

1st of September St Giles Day a very Fine Day Hunting Begins and they are at it early this morning Making coils 106 in the Front Marsh to Day 13 in the Back Field Big Pic Nic at Hamiltons Island The Rocket at it Fernandez went to it Tug of War Martintown Beat

2nd Labour Day Fine Made a Stack out of Front Marsh cutting oats Washing the Wool got papers from Marcantle

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James Cameron Island

Sept 3rd 1897 very Fine Day Dan's Birth Day 1846 cut the East peice Back Peice Renshaws for Fernandez to Mow Sent a Letter to Mr Edmund Eaves Montreal enclosing 1.75 Leander to Post Office Got a Letter from Uncle Duncan's John From Junction City Kansas another

Letter about Envelopes and got the Sample Bottle from Douglas and Co Napinee cutting Front Marsh

4th DCF Birth Day 1894 Fine Mr Genie came put in 2 Loads of oats 1 Load of Oats and Pease mixed 1 Load of Pease John Morris Min and Herbert came to night

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James Cameron Island

5th of Sept 1897 John Angus Birth Day 1850 John Morris went Gordon went Gave some Fish Sissy got her Drefs Bought the spoons 1 Dollar 1/2 Doz

6th Fine put in the Pease and Oats cutting the Marsh made 20 coils Fernandez came from Renshaws Then Went to Lancaster I think to the Williamstown Fair to Morrow shut the Barn

7th Fine Fair in Williamstown cutting Marsh hay Lewis here got the Log-chain to Tie his cow Leander crofsed

8th very Fine Lucias Left their Fishing Gear here till they come Back Bought Butter 20 Got 108 coils up Wrote a Letter to John Cameron Junction City Kansas

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James Cameron Island

9th Septemer 1897 Fine Day Sent a Letter to Bismarck B.C. Mowing in the Front Marsh 3 of Them Lucias for Potatoes 1/2 Bushel 1.25 Gave them Hay for Bedding Leander crofsed sent a Line to George Nicholson to Give the Parcel Directed to me in the P.O The Parcel came

10th ~~E Wind Drew 2 Coils of hay Began~~ 10th Mowing very Fine Done Making Coils Done in Front Marsh

11th East Wind Drew 2 Coils of hay commencd to Rain Turned Fine Ed Renshaw here Fixing his Gun Gordon came

12th Fine Ed Renshaw here Leander Gordon crofsed Fernandez crofsed to Work for Gordon

13 some Rain Fine Leander and Gordon crofsed a Big Fire to the North Making Quilts

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James Cameron Island

14th September 1897 Fine Stanley Fixing the Garden Fence not very well at Quilts Gordon and Leander crofsed Took 100 of Flour home to night

15th Ember Day a very Fine Day E Wind Making a stack of Marsh hay Leander and Stanley putting Tops on the other 4 stacks cows eating in the West Field Salted the Cattle made a Fire at a Brussy Bush of Hazael Sissy and Ionia went to Mr Jo Douquet Took a Tub of Butter an a Basket of Eggs 16 Dozen Butter 32 lb Mr Genie came had 3 Bags of Apples for me Bought of Haggarty Tea Rice Soap Rosin Thread Pens candy Received 2 Dollars from J Douquet 1 Bar Soap

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James Cameron Island

17th Sept 1897 ~~Ember Day~~ E Wind very fine Put 2 Loads of Marsh hay on the Stable Loft 1 Load of Marsh hay on the Wheat in the Barn Broke the Tongue of the Waggon Tied the Ram Genie Fishing set a Line Birds and crows at the apples and corn

17th Ember Day Fine Working at the Pole of the Waggon Windy cool

18th Fine NorWest Wind Mr Genie went off Gave him a Pair of oars got a Bag from him had a Lot of Fish this time at a small Stack East of all 40 coils Burnt some Brush cut cornstalks for the Pigs

19th Gordon Fernandez here crofsed to then Work

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James Cameron Island

20th of September 1897 Fine Windy Taking the Tops of the Potatoes next the River Wrote a Letter to the Mail & Empire For Livinia Dated 22nd put in 15 cents Mowing the Weeds in Potato Field Windy Found 1 of the Sheep Dead went to the head of the Island

22nd Fine This is the First Day of Fall St Mathews Day Fixing the Irons in the Bun Livinia and Stanley to Dundee 2 cakes of Tallow Sent for Dr Williams Pink Pills EW Leander Went to Summerstown took Randolphs Boat Sun crofsing the Line Equinoxial Gales Bought 4 1/2 lb

of Tea 5 Tubs 3 Pair of Boots 2 of Cotton outing Flannetts sold 9 lb of Tallow Pink Pills 50 cents Mrs Allen Munroe Departed on the 22nd

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James Cameron Island

23rd Sept 1897 E Wind very Fine Lucias here for Butter and Potatoes 40 cents Lewis Son-Law for Butter 35 Gathered 3 Pecks of Butternuts Put some stuff on the Wharf

24th Fine Lucias for Butter and sugar cutting the cornstalks at the Shanty Cows got into it To Day Pulling Potato tops

25th Fine Cutting cornstalks on the Hill Below the Garden Windy West put some corn in the storehouse Gordon and Fernandez came to night

26th Fine Gordon and Leander crofsed Thunder Rained

27th Windy Fernandez went to Lancaster Lucias for Butter and Potatoes 35 at Potatoes Put 18 Bushels into Day Gordon came and Fernandez went with him to Work 18 or 20 Bushels to Day

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James Cameron Island

28th Sept 1897 Fine at the Potatoes got 4 sturgeon 18 Bushels in to Day Digging some in the cellar Took corn into Husk to night

29th St Michael a very Fine Day cutting cornstalks Taking up corn to the storehouse Husking some to night Stanley made some traces of corn Livinia and Ionia went to pay For the clock 50 cents Lewis here for Butter Leander crofsed to Summerstown

30th Last Day of the Month and it was a very Fine September taking up Potatoes Boiling Potatoes for the Pigs

1st of October Ionia's B Day 1883 Fine day Mr Genie came at Potatoes

2nd Fine Taking up Potatoes 109 Bushels in the cellar now

3rd Fine Randolph and Renshaw here Fernandez went to Lancaster took his axe and saw Gordon was at the Malone Fair Shot 2 Ducks

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James Cameron Island

4th of October 1897 October 4 in Bottles thats 4 years in Bottles Tying Cornstalks set a Line

5th Fine Taking in cornstalks took up corn and Pumpkins Windy Boiling Potatoes for pigs The Hamilton went up caught the young Ram yesterday Received a Letter From my nephew John Cameron Kansas Junction Rained some to night set 2 Heaps of Brush a Fire in the West Field

6th Began the Ditch on the south side made about 100 Feet some Rain Cattle all in this side now Gave Genie the White Boat

7th Fine Taking up Potatoes Genie Digging at the Ditch and Fishing North Wind cool Blue-Bills came Leander went to Summerstown Bought a Bag of Salt

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James Cameron Island

8th of Oct 1897 Taking up the Potatoes at the Back Peice about 20 Bushels about 140 Bushels in the cellar Cows Broke into the Garden Genie at the Ditch Ionia and Sissy to Summerstown sold 22 Dozen of Eggs to Jo Douquet Bought Tax Spools

9th Fine Rain Last night at the Potatoes Finished them Ploughed some in the Ditch cutting cornstalks in the Garden Got the Farm Fireside Paper For the First Gordon came had 2 Boxes of Grapes coffee

10th H A B Day Fernandez came Gordon Leander Fernandez went to Dundee Livinia and her Mother went to Lewis Place Gordon crofsed to night

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James Cameron Island

11th of October 1897 Fine E Wind Ploughing Potato Ground Wind changed Genie Working at the Ditch set Fire to Brush Heaps at the Ditch cleaning it some next the River Wind very high to night Leander to P.O. Got a Letter From Bismarck he has Been very unwell But Better now Lots of Plovers Flying some Shooting Lucias here For Potatoes and Butter

12th very Windy a Few hail some Rain Fine W Wind Genie Fixing the Bun at the Ditch Made Preserves of Grapes Trees Breaking with the Wind stacks Blowing Down Husking Corn tonight

13th Fine W Wind Genie at the Ditch He went of to night had 12 Sturgeon or more Burning Burning Brush heaps Lucias to Butter and Tobacco

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James Cameron Island

14th of October 1897 Fine E Wind setting Brush heaps afire Bill and Billy here William Morris mean Bill got a Drake Billy took 2 a Drake and a Duck

15th Fine W Wind Burning brush Windy Lucias for Butter and Potatoes 25 to Stanley Snakes plenty coming out of their holes Killed 24 to Day very Smoky with Fires

16th Fine Windy Rained some a Fortunate Day

17th Fine Gordon Fernandez and John H and Dan Spink and Monter here Went to an Island Shot 2 Foxes

18th St Lukes Day Fine Windy Went to Dundee Butter 21.87 cents Bought Tea 2 Dollars Soda Pepper cinnamon soap Broom Pills Flour Fine Salt

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James Cameron Island

18th Octo 1897 Coat Boots Pants Drawers under-shirts calico cotton Put the stove up in the West End Lucias for Potatoes Balance Due on Butter \$3.87 cents Windy Fine Salt

19th Fine Day Ploughing in Back Peice Fernandez to Lancaster Leander went to Jo Douquetts took Poles Blinds Deoys set some Fires in the upper Field Lot of Shooting to Day

20th E Wind Cool Fine got a Lot of Fish Last night Fixed the Fence around the stack Mr Genie came to night had apples he Bought the stove up to come to Lancaster

21st EW Working at the Ditch Ploughed the Ditch Fernandez Stanley Went to Lewis's for the chain

22nd E Wind Genie went for the Stove to Lancaster Gave him 2 Dollars for Pipes got 9.72 cents an Elbow 80 cents

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James Cameron Island

23rd of Oct 1897 Livinia (Sissy) Birth Day Fine Fine Day Paid Genie for the Stove 2.25 Put up the Stove as a Single as there is a wrong Peice in it we will Get it again Got if From Mr Stalker very Foggy this Morning 2 Men here for hay for Bedding their Hunters Gave 35 cents hunters some Ducks came Fernandez crofsed to Summerstown Gordon came Heard Julia Summers Departed on the 20th and Buried on the 23rd

24th Our Hugh's B Day Fine Genie went off Gave him Salt

25th St Crispin My B Day 1825 72 years old at 4 o clock Eddy Doucquet here for Lewis Henee Drew Peice of old Wood Foggy Morning

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James Cameron Island

26th of October 1897 very Fine E Wind Lucias for Potatoes and Butter Ploughing and Drew some stones smoky Genie came had the peice of the Stove and Hops

27th Unfortunate Day foggy this Morning E.W. Ploughed a Little Too Dry to Plough The Rev Mr Armstrong Methodist Minister and Mr Hagarty Merchant of Summerstown here Read a chapter and made a Prayer seem's to Be a very Fine Man his Prayer was very good Boys set 2 Lines For Fish Sent off to night 3 Letters 1 To The Glengarrian with 1 Dollar in it Registered 1 To Edmund Eaves The Watch Forgot to sent the Letter 1 of Ionias to North Haven 35 Gordon Bought a Grindstone

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James Cameron Island

28th of October 1897 Those Letters not sent till to Day Registered and Postage Paid
Gordon crofsed him and Fernandez Bought a Tool -Chest Boards Fernandez Bought a Boat
Gave Salt to Genie Rained some to Day wind West Genie went to Lemays took his stone-
Lifter and Boat here

29th Fine Ploughing Gordon Painting his Boat Made 3 Spear-Poles

30th Fine cool Gordon Grinding his Tools put a Handle in the Adze Gordon and Fernandez
crofsed Lucias for Potatoes

31st Fine All Hallows or Holy Eve or Hallo'een the night of the Fairies The 2 Boys here
Leander Randolph they were hunting at Rofs Island Keeping Holy Eve cracking nuts

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James Cameron Island

1st of Nov 1897 The Harvest Month of Death some Rain Fixing stalls in the Horse=stable
Boiling Potatoes for the Pigs the 2 Boys crofsed to night Gordon and Fernandez EW High
Wind to night

2nd All Souls Day E Wind very high Wind water Raised High Found a Decoy

3rd On This Day of the Month 1857 Granda Departed West Wind Genie went off the 2 Boys
came Making the Stalls in the Horse Stable Taking the Ears of the corn in the Barn

4th Fine Fernandez to Lancaster Gordon Painting Fernandez Boat Gordon Ploughing the
Malby and Leander passed up

3rd Unfortunate Day

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James Cameron Island

5th of Nov 1897 A Fortunate Day Guy Fawk's Day Fine at the Ditch Gordon Brought a Stove Bought it 1 Dollar the Pipes 1 Dollar I paid him Fortunate Day seen Lewis Hennee up in the Bay Husked corn to night

6th W Wind Windy Fixing the 2 Stoves at the Ditch Rained some

7th Helen's B Day Mrs Burton Fine John H and Dan Spink came Died at Viponds Jane-Ann Renshaw went there to see her Sister Heart Desease

8th Frost Last Night E Wind Ploughing Plastering the Stable Ionia and i went to the Kit Kit Took up Lucias pail and Basket and Tub Gordon and Fernandez to Summerstown Heard of Mifs Renshaws Death a Few Grains of Snow

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James Cameron Island

9th of Novem 1897 Prince of Wales Birth Day Big Big East Wind Raining Leander here stopt with the Wind Snowed this Evening

10th Fine West Wind Banking the House Unfortunate Day Leander went to Jo's Douqueet Gordon Went to Dundee with Tennet of Butter and a Due-Bill and Money for Ionia's Boots 45 200 of Flour 5 Gallons of Kerosene Tubs 3) Nails 6 lb 6 lb Heard Herbert was Poorly the 2 Boys went to Summerstown to night Fixing stalls for the cows

11th E W Froze Last night Rain high Wind Randolph for Shells Gordon went to hunt on the North Side Plouged the Peice of the Potato Ground

12th Martinmas Day Raining snowing E Wind crofsed for Livinia's Watch the Pigs out Began to Feed Milk Cows and Horses

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James Cameron Island

13th of Nov 1897 West Wind Randolph here Gordon Made a Trough for the Pigs Fixin things in the Stove-house Mowing machine cutter and Stove Plouged some Took the Milk up From the cellar seen in the Papers Where Dan got Carlo after Been near 4 years away

14th Fine Day Fortunate Day Spink and Fernandez went to the Kit Kit to hunt got nothing
Leander here From Douquetts Freezing

15th E Wind Livinia and Fernandez went to Dundee took 11 Ducks to Sell Bought cottons
calicos underwore Rice and other things Herby is Getting Better Plastering Feeding corn to
the Pigs Gordon crofsted to the sale went to Cornwall Bought 1 Paper of Pepper

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James Cameron Island

16th of November 1897 Rain W Wind Fixing around the Stables Gordon came Received
Papers From Dan

17th Fine W Wind Gordon cutting Stove Wood a Big Pile the Hamilton and Alexandra went
Down cool Ploughing Plastering Gordon crofsted to night Boiling the Last of the small
potatoes for the Pigs Feeding corn Too

18th Mrs McRae Buried to Day Randolph called came From Lancaster Gordon went to
Funeral Drawing Logs out of the Marsh for wood have 1 pine 1 Elm A soft Maple 2 Hemlocks
5 Logs to Saw Piling Stove-wood Shut the outside Cellar-Door

19th EW Banking churning all Day Gordon crofsted Killed the Nannie very Fat cold Husking 2
Baskets of corn

20th E Wind some Grains of Snow Finished the churning made some ice at the shore and in
the Rushes Fortunate Day Rockets Last Trip

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James Cameron Island

21st of Nov 1897 Fine E Wind On this Day of the Month Donald McMaster Senior Departed
1846 an Unfortunate Day Stanley to Plum Island

22 Fine cutting Sticks up in the Swamp ones Laying Down Gordon cutting Laying Down
Stuff 2 Yacts over at Frashers Hunting

23rd Fine W Wind 2 of Lewis's here for oil 5 cents cool Sawed the 2 ash Sticks Gordon
cutting Laying Down Wood Stanley working at the Stable

24th Fine very Windy West Wind Sawing stove Wood old Pines Hemlock out of the Marsh
Leander came Fixing Decoys The Garnet went up to Lay up

25th St Catherine W Wind Snowed rain Thanksgiving Day Painted Big {illegible} Fixing
Decoys Yantic went up 2 Tugs Towing her went for EELs Let out 1 of the Rams

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James Cameron Island

26th of November 1897 Raining Leander and Fernandez went to Courville's Bay for Ducks
Fixing a Place to Haul up the Boats Gordon crofsed got the Mail got a Kansas Paper From
Uncle Duncans John Sissy got a Letter Windy

27th Fine Freezing some Windy Lots of Boats a Going to Day Putting out Manure cutting up
some Lying Down Wood in the swamp

28th Advent Sunday Fine Dan Spink here Took a Lot of Books novels Leander to Rofs's
Island

29th Rain some snowed some Killed the 2 Hogs Froze some to night 1 Boat went to Day

30 Fine St Andrews Day The Festival of the Scotch Mr Dan Fraser and John her for the Tup
Sheep Took 1 to Hamiltons

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James Cameron Island

1st of December 1897 Snowed a Lot to Day Leander to Plum Island Lewis here For Milk
onions Pot Knife no Boats to Day Lights up to night Bad with Pain in my Breast yesterday
and to Day Feedin all the Cattle

2nd Fine cold W Wind a Tow went Down to Day snow on the Ground Froze in the Rushes no
Lights in to Be Seen in the Lighthouses a Mink on and went right off

3rd The Tow Boat that went Down yesterday came up to Day a Steam Barge came up to
day Martin came with Pot Knife and Augur took sand 4 of the Boys went to Plum Island For
the Fox and got him Fine Day after Ducks not very well with a Bad Pain under my heart

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James Cameron Island

4th of Dec 1897 Very Foggy Lots of Frost on the Trees E Wind Boys after Ducks got none Gordon and Leander crossed got the Mail and a Lot of Papers From D M Master Sent a Letter and 2 Paper to John Cameron Junction City Kansas got 5 cents in Postage stamps Turned to Rain and Wind and Frost Got a Bottle of Minards Liniment from Gordon got the mail

5th Fair Fixed the Ducks to Send to D M M Randolph here

6th EW The Festival of the German's St Nicholas Fernandez went with the Box of Ducks to Mr Hagarty to take to the Station I am not very well soar all night a Bad Pain under my Left Brast Gordon not well

7th EW Eddy Renshaw here him and Fernandez to the Kitt Kit Took Pills some Grains of Snow

8th Fine Warm E Wind Soft Fixed a Window in the Stable Fernandez went to Lancaster Gordon not Well

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James Cameron Island

9th of Dec 1897 E Wind Kind of soft Mowing Rushes the Mink in the Bay But Dont come to the Trap Wrote a Letter to Bismarck Victoria Steam Laundry 152 Yates Street British Columbia Fernandez Cameron came from Lancaster to Summerstown

10th Leander's Birth Day 1872 a Fine Day Gordon not well Leander for EEIs got 4 Got a few Perch Got a Mink up in the Bay Rained some to night not very well

11th Rain Fixing on the Barn Floor put in Boards Leander crossed to Summerstown

12th E Wind Found 45 Feet of Rope Fernandez went to A Frasers to Be Ready to see about his vote on the 13th

13th very Fine Day Leander and Stanley Plouging on the Lower Point

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James Cameron Island

14th Dec 1897 E Wind Raining hard Blowing hard not much doing to Day Fixed some around the Fire-place in the Sugar-Bush Rain all night

15th E Wind some Rain cleared off Ploughed some Ellen Morris Bills Wife Departed this Morning

16th Fine Rained Randolph here told us about Bills Wife Ploughing Windy Went to the Pitt Point Found a Peice of Hicory about 6 Feet Long Heard John H got his arm Bruised Drew up Genis Boat on Land Heard this Boy at Hamiltons and Haggartys went off Together Hamiltons turned Back from Brockville

17th Fine W Wind the Boys Gordon and Leander crofised for the Mail got a Letter from D.M.M. Milk Mary a young Daughter on the 15th Sow Pig Dead

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James Cameron Island

17th of December 1897 Wind changed to East commenced to snow snowing hard Livinia very unwell Last night Wind changed to West through the night

18th West Wind clear and cool Nothing Doing to Day me very Bad Since St Andrews Day

19th Fine cool a Fortunate Day

20th E Wind Snowing Blowing Freezing a good Bit of Ice Taking in the Back Bay

21st First Day of Winter Unfortunate Day came in the Goat Harnefsed the Horses Drew some Wood West Wind St Thomas Day

22nd Fortunate Day East Wind Fine Gordon & Stanley Drew 3 Loads of Wood Stanley and Ionia Scating Leanders Leg not very well I am not Well

23rd E Wind Snowing Stanley and Gordon Drawing Firewood and Drew the oak Pine hemlog out of the marsh Wrote a Letter to Day to to D.M.M. to be put in on the 24th not very Well Leanders Leg sore Ionia Scating Wind west tonight new Moon

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James Cameron Island

24th of Dec 1897 Christmas Eve a very cold Day Nor West Wind Drifting Fine Randolph came Down with our Mail Sent a Letter with him to Put in the P Office took with him from here 2 Hocky Sticks Livinia make cakes Gordon chopping stove wood Leanders Foot not very well Stanley and Ionia Knocking about Livinia Reading and Knitting 2 Mocksuns around the sun on the north side and 1 on the south Broke on another Stack at the North Door

25th Christmas Day Fine Day ice making not much Wind and not Frost but a Big Skim of ice Leander and Stanley to sturgeon Island with the Boats

26th Fine S of snow

27th St John the Evangeist Day Colder Windy oiling Harnefs

28th Fine W Wind ice is making a Skim acrofs took home the Sheep

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James Cameron Island

29th of December 1897 Uncle Angus Cameron B Day E Wind not very cold not cold enough to make Good ice Big air-hole Before the Door Gordon and Leander went to the Head of the Island to see how it Took all open up there Looks good Between here and Plum Island Lots of air-holes no Foxes came Last night Fine Day some cakes Breaking off in the air hole Leander Foot not very well Seen a Large Bird of some Kind Goose or Eagle or owl in the North Bay

30th Fine W Wind Thawing Rain ice that made is all going Down Seen a Boat crofsing its some of Lewis's a Fox on here to night

31st Fine Day Gordon crofsed for the Mail got a Parcel From Minnie got a checqe From Dan with 10 in it to 2 Bottles of R.R.R. Leander got a Letter From D.M.M. a peice of her Drefs From Minnie Feathers a Kercheif for Pa Bottle For Pepper Dish for Ma for Sissy and some for Ionia Gordon crofsed

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