

April

MONDAY 6

1896

I went out
to grow first
thing this morn-
ning, no a mat-
ter of business
with Bro Ellis.

Got home again
before noon and
this afternoon
went down to
the saw-mill,
after a load of
saw-dust and
to put a log on
the railway.

Found this
evening that
the sap had been
running consider-
ably for the
last three days
the pails and
pans being well
filled up.

April

TUESDAY 7

Began some
clover seed, at
morning in
field. Talk
the name, etc.
seedling it was
Chick.

Have been
gaged at se-
dry other jobs
as well, cut
wood, and
gathering
The weather
has been cool
and quite
for several
but, not
cold, but the
sap would
so we have
now a good
lot of soil
down.

We began again to trail down sap today; having a considerable quantity on hand. Succeeded in getting a nice patch into sap by to night.

The run of sap that began last Saturday still continues and is unusually good one.

Have had lots of help, such as it was. Walter Gibson & George Hutchins with Jim.

Jim and I with Walter & son have been working down to day again. The latter went out to house the way home this afternoon however.

Rain has been falling this morning in considerable quantities making our work in the woods a disagreeable one. Sap has been flowing very thickly and we are getting a nice crop ready to be

April

FRIDAY to

1896

We have been
boiling down
again to day
Jim and I.
Had some six
pails of syrup
this evening
as the result.
Much the larg-
est batch yet.
It took us un-
til ten o'clock
to night to
get through
with the job.
One of the
results has been
the contraction
of a severe
cold, by myself.

Sap has con-
tinued to run
gradly to day.

April

SATURDAY 11

Had deligh-
April shower
last night &
this forenoon
Jim and I
been working
away at
ing down
ad usual to
day. Made
considerable
ditione to
stock of Sy-

Had some
visitors at
boiling jalal
to night, as
is a very
mass occur-
during sup-
making.

always by
fill down
see down

April

SUNDAY 12

1896

Owing to the terrible state of the roads we did not get out for our usual meeting, but went over to Mr. Coburn's church instead both morning and evening.

The weather is very warm and there are bright prospects of good roads before long. Enjoy the hot water bath at home once in a while without going to church, but only once in a while.

April

MONDAY 13

Jim and I have got to again at our group make as usual. weather is becoming rather unfavourable for sap although it is running still. The cedars are getting another fine batch this spring.

We had some near neighbors to eat sugar this evening. Mr. Crawford's some weight boys.

Weather still very fine.

April

TUESDAY 14

1896

Have been
boiling down
sap again to-
day & expecting
this time to
make a finish
of it. Failed,
however, for
we had nearly
two milk cans
full after our
days work was
done.

Maggie went
down to Thomas
Jalpus after
some eggs for
setting this eve-
ning, and Mrs
Clarke came
home with her.

The weather con-
tinues very fine
and warm.

April

WEDNESDAY 15

Our last
ing of sap is
off to day, &
it was a suc-
cess. After get-
ting up backlogs
wood and get-
ting started
let Jim and
Bertha do the
boiling.

There is a
little appearance
of another
of sap this
year. This
being a good
deal like
me.

Grass
beets are
in
two weeks

April

THURSDAY 16

1896

I have been
busy turning
apple trees in
the front yard
this forenoon
also most of
the afternoon.
Find that our
ground is rather
wet yet and
yet Mr Newford
is ploughing
on the N. E. Plat.
Spring like
weather still
continues and
buds both bloss-
om and leaf
are getting
well forward.
There seems dan-
ger of a rep-
etition of last
year as to fruit.

April

FRIDAY 17

Have been
engaged at
Sunday school
this forenoon
Went up
since this
forenoon stop
at Lynn vale
for some
meal. Took
some syrup
Florence a
give yellow
Sarah Corp
beside the
for Charley
to pay for
lot of can
received ye
day.
Brought to
a Grimby
narrow, for
of Hamilton

April

SATURDAY 18

1896

Worked this forenoon at putting the new Crumby harrow together, lately bought of Hamiltons Olds.

This afternoon went over the onion patch & straw-derry patch with it and like the way it works very well.

Went out to town this evening taking my mother with me. Had a successful trip amongst some of my friends with maple syrup.

April

SUNDAY 19

The roads being become impassable we were unable to get a horse, so our meeting in Dr. Howell again for day. It was nearly a small service and our service.

Had an excellent discourse from Bro. B. on the things are good and ye are Christ and Christ a

Went over to see Brother [unclear] with this evening as we enjoyed the service very much.

April

MONDAY 20

1896

We started the
harrow today
in the front field
but owing to the
ground being wet
in spots had to
resort to common
harrow instead
of the disc.

Entered up our
sap-pails today
and plugged up
the holes in Mr.
ple trees for the
season.

Have also been
doing what I
could at trimming
cherry trees and
apple trees as
well.

Weather keeps
quite warm &
dry.

April

TUESDAY 21

1896

Have been
able to trim the
moss of the trees
today, all on
account of having
time to drive &
leave for one
hour.

Had quite a
shower of rain
this afternoon
which prevented
further seeding
operations.

My two aunts
Lydia and Pa
with my Cousin
Maud were here
to dinner and
spend the after-
noon.

Had a letter
from Whitesides
concerning my
forest today.

Went down
to Jarvis & Co's
forenoon to
sell about
sixteen or horse
or two, taking
my wife with
me. Did not
get much out
instructions from
my wife how
ever. There
does not seem
to be much
chance to sell
horses just now.
The market be-
ing over-stocked.
Have been trim-
ing trees this
afternoon which
fine has been
harrowing in
the front field.

Have had
harrowing in
front field,
to day. He
always very
for a boy's
age.

I have been
visiting this
now at
ing apple
except when
at the
Mr. Wright

was here
afternoon
bought
by more
the price
small, but
don't really
been any
fifty dollars
price need.

Had a heavy
rain last night
and this fore-
noon, mostly
from the East.
Took the man
that I sold to
Mr. Creighton of
Jarvis yesterday
down to Hagers-
ville this af-
ternoon. Had
a somewhat
eventful trip
but got there
without serious
accident, deliv-
ered the horse
and received
the bill, etc.
Got home in
good time, about
dark.

Went up to
Succoe this
forenoon, now
to take some
money for su-
est, paid the
fifty dollars
owed yesterday
on same.
Called at St.
Rose's on the
house for dinner
and brought
mother home
from there.
Went out
down this
ring to Co.
after some
small matter.
Put on St.
the Reformers
maple sap abo-
in Calm.

Went out to church this morning taking my wife and Bertie with me.

Had Bro Beaud minister to us as usual. He gave us a grand sermon about the work of the Spirit & C.

Went over to see Bro Chesple this evening also. Never attend the ministrations of this or the other without profit.

Have had Jim & Harry dig in the front field today while I have been trimming trees in the orchard. The rain yesterday and last night left the ground so wet, that everything growing we past. Never saw grass more forward at this time of year than now. Pasture is very good indeed.

There was every appearance of rain this morning but it did not come after all.

Have been drilling in oats and peas mixed in the front field by the church.

Succeeded in getting all sown except what is still to plough and a small piece of wet ground.

The weather is very warm and everything is growing very fast.

Have been very busy today getting the front field & the store drilled in to a mix crop of oats & peas. Time all but a half an hour that is not yet ploughed. It went in very well.

Went over to the prayer meeting this evening, and had a good time with the Christian friends.

April

THURSDAY 30

1896

I started for Wilkie early this morning, after showing berry plants. Arrived there at a little after eleven o'clock A.M.

After dinner I went to digging around berry plants, near the factory. Was stopped by a shower of rain about three o'clock; but succeeded in getting what I wanted and home again. This evening or night at 1 A.M.

May

FRIDAY 1

1896

Have been very busy at setting out straw berry plants in the front garden next to the road. Succeeded in getting them nearly all set out with Julius help also Jim and my wife's.

Drove out to Dover this evening to see after the sales of trees.

After making ample arrangements, drove on to Lincoln for to morrow's delivery.

Our delivery at Lincoln Colne off to day. My friend E. W. Seaton had just finished notifying last night.

Had a rather successful time although there was a good many who could not pay for their sales. A shower of rain this afternoon prevented people coming in from the country, so we had a large number of orders to keep over Sunday.

Went up to our regular Quarterly meeting at Woodhouse to day taking my wife and mother with me.

Found the roads very bad owing to recent heavy rains; but felt amply repaid for going, by receiving a spiritual blessing, from the service of the occasion. Could not help thinking of the departed who but a few years ago worshipped under the same roof.

Brought home my yellow eels this forenoon from Port Dover. Took them out of the box as soon as possible and found them quite advanced, being already in leaf. Got them in water as usual, until I could get time to set them out.

Began delivering notices for Port Dover delivery, this afternoon. Took the Western portion of my territory this time -

I have been out on the road to day delivering notices, and found it difficult to get the job done ready for the delivery tomorrow.

Had a pleasant visit at Mr. W. L. Sedges an old English resident at Sea Cock's point below Haverhill. Traveled up in Port Dover and did not get home until half past ten P.M. Found the folks nearly all in bed.

The Post Wagon delivery came off to day. Got there about eight o'clock and found G. W. Se. there and she sees all out of the boxes. Our delivery was a great success, there being but one note and not many but what paid us the cash down for their stock. Had a fine day for it and we got through much sooner than is usual, with every order off the hands.

Felt much relieved to day to get home again where so much work was awaiting me.

Repaired this morning by setting some Lobenir An Congress pear grafts obtained yesterday. Prepared onion ground afterwards and planted the seed while Jim was getting the ground ready for planting the plum trees.

Mr William Smedley the old stock buyer came this afternoon also the tea man.

Jim and I
 have been
 setting out Bur-
 bank plum
 trees for day.
 The veggie in
 the North End
 of the lot.
 The ground is
 in excellent
 condition for
 setting out
 trees, so it
 does not take
 half the work
 to put them
 in that it did
 last year a-
 mong the ap-
 ple trees of
 the orchard.
 I like working
 amongst trees how-
 ever, even setting
 them out.

I have contin-
 ued to work at
 setting out trees
 plum trees for
 day as usual.

Have done my
 best, but there
 is still some-
 thing like frost
 to put in the
 ground yet.

We are have-
 ing real sum-
 mer weather,
 so warm and
 dry just now.
 Rain has ceased
 coming and
 may be we
 will not have
 any more for
 a time.

May

SUNDAY 10

1896

Went out to church today as usual, had the usual spiritual feast from the ministers discourse and at good time in our fellowship meeting as well.

It has been very warm today, and weather is becoming quite forward.

Went over to see Mr. Eber-sole this evening as usual taking the family with me.

May

MONDAY 11

1896

Have been as usual as ever at Eber-sole out plum trees in the new plot. John has been helping most of the time. Succeeded in getting the last of the one hundred and twenty five in the ground by the middle of the afternoon. Have since been working at repairing fences preparatory to turning out the cattle to pasture. Weather was continued very warm.

May

TUESDAY 12

1896

We kept on setting beet and plum trees this forenoon Jim and I. Had some fifteen or more of our own raising that we thought best to set out in the unoccupied portions. We have consequently succeeded in getting at least one hundred and forty one plum trees added to our number of this variety.

May

WEDNESDAY 13

1896

Jim and I have been working out our strawberry patch today. We have had a rather serious time owing to the grass having started seriously.

The weather has changed very much and it seems now as though we might have an east storm of rain before long, there being every appearance of rain just now besides being so much cooler.

May

THURSDAY 14

1896

Jim and I
 finished hoeing
 out the straw-
 berry patch
 till goosevase.
 For the first
 got to work
 at ploughing
 in the field
 by the church
 where there
 is an acre
 or so to turn
 under for oats
 and peas.
 Found the ground
 very hard, and
 that it was
 almost impos-
 sible to plough
 it. There is
 a fine shower
 of rain coming
 this evening however.

May

FRIDAY 15

1896

I have been
 ploughing away
 in the foot
 field, along the
 road, trying my
 best to get done.
 Last night's rain
 helped the ground
 to plough much
 better; but, it
 is hard enough
 yet. The weather
 has cooled off
 nicely since the
 rain. It has
 been quite com-
 fortable for
 work so far.

May

SATURDAY 16

1896

It has taken me about all day to get the remaining portions of the front field ploughed. It was nearly six this evening when I finished.

Went over to George Ryersons this morning after a couple of little pigs for which I paid him a dollar and a half each.

The C. T. R. is constructing a Railway bridge across the river in Port Down just now.

May

SUNDAY 17

1896

Went out to our own meeting in Port Haven this morning as usual taking my wife and mother with me so rather Bertha, for my mother stayed at home.

Had a great gale of wind so day that seemed almost to take the top off the buggy sometimes.

Had our usual feast of spiritual blessing both this morning and evening notwithstanding the high winds.

May

MONDAY 18

1896

Have had Jim harrowing in the front field to day. He rooled the ground such as well. We have it now about ready to drill with oak and peas.

I have been busy at sundry jobs through the day.

The Good Lord has been owing me as His child of late - so the joy of my dear soul. Glory be to thee O Lord most high.

May

TUESDAY 19

1896

Owing to rain last night and this forenoon we had to leave off our harrowing in the front field, to day.

Jim and I have been cutting some willow wood at the house this forenoon and part of the afternoon.

This evening I took Maggie and my mother out to Pop's Dovee, mostly to attend a District meeting service in our church. Had a great treat while there.

WEDNESDAY 20

1896

I went over to George Ryan's this morning after some wild-rose straw-berry-plants to fill in where our had died out. I took one hundred and thirty. Got them set out this forenoon also.

This afternoon I have been drilling in the east of our oak and pear in the front field. Got it done to night.

Had our old friend E. H. Lemmon to visit us to night.

May

THURSDAY 21

1896

The weather has continued to be fine and rather cool.

Fine and I furrowed, set the front field this morning and he has cleared out the ditches. He also cultivated the straw-berry, and this afternoon I have been hoeing them out.

Had an offer from Mr. Ober-Crombie of \$1000 for our three year old Colt, which by the way I have been asking fifty for.

May

FRIDAY 22

1896

I have been very busily engaged to day trying to get the strawberries used out the second time. Finding it hard to catch up on the first weeds. The strawberries are some plants are growing nicely however with but few vacancies. Jim has been rolling to day in the front field. He has rolled all the late sawing and come to the early.

May

SATURDAY 23

1896

I went down to Jarvis this morning with the democrat, to take Bertie and Mrs Nelson to the station, both of them being bound for Toronto. Called at Dolcamb's on the way home and had dinner. Have some hopes of selling the Holt to Billy Dolcamb.

Went out to Brown this afternoon, and did some collecting for Mr. Mackay.

May

SUNDAY 24

1896

Went out to
our usual
morning ser-
vice. Miss
morning take-
ing my mother
and little Cor-
nie with me.

Our twice min-
ister officiated
and gave us
a stirring dis-
course on the
necessity of be-
ing filled with
the Holy Spirit.

Went over to
the neighbouring
church this
evening where
Mr Lake preached
and his dis-
course very much.

May

MONDAY 25

1896

There has been
every appearance
of rain to day;
but, it did not
come after all.

I have been
very busy as u-
sual. Worked
at raking out
the outside bed
this forenoon,
and have since
finished hoeing
the strawberry
patch the rec-
ord time, fin-
ishing this eve-
ning.

The Census birth-
day has been
celebrated to-
day, in James
and Jim's

May

TUESDAY 26

1896

Have been
 sowing and
 planting some
 patch of ear-
 ly potatoes for
 tea. Went over
 to Mr Starlings
 this morning
 after potatoes
 to plant. Got
 a half bushel
 that he had got
 of my uncle John,
 and he of A. G. Row
 from the Callu
 from the U.S. He
 has a choice va-
 riety, but he did
 not know the name.

He had a very
 heavy rain last
 night, the heav-
 iest of the season

May

WEDNESDAY 27

1896

Worked in the
 garden this fore-
 noon and plant-
 ing some pota-
 toes and weeding
 out the onion-
 bed with the rake.

Went out to
 town this after-
 noon taking my
 mother with
 me. Called to
 see Bro. Ellis,
 about visiting
 us before long.

Saw the Steu-
 cings No. 1. Come
 in with a big
 load of loaded
 cars, I went
 six I think.

There is quite
 a stir about
 town just now.

May

THURSDAY 28

1896

Each day brings
its labours; its
joy, and its
sorrow.

The Good Lord
has been gra-
cious to us
this day also.
It has been
a joy to serve
Him.

A heavy rain
and thunder
storm came
last night and
to day we have
had very high
winds, though
not cold.

Went to the
mill this after-
noon after corn
cubes - the
last for this year.

May

FRIDAY 29

1896

Have been
quitting over
the fence on
the back side
of the field back
of the barn
to day. Jim
has been take-
ing the fence
down for
me and been
thoroughly use-
ful. He did
not lack a
great deal
of getting the
fence all
quilt over.

Have had
a gale of
wind to the to-
day and yes-
terday; but
it still keeps warm.

May

SATURDAY 30

1896

Have been
building over
the fence north
of the field back
to the barn
this forenoon.
Jim has been
helping me.
Got about done
by noon; and
a good job too.

Rain came
this afternoon
and we had
to stop work out-
side. Drove down
to Jarvis this
evening after
Charley Crystal,
and found him
here as expected.
Had a dark mud-
dy drive home.

May

SUNDAY 31

1896

Went out to
our usual mor-
ning service in
good down this
morning. Take-
ing Charley
Crystal with
me, also Rattie.
Felt much ed-
ified by our
minister's discourse
on the great gift
of the Holy Spirit.
It is a matter for
rejoicing that
all may have
His wondrous
presence. He has
said: That He
will be with you
and in you
forever. He is
indeed our man-
ner & guide.

June

MONDAY 1

1896

Went through a
our onion patch
this forenoon
with the rake,
also the straw-
berry patch with
the cultivator
for the third time.

Have been
preparing some
ground for corn
in the plum
orchard, in the
same portion.

Am so thank-
ful that what-
ever comes,
weather, world-
ly blessing or
disappointments,
God knows best,
and His promise
will still hold good.
All things shall work
together for good.

June

TUESDAY 2

1896

We actually got
our six sheep
washed this
forenoon. Had
Charlie Crystal
to help us.
The water was
very cold for
the time of year.

Have been
discussing the plum
tree ground
east of the
house this af-
ternoon. Think
of sowing it
to beans rather
than leave it
idle all sum-
mer. Have got
it well and
clean now.
Weather still
quit cool.

June

WEDNESDAY 3

1896

Went over to George Hyman's this forenoon and got three pecks of beans to sow in our plum tree lot East of lane.

Got it sown and some other seeds such as Corn for table use &c in the same field.

We harrowed over our corn sown peas and oats so dry also, it being a good deal crusted, over from recent rain followed by drying weather.

June

THURSDAY 4

1896

Harrowed over an acre or so of late sown peas and oats that had been sown late and the ground crusted over by the late heavy rain.

Got to work at ploughing for fodder corn back of the drive-barn this afternoon.

G. W. Leonard came this afternoon to have me make out the Lincoln Returns, so I had to stop ploughing. Have been at it this evening also.

June

FRIDAY 5

1896

Did not get a chance to plough this forenoon but did this afternoon.

Got through with Mr Lemon but not in a very satisfactory way.

John Ross the veterinarian from Port Dover came and altered the two year old colt, also a bull calf.

The weather has been very warm to day, and there has been some appearance of a shower.

June

SATURDAY 6

1896

Owing to rain last night did not start ploughing until late this forenoon. Got nearly done however and had it harrowed down afterwards.

My wife went up to Hylcombe this forenoon picking Charles Chrysell and Sue Klotter with her.

Drove out to town this evening, and received some sixteen dollars which I am sending away to pay for plume trees bought of E. Moody and Sons of Westport N.Y.

June

SUNDAY 7

1896

Went out to church this morning as usual taking Jim with me.

Had our usual treat in a sermon from Bro. Daniel Wooley, this being conference Sunday and the ministers away. It was good to be there, both to the preaching and class-meeting.

My dear wife returned this evening from a short visit to her mother.

The Good Lord has sent us another fine snow this evening.

June

MONDAY 8

1896

Rain came in quite large quantities last night, so for day we have done but little but wet weather jobs.

This afternoon however I got to work with the plough again. Finished ploughing the fodder down around after a long time, the rain acting as a great softener.

It is wonderful to see how things are growing just now, especially hay and pasture.

June

TUESDAY 9

1896

Went to work
on the road
this morning
at our statute
labour, with
Mr. Sturford &
us.

Went over to
Mr. James Hat-
son's for my
dinner, and
had a nice
visit as well.
This afternoon
rain came
just after din-
ner and pre-
vented further
work for the day.

Heard this eve-
ning that my un-
cle Caleb Matthew
died this morning,
in Melbourn.

June

WEDNESDAY 10

1896

On account of
the rain yester-
day we thought
best not to go
on the roads this
forenoon, so we
worked at our
snares, trying to
get them fixed
and read out.

Went to work
on the road
this afternoon
however and
succeeded in
getting in a
half of our
portion of the
statute labour
done for this
year.

The weather
is fine again,
and cool.

June

THURSDAY 11

1896

Maggie went up to St. G. Ross this forenoon with my mother. She came home without Ma who remained for a week or so to visit.

I have been ploughing the sod back of drive-barn where we want to sow fodder corn so day, or; rather most of the time.

Drove out to town this evening. Called at Mr. Ellis who promised to come out to morrow night.

June

FRIDAY 12

1896

There was a heavy rain-fall last night which rather prevented work on the land to day.

I finished ploughing the ground where we intend to sow corn for fodder, towards night.

Went out to town this evening expecting to bring my friend Mr. Ellis home with me but he had just returned from Conference and was tired; so did not come.

June

SATURDAY 13

1896

Sawed, dear fadda
 come this forenoon
 and this after-
 noon we rolled
 it, or fine did
 while I worked
 at the mouse
 patch.

Went down to
 Jarvis this eve-
 ning taking
 my wife with
 me. But Char-
 ley Chrysler on
 his way to his
 home in Toronto,
 sent a pair of but-
 ter with him to
 his mother.

Called at Mr.
 Bennet's office with
 my wife who
 is somewhat
 unwell.

June

SUNDAY 14

1896

Went out our
 regular morning
 service in P.O.
 House as usual.
 Had the usual
 spiritual feast
 provided. Bro.
 Bennet officiated
 and the usual
 class-meeting
 followed.

A real prodigal
 son showed up
 at our service
 and remained to
 class. He told me
 that he had a
 praying mother in
 England & would
 be left some
 six years ago,
 becoming a real
 prodigal. Some
 signs of repentance
 were manifest.

June

MONDAY 15

1896

Went up to
Linn Co this
forenoon and
took our crop
of wool with
me, only six
fleeces however
and sold it
at seventeen
cents per pound
cash to Brooks.

Saw my brother
in-law W. C.
Carpenter and
was glad to
have an oppor-
tunity to talk-
ing to him
about my inter-
est.

Cultivated out our
strawberry patch
for the fourth time
this afternoon.

June

TUESDAY 16

1896

A circumstance
happened this mor-
ning that gave
me much re-
lief. Sold the
three year old
colt that I
have been get-
ting up to sell
for this long time.
Strange to say
the only freight
went nine
dollars though
quite a fine
large beast, and
perfectly sound.
Mr. Ethercrounby
a near neighbor
made the pur-
chase.

Have had some
beautiful showers
last night and today.

June

WEDNESDAY 17

1896

Got started
at cutting clo-
ver in the
field by one
Bride today.
Made a very
good days work,
for the first.
The weather does
not seem settled
yet however
for we had
another shower
this afternoon.
Am afraid
that we have
waited too long
before cutting
the clover field.
as seed is our
aim ~~at~~ from
early cutting.

June

THURSDAY 18

1896

Got our sulkey
rake wheels re-
paired this morn-
ing in time
to take up hay
this afternoon.

I worked at
cutting most of
the forenoon and
this afternoon
have been put-
ting up hay
while Jim has
been driving
the horse rake.

The weather
has become
fair at last
and we seem
likely to have
good hay weather
now for
while.

June

FRIDAY 19

1896

Jim cut
some more
clover with
the machine
this forenoon
and this af-
ternoon we
have been
raking and
cocking up.

We were very
agreeably sur-
prised at see-
ing Mr and
Mrs J. H. Fer-
guson this
afternoon. They
were not here
long before
we had Mr.
J. in the
field helping
with the hay.

June

SATURDAY 20

1896

Have been
raking and cock-
ing up hay to-
day. Jim has
driven the horse
rake while my
wifes father who
is visiting with
us has been
helping me
put up the
hay.

We succeeded
in getting all
up except a
very small
portion. It
took us until
after ten o
clock this eve-
ning however
to finish to see
got.

June

SUNDAY 21

1896

Having my
wifes father
and mother
with us so day
we thought best
not to go
to church since
they did not
want to go.

They left us
this afternoon
however, and
I went over
to hear Mr
Eberole. This
evening, which
made up in
some measure
for our stay-
ing home this
morning. Mr.
Eberole is going
away for a
month or so soon.

June

MONDAY 22

1896

Went to work
this morning at
making prepara-
tion for drawing
in day, gave
the first cutting.

Jim and I got
in one load be-
fore dinner.
This afternoon
we had Adam
Frollet helping
us and we had
consequently got
in six loads al-
together for the
day. A heavy
N.W. wind
has been blow-
ing, and has
hindered us
some in our
work.

June

TUESDAY 23

1896

He went to work again in good time at drawing in day as usual. Succeeded in getting seven more loads safely landed, which makes thirteen so far. This being the day of the nomination election I went to poll my vote this afternoon. Got there just in time to put the last vote for the occasion. Had William & Fred and his daughter Nellie here & see.

June

WEDNESDAY 24

1896

Have had Ad-dane Trollick to help draw in day this forenoon. When we got in four more loads. He also helped me put on a load, after dinner to take out to my friend Mr. Jonathan Collis. Had eighty pounds over a ton by weight.

Has told this afternoon that a liberal victory had been obtained yesterday through out the country. Mr. Laurier's party will have a good majority.

June

THURSDAY 25

1896

Have been exceedingly busy again for day.
 Got our strawberries cultivated over this forenoon, also seen sweet corn and early potatoes.

This afternoon have been weeding and weeding in the garden.

Have decided not to do any more haying until next week. Our strawberries require weeding and weeding out besides a number of other jobs first.

June

FRIDAY 26

1896

We were blessed with another delightful shower last night which prevented us going to see usual out-of-door work this morning.

Have been building fence or rather removing a fence to enlarge our garden patch, for fodder corn &c, north of drive barn. We failed to get it all done however, this evening.

My mother returned this evening from her visit to Simcoe.

June

SATURDAY 27

1896

Jim and I finished our fence this morning after which we got in a load of rakings.

We have since been hiving strawberries. Found a very serious job about dividing the bees and pig wild which has got quite a start.

Received a letter from Mr. Mackay about my plum trees this evening, find him all right on that one, if his assistant is not.

June

SUNDAY 28

1896

Owing to a heavy shower that passed over about the time we usually go to church we did not go this morning but went this evening instead.

Enjoyed the day very much for its privilege of rest, after the hard weeks work.

The Lord has also been with ~~me~~ me, and my heart has been satisfied with His presence.

June

MONDAY 29

1896

Pine has been helping most of the time today at muddy jobs. Our straw-weeding and hoeing still keeps us busy and seems likely to last us at least another day.

Begin to feel anxious about our haying, for the grass is apparently ready to cut.

Mr. Sturford has been made up his mind to try selling the strawberries.

June

TUESDAY 30

1896

Our job of cleaning out our straw. Gerry kept us going until today noon.

This afternoon I have been using cows and plow - trees besides getting ready to begin cutting grass for hay again tomorrow.

Amongst my plow trees today I only found one really dead in the whole one hundred and twenty five.

July

WEDNESDAY 1

1896

Went out to
town this mor-
ning to take
the children
mostly. Left
five there, and
came home by
dinner time.

There was quite
a crowd col-
lected even by
noon. The
great Shereago
No 2 seemed to
be the chief at-
traction, until
there.

Have been now-
the remaining
portion of the
field by Mr. Brides
this afternoon.

July

THURSDAY 2

1896

I have been
mowing away
in the remaining
portion of the
field by Mr. Brides
to day. Jim got
home by noon
and has been
driving the horse
rake this af-
ternoon.

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Have been working away at the bay - ing to day with all our might. Did not however accomplish what we intended; mostly on account of the fire running off of our pulley rake wheels requiring repairs.

Have had Ad-dam Trolich cocking up for me but he did not quite finish.

So I have not got the mowing all done either.

Jim and I got to work at our bay this morning; but did not work long before it began to rain.

Have been doing some necessary repairs to harness & implements during the day besides having a good rest.

Began to feel nearly worked out, so it was just about time for a rainy day to come!

Went out to church this morning as usual and received the usual blessing from being there. Took my mother and Jim with me this time.

Had dinner at William's home on the way home.

My wife and I went over to hear Rev. S. Eberole, whose home is now in Pennsylvania.

He has become quite an interesting preacher.

After it had dried off this forenoon I went to work at cutting the fallow of the field by Mr. Brides. Got it done before noon and this afternoon Jim has been raking while I have been cooking up. The crop is particularly heavy on the corn next to our old garden.

The weather is still very fine and has become cool since the rain.

Have been busy at work -
 in the up way
 for day, with
 Jim's help.

We finished
 our hay this
 afternoon at
 about four o'
 clock.

The hay crop
 is very heavy
 in places; Belt,
 of course there
 are places where
 it is correspond-
 ingly light and
 poor.

The weather
 is very fine
 and cool again.

Jim and I have
 been getting in
 hay for day, alone.
 Succeeded in get-
 ting six loads in
 the barn safely.

Went out to Post
 Home this evening
 to look after some
 small matters of
 business.

Found that Mr.
 Ellis had gone
 away last night
 and would be
 gone for three
 weeks. Succeeded
 in getting Blank
 to take up note
 though Mr. E. had
 to look some
 time first.

Rain came again last night which prevented further drawing of hay until towards this evening when Jim and I got in a couple more loads.

Finished a letter to Mr. Mackey this morning and sent my wife up to Lincoln on some business at the bank. She failed to go in time however so that our matter was not settled as we intended.

Rain seems brewing again.

We got in a couple of loads of hay more this forenoon; and had to call on my wife to help move them away. This afternoon however Addam Prolock came and helped get in a load after dinner and helped me get a load on the waffow to take to Port Dover. Took it out as intended getting there after six and consequently did not get weighed until near dark. Got unloaded at Mr. Ellises and home again however.

Have had Ed-
dane Trollick
helping to day.
He helped get in
a load of hay this
forenoon, also to
get one loaded up
for Port Dover, which
I took out this
afternoon for our
Minister, Rev. Bennett.
Had some two or
three hundred pounds
over a ton on my
load. Promised to
take a load on Mon-
day to Mr. Harding.

Adlane has been
mowing around
the big field to
day when not help-
ing me - also along
the gully east of
the new plum orchard.

Went out to
church this morn-
ing as usual
taking my wife
and children with
me.

Had a profitable
waiting upon the
Lord, and felt thank-
ful for the privi-
lege of meeting
together with God's
people.

Went over to
hear Bro. S. Eb-
ersole this eve-
ning as usual,
and enjoyed the
service.

Had James Stob-
camb and his
wife to dinner
with us to day.