

Christina McLennan (1836–1928)

1875, 1877, 1879

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January 1875

?	4 yds plaid winsey	28. cts \$.1.1{cut off}
	sold 2 bushes ashes to Gordon gave it to a Collection Ministers widow	25
"	"tea at John et. 50. syrup Grant elected on the 18th bonfires	20 70
22.	6 loaves bread from Nicholson list	
23.	6 " 2 lbs sugar	25
25-	1 lbs tea 80. thread 16	90
26.	3 loaves (28) 100 lbs from baker	3.25
30	1/2 gall syrup 2 lbs sugar spice.	38. 25. 1 -90

February

27.	At John it's 2 lbs sugar 25 + 1 qt syrup 20 6lbs apples 30 - 6 loaves at Baker 42 =	45 49
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March

6.	1 lb sugar	65
	{written upside down "James W Lemia?"}	
12	lucky had a heifer calf	
13.	11 1/2 yds cloth. 3.60 paid 1 3/4 yds	5 {rest cut off}
"	31 " 5" lbs oz maple sugar	3.2 {rest cut off}
"	1 qrt syrup .20 {Demonlla?} rent 2.00	2 20 {rest cut off}
16"	1" " "	20
17.	1/2 gall. coal oil. This is St Patrick and a very stormy day	20
18.	Shila is worse Thankful for this is a very cold windy day none of my flowers were froze last night - I posted a few pictures in a scrap book today	
19.	To two spools thread	12 {rest cut off}

20.	I sold 4 lbs butter to Mary McIntyre for 75. (21st Betty a bull calf)	32
24	Bought at J.A's 3 yds cotton 12 1/2 2 yds calico at 10/	34
25	1 lb tea at D McLennans I am very sick Lassie a bull calf	
26	Sold 1/2 doz eggs got 20 cts per doz bought 2 lbs sugar from Crim Tarter	
31.	Sat a hen to hatch on 13 eggs	

November December.

November 1877

1.	Last night Halloween. To 1.2 bus apples	30
	Josephine Grant and Miss Morwell in late apples. butternuts 6 yds calico	.60
{2?}	To 1/4 gallon syrup at Jews.	{40?}
3."	To six pair boots at J.A's	10.00
9	To flour from 3 bush buckwheat 69. lbs	
9.	To flour from four bush wheet-130 lbs	

10.	To 1 qt syrup	20
13	To 1 hind 105 lbs qu beef from Murdy	
"	To 1 lb tea at McPhersons	45
15	To 11 yds cotton at McPhersons	1.00
"	" 1/2 bush salt at Cheep Johs	20
"	" 7 " pease from Joseph	
17.	5 1/2 yds winsey .1.00. 3 towels 25 ct M.P.	1.25
19.	All appearance of winter Sent 16 bush provender to Mill and got it home	
20.	butchered our pig. Paid \$3.5 To Mins	3.00
21.	Went to Temperance Meeting. Mr Mrs Gillavey & D.B.McLennan lecture	
22.	Thanksgiving to day Called {ivn?} for Missionary. we gave 90 in all	<u>40</u>
		16.80

November 1877 curr 16.80

22.	To collection Weather very wet roads muddy	.50
27	Wet. Wet. It is still very rainy weather. Duncan & J. Grant making a preasant to Blue. collection \$.14.60.	
"	To above	1.00
28.	looks like frost	
30	3 loaves bread making soup	21
		1.71
		<u>16.80</u>
		18.51

December 1877

1	Like winter finished soup	
2	To Collection for Presbyterian College {written in right column 21 1/2 cordwood from Murdy	1.00
"	Small fox on Allen {Kentnil?}	
4.	To 1 bottle castor oil 10.1 bull cinducments	15

5	Raining this morning. Yesterday gave {vaccine?} to the Dr Allen has died. 2 O'clock P.M.	
6	Going to bury Allen at the Front	
"	Turning stormy wind and snow in West	
8 7	To 1 lb tea at McPherson 45 Snow in gusts	45
8 "	little gusts of snow then it thaws	
9 "	pretty frosty Mr McGillivray not here Mr Burnett Rush	
12.	Killed the cow Betty, weighed 600. 1	
"	{Gave?} 1 qu lbs .130 to Murdy. Began to make soap	
"	Bought 4 1/2 bush wheet from Hackerty	
"	1.10 cts for bush paid 150	4.95
"	1/2 bush salt, Weather very fine Sunshine Had a letter from Mrs Tyler on 10th One from Annie on 11th	
17.	Paid School tax \$7.77.	<u>7.79</u>
	not counting salt	14.34

December 1877 carried 14.34

18 19.	oats from M Rae 27 bush wheat 6 bush Buckwheat 2 bush. Duncan paid	
{20 or 21?}	To Branch school \$3.83.	3.83
"	Oats. McRae 16 bush. Sent to Lancaster	
"	40 bush, 30 cts = \$12.00 paid township tax	9.97
"	Paid for Wagon \$2.53	
"	Finished candkes .405 = 50 1/2 lbs	
"	No snow as yet. turning cold got a pig	4.00
22.	Far. Jimie, Murdy & Birdie went to the concert 55 cts. the tickets	55
	Mrs Rem was working on the 21st. 50 credit. We had a hunt for Lucy and found her in Mr Watsons barn	
23	Beautiful day	
24	To 1 1/2 lbs sugar 18. 1/2 lb rasins 4. candy	2..24
25	Christmas, ground bare no snow. good ice lovely day. Mr Watson donation.	

27	Lovely Morning no signs of snow Sent a letter to Sarah yesterday commencing to {work or make} Our Pants	18.59
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June 1879

{sums done at top of page}28+2.65+4.65+390+38+80+62+68=13.93

243+675+13:93=23.11

12	Bought 1½ doz lemons 13 cts 5 oz candy 10 to chisholm 15 cts of another kind of candy left \$1.00 with D. Robertson to buy a hat for Farquhar Mrs Allan, \$. \$1.00 Saw a good deal of the city. spent \$. 23.21. on my trip and brought home 29 cts	
14.	sent ½ bush wheat to mill to get it cracked for porridge. borrowed from J.A. 2.40, And gave Duff an order on J.A. for 1.00. and gave him 50 cts in cash. got 1 lb tea 60. {in left margin {churned 12 1/2 lb butter}}	
15.	Aunt Rose to Murdy's this morning I was in Church today the first time for quite a while. There was rain last night and it is cold today we have a fire in the house. The procession is going on bu{cut off}	

June 1879

The misquitoes are about played out—we have had them for one month	
quite cool today—was raining yesterday and monday I cut out Jimmie's pants yesterd They are near done we churn this	

morning 9 1/4 lbs butter I have now packed over 22 lbs butter. Duncan and Jimmie are out at Majors putting up two gates	
Esther had a calf a bull, she got it out at Major's	
we took Esther and calf home today I finished Jimmie's coat and pants and made Murdy's pants today	
churned 10 lbs of butter today	
bucking and a	

June

25	Misquitoes pretty bad yet a {weasal?} to be up the Branch at Rock Grant's brother's a big red fellow	
30	churned 8 lbs butter	

July 1879

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2.	To 1 bottle machine oil 15", 1 yd {?} " 3 1/2 cotton 1 spool W. thread 5 " 2 lb sugar	
3	Sold Roussis 1. lb 4oz. butter Pic Nic at the Manse. I made some cooking that was not good.	

4	Sold Rousis. 2lbs.6 oz churned about 10 lbs today 1/2 lb tea	
7	sold Rousis. 2 lbs 6 oz. butter	
8	Duncan and the boys are getting the new part of our shed ready to move	
9	Noah is with Duncan moving the hay sold Rou. 4 lbs butter. I sold an old calf skin to a ragman and got a nutmeg grinder	
10	busy moving the old shed	

July 1879

10	they got the new shed over alongside the barn the other shed will be hard to {crossed out} finished this evening moving	
11	shed. Friday is our Communion fast day	
12	churned sold Rouss. 1.11 butter Mr. McNish of Cornwall preaching today text on Friday or Thursday we had a social for Mr. — It was Mr. Laung of Lunenburg who preached Friday.	
14	Archy McKillip blind bard of Magantic is here today it is raining he is to give an entertainment in the hall this evening	

15	McKillip got \$8.60 last night	
14	Farquhar went to Alexandria to-day Jimmie drove him out	
16	10 lbs sugar at J.A's 1. lb ten	
17	Jim went to Alexandria for Far. he took McKillip with him	
18	I made two lbs of sugar into jelly with red currants 6 lb.with white currant jam and canned 8 lb raspberries	

July

21.	got 10 dollars from Noah for the cow, Sold marriage {licenses?} to George {Tunvers?} Major mowed our meddow 1/4 lb pig blue at J.A	
24	Sold Roussis 1.1/2 lb butter	

August

29	Farquhar went to {Midd?}	
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September

	second for potatoes 3rd turnips we got first prize for Mary's beets or carrots flour = 9 dollars	
22	John brought 4 1/4 butter 10 1/4 lb ham 1 lb pork 5 2/4 lbs cheese	

{upside down} $120+050+175+345+19+02=450$ $45+98=165$

May 1879

	Hydrangea a flowering plant one variety appeniculata grandflower	
13	mosquitoes today	
14	plenty of mosquitoes Rose had a bull calf	
15	rain last night rain today	
"	To 1 corn broom	20
"	J. McArthur got marriages licenses for Batise St Thorn	
16	rain last night and Storm of lightening and thunder {Ducid?} took the calf today	
17	Lucy went to visit at Murdy's	

18	washed today mosquitoes bad	
19	very hot making Birdie dress	
20	hot and it looks like rain	
21	churned 7 1/4 lbs butter	
22	1/2 lb tea at John A	

May 1879

23	Major is ploughing Kintall lot in {Grove?} ground going to sow wheat {written across this- Husherty sold us a pig for 2 bush pease on the 24th}	
24	Sent Dolley to D. McCrimmons	
25	Beautiful day.	
26	churned this morning. 7 1/2 lbs butter	
"	Randolph got a ten cent hat at John A's for 1 doz eggs We had pretty hard frost for four nights froze squash cucumbers corn beans potatoes some will recover	

27	baked and washed and salted the pork we killed yesterday let the calf out today Charley Sam paid \$2.00 towards the rent	
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May 1879

27	political meeting at St Raphels tonight one at Mustentos last ni{cut off}	
30	yesterday was nominations of Candidates for Local M.P.P.s Duncan & Farquhar went and Prentiss followed he came home alone. Mosquitoes very bad I put out tomatoes last night look like rain but it may be smoke that causes the gloomy appearance. They are watering the garden churned 12 lbs butter 2nd Paid W. Cameron Fee for 2nd {quarter of or planting?} 1879	.25

June 1879

2.	Got Money from Mr. Burnett 1st	4.00
"	paid J.A. \$.20.00.	
" "	Sullivan \$4.25. 20 cts still due	

"	Rained last night- beautiful growing weather Churned 7 lb butter	
3.	a little rain Mosquitoes bad paid John A McGregor \$.6.00 for 12 bush potatoes gave potatoes to McRae	
6.	D.McMaster had a Meeting last night in the Pt.A.H. very largely attended, a number of Ladies	
7	Chief Justice McDonald of N.Scotia was there, and spoke, a Mr. Boid from Prescott County was there for Rayside very good speaking a young man from Montreal a Mr. McGibbin spoke very well.	

June

5	The voting is going on and the contest is close. I have washed blankets today and it has stormed and rained M Master was the elected with 32 Majority. To soda 10. pepper 5. 15 Mrs Vally paid \$.1.00 towards rent	
6.	<p>John came last night and he went to see Dougald today and is going home at 2 oclock. Mr McClauson and Lolle McLennan called in the evening</p> <p>churned 9 lbs butter, and washed today Mrs Cannea paid \$.4.00 towards rent. Baked today.</p> <p>Ironed. John came to dinner he drew a load of lumber to his house.</p>	

I went to Montreal today I am very tired, I got up at 1/2 past three and done my work took breakfast and
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June 1879

went to walk to Murdy's met Farquhar on the road with M's horse and buggy we got to Lancaster before Six O'clock, the cars did not come until seven, we got to Montreal half past nine I took a cab paid 25 cents for it drove to 554 Lagastaure St. After they took breakfast it was my dinner, Kati went with me out to see the shops I bought at Carsely's 8 1/4 yds cloth \$4.65. 6 1/2 yds cloth at 60 cts = \$3.90 1 pair braces 38 cts. 8 yds calic 80 4 yds linen 15 1/2 cts pr yd = 62.. 2 yds farmer satin 34 cts = 68. My car fare was \$.2.65. I bought at the burnt boot, 6 pair of shoes 4 at 1.25, 1 at 1.00, 1 pair 75 = \$.6.75
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