

**John Harrington Ferguson (1851-1931)**  
**1873 Diary**

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January                                  Wednesday 1                                  1873

A mild cloudy day, capital sleighing, more than a foot of snow on the level. Drove my sisters Viney and Emma in the cutter this morning up to Mrs. J.C. Snell's residence, lot 14, they spent the day there, went up there again this evening to a small party of the young folks of "Willow Lodge" and "Rose Lea" and after a splendid supper, we spent the evening pleasantly in various games and pastimes.

January                                  Thursday 2                                  1873

Drove up to J.C. Snell's today with 18 bush of barley to exchange for the same amount of theirs for seed next spring. Mr. A.F. Campbell came here this afternoon on a visit, he is looking well, is hired for another year at Palestine school. A drizzling rain from the East, the start of the January thaw.

January                                  Friday 3                                  1873

The rain and the thaw continued all last night, making it slushy travelling. Was engaged in threshing peas with the flail. Father and mother and Alek drove up to J.C. Snell's for New Year's dinner, came home again this evening. Alek is intelligent and well-read but a Tory in heart and principle. He has bought a new Cabinet Organ.

January                                  Saturday 4                                  1873

Egerton Ferguson and Viney went to Toronto via                                  . Eggy has been here two weeks spending the holidays. Alek went back home today. Mr. James Stinson from Minto came here this evening on a visit; it is six years since he was here before. The thawing has ceased, taken away about one third of the snow.

January                                  Sunday 5                                  1873

Spent the forenoon at S. School Supt, John Rloraig, pres. Lesson "The Creation" Genesis I chap 25-31 verses. Handsomely illustrated gift cards were distributed among the children by the Supt. Heard Rev. John Shaw preach (sic) at Zion an impressive sermon on the value of time and good counsel for the New Year. A driving snow storm from N.E. all day.

January                                  Monday 6                                  1873

The election for Deputy Reeve of this Township took place, J. P. Hutton and J. Henderson were elected by large majorities. In Brampton Dr. C.Y. Moore was elected councillor on the Temperance ticket. Spent the evening at the Lodge one initiated "Safeguard Chronicle" by Bro. M. Sipby and some readings. I today used my franchise to vote for the second time and been on the winning side.

January                                  Tuesday 7                                  1873

Had a visit yesterday from C. Faux and his two cousins, "Misses Janet Faux and Mary Mino, both interesting young ladies. This was a bright beautiful day, spent it at general job work, the everyday routine. Went to Ebenezer tonight to a S.S. Teachers Meeting (see below) but J.C. Snell and I were the only ones present not enough to form a quorum.

January                                  Wednesday 8                                  1873

The Annual School Meetings took place today in all the School Sections in our Section only 7 or 8 ratepayers present not much business to be done, a surplus of \$54.00 after paying all expenses, Miss S. H. Smith is engaged for this year as teacher \$280.00. A great Reform Banquet is held in Toronto tonight several Grits from this County are at it.

January                                  Thursday 9                                  1873

Drove sleigh to Brampton this morning for Aunts, Mrs. Trueman and Mrs. Featherstone brought them up to spend the day. Made three trips to Brampton and back one to meet Viney at RR Depot but she did not come and again tonight to take home our visitors they are two extra fine sensible old ladies. A very cold day. Mercury down to zero.

January                                  Friday 10                                  1873

J.C. Snell and family were here this afternoon and took tea and then we drove the sleigh down to Brampton to hear Rev. Dr. Punshon lecture on "the men of the Mayflower" it lasted 1 hour and 20 min. and was a masterpiece of eloquence.

January                                  Saturday 11                                  1873

Last night was bitter cold. Some that were at Dr. Punshon's lecture had to drive 10 miles afterwards. Was pea threshing, cannot do much else these days and take care of the stock. Drove to Brampton tonight and received a postal card from Viney in Toronto she will be home on Monday. The "Casket" is a splendid little paper.

January                      Sunday 12                      1873  
Drove Mrs. J. C. S. and some of the little folks up to S. School, the Supt. Pres; lesson Genesis II, 15 to 25; subject, "In the garden of Eden" Nicholas V. Watson and his bride were present they were married on Christmas Day. Heard Reverend. J. Shaw preaching in Brampton tonight text, Joshua XXIV, 15th verse, a solemn covenant for the New Year.

January                      Monday 13                      1873  
Had considerable difficulty in getting any water for the cattle in the creek, the current seems to be frozen up, there is some water under the snow along the banks. There is another thaw on hand, which will make water more plentiful. Viney came home from Toronto, was there 9 days. Spent tonight at the Lodge, the "Safeguard Chronicle" by Miss Jessie Morton.

January                      Tuesday 14                      1873  
Was engaged this morning in dressing our old Berkshire sow—4 ½ years old for pork. Drove to Brampton his afternoon with 13 bush of wheat for gristing and 18 bush of barley for chopping to J. W. Maine's Steam Grist Mill. Spent evening reading Hugh Murray's History of British India. Received a letter from Aunt Annie Ferguson, they are in good health, but the times are dull.

January                      Wednesday 15                      1873  
Went to Brampton and sold the pork to K. C. & Co. @\$5.00 per cut it weighed 318 lbs. bought 126 lbs of beef @ 5cts per lb. Heard Prof. Rockwell of New York give a short lecture on horse training and exhibit a white horse that seemed to understand all he said to it and act accordingly. He got up a class for instruction in the Art. @ \$5.00 each scholar

January                      Thursday 16                      1873  
Rain fell in considerable quantities during last night and nearly all today from N. E. Spent the forenoon in getting the horses sharp shod as the roads are now a perfect glare of ice, got the shoeing done at Campbell's. Was invited to a surprise party for this evening at Edmonton but the rain poured down all evening and prevented us going.

January                      Friday 17                      1873  
Had a call from Thorpe Wright of Artemisia, to have a look at the stock and to buy but we came to no bargain. Spent evening at Choir Practice at Mr. Jesse Perry's house, a pretty full attendance sang some long and difficult anthems to be used for a source next week at Mount Pleasant.

January                                  Saturday 18                                  1873

Another very cold snap, down to and a little below zero. Did not do much business today beside stock feeding. Viney and I drove up to J. C. Snell's tonight and spent two or three hours in social chat and reading the "Livestock Journal" an excellent monthly published in Chicago exclusively to improve livestock.

January                                  Sunday 19                                  1873

Went to S. School this morning Supt. And Sec. present. Lesson Gen. III 1 to 8, and 15th. "The Fall and the Promise", had a large attendance of scholars. Heard Rev J. G. Scott preach at Zion at 2.30 p.m. text Isaiah IX 6th verse, he and Mr. Eli Crawford Jr. took tea here this evening. Heard Rev. W. McFadden preach at Brampton text Psalm XXVII 4th.

January                                  Monday 20                                  1873

Drove my sisters Emma and Ella over to day school this morning and spent the remainder of the day sawing cordwood with bucksaw. Spent the evening at Ebenezer at a Teachers' and Scholars' meeting for to make some necessary arrangements for the lecture on Wednesday evening.

January                                  Tuesday 21                                  1873

Spent forenoon same as yesterday. Drove Viney to Brampton this afternoon for her music lesson from Miss Jennie Norris. Spent an hour profitably and pleasantly in reading in Mechanic's Reading Room. There are three Toronto dailies and a host of illustrated papers and Magazines. Had a heavy fall of snow today, soft and heavy.

January                                  Wednesday 22                                  1873

Spent forenoon building a platform in Zion for the lecturer tonight. Drove up to Mr. J. Pleraign's this afternoon to repair their melodeon. Viney and I took tea "Willow Lodge" this evening also Rev. J. G. Scott and Eli Crawford. The church was more than half filled to hear Mr. Scott's lecture it was very good lecture. A collection of \$5.30. for the S. School.

January                                  Thursday 23                                  1873

A party at Mr. Pleraign's "Green Grove Farm" this evening for the Teachers and larger scholars of the Ebenezer S. S. School. Viney was at it but I went to Mount pleasant with Brampton W. M. choir to sing at a Presb. Tea party, they had a crowded house and good speaking, Rev. J. Perrin , Rev. W. Little, Rev. Ewing , C. J. Moore. Got home at 12 o'clock.

January                      Friday 24                      1873

Very cold and stormy last night. Not doing much work this week going to so many places at night and losing so much sleep it about uses a fellow up altogether. Had a visit this evening from C. Faux. Spent this evening at the Temperance Reunion held in Concert Hall Brampton the attendance was good.

January                      Saturday 25                      1873

Mr. J. Hughes of Toronto gave some excellent readings last night had also readings by Messrs. D.L. Scott, H. Morphy, J. Fleming. Music by Misses Chisolm, Dawson and E. Nichols, Messrs Marshall and Haggert. Was engaged today in pea threshing. Father went up to R. R. Craig's and seen his fine stock.

January Sunday 26 1873

Spent morning at S. School Supt., & Sec. present, lesson Gen IV 3 to 10, "Cain and Abel" J. C. Snell and family were here to tea tonight and we all drove down to Church at 6 p.m. heard Rev. W. Galloway from Yonge Street circuit preach text I Corinth XIII chap. And latter part of 12th verse.

January                      Monday 27                      1873

Spent the day fanning peas sawing firewood &c. Bright beautiful sunshine all day. Had a visit from Mr. Henry J. Modeland and his wife. Spent evening at the Lodge, one initiation, the election of Officers for next Quarter took place, J. M. Jones for W. C. J. I was re-elected to Financial Secretary.

January                      Tuesday 28                      1873

Sold to K. Chisolm & Co. 22 bush 50lbs. of Diehl wheat @ \$1.31 per bush. Had a visit afternoon and evening from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones and their two little girls, they are a pleasant and chatty couple. A bitter cold night. Wrote a letter to Aunt Jennie Harrington.

January                      Wednesday 29                      1873

Drove to Brampton this morning and bought of Burnett the Cabinet Maker one half dozen cane bottomed chairs and two French bedsteads @ 17.00. Went at "Green Grove Farm" a short while this afternoon also at "Willow Lodge". Viney and I drove to J. C. Snells and stayed all night. The severest frost fell this winter 32 degrees below zero at daybreak this morning.

January Thursday 30 1873

Went from J.C. S.'s at 9 a.m. to Willow Lodge and started with a sleigh load of the young folks for Bolton to attend the C. P. S. School Association's Annual Meeting it was very successful and crowds of people attended it, the speaking and music were excellent. J. C. S. the President gave way for Mr. Hossie for next President. The sleigh drive was cold but had lots of furs.

January Friday 31 1873

Arrived home from Bolton at 2 o'clock this morning very cold. Miss Jennie Faux is here on a visit. Spent the day sawing firewood. At Brampton a reunion of W. M. S. School, readings and recitations by the scholars were creditably performed they were trained by J. G. Bunting. This month has been very cold and stormy, considerable snow on the ground.

February Saturday 1 1873

Was at the same work as yesterday and pea threshing. Mailed to Bro. J.M. Jones (who is one of the Auditors) the financial accounts of Safe Guard Temple, is only \$4.30 in the Treasury. The Official Quar. Meeting of W. M. Church was held at Brampton at 2 p.m. they talk of having the third minister on this circuit.

February Sunday 2 1873

Went to Quarterly Meeting at Brampton. Rev. J. Learoyd of Yonge Street South preached text Deut. XXIX 29th a pretty large attendance and a good meeting. Had Choir Practice at 4 pm. In the W. M. Church. Took tea with J. G. Bunting they have a cosy home, just opposite the Court House. Rev. J. Learoyd preached tonight text, Hebrews V, 9 and 10.

February Monday 3 1873

Spent the day at wood sawing. Went to Brampton tonight and bought a South Sea sealskin cap at K. C. & Co. @ \$7.00 it has a dome top and fur covered peak. Spent evening at the Lodge, Rev. J. Shaw installed the Officers for current Quarter Safe Guard Chronicle by sister Robb and a reading by Bro. J. J. Bunting.

February Tuesday 4 1873

Thawed very fast all day a warm strong west wind cut the snow very fast. Was at the same work as yesterday. Spent the evening at J.C. Snells in social chat. Missess Sara and Kezia Snell have been spending 3 or 4 days in Toronto and had the privilege of visiting the Ontario Parliament now in session, heard the debate on the Temperance Bill.

February Wednesday 5 1873



Went to Brampton and was at a Public Meeting of the School Trustees. Spent evening at the W. M. Anniversary Tea Meeting, Brampton, was not largely attended, speakers were Rev. Jeffrey of Milton, an eloquent speaker, Rev. B. Shulock and Rev. J. H. Starr. Drove up to Willow Lodge tonight and staid all night.

February                      Wednesday 12                      1873

Started for a visit to Markham this morning at 9 o'clock a sleigh load of young folks and took dinner at Mrs. Russel's on Yonge Street, very sociable and intelligent people large farmers, from thence we drove east 10 miles to Mr. George Millers for tea. Spent evening at a large and fashionable party at Mr. Hoopes and had a lively time.

February                      Thursday 13                      1873

Got to bed at 5 o'clock this morning at George Millers and slept two hours, had breakfast at 10 o'clock. We drove to Markham Village and had dinner at Mr. Armstrong's and spent afternoon at games and fun. Took tea at Mr. Wale's the young folks there were musicians and intelligent. Staid all night at George Millers after sleigh riding nearly all evening.

February                      Friday 14                      1873

Made preparations for starting home at G. Millers, they are free, warm hearted Scotch people and lively, making lots of fun at all times. Took dinner again at Russels they are also Scotch and very warm hearted sparing no pains to make one feel at home. Got home tonight at eight o'clock. Had a most enjoyable time and pleasant weather.

February                      Saturday 15                      1873

Did not feel in working humour today and consequently did not do a great deal. Spent afternoon at Brampton, M. Shipley had a sale of Household Furniture. Bought a fashionable stand up linen collar. Was at J. R. Craig's tonight on business and a short time at J. C. Snell's.

February                      Sunday 16                      1873

Walked up to S. School this morning for the first time this winter. Supt. And Sec. present, lesson Gen. XI, 1 to 9. "Confusion of Tongues". Printed copies of an address "The Seed" by Rev. Dr. Barne of Montreal were given each teacher by the Supt. Heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach at Zion text, Rev. VIII 9 and 10 verses. Heard same sermon tonight.

February                      Monday 17                      1873



Drove over to Esquesing this morning to Bannerman's Saw Mill (late J. Stewarts') and left a bill of fence lumber to be sawed again Friday next 70 pieces 6 inch width 14 ft long and 60 pieces 8 inch width 14 ft long, 40 pieces 4 inch 12 ft long @ \$10.00 per thousand. Brought home 400 ft cull lumber @ \$4.50 per m. 192 ft 2 X 4 scantling 136 ft – 2 inch pland @ \$10.00 per m. It is a very good lumber.

February                      Tuesday 18                      1873

Had a visit yesterday from Mrs. Davison and Miss Emma Dawson of Brampton. Spent last night at the Lodge "Safeguard Chronicle" by Sr Jessie Morton and several readings by other members. Father and mother were visiting all day at Mr. John Pearen on 6th line East, Mrs. Trueman was with them. The weather is most beautiful and the snow is fast disappearing under the heat of the sun's rays.

February                      Wednesday 19                      1873

Spent forenoon at Campbell's blacksmith's shop getting the front shoes of "Fan" and "Charlie" sharpened. Drove up to J. R. Craig's this afternoon and brought from thence a small load of wheat straw to Brampton for Rev. J. Shaw. Viney and Miss Susie Campbell were collecting money for the Bible Society on Centre Road they got about \$7.00 we gave 75 cts.

February                      Thursday 20                      1873

Miss Susie Campbell staid here all last night, she is intelligent and good natured. Went to Brampton and sold to K. C. & Co. 32 bush of Diehl wheat @ \$1.32 per bush=\$43.12 bought 4 lbs of best mixed green and Black Tea. J. C. Snell and family were home for tea this evening. They bought as a present a bag of green apples.

February                      Friday 21                      1873

A few inches of snow fell last night and has drifted about furiously all day by a cold Nor Wester. Bought from Dougall Smith 10 bush of Rio Grande spring wheat @ \$1.25 cts it is clean and a good sample. Put a patent hinge opening copper ring in "Oliver Twist's" nose. Made a plank watering trough for the sheep 11 ft. long.

February                      Saturday 22                      1873

Drove sleigh to Esquesing to Douglass and Bannerman's Steam saw mill and brought home 1,200 ft of green fence lumber, the roads were somewhat drifted and the material heavy, rather hard work for the team. J. Learment brought 200 ft for me out of the 1200 ft. Paid for the last load and this one \$17.50. This ends any teaming experience for this winter I hope.



Was threshing "Golden Vine" peas all day with the flail do not yield many peas in proportion to the straw. Mailed a letter last night to Mrs. John Mason and another to Rev. S. Rose, Toronto enclosing 20 cts for a "Bureau Question Book". Mrs. Thomas Whitehead of Kansas City in in Brampton for a visit.

March                                      Sunday 2                                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Sup and Sec, pres. , lesson Genesis XXX, 15 to 26, "Escape from Sodom", the "S.S. Advocate" of Feb. 22 was distributed among the scholars. Heard Rev. J. Shaw preach at Zion, this morning S. S. lesson. Heard same minister tonight in Brampton, text, Matt. XXVI 21st verse. A real Methodist sermon.

March                                      Monday 3                                      1873

An extremely cold day, a stiff Nor Easter and the thermometer below zero. Went to Brampton and had a settlement at "Merchant's Bank" drawing the interest due on deposit \$7.78 and drawing out \$50, for to use. Bought of K. C. & Co. 26 bush crown peas @75 cts, 2 bush clover seed @ \$6.00 per bush and \$3.00 worth of tea.

March                                      Tuesday 4                                      1873

Spent last evening at the Lodge, one initiation, Chronicle by Bro. G.H. Golding and some readings by other members. Took to J. W. Mains Mill 16 bush barley, 7 bush oats for chopping. Spent this evening at Mr. J. M. Jones's at a small social party of a few Brampton folks and Sarah, Kezzie and Joe Snell and Viney, charades, readings and music till 12 o'clock. Mailed a letter to Mrs. John Ferguson.

March                                      Wednesday 5                                      1873

Had the first arrival of young stock yesterday in shape of a red b. calf from "Cherry". Was splitting and piling firewood. Had a visit from Mrs. Robert Smith this afternoon, Mr. Smith is now at Ottawa at Dominion Parliament. Spent evening reading a library "The History of Wonderful Inventions" Bought yesterday off J. Woodhall one quarter beef 34 lbs @ 4 cts.

March                                      Thursday 6                                      1873

At Brampton this forenoon got a bushel of wheat cracked for mush or porridge. Henry Modeland's Auction Sale of Farm Stock and Implements took place today, nearly all of it brought high prices. Our first arrival of young lambs this morning, one pair of twins.

March                                      Friday 7                                      1873

A bright beautiful day. Thawing very fast . Was engaged at the wood splitting. Spent evening at Zion at Annual Missionary Meeting, very small attendance, speeches by Rev's Shaw Scott, and Sherlock and right good ones, sensible and to the point, music by the Choir, Misses K. Snell, V. Ferguson were chosen for collectors.

March    Saturday 8    1873

A very high wind with snow squalls. Had a visit from Christopher Faux. The Reform party had a Committee Meeting in Brampton today on important business. Received from Toronto the Bureau Question Book for this year for use in S. Schools, a very instructive and useful article.

March    Sunday 9    1873

Spent forenoon at Sp. School Supt. And Sec.-pres. , lesson-Genesis XXII1st to 15th Trial of Abraham's Faith", one of those touching and deeply interesting incidents with which the Bible abounds. Heard Rev. John Shaw preach in Brampton this evening text Luke XIX chap 40 and 41st. The congregations there are very large the church being filled every Sunday.

March    Monday 10    1873

Lost a valuable ewe this morning and 3 lambs (triplets). Was engaged at splitting wood piling. Spent evening at the Lodge, two initiations. Chronicle by Bro. J. E. Starr and a good selection of readings and recitations. A committee appointed to arrange for a necktie social.

March    Tuesday 11    1873

Was at pretty much the same kind of work as yesterday. Had a fall of snow last night, it was somewhat resuscitated the sleighing. J. C. Snell called and took mother and Elsie up home with him for a couple of days at quilting. Spent evening reading exciting news from Ottawa Parliament now in session.

March    Wednesday 12    1873

A fine bright day but not thawing very fast. The livestock needs a great deal of attention at this season of the year especially sheep. There are a great number of Auction Sales of Farm Stock this Spring, several farmers are giving up the business and trying to find easier and more remunerative employment.

March    Thursday 13    1873

Spent most of the day sawing and splitting firewood, drove up to J.C. Snell for mother. Had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, 4thLine East., afternoon and evening, he is a shrewd common sense Englishman and can keep up conversation without any difficulty and very intelligently. A beautiful moonlight night calm and serene.

March                                      Friday 14                                      1873  
Killed and dressed a 9 month old Berkshire sow, made 195 lbs. of pork. Father and Mother drove in the cutter down to Toronto Township to visit Aleck and his little daughter, Mary Eugenie, they took tea with them at Miss Buldock's. Spent evening at Choir Practice, Mr. Samuel Marshall was helping us to sing. Received a letter from R. Crawford.

March                                      Saturday 15                                      1873  
Rain fell in considerable quantities last night and today, the sleighing to Brampton is about gone the waggons are running freely, sold to K.C. & Co. the pork @ \$5.75 per cut, bought 1 ½ bush of timothy @ \$4.00 per bush. Sent in a registered letter to Mr. R. Knight of Milton \$14.00 for "Henry Clay's" services.

March                                      Sunday 16                                      1873  
Very high west wind all last night and this morning. Went to S. School at 9:30 a.m. Supt pres a very slim attendance of scholars, lesson, Genesis XXVII, 30 to 40th "Jacob and Esau". Spent afternoon reading the "Guardian" and a S. School library, Heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach tonight in Brampton, text, Numbers XXIII, letter clause of 10th verse.

March                                      Monday 17                                      1873  
Was at the wood business all day. J. C. Snell and family were here this afternoon and took tea. Received from R. Smith M. P. a copy of the Official Statistical returns for each Municipality in Ontario. From R. Crawford two copies of "the Oshawa, Ontario Reformer". Spent the evening at the Lodge, one initiated, Chronicle by G. H. Golding.

March                                      Tuesday 18                                      1873  
A mild day, soft snow from the East all afternoon. Finished the buck sawing of the green wood and have the wood shed nearly full of piled, split stovewood, 3 cords of dry wood outside. Spent the evening reading yesterday's "Globe" the Parliamentary Reports are very interesting, both the Dominion and Local Houses are now in session.

March                                      Wednesday 19                                      1873  
Drove to Brampton this morning with the spring waggon, the sleighing on the Centre Road is all gone and plenty of mud remains, bought \$1.00 worth of various small articles. Spent afternoon constructing an Aeolian harp, made of waxed silk thread stretched tightly over a surrounding board to be placed in the draft of a window.

March Thursday 20 1873  
Rain and snow falling all day. Was fanning and measuring oats, put up 20 bush for seed (black oats) and the rest 70 bush for feeding horses. Viney had a small quilting bee, three young ladies, Misses Susie Campbell, Maggie Sewell and Hannah Gummelson, all residents of No. 10 and close vicinity.

March Friday 21 1873  
A general meeting of Reformers of this county was held in Brampton today for the purpose of raising money for to defray the expenses of their candidates at general elections and to assist R. Smith M. P. in a suit pending against him protesting his lawful election to represent this County in Dominion Parliament. They got about \$1,000.00 and will get a deal more yet.

March Saturday 22 1873  
Was at Brampton last night on horseback and dropped a letter in Post Office containing a few select pieces of poetry for the editress of "Safeguard Chronicle" and for insertion therein. Was engaged today in training our young horses and other job work. Was at "Willow Lodge" an hour on special business, they have 80 young lambs, we have 15.

March Sunday 23 1873  
Drove sleigh to S. School this morning. Supt. And Sec. pres. Lesson Genesis XXVIII, 10 to 22, "Jacob at Bethel", a large attendance of scholars, the S. School Advocate distributed. J.C. Snell and family were here for tea. Heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach tonight at Brampton, text, Psalm the 1st. A most eloquent and impressive sermon.

March Monday 24 1873  
Spent the day in splitting dry stove wood. Some strange dogs prowling around the sheep-house. I fired at them twice and wounded two of them slightly. Spent the evening at the Lodge ("Safe Guardian Chronicle" by Bro. J. E. Starr) and at a select Choir practice for the Neck Tie social tomorrow night.

March Tuesday 25 1873  
A cold N.N. E. storm set in at midnight yesternight and snow is falling lightly all day. Drove the sleigh down to Brampton tonight-taking a full load of the No 10 young folks to Neck Tie Social. Had a very fair attendance, speeches and readings by Rev. G. Scott, Dr. C.T. Moore, R. W.

Craig, J. E. Starr and G. H. Golding and music by a Choir of 3 ladies and 3 Gents including myself.

March                                      Wednesday 26                                      1873

Each lady brought a necktie for an admission fee, the men paying a double charge of 20 cts. And were entitled to draw a necktie it created considerable merriment. The storm has not yet abated, this is the third night, snowing and blowing from N. and very cold. Drove my sisters to day school and home again. Was reading "The Life and Labours of Mr. Brassey the great contractor".

March                                      Thursday 27                                      1873

Last night was fearfully stormy and cold. The side roads are almost impassable, drifts of snow 5 ft high right across the road. Made two trips to the school house in the sleigh by driving close to the fences. Completed the stove wood cutting and splitting have about 16 cords all ready for use.

March                                      Friday 28                                      1873

A bright beautiful day. Our folks drove to Brampton, father sat for his photograph at J. W. Cole's. Spent most of the day caring for the livestock, have 19 lambs. Went to Choir Practice tonight part of the P.M. Choir was there and helped use to sing. Received a letter from Mrs. E. Ferguson of Toronto.

March                                      Saturday 29                                      1873

A drizzling rain all day from the East. Father, mother and all the little folks drove up to J. C. Snell's and spent the day this being little Mary's fourth birthday. Commenced work on the patent fence for the front lane, it is put together like so many gates. Proceeds of Neck Tie Social after paying all expenses \$3.00.

March                                      Sunday 30                                      1873

Drove the sleigh up to S. School Supt. And Sec. Treas. Present, lesson A Review of all the subjects and Golden Texts for the past Quarterly Reference. Rom XV, 4th, Heard Mr. C. Watson a local preacher at Zion at 2:30 text, I Peter II, 9th, A sermon against the fashionable sermonizing of the present day.

March                                      Monday 31                                      1873

Docked the tails of 17 of the young lambs, they appear to be thriving well. Was working at the hurdle fence. Drove the light waggon to Brampton tonight the roads are very muddy, spent evening at the Lodge, a large attendance and lively meeting "Chronicle" by Sr. J. C. Morton and comic reading by 3 of the brethren.

April Tuesday 1 1873

A fine warm day, but an East rain storm set in this evening. The ground is nearly covered with snow yet around the fences and in lanes there are huge drifts. Was working in driving house all day making pine lumber hurdles. Spent evening reading Mayne's "History of British Columbia and Vancouver Island", one of the Institute library.

April                      Wednesday 2                      1873

Was engaged in picking over the "Garnet Chili" potatoes in driving house cellar, nearly all sound and in good keeping condition. Tried my hand at shooting crows killed two at one shot at a distance of 40 ft, they are very plentiful this spring also very bold about coming close to human habitations

April Thursday 3 1873

Finished the job we commenced yesterday. It is thawing pretty fast these days. The winter wheat has escaped putting well except the high ground which is somewhat scorched by the bitter frosts. Father went to Brampton and got his photos one large size, 6 X 8 inches in a neat oval frame, worth \$2.00.

April Friday 4 1873

Spent the day making the hurdles, made 9 and several braces. Went to Brampton tonight and to Choir Practice. The "Etobicoke" is breaking. The ice being heaved up and impeding its course. Received a letter from R. R. Knight stating that he had received the money all right and enclosed a receipt.

April                      Saturday 5                      1873

Had some heavy thunder last night and today heavy rain and hail. Was cutting away snow and ice in the drains to let the standing water off the fall wheat. The "Casket" comes to hand this week improved in style and original matter and the commencement of a splendid Temperance Tale Time will Tell"

April Sunday 6 1873



The roads being very bad and the rain falling steadily, I did not go to S. School, the lesson is in Genesis XXXII 24 to 30 "Jacob's new name Israel", The weather cleared at noon and became quite warm, Rode on horseback up to J. C. Snell's this afternoon. Did not go to church tonight—every appearance of a wet night.

April                                      Monday 7                                      1873  
Spent forenoon at "Campbell's" blacksmith's shop getting "Charlie" shod on fore feet and getting half a dozen pig rings manufactured. Spent evening at the Lodge Chronicle by G. H. Golding and a long programme of readings and songs by several of the members. It is raining briskly all night.

April                                      Tuesday 8                                      1873  
It has rained steadily all day but rather too cold to thaw fast the snow is slowly disappearing. Received a letter last night from Aunt Jennie Harrington and a "Carthage Banner". My cousin Johnny Harrington was married lately, he is only just 20 years of age.

April                                      Wednesday 9                                      1873  
Rain has continued to fall steadily all last night and all today but it has cleared this evening. Old Peter McTavish died this evening he is a wise veteran school teacher of over 30 years standing, a good sound Scotch Presbyterian and a thorough Reformer in politics, he died at the advanced age of 64 years.

April                                      Thursday 10                                      1873  
Our women folks are busy at the semi-annual job of house cleaning, spent most of yesterday and today putting on wall paper and white washing, there is quite a knack in doing that kind of business and requires considerable practice to do it neatly. Sold to Crawforth the butcher the 3 yr old Short Horn heifer "Carrie" @ \$50.00.  
Was at the same work as yesterday. The days are warm and very frosty nights.

April                                      Friday 11                                      1873  
Pretty generally kept as a holiday the stores in Brampton were all closed but a good many in the farming community kept on a work as usual. Mr. McTavish's funeral took place today, was buried at Ebenezer. Spent the evening at Primitive Methodist Choir practice, their leader S.H. Marshall is a good singer.

April                                      Saturday 12                                      1873

Received a letter last night from Uncle Taylor of Oakville, he is building a new harness shop. Finished making the parts of the patent fence. Spent evening at Mr. R. Nichols, No. 10 with a few young folks, a farewell visit to his son R. J. Nichols who is going on Monday to Chicago.

April Sunday 13 1873

Drove spring waggon (sic) up to the S. School with all my sisters. Supt and Sec. Treas. Were present, lesson Genesis XXXVII, 3 to 11 "Joseph's Dreams". Drove to J. C. Snells for dinner then horse for afternoon with R.J. Nichols. Heard Rev. J.G. Scott in Brampton tonight text- Philippians III 10th. An able sermon of an hour's length.

April Monday 14 1873

Was engaged at docking and trimming the sheep, the young lambs (21) are doing well. Some farmers have started to plow sod, the ground is drying very fast. Spent evening at "Mechanics" Reunion in New Music Hall, Brampton, the music and readings were all by Bramptonians had a fine new piano belonging to the "Institute". Dr. Hegge was one of the singers.

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April Tuesday 15 1873

Clear beautiful weather with a cool North wind, slight frosts at night. Inserted a prepared and sharpened horse shoe nail through the top gristle of each of our Berkshire snouts to prevent them from rooting. Took 7 bags of barley, oats and peas to J. W. Main's Mill for chopping.

April Wednesday 16 1873

Commenced plowing sod today with one team and iron plow in the field next David Wiggins and fronting the Centre Road, it is in very fair order for plowing. Plowed three quarters of an acre. Had the sheep and young lambs out in the field for a while and a lively time they had of it.

April Thursday 17 1873

Another East storm of rain and some snow, it has put back the seeding time nearly a week. Was shovelling drains and letting water off the plowed land, it is now very wet. Viney is improving rapidly at playing the melodeon, she has a natural talent for music.

April Friday 18 1873

Sowed 800 lbs of grey barrelled plaster on the meadow (across the Etobicoke) the young grass has come through the winter pretty safely. Spent evening at Choir Practice. Brought home both packets full of newspapers from Post among them "The People's Press" from Carthage, containing a sermon by Rev. De Witt Talmage of New York on Corruption in High places.

“ The Best Way of Applying Plaster”, *The Cultivator and Country Gentleman*, May 14, 1868

April                                  Saturday 19                                  1873

Yesterday was my twenty second birthday. The weather is cold and damp and nearly every person you meet has a severe cold. Tried the plowing again but have given it up, the ground is not in order yet. Sowed clover and timothy on the “Treadwell” fall wheat ground sowed 8 lbs clover and 6 lbs timothy per acre. Received a letter from Aunt Mary Mason.

April                                  Sunday 20                                  1873

Walked to S. School this morning. Supt. Abs. Sec. Treas. Pres. , Mr. A. Woodhall addressed the School on the lesson Genesis XXXVII 23 to 28, “Joseph Sold by his Brothers”. Spent the afternoon reading a very interesting story of the Jewish Captivity, a S.S. Library book. Heard Rev. John Shaw preach tonight in Brampton text Isaiah II 10 th and 13th

April                                  Monday 21                                  1873

Plowed about an acre of sod today. Sold to John Pleraug a 6 months old Berkshire boar @ \$11.50. Spent this evening in Brampton at Safe Guard Lodge had several readings and songs by the brethren, Miss Mary Ellen Bunting and Viney each sang a song. About 4 inches of snow fell this evening.

April                                  Tuesday 22                                  1873

Had frost last night and this morning has quite a wintry appearance. Was repairing the soft water cistern, part of the brick wall having caved in by the action of the frost. Was washing the apple trees with soap suds for to destroy the bark lice.

April                                  Wednesday 23                                  1873

The C. P. A. Society held their Annual Spring Show of Short Horn bulls and improved stallions in quality and quantity the show was fully up to former years. Spent evening at the T.O.O. Fellows Concert and Readings, Miss Payne and Miss Freeman are both first class singers also Pr. H. M. Scott, Mr. Geo. Mutton is one of the best readers I ever heard. The Concert Hall was crowded.

April                                  Thursday 24                                  1873

Plowed over an acre of sod today. The weather is cold and very backward, no growth yet and the ground dries slowly. J. Snell & sons all the first prizes yesterday in the Short Horn classes.

There were some very handsome horses shown. Wrote a letter to Aunt Jennie and will mail it tomorrow.

April Friday 25 1873

Sowed 12 bush of Mammoth spring wheat on 6 acres of ground, the ground is not so dry as it appears to be, gave it one stroke over with harrow and left it for the present. Spent evening at Choir practice. Had a call from J. R. Craig, he complimented us on the fine condition our stock were in.

April Saturday 26 1873

Was plowing sod all day, it is getting dry and pretty stiff. Received from J. Crawforth the remainder of the beef money \$30.00. Paid to K.C. & Co. on acc/ \$15.00

April Sunday 27 1873

Drove to Brampton to the 4th Quarterly Meeting of the ecclesiastical year, Rev. J. G. Scott preached text, Psalm LXV 5th verse. The love feast after the sermon the Holy Spirit seemed to rest down upon the people with great power and many spoke for the Master. Heard Rev. T. P Bradshaw preach in W. M. Church tonight-text I John 1 Chap and 2nd verse.

April Monday 28 1873

Finished harrowing and furrowing the spring wheat field and seeded with 8 lb of clover and 6 of timothy per acre. Father was at Amaranth at the meeting of the Quarterly Board. Spent evening at the Lodge, one initiated, election of officers for next term, I was re-elected , J. J. Bunting to Worthy Chief Templar.

April Tuesday 29 1873

Was sowing black oats, put 15 ½ bush on 5 acres of ground on "the other place" the ground is still very soft in the lowest places. Was also cultivating for barley. Sowed in the garden a teaspoonful of California spring wheat, it is a beautiful sample as bright in the color as the fall wheat. Received from Uncle Adam in St. Joe two newspapers and a card of his business.

April Wednesday 30 1873

Was hard at work all day cultivating and plowing. We received the trees ordered by the agent from Guelph Nursery, 6 mountain ash, 6 scarlet maple, 7 apple trees of various kinds, 2 rose bushes and a snow ball, in all costing \$5.40. Planted the ornamental trees in the front lane and a dozen chestnuts from the young stock growing in the garden.

May Thursday 1 1873

Sowed 18 bush barley on 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres the ground is in splendid order and pulverizes finely under the tickling influence of the harrow. The weather all the week has been very fine, the grass is starting to grow and the buds are swelling. Sowed some garden seeds such as beets, lettuce, parsnips, etc.

May Friday 2 1873

A drizzling rain all day from the east, suspending seeding operations for the present Was sorting over the early potatoes, have 9 bush Early Rose, 2 bush of Early Gooderich. Went to Brampton tonight to the Post for the papers and be barbered by J. S. Woods.

May Saturday 3 1873

Drove team and waggon over the to the 2nd line East to Mr. E. Hemphill's swamp and brought from thence about 25 young cedars, tamaracks pines and balsams, planted them in front door yard and in the lane. About the first of June is generally thought to be the proper time to transplant evergreens, but we tried this as an experiment. There is some snow and frost in the swamp yet.

May Sunday 4 1873

Went to S. School , Supt. And Sec. Treas. Pres. Lesson, Genesis XLI 37549, "Josehp Exalted". Our folks went to funeral of Old Mrs. Thomas Modeland, our grand aunt Ann, she died on the 1st, was buried at Harrison's church, sermon by Rev. J.G. Scott, Heard Rev. W. Joliffe of Streetsville preach in Brampton tonight, text, Nehmiah VII chap. 2nd

May Monday 5 1873

Plowed nearly 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of sod today, the ground works nicely, the plow running much lighter than heretofore. Spent evening at the Lodge, "Chronicle" by Bro. H. Dawson, the Officers for the current quarter were installed Rev. J. Shant. T. Deputy.

May Tuesday 6 1873

Completed the sod plowing, 8 acres. Sowed about half of the peas. Was rolling the fall wheat in front field, it promises a very uneven crop, and some large patches being entirely nude of wheat. Had a visit from Mrs. John Raine and Mrs. J. A. Modeland. The weather is clear and fine.

May Wednesday 7 1873

Finished the pea sowing, put 24 bush of peas, 18 of "crown" peas and 6 of "Golden Vine" on scarcely 8 acres. Sowed 11 drills of white carrots, 44 rods long in front field of "other place", the ground is rich being well manured last fall. Mrs. E. Grafton of Chicago has come to Brampton with her baby son, he is very sick and not expected to live.

May Thursday 8 1873

Finished seeding today except one field to roll yet but the sowing and harrowing are completed. Rained nearly all day from East with high wind a cold one. The spring wheat is up and green, the grass grows slowly the weather not being warm enough yet. The last lamb of the season came to town on Tuesday last—22 in all.

May Friday 9 1873

Sold 4 bush of Early Rose and White Potatoes. Was trimming out the large willows and planting the largest limbs which generally grow by being stuck in the ground. Set up the patent fence in the lane, it looks neat and will protect the trees. Spent evening at Choir Practice.

May                          Saturday 10        1873

Drove up to J. Snell and Sons and brought from their woods near the lake, 25 thrifty young maples, one half sugar and rest soft maples, planted along the front of the lot, Father bought at R.H. Lewis' Sale a new buggy @ \$99.00 at 6 month's credit.

May Sunday 11 1873

Drove spring waggon up to S. School Supt. And Sec. Treas. pres, lesson XVII 29 to 38, "The Report from Egypt". Spent afternoon at home reading and writing Temperance matter. Had a call from two cousins Chris Fox and Janice Faux. Heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach in Brampton tonight text, Job XIX 25th A very able sermon. A wet evening.

May Monday 12 1873

Took another jaunt after maple trees to J. Snell's, brought home 19 and planted along the front fence. Planted a few Early Rose potatoes in the garden. Spent evening at the Lodge, a good attendance. Chronicle by the T. Sec. was well received by the brothers and sisters. Got home our new buggy, it is neat and stylish.

May Tuesday 13 1873

Was building the line fence across the Etobicoke between our neighbors on either side and repairing other fences. Drove to Brampton with Old Alex Campbell's furniture and bedding. He and Lizzie Grafton are setting up in a house for the summer. Bought at Wilkinson's store 1 rowdie drab hat @&1.75 and 1 pr course shoes @\$1.60, neck tie @ 50 cts.

May                                      Wednesday 14                                      1873

Was working and trimming among the flower beds and in the garden Mr. John Snell, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Snell and the little folks were all down here for dinner and tea, it being the anniversary of their wedding day, 5 years ago. The weather keeps cold and frosty nights. The grass grows slowly.

May                                      Thursday 15,                                      1873

Was rolling the meadows and the peas, they are sprouted and just coming up. Father and J.G. Snell were planting trees (maple) at Zion Church and fixing up the surroundings. Received from Carthage a copy of Carthage Banner, and the Banner of Light.

May                                      Friday 16                                      1873

Finished rolling the meadow and barley ground. Was picking stones off the little orchard, seeded it down with clover and orchard grass. Drove single buggy down to Derry West this evening to visit a Good Templar Lodge recently organized, there were sixteen of us down from Brampton Lodge, had readings and music. Got home at 12:30 o'clock.

May                                      Saturday 17                                      1873

Commenced the heaviest job of farm labor, hauling barn yard manure to "other place" on root ground, hauled 16 loads. The surveyors of Credit Valley Railway are at work, they cut through the back of our 25 acre lot, through the best hardwood part of the bush.

May                                      Sunday 18                                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec. pres., lesson Genesis XLV 1 to 8, "Joseph makes himself known". J. C. Snell read an eloquent and affecting address to Mr. & Mrs. R. Thompson, who are about moving away, they have been connected with the School nearly 20 years. Heard Rev. J.G. Scott preach in Brampton tonight text, Luke XV, 2nd verse.

May                                      Monday 19                                      1873

Completed the manure hauling on the root ground, put 28 loads of 2 ¾ acres. The weather is dry and not very warm for the season. Drove new buggy down to Brampton tonight, and spent

evening at the Lodge, one initiated. Chronicle by Bro. G. H. Golding, and several comic readings by other members.

May                                      Tuesday 20                                      1873

Was preparing the ground for potato planting, and started to plant them. 6 bush Early Rose & Goodrich, 6 bush of Garnet Chili, plow them in dropping the potatoes in every third furrow. Spent evening reading *the Temperance Star*, an English weekly.

May                                      Wednesday 21                                      1873

Was working at the root ground all day, the greater part of it works up finely. Sold to J. Woodhall \$3.50 worth of eggs and poultry, and a first class sheepskin @ \$1.75. He makes a business buying of the neighbors and taking the stuff to Toronto.

May                                      Thursday 22                                      1873

Spent the day plowing the turnip land and washing the sheep (27) in all, the Etobicoke was very warm, and scarcely 2 ft deep, it is hard to wash clean the wool when the water is so shallow. Spent evening and staid all night at J.C. Snell's.

May                                      Friday 23                                      1873

Completed the plowing of the turnip ground. Took a glance at the survey of the Credit Valley R. Road, as it passes through our bush, it will take a strip of woods 5 rods wide off the back of the lot. Spent evening at Choir Practice. Mailed a copy of Peel Banner to Aunt Jennie Harrington.

May                                      Saturday 24                                      1873

Kept as public holiday by the greater part of the community. Was working this forenoon, but after dinner, Viney and I drove up to J. C. Snell's, had a social chat for 3 hours, after tea we drove around by Brampton on to home. Aunt Phoebe Burke and her son Willie came this evening on a visit from Scarborough.

May                                      Sunday 25                                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. Abs., Sec, pres. Lesson Genesis XLV, 19 to 28, "Israel in Egypt". Mr. A. Woodhall addressed the school on the lesson. Heard Rev. John Shaw preach in Brampton tonight text, Revelation III, 20th verse. Yesterday and today were exceedingly warm, and the growth of vegetation very rapid.



May                                      Monday 26                                      1873

Aunt Phoebe and Willie Burke started for home this morning they took cars by Toronto and thence by Nippissing railway. Was at the sheep shearing today. Spent evening at Lodge, we were visited by a large number of members of Derry Star Temple had a good programme of readings and songs. Chronicle by Bro. Duggan.

May                                      Tuesday 27                                      1873

Finished shearing the sheep (26 in all), will average or little more than 8 lbs each fleece, it is clean and good quality. It requires considerable practice to make a good shearer and to do it quickly. The plum, cherries and pears are in full bloom this is by far the prettiest season of the year. The weather is dry and sultry.

May                                      Wednesday 28                                      1873

Drove two horse waggon over to 7th line East and brought home a load of evergreens, pine, cedar and spruce, planted the best of them in the lane, and the rest in the evergreen hedge on the North side of small orchard. They are healthy, thrifty trees growing in open, dry land. Sold 2 fat sheep to Joe Smith butcher for \$7.00.

May                                      Thursday 29                                      1873

Had an early walk this morning up to Willow Lodge on special business. Commenced doing the statute labor on the roads, we have 9 days eight hours long to put in. Lizzie Grafton's baby was buried today in Brampton Cemetery, aged 5 months. The first shower of rain for 17 days took place today.

May                                      Friday 30                                      1873

Road work continued through the entire day, this afternoon hauling gravel and repairing the gravel road below No. 10. Mr. M. Gummerson is path-master it is tiresome work shovelling all day and more especially on the public roads. Was at Brampton an hour this evening, had scarcely any practice, Mr. Perry was absent.

May                                      Saturday 31                                      1873

Completed the road work, put in 9 days, had the team on working two whole days. The heavy road scraper makes the road very smooth and level, it will be capital wheeling for some time. Spent evening writing the Safe Guard Chronicle. Have had white frost the past two nights.

June                                      Sunday 1                                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. and Sec. pres. Lesson, Gen XLVII chap, "Israel in Egypt" The History of Joseph is one of the most interesting and affecting of all the Bible stories. Miss Jennie Peacock spent afternoon here. Heard Mr. James Goderham preached in Brampton tonight text I Cor III chap, 22nd verse. He is a local preacher from Streetsville.

June                                      Monday 2                      1873

Was engaged a drawing barn yard manure on back field of the other place. Received a letter from Aunt Jennie Harrington giving a glowing account of the appearance and prospects of Carthage. Spent evening at the Lodge. A slim attendance, Chronicle by F. S. readings and songs, two of each for members.

June                                      Tuesday 3                      1873

Exchanged our old "Grover & Baker" sewing machine with M. Treadgold for an "Osborn" with all the late improvements to give \$23.00 to boot. Spent afternoon dipping the lambs in a preparation of ½ lb arsenic and 6 pails of soft water for to kill the ticks. Was at J. Simpson's bee for raising his new patent barn, 45 X 60 ft, 45 ft from the ground to the peak of the roof.

June                                      Wednesday 4                      1873

Was manure hauling into the summer fallow all day, this job is certainly the hardest and disagreeable of all farm work, but to neglect it would soon bring the farm to poverty. J.C. Snell and were here this evening, Jennie and the children are going to stay a day or two.

June                                      Thursday 5                      1873

At the same work as yesterday. We have had no hot weather yet, a cool north wind nearly every day, except light showers no rain, the spring grain is looking dry and parched. Our folks spent evening at R. Smith's M.P.

June                                      Friday 6                                      1873

Completed the job of yesterday have hauled nearly 50 loads putting it on the poorest part of the field. Drove Jennie Snell and her babies up home and thence to Brampton, was at the Primitive Choir practice tonight, Mr. S. H. Marshall then leader is an accomplished player.

June                                      Saturday 7                                      1873

Spent forenoon spreading manure on the fallow, spent afternoon at Brampton seeing a Lacrosse Match between the Toronto club and the Bramptonians, a good game and well contested but the latter were eventually the winners of the match.

June                                  Sunday 8                                  1873  
Was at S. School this morning, Supt. and Sec. pre. Lesson, Genesis XLVII, 1 to 70 verses subj "Jacob and Pharaoh". Spent afternoon reading and at music. Heard Mr. J. Walker ("local preacher") in Brampton tonight, text, Colossians chap and 27th verse.

June                                  Monday 9                                  1873  
Spent the day working up the turnip ground thoroughly, going over it five times, rolling cultivating and harrowing. Spent evening at the Lodge, two initiated, Chronicle by Bro.W. Dawson, the attendance of members during the summer months is rather slim.

June                                  Tuesday 10                                  1873  
Commenced plowing the fallow it will be a serious job, it is dry and hard, considerable clover on one half of it. Received a St. Joseph daily paper from Uncle Adam containing an account of the Opening of a great bridge across the river Missouri at that city. Hired for 3 months "\$5.00 per month of James O'Brien, an Irish Catholic 40 years of age and an old soldier.

June                                  Wednesday 11                                  1873  
Our hired man started work this morning. Was drilling and sowing the turnips; 2 ¼ acres 4 ½ lbs of seed (Scurvinge's Improved) the ground is pretty rich but rather bumpy in some places. Had a light shower of rain yesterday.

June                                  Thursday 12                                  1873  
Was plowing all day at the fallow, Jimmie buried a large rock. Had a visit from Mr. Treadgold, the sewing machine agent, he is a friendly talkative Englishman and understands his business well.

June                                  Friday 13                                  1873  
At the same work as yesterday. Jonathan Pearen was drowned this afternoon in the river Credit while bathing, either by taking cramps or by an affection of the heart, the water is 15 ft deep. Aged 30 yrs., leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. Spent evening at Choir Practice. Received a St. Joe paper from Uncle Adam.

June                                  Saturday 14                                  1873

At the plowing again today, the ground is getting harder every day and the weather getting hotter and dryer. The fall wheat is just shooting out in head and the clover blossoms just appearing. Bought last evening from Ambrose and Bannister "J.G.Carpenter's Reader and Reciter" @ \$1.00.

June Sunday 15 1873

Drove spring waggon over to Mr. Joseph Pearen's this morning, 4th line west, No. 6 to attend his son Jonathan's funeral which took place at 1 o'clock. Rev. John Shaw preached text Amos IV, chap 12th verse, a very large attendance at the funeral. Heard Rev. Mr. Brown preach in Brampton tonight text Ezch. XXXIII, 9 verses.

June Monday 16 1873

Was working all day in "other place" bush, splitting stakes out of lying white oak timber. The warmest day yet this summer spent evening at an Open meeting of the Lodge in the vestry of W.M. Church. Had select readings and excellent music principally by the members, not a very large attendance.

June Tuesday 17 1873

Was splitting stakes in the lower bush from rock elm and slippery elm the former is rather tough splitting but are good stakes, the latter splits easily and are not worth much the timber being too soft. Dry weather prevails.

June Wednesday 18 1873

Recommenced plowing operations turned over nearly 1 ½ acres. R. Smith, M.P. had a mass meeting of Reformers in the "Chisolm Hall" and gave them a satisfactory account of his doings in Ottawa.

June Thursday 19 1873

The warmest day we have had this year as yet, the mercury up to 90° in the shade. Was plowing all day, warm work for the team and very dusty. Our folks were visiting our new neighbour on the Bunting farm, Mr. R. Armstrong.

June Friday 20 1873

Sold our clip of wool to K. C. & Co. 265 lbs @ 36 cts per lb= \$95.40. Finished splitting the elm stakes, 190 in number if the toughness of timber be any virtue against decay, these will last a

long time. Spent evening at Brampton bought a copy of the "Favorite" an illustrated magazine published at Montreal.

June                                  Saturday 21                                  1873

Spent this afternoon at a picnic in Mr. R. Lowe's bush at Brampton, given for the scholars of the High school and for those that were scholars in days gone by. The time passed gaily and pleasantly with croquet and other games.

June                                  Sunday 22                                  1873

Spent forenoon at S.School Supt and Sec pres. lesson-Genesis I chap 15 to 26 subject "The last days of Joseph", very busy all afternoon selecting and writing pieces for the "Chronicle". Heard Rev. John Shaw preach in Brampton tonight, text-Hebrews II, 3rd verse. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

June                                  Monday 23                                  1873

At the plowing all day. Our folks drove over to Mr. James Thompson's on a visit 4th line East. Threatening to rain all day a slight shower tonight. Spent evening at the Lodge small attendance because of the rain, Chronicle by the Financial Secretary.

June                                  Tuesday 24                                  1873

Completed the first plowing of the fallow, a long and weary job it has been, took considerable care in the plowing and it looks well after it is finished. Was over to Mr. George Bell's early this morning on business. Spent evening at No. 10 playing a game of ball with old friends and associates. The rain of last night has refreshed Nature some but needs a great deal more.

June                                  Wednesday 25                                  1873

Was harrowing the fallow. Had a visit from Dawson Modeland, now living in Brussels, a small town near Goderich, on the H.W. B. Railway had a good long chat with him on old times and various other topics.

June                                  Thursday 26                                  1873

Sowed another pound of turnip seed on the carrot ground, they having not come up, we cultivated the ground and sowed to turnips yesterday. Was rolling the fallow today it is very dry and dusty. Received a letter from Tom Mason and his picture enclosed.

June Friday 27 1873

Was moving with the scythe some grass in the fence corners around the grain fields, and grinding the mower knives and getting the machine in running order. Bought at Wilkinson's a dark green silk umbrella @ \$3.00, a white cotton coat @ \$3.00, pair linen pants @ \$1.00.

June Saturday 28 1873

All the family except Viney and I started on a trip to Oakville at 4:30 a.m. in the spring waggon, they are going to spend two or three days at Uncle Taylor's. The weather is very warm the mercury up to 90° in the shade. Was hay making on a small scale around the fences.

June Sunday 29 1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec pre, lesson, a Review of all the lessons during the past Quarter, all except the first, on the history and life of Joseph. Heard Rev John Shaw preach his farewell sermon in Brampton tonight, ext, Mark VIII chap B6 and 37 verses, he is stationed to preach in Toronto for the next year.

June Monday 30 1873

The long and earnestly looked for rain came at last at 1 o'clock this morning in a heavy thunder shower, rained all forenoon and everything is swimming, all nature is refreshed and gladdened. Our folks came home tonight from Oakville, bringing 18 quts of strawberries and a quantity of plants and flowers.

July Tuesday 1 1873

Took a walk early this morning to J.C. Snell's with a basket of strawberries. Viney and I drove to Brampton to see a Lacrosse Match between the Indians and the Bramptonians, resulted in a complete victory for the latter. There were horse races on the new race course, which attracted a great concourse of people.

July Wednesday 2 1873

Our hired man John Graham started work today, engaged for 1 ½ months for \$40. Was mowing with the scythe the orchard grass, it's ripe for seed and rather hard cutting. Slight westerly showers through the day.

July Thursday 3 1873

Started cutting with the mower across the creek, cut about 2 acres mostly wire grass, will not make first class hay. Was binding the orchard grass into sheaves for convenience in handling and threshing.

July                                      Friday 4                                      1873

Was mowing in the orchard field, very short and light. Was tilling up the potatoes with the plow, the tops have attained a great growth. The turnips are coming up slowly. The oats are just shooting out. The peas are in full blossom.

July                                      Saturday 5                                      1873

Hauled in two loads of hay from across the Etobicoke. Had the mower running again today, have fully 9 acres cut. Drew in the orchard grass sheaves. Received from D. Modeland a postal card apprising me of his arrival in Brussels. Miss Alma Ferguson from Toronto is here on a visit.

July                                      Sunday 6                                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec pre, lesson Matt II, 1 to 10, "The Child Jesus", the next two quarter's lessons will be in Matt. Heard Rev. Benj. Sherlock of Campbell's Cross preach in Brampton tonight text Rev. XXI 1st verse. Quite cool today and this evening.

July                                      Monday 7                                      1873

Kept the mower busily employed all day, cut nearly 9 acres. Hauled in 4 loads of hay, rather green and heavy but will take no harm as it is distributed over all the mows. Spent evening at the Lodge. Chronicle by Bro. G.H. Golding, the attendance was small and the meeting soon brought to a close. mows: the upper level storage area in the barn.

July                                      Tuesday 8                                      1873

Was mowing the greater part of the day, it being a longer job this year than the drawing in, there are some part of the meadow over the creek that are very heavy and considerably lodged. Have about 10 loads now under cover. Very cool this evening, prospects are for dry weather.

July                                      Wednesday 9                                      1873

Had a six mile walk to "Green Grove Farm" this morning the residence of Mr. John R. Craig, on important business matters. Completed the mowing for this season. Hauled in 4 loads of hay and done a good deal of horse-raking and swath raking.

July Thursday 10 1873

Drew in a load of hay shortly after 5 o'clock this morning, have 15 loads saved. Quite a change in the weather suddenly started raining early this morning and fell in large quantities during the day. Was threshing orchard grass seed with the flail, threshed 4 bush. Mailed a letter to Aunt Jennie Harrington. Received a note of invitation to picnic at P. Credit from Mr. J.A. Morton

July Friday 11 1873

Spent forenoon at Brampton in transacting business of various kinds and brought home a buggy load of groceries &&, Was horse raking and cocking hay all afternoon until 9 o'clock at night. Sold to C.V. R. Company a strip of land 4 rods wide on the back end of "other place" @ \$48.00 per acre, signed an agreement of bargain to that effect.

July Saturday 12 1873

Was up this morning shortly after 4 o'clock and immediately started hauling hay from across the creek. J. Learment and team & hired boy was helping us all day, brought in 15 loads, not quite so good quality as the other hay because of the rain, but is still passable.

July Sunday 13 1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. and Sec pre. lesson Matt II, 13 to 20, "The Flight into Egypt", Mr. J. P. Craig was at S.S. He is a talented young man. Spent afternoon writing up the Chronicle. J.C. Snell and family were here for tea. Heard Rev. J.G. Scott preach in Brampton tonight, text Ezekiel XXXIII, 5th verse. A warm day.

July Monday 14 1873

Finished the hay harvest this morning, just before a shower of rain, have rather more than 30 loads, mostly first class hay. Was horse hoeing the turnip crop, are growing nicely now. Spent evening at the Lodge, the attendance slim because of "Dan Rice" great Show being in town. Chronicle by the Bro. F. S. A very hot day.

July Tuesday 15 1873

Commenced cross plowing the fallow yesterday afternoon, it is in prime order. Was picking the Colorado potato bugs off the field potatoes, there are not a great many now, but they increase rapidly, the crop is an excellent one. Mrs. Trueman, Sen, and Hattie Modeland came this evening on a visit of a few days.

July Wednesday 16 1873



Was cross plowing all day with two plows and teams, the fallow is in good heart and looks fresh and strong. Viney paid her visit to our new neighbour Mr. Robert Armstrong and had a pleasant afternoon.

July Thursday 17 1873

A heavy shower early this morning and several heavy showers this evening. Had one team plowing, started the job of thinning out the turnips, it is slow work, they are so thickly sown. A very sultry day, the spring crops are making prodigious strides. Received a letter and paper from D. Modeland.

July Friday 18 1873

Spent the day in hoeing turnips, they are now growing rapidly. Drove Mrs. Trueman, Hattie and Lulu Maine in spring waggon to Brampton this evening. Was at Choir Practice an hour. Yesterday was the hottest day of the season the mercury rising to 104° in the shade.

July Saturday 19 1873

Completed the fallow cross plowing. Went to Brampton and brought up old Mr. A. Campbell's boxes and things. Lizzie Grafton having gone back to Chicago again to live.

July Sunday 20 1873

Went to S. School this morning Supt and Sec pres – lesson Matt III 13 to 17, "The Baptism of Jesus Christ", Rev. W. Burns, the new preacher was at Zion at 2 p.m. and gave them a good sermon. Heard him preach tonight in Brampton, text-Colossians I, 27th and 28th verses.

July Monday 21 1873

Commenced the harvest by reaping Diehl wheat in the front field, there are several large patches of timothy where the wheat was winter killed, cut with the scythe the smaller ones and will leave the larger to ripen for seed. Went to Lodge tonight the Chronicle by Bro. H.W. Dawson.

July Tuesday 22 1873

At the same work as yesterday have nearly half the field bound and cocked, it is very hard work reaping, the bottom being full of green grass, and clogs the sickle knife. Killed a garter snake 2 ft long they are now a very scarce article in this country. The weather is very fine.

July Wednesday 23 1873

Put in a very steady and hard day's work at binding and finished the field, the appearance of the field after the reaping is very peculiar scarcely any stubble to be seen the grass being so thick. This evening is very hot consequently sleeping will be hard work.

July Thursday 24 1873

Hauled in a large load of pine timothy hay out of the wheat field. Was thinning turnips the rest of the day. The raspberry season is just at its height, and buggy loads of Brampton people are seen daily passing to and fro to J. Snell's lake and vicinity. Emma and Ella have been picking berries one day.

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July Friday 25 1873

Was horse hoeing the turnip crops and finished thinning them out, they are growing nicely and promise a fair yield yet. Started reaping the 3 acre patch of Treadwell wheat, it is not evenly ripened, is well filled a large plump grain. Received a letter from R. J. Nichols of Chicago.

July Saturday 26 1873

Completed the Treadwell harvest and stoked it up. The weather is exceedingly warm, a great deal of lightning and thunder but not enough rain. Jinnie and Clara Taylor from Oakville came today on a visit of a week or two. Received a letter yesterday from Aunt Annie Ferguson of Osborn, M.

July Sunday 27 1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec. pres. lesson Matt IV 1 to 17, "The Temptations of Jesus". The Supt made the lesson very plain and instructive. Heard Rev. W. Burns preach in Brampton tonight, text, Romans V 1st verse, a pointed and practical discourse.

July Monday 28 1873

Was engaged at hauling in the Diehl wheat, had 9 loads it took up only a small space in the barn for 10 acres of wheat, the sheaves being very short and small. Every appearance of heavy rain this evening, but did not amount to much. Did not get down to the Lodge. Egerton Ferguson came here on a visit.

July Tuesday 29 1873

Cut with the grass scythes and bound and stoked the timothy that was left in the wheat field for seed. Commenced reaping the barley, scarcely ripe, very short both in the heads and straw.

Received two Joplin papers from Uncle Thomas J. Harrington and "Chicago Tribune" from E.W. Grafton.

July Wednesday 30 1873

Going over the turnips the second time hand-hoeing. The potato bugs are on the increase, gathered and destroyed nearly a patent-pail-full. Finished cutting the barley and put some of the ripest into the cocks. The weather is warm and dry.

July Thursday 31 1873

Took to Brampton Steam Mill a grist of 12 bush of Diehl wheat which is the last of it, the granary being entirely empty except 10 bush of oats. Hauled in the timothy and the rakings of wheat stubble. The raspberries area plentiful crop this year.

August                      Friday 1                      1873

Separated the lambs from the ewes, there are 8 bucks and 13 ewe lambs, put them in the meadow over the creek, in which the young clover is fresh and strong. Ran the scuffler through the turnip drills for the third time. No more harvest operations this week, the grain ripens rather slowly.

August                      Saturday 2                      1873

Had a heavy shower of rain this forenoon. Spent most of the day cutting thistles on the flats and in the pastures also hauling stones off the fallow. Viney and Egerton went to Toronto, she is going from there to Oakville on a two week visit for her health. Received a letter from Aunt Jennie Harrington.

August Sunday 3 1873

Quarterly Meeting this morning in Brampton, was all ready to go there when we discovered that some dogs had worried 5 of our best lambs, 2 are dead, the others badly cut, too late for meeting when the doctoring was finished. Heard Rev Mr. Burns preach tonight in Brampton text, James, last verse in the epistle.

August                      Monday 4                      1873

Brought in the remainder of the Treadwell wheat, 4 loads in all, also drew in 7 loads of barley, the grain is in fine order now. Had a call this evening from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Main. Spent evening at the lodge. Officers for the current quarter were installed.

August                                  Tuesday 5                                  1873  
Early yesterday morning sold to T. Crawforth 2 of the lambs that were worried by the dogs @ \$3.00 each, dressed another one for our own use. Finished hauling in the barley, 12 loads in all. Old Mrs. Featherstone came this evening on a visit. The weather is cool and clear.

August                                  Wednesday 6                                  1873  
Commenced pulling the peas scarcely ripe enough yet in some spots, there is nice clean even crop. Cut about 2 ¼ acres, two of us. James O'brien came back and started work today. Uncle Adam and little Willie came this evening from St. Joseph on a visit.

August                                  Thursday 7                                  1873  
Rain this morning and stopped the harvest operation. Was helping J. Learment this afternoon to cut and bind spring wheat. Our hired man Graham gave up work yesterday and we have O'brien in his place.

August                                  Friday 8                                  1873  
Three of us cutting peas this forenoon, did over 1 ½ acres. Was reaping and binding oats, are rather green and heavy on the low ground. Drove Mrs. Featherstone home this evening, she was helping in the house because of mother's sickness.

August                                  Saturday 9                                  1873  
Was at pretty much the same kind of work as yesterday. Mrs. J.C. Snell and family came down to stay over Sunday. Received from J. Crawforth \$48.50 for fat cow, 2 lambs and 3 skins.

August                                  Sunday 10                                  1873  
Went to S. School this morning Supt and Sec pres. lesson Matt V, 1 to 12, The Beatitudes. This afternoon drove Uncle Adam and Willie over to Tullamore to Joseph Lindsays, they are going to Orangeville via the T.G. B. Railway. Too late for church when I got home.

August                                  Monday 11                                  1873  
Was very sick today with an attack of                                  and consequently was off work. Our hired man O'brien took sick and left us without any help. Father was helping Armstrong thresh grain. A. F. Campbell came here on a visit.

August                                  Tuesday 12                                  1873

Pulled some peas this forenoon. A heavy rain this afternoon which stopped harvesting for today. Uncle Adam came back yesterday because of Willie's sickness. A.F. C. drove them up to Charleston with our buggy to R.R. Station. Mailed a letter to Dawson Modeland.

August                                  Wednesday 13                                  1873

Rain fell last night to some extent. Mrs. J.C. S. came down to help us grain in the house, mother is still very poorly. No harvesting done today but cut a few peas. Alek and I spent the evening at No. 10 chatting with some old acquaintances.

August                                  Thursday 14                                  1873

With the assistance of Mr. Anderson Campbell @ \$1.50 per day, we finished cutting and binding the oats. The dogs worried another ewe for us last night. A great many are still losing sheep by dogs.

August                                  Friday 15                                  1873

Without any hired help we cut the spring wheat 6 acres it being very ripe and bound it all but an acre, worked until very dark tonight. Bound nearly 4 acres of it myself. Alek is still here, he is agent for several Life Insurance Companies, and is doing some business in that line.

August                                  Saturday 16                                  1873

Assisted with team and two hands of Learment to thresh wheat. Finished binding and shocking the spring wheat. Aunt Ann Taylor and Viney arrived via railway from Oakville. The weather is fine and cool.

August                                  Sunday 17                                  1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec present, lesson Matt VI 5 to 13, "Teaching to pray". Our little cousins from Oakville went up with us to S.S. Heard Rev Mr. Burns preach in Brampton tonight, text Luke XiX, 41 and 42. An eloquent sermon plain and faithfully delivered.

August                                  Monday 18                                  1873

Cutting peas this morning before sunrise. Hauled in 9 loads of peas very dirty work, the mud being washed unto them by the late heavy rains. Working until dark tonight and so prevented from attending lodge.

August                                  Tuesday 19                                  1873

Finished cutting the peas and also drew the remainder of the field in 7 loads, making 6 loads of peas in all. Those we cut this forenoon were so very ripe that they were fit to put right in the barn at once. Mailed to R.J. Nichols of Chicago a letter.

August                                  Wednesday 20                                  1873

Hauled in the "Mammoth" spring wheat 6 loads, also 3 loads of oats from "other place", the oat sheaves are very solid and heavy with the weight of grain. Aunt Ann and mother were at J.C. Snells from two days and came home tonight.

August                                  Thursday 21                                  1873

Sang harvest home for this year, has been rather long and tedious it being a full month since the first sheaf was reaped. Finished up with the oats had six very large loads.

August                                  Friday 22                                  1873

Spent the day harrowing in the fallow. The weather today was very warm and this evening quite sultry. Spent evening at Choir practice, not many present.

August                                  Saturday 23                                  1873

Was marking out the fallow into ridges 22 ft wide, and commenced the ridging. Aunt Ann Taylor and her family of six started for home via Toronto. Uncle Adam came here, he has bought a store and lot in Amaranth.

August                                  Sunday 24                                  1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec pres. lesson Matt VII, 22 to 29, "The two foundations". Spent afternoon at home with J.C.S. and family and lots of music. Heard Rev. W. Burns preach in Brampton tonight text Job XXII chap 22 to 24th.

August                                  Monday 25                                  1873

A heavy rain early this morning. Was helping David Wiggins to thresh grain. Hired a man for one month @ \$17.00. Started work today. Spent evening at the Lodge. Rev. J. Scott was initiated, had a very nice meeting and lively.

August                                  Tuesday 26                                  1873

Was ridging up plowed more than 1 ½ acres. Was hauling manure on the knolls in out ground. Received yesterday from Carthage a newspaper containing some interesting matter. Paid to the Agent \$2.00 for Punshon's sermons and lectures.

August                                  Wednesday 27                                  1873

At the same work as yesterday and did the same amount of it. Uncle Adam is very sick and will not be able to go home this week. Spent evening at home reading my new book.

August                                  Thursday 28                                  1873

Still at the plowing have 2/3 of the field done, it is in splendid trim for wheat. Received a letter from Oakville telling us of Uncle Taylor's family safe arrival and a prescription from Dr. Sutherland for medicine for Viney. Bought of John Cation 10 bush Diehl seed wheat.

August                                  Friday 29                                  1873

Plowing continued through the day. Spent evening in Brampton at the residence of J. M. Jones Esq. at a Moonlight Social by the Safe Guard Lodge, the brass band was present and recitations by two brethren, a song by Sr. Morton, the grounds were lighted by Chinese lanterns and a goodly crowd present. Realized \$16.50.

August                                  Saturday 30                                  1873

An extremely warm day, the horses suffered considerably betwixt heat and ravenous flies, and the work of plowing. Mr. Robert Miller and his sister of Markham came over to "Willow Lodge" this evening on a visit of a day or two.

August                                  Sunday 31                                  1873

Went to S. School this morning, Supt and Sec pres, lesson Matt IX 1 to 9 "Power to Forgive Sins". Viney and I took dinner at J.C.S.'s. Heard Rev. John G. Scott preach in Brampton tonight text Psalm CXVII 3rd verse. Rainy this morning and a warm dull day.

September                                  Monday 1                                  1873

Finished plowing this forenoon. Started sowing the Diehl wheat, very high winds making it very hard work sowing. Bought 7 bush Diehl wheat from John Groat for seed, it is a good clean sample. Spent evening at the Lodge, Chronicle by J. J. Bunting and readings etc.

September                                  Tuesday 2                                  1873

Finished the wheat-sowing put 16 ½ bush on 9 ½ acres it harrowed in very nicely but the ground is pretty dry. Viney received yesterday a letter from Sarah Peacock of Missouri.

September                      Wednesday 3                      1873

Bought ½ bush of timothy seed and mixed with 1 bush of ? raising and sowed it on the wheat field. In company with half dozen members of Safe Guard Lodge I started for Toronto this morning to attend a Grand Temperance Demonstration for Ontario. They formed a large procession with banners and bands and marched through the principal streets of the City and held a mass meeting in the Crystal Palace, had able addresses.

September                      Thursday 4                      1873

Spent last evening at a Concert in the Music Hall, Misses Barr, Wooking and Eccleston rendered some very fine music they are splendid singers. C.W. Coates also sang very well. Staid last night with Aunt Lizzie Ferguson and part of today, she lives on Buchanan St.. Came home on this evening train had two pleasant days in Toronto.

September                      Friday 5                      1873

Was plowing barley stubble intended for sowing rye, the ground is very hard, it is hard work for both man and beast. Spent evening at Choir Practice a slim attendance. Sold to J.C. Snell 5 ram lambs @ \$12.00 cash.

September                      Saturday 6                      1873

At the same work as yesterday and finished all we intend plowing at present rather more than 2 acres. Bought of R. Armstrong 3 bush of rye @ \$1.00 per bush. Aunt Lizzie's children are here tonight. Alma is going to school in Brampton, is boarding at Mr.A. Morton's. The weather is fine and cool.

September                      Sunday 7                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt abs, sec pre and conducted the exercises, lesson Matt X, 1 to 15, "The Twelve Called", Mr. A. Woodhall addressed the school. A rainy afternoon, Aunt Mrs. W. Ferguson is here, came from Toronto last night. Heard Reve. J. G. Scott preach text Heb. IV, 13th, at 6 p.m. in Brampton.

September                      Monday 8                      1873

Sowed 3 bush of rye on 2 acres harrowed it and furrowed and shovelled the drains there on. Uncle Adam and Willie started for home at 12 o'clock today on the G.T.R.R. they expect to get



therein 48 hours. Spent evening at the Lodge, Chronicle by Bro. A. Martin and several readings and songs. Bought of J. Coyne pr. Kip boots @ \$4.50.

September                      Tuesday 9                      1873

Was plowing all day for John Woodhall with one team. Was also helping two other neighbors at threshing. At New York Mills tomorrow that most valuable herd of Short-Horns in America are to be sold by Auction. J.C. Snell started today to travel there to attend the sale.

September                      Wednesday 10                      1873

Spent forenoon plowing at J. Woodhall's. Fanned up 51 bush of new peas the result of 2 ½ days work with the flailing by our man. Aunt Lizzie and her family went home this evening. Had a visit from Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Jones this evening. The Great Short-Horn Sale today the cows brought from \$40.00 down to \$10.00.

September                      Thursday 11                      1873

Mr. Cation's machine was threshing here all day. Have over 200 bush barley, plump and heavy, nearly 300 bush of oats. A south East wind made it very dusty work. P.J. Barnum's large show and Menagerie from New York is in Toronto now is attracting real crowds from all parts of the country.

September                      Friday 12                      1873

Finished threshing at noon today, about 70 bush spring wheat 50 Treadwell, 120 Diehl wheat. This is only an approximation from the size and appearance of the pile. Spent afternoon helping J. Learmont to thresh. The weather very warm for this season. Barley promises to be a high price 90 cts per bush at present.

September                      Saturday 13                      1873

Threshing again today at J. Learment's. Am nearly used up with the dust and hard work. Received a letter from R. H. Nichols of Chicago and one from A. J. Campbell of Mt. Charles. Mr. J.H. Elliot is home from Chicago on a visit. He is looking well.

September                      Sunday 14                      1873

A very cold morning. The buffalo robes felt very comfortable in our ride this morning over to Norval to attend the Camp Meeting which is being held there, heard a sermon on Bible wives from New Connexion minister and a sermon by Rev. W. Burns text: James, last verse in Epistle. A very large crowd of people present.

September                      Monday 15                      1873

Hauled to Brampton and sold to K. Chisolm & Co. two loads of barley-120 bush @ 87 cts per bush-\$104.40 it is a little dark in color but weighs very heavy, averaging more than 2 ½ bush in each bag. Spent evening at Lodge, two songs by Sr J. C. Morton and comic reading by Bro. W. Williams

September                      Tuesday 16                      1873

A nice warm rain last night the fall wheat is springing up in fine style. Sold two more loads of barley- 148 bush @ 90 cts=\$128.70, have about 12 bush left, total, 275 bush barley, off 8 acres 34 ½ per acre. Spent evening and staid all night at J. Conel's.

September                      Wednesday 17                      1873

Was cross plowing the pea stubble, have given more than half of the field a heavy coating of well rotted barn-yard manure, will be in fine trim for spring grain next season. The barley market is lively this fall with \$1.10 in Toronto yesterday.

September                      Thursday 18                      1873

Went to Guelph this morning on G.T. R.R. to attend the Central Fair which is held there this week, a very large concourse of people were at it. The show live stock was very good, also the display of the great varieties in the large hall was also very good. Got home at 7 o'clock, the cars were very much crowded.

September                      Friday 19                      1873

Was cross plowing in pea stubble with both teams. Yesterday was very warm and last night some very heavy thunder and a great deal of rain. The barley is still going up in price \$t20 cts per bush in Toronto

September                      Saturday 20                      1873

At the same work as yesterday. Our man Lovitt was helping R. Armstrong to thresh. Went to Brampton this evening to meet father and mother at the depot. They have been visiting Mr. Isaac Modeland of Elora, it is a thriving little town 13 miles N.W. of Guelph on the H.G. & B. R.R.

September                      Sunday 21                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt and Sec both absent lesson, Matt XI, 25 to 30. The Gracious call. Mr. A. Woodhall conducted the exercises of the School. Heard Rev W. Burns preach in Brampton tonight, text Matt XXII, 1 to 10

September                      Monday 22                      1873

Commenced the potato harvest by digging "Early Rose" brought in to cellar about 28 bush today. Started to rain this evening and is a very wet night. Staid at home this evening and peeled and cored apples for drying.

September                      Tuesday 23                      1873

Was chopping down and into rail lengths the young basswoods and black ash on the railroad allowance in "other place" bush. There are several gangs of navvies at work along the line. Was at J. Woodhall's threshing this afternoon.

September                      Wednesday 24                      1873

At the same work as yesterday both forenoon and afternoon. The Provincial Exhibition is being held at London this week and is a great success; over 30,000 visitors were on the grounds today.

September                      Thursday 25                      1873

Fanned 13 bush mixed Diehl and spring wheat for grist. Another heavy rain last night and this morning. Was cross plowing all day. Hired man is chopping cord wood on the railroad allowance.

September                      Friday 26                      1873

At the potato harvest all day and finished the "Early Rose" have about 50 bush; sold 4 bags of them to T. Milner @ 50 cts. Per bag. Spent evening at Choir Practice, a good attendance, had a copy of the New Canadian Anthem Book" published in Toronto at W. M. Bookroom.

September                      Saturday 27                      1873

Miss Mary E. Banting died night before last of typhoid fever. Aged 17 yrs, she was a lively and healthy looking girl, but Death came and she had to succumb, she was fully prepared for the great change we have reason to believe. The Good Templars formed a procession at the funeral the pall bearers were young men of the Lodge, Rev. Mr. Joliffe preached text Matt. XXIV, 44. 1 p.m. Ministry

September                      Sunday 28                      1873



Slept last night in the van and cars. Got to East St. Louis at 2 a.m., amid a heavy thunder shower. Unloaded the sheep and transferred to the large ferry, thence across the Old Mississippi to St. Louis. Drove the sheep up to Fairground a distance of 4 miles and got them all fixed up for the night.

October                      Sunday 5                      1873

This day is kept by a large class in this city but indifferently observed many of the stores are open and doing business, and a great many labourers at work. Spent forenoon at a M.E. S. School which was well conducted, heard a sermon night after school. This afternoon was at E. J. Jone's large Mission School, a roll of 700 scholars.

October                      Monday 6                      1873

Spent the day fitting up the sheep for the show of tomorrow. Not a large show of sheep. J. Rleraig will be our principal competitor. The Fair Ground is a very handsome one, being neatly laid out-with carriage drives and fountains and a great many large trees and ornamental ones, it covers about 75 acres.

October                      Tuesday 7                      1873

There are 12 premiums offered today on Cotswolds of which 9 were won by Mrssrs Snell & Sons, blue ribbon denotes 1st prize and red 2ndprize. Have several horse races every day on a half mile track in Fair Ground which are very exciting, best time made at running race, a mile in 1 min. ? sec.

October                      Wednesday 8                      1873

Was showing some for fat sheep and gained 4 prizes out of 6 offered. The show of Short-Horns is rather limited the herd of Shropshire of Kentucky is excellent and has scared away a great many herds, so he will have most of the prizes. J. H. Pickrell of Ill. Shows some fine Short-Horns. There is a large show of hogs of every breed.

October                      Thursday 9                      1873

Snell & Sons were successful today in taking a 2 \$50 prizes Sweepstakes, J.H. Pikrell took the largest share of the Short Horn premiums. J.Rleraig took the best Berkshire prizes. The Show of Farm Machinery is very extensive and varied, the reapers and threshers during the exhibition were driven by steam.

October                      Friday 10                      1873

Fully 80,000 people on the Fair Grounds yesterday, they made a fine display in the large amphitheatre which was crowded to its utmost capacity. It is fully 200 yds in diameter. The show in Floral department was very fine. A sewing machine run by steam and a model of a locomotive in operation were among the curiosities.

October                                  Saturday 11                                  1873

The attendance of visitors at the Fair was not very large. There is a very large and fine collection of minerals from all parts of the "Union", they make a handsome display. The show of Agric. Implements and machines is immense, a reaper which binds the grain itself, with a wire. Also, a great number of plows only suited for prairie work.

October                                  Sunday 12                                  1873

The Fair Grounds are open today, the receipts to be given to City of Memphis which is being fearfully scourged by the Yellow Fever. J.C. S. and I took dinner with Mrs. Featherstone, a lady that was born and raised in Brampton and a nice person she is. Packed up our things and shipped the stock over the Mississippi, 14 sheep, having sold 37.

October                                  Monday 13                                  1873

J.C.S. & I took express train from East St. Louis last night at 8 o'clock for Chicago and got there at 7 o'clock this morning. We went on home via M.C. R.R. Walked up to 58 W. Madison St. S. White's meat store, et R. J. Nichols there took dinner at their boarding house, went on street cars out 2 miles and saw some more Canadians.

October                                  Tuesday 14                                  1873

R. J. Nichols and I sauntered through the South side of the city. The buildings are very grand the 3 of us (J. R. Mason) visited the city water works., the steam engines which are here are the largest in America, also a fine store tower nearly 200 ft high that we ascended by a spiral iron staircase. Staid all night with E. W. Graft they are living at 134 Erie St.

October                                  Wednesday 15                                  1873

We visited yesterday Lincoln Park a very handsomely laid out place lakes, mills, fountains, caves, rocks, bridges, islands and flower gardens also two buffaloes, deer, bears, wolves, and eagles. We hired a boat and had a splendid ride on the park lake, it is situated on the shore of Lake Michigan. Gathered a handful of nice stones to take home for a remembrance of things.

October                                  Thursday 16                                  1873

Went to Meyer's Opera on Tuesday night and heard some of the best music of the city and some really splendid performance all in imitation of niggers, they could act out darkey better than the niggers themselves. Went to the Academy of Music tonight, a first class theatre, the play was "Rip Van Winkle" it was grand and the printed scenery beautiful.

October                                  Friday 17                                  1873

Spent Wednesday night at William Wiggin's place, 2 miles from the heart of the city. He is well situated and getting good wages in a car shop. Went to a prayer meeting with H. Hindle, the church was filled with an earnest and prayerful company, had a fellowship meeting in which many spoke freely of their progress in the narrow way the ladies took a prominent part.

October                                  Saturday 18                                  1873

Went to the Industrial Exposition which is held in a mammoth new building on the Lake shore right in front of the City. There was much to be seen here, a great variety of manufactures going on the making of watches and printers' type a beautiful collection of birds from all parts of the world, the show of painting was very fine, and the best brass band I ever heard perform.

October                                  Sunday 19                                  1873

Went to the Centenary Church this morning, heard Rev. W. Riff of London preach text Luke V, 8 to 10th, a richly finished church inside, a large choir and magnificent organ. Mr. S. White drove us out on the Boulevards, one of the finest carriage drives on the continent. A great number of fine churches in this city. The Sabbath is well observed except among the Jews and Germans.

October                                  Monday 20                                  1873

Started from M. C. R.R. depot this morning at 9 o'clock for home. The weather was fine and the scenery along the way was varied and attractive. The blue waters of old Michigan were lashed into foam by a stiff breeze. Arrived at Port Huron at 10 o'clock amid a fearful storm of rain & snow the cars were put on an immense ferry boat and run over St. Clair river.

October                                  Tuesday 21                                  1873

Was travelling all night at a rapid rate and slept but little. Got to Brampton at 6 a.m., the ground was white with snow. Walked up home and was very surprised to see Aunt Jennie Harrington, she came here from Carthage on the 10 th. Brought from Chicago a present for each of my sisters. Have had a very enjoyable trip to the West.

October                                  Wednesday 22                                  1873

Spent forenoon in Brampton got measured for a 25.00 suit of clothes in Wilkinson's store. Received a letter for Aunt Jennie from Uncle Tom., he is in very poor health. Was shopping this afternoon at "other place" bush on the railroad land and finished hauling off the timber, there is now a strip 4 rods wide right through the bush.

October Thursday 23 1873

Mr. R.E. Morton and Miss S. J. Truman married today. Spent forenoon fanning a load of Diehl wheat for a market. Started to plow sod in the orchard field, it is in fine trim for plowing. J. C. Snell and wife were in Toronto the last two days, attending the Provincial S. S. Convention, it was a great success, had addresses from men of England & France and the States.

October Friday 24 1873

At the sod plowing again today. Had a team hauling wood from our bush for W. James Sewell. Aunt Jennie, Vinny and I went to Brampton tonight to attend the special services which have been going on in W. M. Church for three weeks and doing a good work. Received from Co. Gent. Officer a steel portrait of Luther Tucker Sen.

October Saturday 25 1873

At the same work as yesterday the sod is tough, making it heavy work on man and beast. Our man Lovitt finished his two months work yesterday paid him his wages \$31.50. Have had a great deal of rain of late, not much cold weather yet.

October Sunday 26 1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. abs. Sec. pres and conducted the exercises (and gave as a good description of the Prov. S. S. Convention) lesson Matt XVIII 1 to 8. The Transfigured. Went to Choir Practice this afternoon in Brampton. Heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach tonight, text, Jeremiah XV, latter clause of 20th verse.

October Monday 27 1873

Sold to K. C. & Co. 81 bush Diehl wheat @ \$1.17 per bush. Bought for mother a mink set of furs @ 28.00. Mr. George Rice of Oshawa came here tonight on a visit. Spent evening at the Lodge, the election of Officers for next quarter. W. C. J. – C. H. Golding. W. S. – J. H. Ferguson

October Tuesday 28 1873

A mixture of snow and rain and turning pretty cold tonight. Was plowing sod all day. Had the other team moving Lovitt's furniture to Brampton. They are moving back to Muskoka. Spent



evening at home and had a good sing with Aunt Jennie reminding us of old times of 7 years ago.

October                      Wednesday 29                      1873

The ground white with snow this morning. Was killing and picking ducks for market, dressed 24 for sale. Was plowing sod this afternoon. Spent evening at home in writing up the S.S. Class books for the next two months.

October                      Thursday 30                      1873

Sold to K.C. & Co. 12 pairs of ducks @ 60 cts per pair. Spent forenoon plowing sod. Started the turnip harvest topping with the hoes and plowing them out, hauled in one load. Sarah Ann Bunting died last night of typhoid after two weeks of intense suffering.

October                      Friday 31                      1873

Hauled in 4 loads of turnips, the severe frosts at night and snow squalls make it very unpleasant work. Went to Brampton tonight on horseback, attended the protracted meeting in W.M. Church and heard Rev. R. Barns preach a stirring sermon, there were several forward as seekers of salvation.

November                      Saturday 1                      1873

At the same work as yesterday had James Sewell to help us hauled in 7 loads of turnips. The Quarterly Board met in Brampton this afternoon and gave a unanimous vote on the Union Question. Spent evening at Choir Practice. Bought of Wilkinson a suit of dark clothes and paid for them and kid mitts \$26.25.

November                      Sunday 2                      1873

Went to Brampton at 10 a.m. to Quarterly Meeting, Rev. J. C. Scott preached a most excellent sermon. 25 new converts joined the church and 26 one week ago had a soul stirring love feast. Took dinner at J.m. Jones'. Heard Rev. Mr. Dundas of Streetsville preach tonight. Text Romans XII 1st. A wet afternoon and evening.

November                      Monday 3                      1873

Still at turnip harvest, hauled in 12 loads today the turnips are of a good size but the ground is soft and sticks to them badly. A very cold Nor Wester and freezing all day. Spent evening at the Lodge. Officers were installed by Bro. C. J. Moore, and had a long speech from him.

November                      Tuesday 4                      1873

Had two of the Sewells and J. Learment helping us today was hauling with two wagons brought in 15 loads. A bright warm day, the ground getting considerably dryer. Spent evening at home writing up the Minutes of last night's meeting.

November                      Wednesday 5                      1873

Completed harvest for this year by hauling in 5 more loads of turnips- total number of loads 44, about 1400 bushels. The weather has been pretty severe for the work but we went for the job lively and now it is done. Spent evening writing a letter to R. J. Nichols. Sir John A. McDonald's government resigned office today and the Opposition will now go into power.

November                      Thursday 6                      1873

This forenoon hauled turnip tops for cattle, makes good fodder. Run out the cross and long furrows on root ground for winter. Went to Brampton tonight and heard Rev. J. G. Scott preach text Psalm CI. Today was observed as a public holiday throughout the Dominion for Thanksgiving to God for a bountiful harvest and many mercies.

November                      Friday 7                      1873

Was hauling gravel from the banks of Etobicoke and putting it on the front lane, it was cut-up with the wagons in drawing turnips. Also at the sod plowing. The Chinguacousy Annual Plowing Match took place today near Edmonton some first class work done, 27 plows at work.

November                      Saturday 8                      1873

Plowing sod this forenoon the other team hauling gravel. Drove up to J.C. Snell's after dinner taking back one of their ram lambs and bringing home our ewe which has been up there since last spring.

November                      Sunday 9                      1873

Aunt Jennie, Viney, Dawson Modeland I drove in spring wagon this morning down to Toronto. Twp to visit Alek. Took dinner with him at this boarding place Mr. Wedgewood near Palestine. Had tea at Mrs. Baldock's and saw there Alek's little girl Mary Eugenie. The roads very bad and a dark night to come home.

November                      Monday 10                      1873



At the same work as yesterday. J.Coyne M.P.P. who died on Sunday was buried today in Brampton Rev. J.G. Scott preached a sermon. The funeral was largely attended, he was only 38 years old. Mailed a letter to J.C. White of Hamilton on Lodge business.

November                      Wednesday 19                      1873

At the same work, am getting pretty well used to the business now and can cut 2 ½ cords in a day but not split or pile it. Have had the stock stabled and feeding like in winter for nearly two weeks, the turnip tops are all fed but one load.

November                      Thursday 20                      1873

At the same work yesterday. The death of Mr. Coyne makes a necessity for another election to the Ontario Legislature, it's expected that a Reform candidate will have no difficulties in securing a seat. Up to J. C. Snell's and spent the evening.

November                      Friday 21                      1873

Snow falling all forenoon but still not enough for sleighing. Some of the church members met at Zion to repair stove pipes etc. Went to Brampton tonight and attended the Choir Practice. Bought of W. A. Mitchell a street watch guard for 20 cts.

November                      Saturday 22                      1873

Chopping all day again. Father and Aunt Jennie went to Brampton and met Mr. George Rice at the Depot. J.C. Snell and wife were her for tea it is his 33rd birthday. Alex Campbell came here late this evening.

November                      Sunday 23                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. pres. Sec. pres. Lesson Matt XXVI 30 to 45. In the Garden of Gethsemane. Aunt Jennie Peacock and I took dinner at J.C. Snell's. Drove Alex down to Toronto township and heard Rev. J.G. Scott preach in Brampton tonight text II Chronicles XXXI, 21st.

November                      Monday 24                      1873

About six inches of snow fell down last night, the sleigh bells are ringing out merrily all day from the Centre Road. Was working in the sheep house lining it up inside with pine lumber. Drove sleigh to Brampton tonight and went to Lodge, Chronicle by Robbie Burns.

November                      Tuesday 25                      1873

At the same work as yesterday, put a window in sheep pen, which makes it more bright and cheerful. George Rice left here this forenoon for Oshawa. A very wintry appearance now and pretty cold withal.

November                      Wednesday 26                      1873

Spent the day in the woods chopping beech and Elm. The snow that has fallen makes the work slower and not so pleasant. Spent the evening at home reading the Temperance papers. Our folks and Aunt Jennie were visiting at J.W. Main's.

November                      Thursday 27                      1873

A very stormy day, snow coming fast all day from N.E. and very cold. Drove my sisters over to school with the sleigh. Completed the fitting up of the sheep pen, it is now very warm and comfortable. Spent Evening at work on Chronicle for next week.

November                      Friday 28                      1873

Spent forenoon butchering and dressing three Berkshire hogs 13 months old. They weighed 620 lbs. gross. Also dressed 9 turkeys for market, weighing 8 lbs each worth 7 cts. a lb. Heard Rev. A.E. Griffith the G.D. Sons of Temperance lecturer in Brampton tonight, he started a Division with 11 members.

November                      Saturday 29                      1873

Commenced the winter barning by hauling the old rails from "other place" to orchard field hauled nearly 300 down. The political excitement is starting once more, the election will come off in about three weeks. K Chisolm is likely to be the reform candidate.

November                      Sunday 30                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. pres. Sec. pres. lesson Matt. XXVI, 59 to 70. Jesus before the High Priest. Had a call this afternoon from Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Main of Brampton, heard Rev. J.G. Scott preach tonight text. Genesis III, 9th verse

December                      Monday 1                      1873

Was threshing crown peas this forenoon with the flail. Spent afternoon removing line fences over the Etobicoke between us and our neighbors. Spent Evening at the Lodge had a nice lively meeting- Chronicle by Secretary and several good readings. A very cold stormy day. Bought at Wilkinson's pair of sheep skin mitts. @50cts.

December                      Tuesday 2                      1873

Great change in the temperature warm and raining more or less all day. Was drawing old rails. The Reform Convention for nomination of a candidate for Ontario Parliament was held in Brampton today 8 gentlemen proposed but K. Chisolm was elected to be Reform candidate.

December                      Wednesday 3                      1873

A genuine thaw has set in the snow is fast disappearing. Was choring around the barnyard all forenoon. Went to Campbell's blacksmith's and had "Charlie" sharpened. Spent Evening at home at music and reading.

December                      Thursday 4                      1873

The snow has almost entirely gone. An extraordinarily high wind all last night and today which has blown a great amount of fences and unroofed some sheds for different parties. Was making a new rock elm pole for the light wagon. Spent Evening at J.C. Snell's.

December                      Friday 5                      1873

Spent the day at chopping firewood. Went to Brampton tonight and attended a large political meeting A.W. Lauder, M.P.P. was there and spoke in opposition to the Ontario Government of J. Flemming spoke after and met every argument-the first speaker brought up. Got home at 12 o'clock.

December                      Saturday 6                      1873

At the same work as yesterday and put over 3 cords in the two day. The weather is fine now and the roads dry and almost dusty. Christopher Faux came her on a short visit. Got a letter yesterday from R.J. Nichols of Chicago.

December                      Sunday 7                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. pres, Sec.Treas. pres. Lesson-Matt XXVII 11 to 26- Jesus before the Governor. Went to Brampton W.M.S.S. J.W. Beynon is Supt-it is a very large school and well conducted. Took tea at W.M. parsonage, Heard Rev. W. Burns preach text Luke XIII-24th

December                      Monday 8                      1873

Cutting wood this forenoon. A heavy go and raining. Viney and S. Campbell were collecting money for the Bible Society. Did not go down to Lodge tonight because of the rain.

December                      Tuesday 9                      1873

At the same work as yesterday, and finished chopping the lumber that was taken off the Railroad land. Father drove Aunt Jennie to Brampton in the buggy, the roads are very muddy. Received a St. Joseph daily paper from Uncle Adam. Bot a light neckyoke for the spring wagon.

December                      Wednesday 10                      1873

At work in the woods all day. Split a white ash and a black ash into rails that were thrown down by the wind. The weather is quite moderate and the roads muddy. Had a call this Evening from Mr. G.A. Golding of Brampton.

December                      Thursday 11                      1873

Killed and dressed for meat 3 Berkshires 6 months old weighing respectively 108, 134, 136 lbs. Spent afternoon chopping at "other place" bush a large soft maple into firewood. Spent evening at Ebenezer practising music for the approaching S.S. Anniversary.

December                      Friday 12                      1873

Sold to T. Milner of Brampton two hogs @\$5.70- 240 lbs. Spent all afternoon at Nomination of K.Chisolm and S. White. A very large crowd present-Hon. Mr. Pardee, M.P.P. gave long and vaporous speeches, the two former in favor of present government and latter against.

December                      Saturday 13                      1873

A stormy day, snow fell nearly to the depth of one foot. Spent the day cleaning and oiling the harness. Went to Brampton after dinner and had a back tooth filled by W.H. Graham. Took tea at Mrs. Trueman's. Dawson Moreland started for the west this morning.

December                      Sunday 14                      1873

At S. School this forenoon Supt.- abs. Sec. Tres. Pres. lesson Matt XXVI, 30 to 45. The Crucifixion, J.C. Snell and family spent afternoon here. Drove sleigh to Brampton tonight and heard Rev. W. Burns preach text I Timothy III, 16th verse.

December                      Monday 15                      1873

Drove sleigh up to Willow Lodge this morning on business. Spent afternoon re-erecting a board fence destroyed by the wind for Aunt Lizzie on her lot in Brampton. Spent evening at the Lodge,

chronicle by Robbie Burns. A good attendance and a lively meeting. Mailed a "Banner" to Uncle Adam.

December                      Tuesday 16                      1873

Mr. George Rice came last night on a short visit. Was hauling manure from the barnyard and on the sleigh down to the orchard field. Bought from J.C. Snell 4 Berkshires 2 months old @\$2.50 each. Nice mild weather now, sleighing very poor on the roads.

December                      Wednesday 17                      1873

Spent forenoon at J. Learment's helping to kill and dress a beef. Was hauling wood from "other place" bush for James Sewell all day. Very fine mild weather now; very little sleighing and snow getting scarcer every day.

December                      Thursday 18                      1873

Spent forenoon in the woods and finished up all the chopping there is to do in "other place" bush for this season. Received from the "Guardian" Office the two Chronos, "Wide Awake" and "Fast-Asleep" they are very handsome. Spent evening at S.S. Practice at Ebenezer.

December                      Friday 19                      1873

The polling of votes for the election of a candidate to be member of Ontario Parliament and represent County of Peel took place today. Father and I drove sleigh to Mayfield and voted for R. Chisolm who was elected by a majority of 250 over S. White the Tory candidate. Had bonfires and torchlight procession in Brampton tonight.

December                      Saturday 20                      1873

Not doing much work, spent the day choring around the barnyard. Sold to K.C. & Co. 14 bush Diehl wheat @\$1.20 per bush. Father bought a fur cap and doeskin gloves @\$3.60. Spent evening at Choir Practice, getting up some new anthems. Received a letter yesterday from Uncle Adam containing a cheque for \$1,000.00.

December                      Sunday 21                      1873

Was at S. School this morning Supt pers. Sec. pres. lesson Matt. XXVIII, 1 to 8. The Ascension of Jesus Christ. A large attendance at School. K.F. Snell and Mrs. Grimshaw were present, after an absence of 3 months. Heard Rev. J.G. Scott preach in Brampton at 6 p.m. text II Corinthians VIII, 9th verse.



December                      Monday 22                      1873

Commenced chopping in the lower bush timber blown down by the great wind storm of 3 weeks ago. The day school examination of our section came off today, a goodly number of visitors present and prizes given to the scholars. Spent Evening at Lodge, a large attendance the Chronciel by the W. Secretary.

December                      Tuesday 23                      1873

At the same work as yesterday cutting beech and maple. Father started for Orangeville early this morning in a cutter on business for Uncle Adam. Spent Evening at Ebenezer S. School singing practice the children turn out in crowds and sing very well indeed.

December                      Wednesday 24                      1873

Drove spring waggon to Brampton this afternoon and brought Mrs. Trueman & Heather Moreland to spend Christmas Day at our place. Sister Emma went to Toronto on the cars. Had the Chromos "Wide Awake" & "Fast-Asleep" framed at H. Barnett's shop, costing \$1.00. Father arrived home tonight from seeing the folks in Amaranth.

December                      Thursday 25                      1873

Christmas Day has come once more, a time honoured holiday for all classes, the high and the lowly and universal. A mild cloudy day, very little snow no sleighing on the main roads. Had dinner at home with Mrs. Trueman. Aunt Jennie & Heather as visitors. Spent evening at Brampton P. Methodist Opening Tea-Meeting. Good speaking and good singing.

December                      Friday 26                      1873

At work in the woods cutting rock elm in fence stake lengths. Aunt Jennie started for Montreal this evening on 5 o'clock train G.T. R. she will get there at noon tomorrow. Spent evening at Choir Practice, had some spirited singing at long and difficult anthems.

December                      Saturday 27                      1873

Viney and I drove up to J.C. Snell's today for dinner. Mrs. Gimshaw, Kizzie, Richard, Emma & Tilly Snell were also there for dinner, spent afternoon in pleasant conversation and music. Spent evening at Ebenezer practicing S.School music. Snow falling gently and very slowly all day long with a heavy mist.

December                      Sunday 28                      1873

Spent forenoon at S. School Supt. pres. Sec. pres. lesson a Review of all lessons of the past three months. Spent afternoon at Brampton W. M. S. School and at Choir Practice. Heard Rev. John Shaw of Toronto preach at 6 p.m. text Hebrews XI 8th verse. A missionary anniversary sermon.

December                      Monday 29                      1873

The nomination of councillors for next year took place today at Edmonton. T. Bowles-Reeve, E. Haggard & J. P. Hutton – Deputy Reeves. J. Modeland & J. Leslie- Councillors. Spent afternoon decorating Zion Church for the S. S. Anniversary. Spent evening at Brampton W. M. Missionary meeting, Rev.s' W. Fadden, J. Shaw & Learoyd were the deputation, a large attendance.

December                      Tuesday 30                      1873

Drove sleigh this morning over to Mr. J. Hunters for a load of cedar boughs for decorating and spent nearly all day getting the church trimmed up for tonight. In company with two more sleighs I drove to Brampton and brought three loads of people to the tea meeting. Rev. W. Millard, D. McLean & C. Millard all of Toronto addressed the meeting. The Church was crowded.

December                      Wednesday 31                      1873

The last day of the year has come again, bringing with it a host of recollections both and sad and pleasant. Whether the time has been improved and put to good use or whether it has been idly spent it is now of the past and all of our actions and doings are eternally fixed. The weather is moderate and has been for the past 3 weeks.