



Transcript
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DIARY 1915

A list of "Letters Received 1917" is written inside the front cover. Names of senders include Ada Rowand, Oliver Christie, John Geddes, Mrs. Brown, Eva McDuff, Uncle Arbram, B. Gowanlock.

July 19: Warm and bright. Papa, Agnes and I drove into town today. We came home in the evening. The boys were cutting thistles, singling turnips and disking the summer fallow. They went to the Burgoyne garden party this evening. Alice, Agnes and Uncle Alfred were here today.

July 20: Bright, a cool wind though the sun was hot. There was quite a bit of thunder. Papa and the boys were working at the summer fallow, the crib and the thistles. Stewart's bought our black currants today. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Agnes and Alice were up here.

Thu. July 21: Nice and bright. Noble, Rowand and Papa were working at the fence, the well and cutting timothy hay. I drove over to Mrs. Currie's with Jessie. The boys are away to Geddes' tonight. Noble was scuffling tonight.

Fri. July 22: Rather hot in the sun. Papa and Mama drove and Rowand wheeled into town this morning. I was at Geddes' this afternoon and Jessie was here. Noble was

disking this afternoon and colting and raking hay. I brought home a kitten from Geddess's that they gave us.

Sat. July 24: Hot and dull quite a bit of the time. A few drops of rain fell in the evening. Papa and Mama came home this evening. Rowand came home this morning. The boys drew in all the hay that was cut.

Sun. July 25: A little sprinkling of rain fell in the morning. Dull a good bit of the day. It was a little warm. We were all at church in the morning, except Papa, and I was at Sunday School. Edgar and Uncle Alfred were up.

Mon. July 26: A very heavy rain fell last night. Some of the cats were lying down this morning with the rain. Papa and Uncle Alfred drove in to town today. Papa went in to go to the office and Uncle Alfred to get his big mail box. Agnes was up today and Rowand was down there. Oliver Geddes came down tonight. Rowand and Edgar were at the river tonight. Rowand was bathing. The boys were helping to fix Uncle Alfred's hay rack, taking the hay off the wagon and working at the crib.

Tue. July 27: Bright and rather hot. The men with Uncle Alfred's help put the crib in the coiling. Georgina and I went to pick berries this afternoon at Black's. We did not get very many. Mama went up to Geddess' tonight. Alice and Agnes were at Geddess' this afternoon, and Florence came down with them. Alice, Agnes and I went back with her to Geddess' gate.

Wed. July 28: A little shower of rain fell this morning. It has been rather hot. Noble was helping Uncle Alfred's to stook their wheat. Papa and the boys were fencing weeding mangles, and getting poles from the bush to make a rack.

Thu. July 29: Bright and hot. Papa, Mama and I finished weeding the mangles today. Noble finished cutting the timothy hay. Rowand helped Uncle Alfred's to draw in hay.

Fri. July 30: Hot and bright the most of the day. A little misty in the morning. Papa and Mama drove to town this morning. Rowand was helping Uncle Alfred's to draw in hay this morning and part of this afternoon. Noble was raking hay this afternoon and he and Rowand were coiling it. I was away at Black's picking berries this afternoon with the girls. The berries were better today than on Tuesday but I did not get very many. I was at Uncle Alfred's today and Alice and Agnes were here.

Sat. July 31: Hot and dull in the morning. Papa and Mama came home tonight. The boys with Edgar's help in the morning finished bringing in the timothy hay. Edgar was here for dinner. I was at Uncle Alfred's today. Johnny Geddes went away to the military school (to qualify for a lieutenancy) on Thursday.

Sun. Aug. 1: Very hot. Papa, Mama and I were at church in the morning. Rowand was at church in the evening. I was at Sunday School. Arthur was up. Papa and the boys were at Uncle Alfred's. Nearly every Sunday that I go to Sunday School I go to Uncle Alfred's and call for the girls.

Mon. Aug. 2: Cooler. A little bit of rain fell in the afternoon. Papa went into town on business and I went in with him. We got out about 10 o'clock. Noble was in town in the morning for shingles for this house. Agnes was up and I was down there. I went with Isabel, Alice and Agnes to a lecture about the Bible Society. There were lime-light views shown. Some of them were about the war. Rowand, Arthur and Edgar were there too. The boys and Papa were scuffling and were in in the afternoon.

Tue. Aug. 3: A heavy rain nearly all day. It is not raining now. A high wind has been blowing too. Two of our fields of oats are lying down with the wind and the rain. Mr. Buschlan and Mr. Campbell were here putting a pump in the cistern at the barn. They were here for dinner. Arthur and Edgar and Alex were here. The boys and Papa finished the remaining part of the crib. There was some more raw feed tonight. Papa is not very well tonight. Cool today.

Wed. Aug. 4: Cool in the morning and warm this afternoon. Some rain fell today. The newspaper reports that there was a big storm all over the west of the province yesterday. At Toronto the wind was blowing at forty miles an hour. In some places such a storm has not been known since November 1913. The newspaper says that no one remembers the grain lying [on the ground] the way it is. In some places the fruit trees were stripped of fruit and leaves. Aunt Lizzie, Florence and Robbie were here for dinner. Aunt Lizzie went home after dinner and Robbie and Florence had their tea at Uncle Alfred's. Isabel was here this afternoon. Arthur and our boys put up a scaffold and started to shingle the roof of the house. Arthur got two meals here. Alice and Agnes were here.

Thu. Aug. 5: Dull a good bit of the day. Warm in the morning and cool this evening. Quite a bit of rain fell tonight. Arthur and the boys shingled till about half-past four. Papa was fixing gates. I was up at Geddes' this afternoon and evening. Aunt Lizzie was working at my new white dress, which she is helping Mama to make. Uncle Sandy was at a bee at the cemetery today. Rowand is at Uncle Alfred's tonight.

Fri. Aug. 6: Dull the most of the day. It was raining through the night. There was a heavy shower this evening, but it did not last long. It was thundering tonight. It has been middling cool all day. Oliver Geddes was here for tea. Arthur, Edgar, Oliver and Rowand were shingling at the roof this afternoon. Alice and Agnes were here for a while tonight. Papa and Noble drove into town this morning and came out this evening.

Sat. Aug. 7: Misty and dull this morning. Bright and warm in the afternoon. It was raining through the evening. It was a short thunder-shower. Papa and I drove into town this morning and came out this evening. I was at Kennedy's and Tilly Overton was at our place when I was in town. The boys with Arthur and Edgar finished shingling half of the roof today. They do not intend to shingle any more this summer.

Sun. Aug. 8: Warm and bright. We were all at church in the morning. Rowand was there in the evening. Noble wheeled in to the Methodist Church in Port Elgin and Rowand and I were at Sunday School. Uncle Alfred was up here.

Mon. Aug. 9: Dull and misty in the morning and evening. Clearer in the afternoon. Cool all day. Papa and Mama drove into town today. Bob Gowanlock (that is Uncle [?]'s son) was here to say good-bye to us, as he is to go away tomorrow to London to train for a soldier. Arthur and Edgar were helping the boys to put a ladder on the roof of the house. The boys were taking in shingles to the woodshed and fixing the fence of the clover field. Agnes was here today. Rowand is [illegible].

Tue. Aug. 10: Misty early in the day. Bright and hot the rest of the day. Papa and Mama came home this afternoon. The boys were fixing a fence, and with Edgar's help, cut and stooked nearly all the Fall wheat. Geddess' were here for straw. Papa and I poisoned the potatoes.

Wed. Aug. 11: Hot, bright in the morning and dull in the afternoon. Noble was cutting wheat and hay with the scythe and he finished stooking the wheat. Papa and the boys took down the scaffold, started to make a hay-rack with Uncle Alfred's help, and with Mama's help weed the corn. I was at Uncle Alfred's today. Rowand and Noble are away to the Endeavour meeting tonight. Arthur is to lead the meeting.

Thu. Aug. 12: Rained the most of the day. Misty tonight. Hot. Papa and the boys with Uncle Alfred were cleaning and repairing the stable working at the rack and taking the nails out of scanthing. Agnes and the boys were up.

Fri. Aug. 13: Misty in the early part of the day. Bright afterwards and then dull again. Papa, Mama and Rowand drove into town this morning. Arthur was up today. Noble was drawing wood to the house from the bush, straightening up around the house and making a post-hole for the clothesline. Arthur and Edgar went into town today and b[]ed out the binder that Papa and Uncle Alfred are getting between them. Uncle Alfred and Arthur went into Port Elgin the other day and bought the binder from Mr. Fadden for \$145.00. It is a "Deering" make. Rowand came out to-night.

Sat. Aug. 14: Hot and bright part of the day. Rowand drove in with Fred and Noble took the wagon with a load of wood, as he wanted to get Tom shod. He came home in the afternoon. Papa and Mama and Rowand came out this evening. Alice was up.

Sun. Aug. 15: Hot and dull part of the time. We were all at church in the morning. The boys were there in the evening and I was at Sunday School. Uncle Alfred was here. Papa was there and I called there on the way to Sunday school.

Mon. Aug. 16: Hot and a heavy shower of rain for a very short time in the morning. Some rain fell this evening. There was thunder too. Cool this evening. Edgar and the boys cut and stooked the barley in the field across the creek. Uncle Alfred was helping Papa to make a hay-rack. Agnes was here and Mama was at Uncle Alfred's.

Tue. Aug. 17: Cool and bright. Rowand was helping Uncle Alfred's to draw in their barley. Papa and Uncle Alfred were making the hay-rack. Noble was cutting part of the clover for hay. Noble and Papa brought home some poles from the bush. Bessie Geddes was here for tea. Alice and Agnes were here.

Wed. Aug. 18: Cool and middling bright. Rowand helped Uncle Alfred's to finish drawing in the one field of barley and then Uncle Alfred and Edgar helped our men to take in our wheat and a little bit of hay that Noble had cut with the scythe. Then Rowand and Noble helped them to take in the m[] barley and oats[?] from across the creek. Papa was in the mow helping with the grain for a little while. Florence Geddes came down this afternoon. Agnes was here and Mrs. Henderson and Isabel were here. Rowand is away to the C.E. meeting and Noble is away to Burgoyne.

Thu. Aug. 19: Noble, Rowand and Edgar cut and stooked the front field of oats that were lying with the wind and rain. They cut the way that the oats were lying. They are the Dalmeny oats. We finished hoeing the corn. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Robbie Geddes was here for tea. Alice and Agnes were here. Middling warm.

Fri. Aug. 20: Pretty warm. Not very hot. The boys raked the hay and part of the wheat. Noble coiled part of the hay. Papa and Mamma drove into town to-day. Alice, Agnes and I went a piece home with Florence Geddes to-night. Alice and Agnes were here. Rowand is at Uncle Alfred's to-night.

Sat. Aug. 21: Dull part of the day. There were showers at different times during the day. This evening it rained very heavily and for a long time. The boys finished coiling the hay and took one load in, raked the rest of the wheat and took it in and took in two loads of barley from across the creek. Agnes and Alice were here for tea. There was thunder and lightning.

Sun. Aug. 22: Dull all day. Papa and Mamma drove home in the morning. We were all at church in the morning, I was a Sunday school and in the evening Noble and Rowand drove into town to the Presbyterian church. The service was held in the basement of the church as the church is having a pipe-organ put into it. At Burgoyne Mr. Watt preached. He came home from his holidays last week. We had Mr. Weatherall for the first and third Sunday and Mr. Budge for the second Sunday when Mr. Watt was away.

Mon. Aug. 23: Hot and bright part of the day. Noble and Rowand drove into town with Georgie in the morning and led out the new cow that Papa bought from Mr. Bob Hanbidge. It is a black and white dehorned cow. She is not a very young cow. In the afternoon Noble, Rowand and Ii drove over to Christie's with Fred. We brought home a hen that they gave us. Gramma's birthday was to-day.

Tue. Aug. 24: A shower of rain in the morning. Rather warm and cooler late in the afternoon. There was thunder to-day. Aunt Jeannie, Roy and Oliver drove over this afternoon and had their tea here. Then they with Papa and Mamma went up to Geddess's. Mr. Watt was here to see Rowand about the Endeavour meeting to-morrow night.

Wed. Aug. 25: A shower of rain this morning. Dull the most of the day and cool. Papa and Mamma drove over to Uncle Andrew's this afternoon and came home this evening. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie came here after Mamma and Papa had left and taking different roads they missed one another. They met one another going home and Papa and Mamma went to Uncle Andrew's. Georgina and I went to the C.E. meeting to-night. Rowand was leading the meeting. The boys and Papa cut some of the oats in the orchard. They cut the Dalmeny oats. They were lying down and they cut them with the scythe. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Alex Geddes was here.

Thur. Aug. 26: There was a frost one night last week. Rather cold and windy part of the day. There were sprinkles of rain this morning but part of the day has been bright. Edgar cut some of our Banner oats that were in the field east of the house. Rowand and Noble cut some of the peas with the scythe. They cut the rest of the oats in the orchard. They were the Banner oats and were not lying down. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Edgar cut all of the one patch of oats of ours.

Fri. Aug. 27: Bright and warm. There was a frost last night. Papa and Mamma drove into town to-day. The boys finished cutting the peas, drew in the rest of the clover hay, two loads of barley and some of the Dalmeny oats from the orchard. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-night. Alice and Agnes were here. Rowand was at Geddess's last night.

Sat. Aug. 28: Bright in the early part of the day but dull this evening. Papa and Mamma heard thunder to-night. It was rather hot outside to-day. Papa and Mamma came home to-night. The boys cut some Banner oats, drew in the rest of the Dalmeny oats from the orchard and some of the barley.

Sun. Aug. 29: Dull and then bright and dull in the evening. A nice day neither too hot or too cold for comfort. We were all at church in the morning except Papa, I was at Sunday school, Rowand was at church in the evening, and Noble was at church in town. Agnes and I went over to the other side of the creek on Uncle Alfred's place to

where Jessie and Amy Walker (who came out on Saturday to Uncle Alfred's) were. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Uncle Alfred and the boys were here.

Mon. Aug. 30: Monday has been cold and dull nearly all day. A shower of rain fell this morning. There were drizzling showers this morning. Agnes and Alice were here. Agnes was here for tea. The boys were helping Uncle Alfred's to draw in and Uncle Alfred's were helping our boys.

Tue. Aug. 31: Bright the most of the day, warmer than yesterday and a very high wind. Edgar cut the rest of our mixed grain and some of our oats. Noble and Rowand were stoking and cleaning the barn floor. They helped Uncle Alfred's to draw in the rest of their oats after supper. Rowand is away to Burgoyne to get some binder-twine.

Wed. Sept. 1: Middling bright and warmer. It has been nice and warm. Edgar cut our Banner oats and part of the O.A.C. oats. Rowand went to McTaggart's to work in place of Edgar as Edgar is more able to run the binder than Noble or Rowand. Noble stoked the rest of the Banner oats. Alice and Agnes were here.

Thur. Sept. 2: Hot and bright part of the time. Alice and Agnes were here and I was down there. Edgar finished cutting the O.A.C. oats. Rowand and Noble brought in the rest of the oats from the front field. Papa helped to unload and I helped with one load. The boys brought in a load of peas. The gate between the front field and the lane got broken with the load of oats. Mamma and I hoed a little bit of turnips and Papa finished a ladder for the rack. Agnes was helping us in the mow.

Fri. Sept. 3: Hot, dull part of the day. Papa and I drove into town this morning. Mrs. Bock was here for her butter. I took Mrs. Kennedy's butter to her.

Sat. Sept. 4: Hot and dull part of the day. Papa and I came out to-night. I was at Mrs. Kennedy's and Mrs. Kennedy was at our place. I was down town. The boys brought in the barley, peas, mixed grain and some of the Banner oats. Uncle Alfred helped the boys to take off three loads. Mamma was in the mow helping with the grain. Uncle Alfred helped in the field with one load. Uncle Alfred and Edgar helped the boys to draw in on Friday.

Sun. Sept. 5: Hot and dull a good bit of the time. We were all at church in the morning and I was at Sunday school.

Mon. Sept. 6: There was some rain fell through the night and a few small showers to-day. Noble was ploughing the summer-fallow. Papa and the boys were putting glass in the stable windows, put a bar in the rack ladder and took the rest of the oats off the waggons that were not taken off on Saturday night as something went astray about the track. They were unloading with slings. Papa and Mamma are away at Geddes's to-night and Rowand is at Uncle Alfred's. Papa and Rowand were at Uncle Alfred's

yesterday and I was there on the way to Sunday school. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-day and Jessie was here.

Tue. Sept. 7: Dull with showers. Warm. Papa and Mamma drove into town this morning and came home to-night. Noble was ploughing the summer-fallow and Rowand was working at the stable and was at Sam Schwass's at the threshing. He said the machine started to thresh about five-o'clock.

Wed. Sept. 8: Dull in the morning a heavy shower fell in the morning. Hot. Bright some of the time. Rowand was at the threshing, Noble was ploughing and Papa was making a ladder for the rack. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Agnes was here.

Thur. Sept. 9: Hot the most of the day and a cool wind to-night. A few drops of rain fell to-day. Noble was harrowing and ploughing in the summer-fallow and he, Papa and Rowand drew in three loads of Banner oats. Rowand was at Schwass's part of the morning at the threshing. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Alice was here. Johnny Geddes came home from London last Friday. Bessie Geddes left home a week ago last Saturday for a visit to Walkerton. Johnny drove to Walkerton on Saturday and he, Bessie and Clara Gownlock came home on Tuesday. Bessie went away by Port Elgin on the train when she started away on her visit.

Fri. Sept. 10: Hot, bright in the early part of the day, dull afterwards. A few drops of rain fell in the afternoon. Noble was harrowing the summer-fallow in the fore-noon and a little bit after dinner. He and Rowand drew in four loads of the Banner oats. Uncle Alfred helped to unload one load and Oliver helped them with some of the oats. He was here for supper. Papa and Mamma drove into town this morning.

Sat. Sept. 11: There was a small shower of rain fell through the night. Dull early in the morning bright afterwards. The boys drew in four loads of Banner oats this afternoon. Rowand was rolling the summer-fallow. Edgar was helping the boys to take off one load. Papa and Mamma came home to-night. Alice and Agnes were here to-day. Bessie Christie (Mrs. Hill) was in town to-day.

Sun. Sept. 12: A thunder storm and rain through the night. A lot of thunder and rain through the day. We were all at church in the morning except Mamma. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's. Cool part of the day.

Mon. Sept. 13: Hot, rain and thunder through the night. Thunder to-day. Papa and Rowand were in town at the office to-day. Uncle Walter and Aunt Mary were here to-day. Uncle Andrew was in the office to-day. Alice was here to-day.

Tue. Sept. 14: Very hot. A high wind. There was thunder to-day and lightning this evening. Papa and Noble were in town to-day. They came home about one o'clock. The boys unloaded the waggon that was in the barn and brought in the Dalmeny oats

from the orchard and the rest of the Banner oats from the field. Uncle Alfred, Edgar, Alice and Agnes were here to-day.

Wed. Sept. 15: Cooler. Dull part of the day. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Agnes and Alice were here. Papa and Uncle Alfred were at Mrs. Reany's funeral this afternoon. Uncle Alfred was here. Rowand is away to the C.E. meeting to-night. Noble and Edgar were at Uncle Johnny's to-day where Zant's threshing machine was working. They went to see if Zant's would thresh for us.

Thur. Sept. 16: Hot part of the day. There was thunder and lightning and some rain. There was quit a bit of wind too. The boys brought in two loads of the O.A.C. oats yesterday unloaded one of them to-day and brought in two more loads to-day. They are through harvesting now. We all went to a picnic this afternoon except Noble. The picnic was for money for a society of some of the women near Burgoyne to help the Red Cross Society. Mr. Bowman, Mr. Green, Mr. Sayles, Mr. McCannel and Mr. McDonald were speaking. It was held in McCannel's field and in the church.

Fri. Sept. 17: Dull and cool. Papa and I drove into town this morning. I took Mrs. Bock's butter to her.

Sat. Sept. 18: Dull the most of the day and a little warm. Papa and I came out to-night. Mrs. Bock took her butter-crock to us and I was over at Kennedy's before we came out. The boys were working at the summer-fallow on Friday and they got ten bushels of wheat from Sam Schwass. Noble sowed the wheat to-day but he did not get the ground all worked. Rowand was at the office to-day. Noble did not get all of the summer-fallow sowed.

Sun. Sept. 19: Cool and bright. We were all at church in the morning. Rowand was there in the evening and I was at Sunday-school. Bessie and Johnny Geddes and Uncle Alfred were here. Bessie and Johnny had their tea here.

Mon. Sept. 20: Cool, warmer this afternoon and evening. Dull this afternoon. A very high wind to-night. Quite a bit of wind all day. A little bit of rain to-night. Rowand and I drove into town to-day to pick up some of our plums. Rowand and Arthur wheeled into town to-night to lock the office-door. Uncle Alfred's took some of their potatoes up to-day. Rowand and Papa got four bushels of wheat from Ed. Schwass to sow. Noble was working the summer-fallow and sowing the wheat that they got to-day and what was left from before. He finished sowing Fall-wheat to-day.

Tue. Sept. 21: Rather cold. Bright part of the day. Very windy some of the time. Showers of rain fell this morning. Quite a bit of rain fell through the night. Rowand and Arthur wheeled out here this morning. Agnes was here. Mr. McLean and Mr. Miller were here to see Papa. Noble was at McTaggart's to-night. Uncle Alfred was here this morning.

Wed. Sept. 22: Rather cold and bright. Papa and Mamma drove over to Uncle Walter and Uncle Johnny Gowanlock's this afternoon. I called at Uncle Alfred's for the mail to-day. Rowand is away to the Endeavor meeting to-night. Noble started the Fall ploughing to-day. Papa and Rowand were cleaning the barn. There was a white frost last night.

Thur. Sept. 23: Bright in the morning and dull afterwards. Quite a bit of rain fell to-night. Cool in the morning and warmer this evening. Rowand and I were at Geddes's to-day at the threshing. Uncle Alfred was here to-day. Noble drove into town to-day to get his teeth filled. He was ploughing afterwards. Papa was making a storm-door.

Fri. Sept. 24: Warmer and bright. Papa and Mamma drove into town this morning. Noble was ploughing. Rowand was at Geddes's at the threshing in this morning. Alex called for him this afternoon and they went to Port Elgin to the Show. Agnes was here this afternoon.

Sat. Sept. 25: Dull quite a bit of the day. Windy to-night. Cool. Papa and Mamma came home to-night. Rowand brought home some wood from the bush for the threshing. He has been sick this afternoon. Noble was in town to-day to get his teeth filled. He was ploughing this afternoon.

Sun. Sept. 26: Quite a bit of rain fell. There was a high wind too. It was a stormy day in the morning. None of us went to church or Sunday school. Agnes was here and Papa was at Uncle Alfred's. It was rather cold and dull all day.

Mon. Sept. 27: Cold and bright part of the time. Noble was in town to-day, getting his teeth doctored. Mr. McLean, Mr. Ferguson and three other men were here to see Papa about business. Bessie and Johnny Geddes Ethel Christie and a Lamb boy from Brant were here for a little while this afternoon. Alice and Agnes were here to-night. Rowand and Noble are away to Uncle Alfred's to-night.

Tue. Sept. 28: Cold and bright. [] was a frost last-night. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Alice and Agnes were here. Noble was in town to get his teeth fixed. He was ploughing this afternoon. Rowand and Papa were cutting corn. Rowand is away at Mrs. Stewart's to-night at a presentation to Johnny Geddes of a wrist-watch.

Wed. Sept. 29: Bright and cold though much warmer than yesterday. It has been a nice day. Noble was ploughing to-day. He has eight acres ploughed. Papa and Rowand were cutting and tying corn. Mamma and I were helping them some. Rowand sowed eight acres with timothy seed where the Fall wheat was. Alice and Agnes were here to-day. Papa and Mamma were at Uncle Alfred's.

Thur. Sept. 30: Bright and warmer than yesterday. Cooler late in the after-noon. There was a frost the last two nights. Noble was in town getting his teeth filled and

cutting corn in town. We were all taking up some of the potatoes this afternoon. Rowand cut a little corn this morning. Papa was working at the storm-door to-day. He and Mamma were up at Geddes's to-day to bid Johnny good-bye. He was to leave home this afternoon for London. Agnes and Alice were here to-day.

Fri. Oct. 1: Rather cold. Dull a good bit of the day. It has been raining nearly all afternoon. Papa and I drove into town this morning. I was at Mrs. Kennedy's to-day and Mrs. Bock was here. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kepkey came here for the horse and buggy to-day.

Sat. Oct. 2: Bright and warm. Cool this evening. Papa and I came out to-night. The boys finished taking up the potatoes, finished cutting the corn and stooked a little of it. They brought in the pumpkins to-day, and at Mrs. Bock's. Mrs. Bock and May Kennedy were at our house. Mrs. Kennedy was over on business. Mrs. Kennedy's house has been sold and Papa was then on the business.

Sun. Oct. 3: Bright part of the day, not cold. We were all at Church in the morning except Mamma. The boys went to church in the evening to Port Elgin. I was at Sunday school. Alice was here to-night.

Mon. Oct. 4: Warm, windy and a thunderstorm this afternoon. Papa and Rowand were tying corn. Rowand was at Davie Dick's at the threshing this afternoon. Noble was in getting his teeth filled this morning. He was tying corn in town afterwards. Papa and I were in town this afternoon. Erastus Ferguson was here and gave Papa a telephone message and he went in to the office. Mabel Dick was here looking for Jessie. Uncle Alfred was here to-day.

Tue. Oct. 5: Dull, cold and windy. Noble went to Davie Dick's to the threshing. They finished about five o'clock and went to Ed. Schwass's. Rowand drove to Willie McIntosh's to-day and brought home four little red and black pigs that we bought from him. Papa and Rowand were fixing a trough and pen for the pigs, fixing Fred's stall and the granery floor. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Alice was here to-day. The threshing men worked for about an hour at Schwass's.

Wed. Oct. 6: Rather cold. Dull a good bit of the day. There has been showers quite a few times to-day. Noble and Rowand were at Ed. Schwass's threshing to-day. Papa was in town for meat for the threshing. He was gathering up potatoes off the barn floor and fixing the barn for the threshing. Jessie and Mrs. Currie were here. Uncle Alfred, Arthur, Alice and Agnes were here.

Thur. Oct. 7: Dull in the morning, bright once in a while. There were a few showers of rain fell to-day. Cool. The threshing machine came here from Ed. Schwass's this morning. They started to thresh about eleven o'clock. Aunt Lizzie came down this

morning and went home before supper. Alice was here and Mamma was at Uncle Alfred's to-day. Papa is not well to-day.

Fri. Oct. 8: Cold and dull. There was some rain fell this afternoon and evening. Jim Wallace was here all night as he is one of the men that go with the threshing machine. It is Chris Bell's machine that was here. Josh Bell goes with it too. Josh and Chris Bell were away last night. Chris Bell was here for his breakfast. The machine went to Uncle Alfred's after dinner. Mamma and Papa drove into town this morning. They went away about eleven o'clock. Bessie Geddes came down this morning and stayed till after dinner. Jessie and Uncle Alfred were here to-day and I was at their place.

Sat. Oct. 9: Dull and cold. Quite a bit of rain fell last night and to-day. It did not rain all the time. Uncle Alfred's finished threshing to-night. They did not start till about ten o'clock on account of the rain. Noble and Rowand were working at the threshing to-day. I was at Uncle Alfred's for my dinner to-day. Mrs. Charlie Schwass is dead.

Sun. Oct. 10: Cold. Papa and Mamma drove out in the morning. Mamma and I were at Church in the morning. Agnes and Uncle Alfred were here. Mr. Frank Russell a missionery from India preached in the evening. None of us were there in the evening. Papa has not been well since Thursday. The boys cold, mama has one too.

Mon. Oct. 11: Cold and very windy. To-day is Thanksgiving day. Rowand was at Jim Ferguson's at the threshing and Noble was drawing corn from the field and setting it up near the house. Bessie Geddes, Nina and Winnie Wilson from Walkerton were here for a little while this afternoon. They were staying at Geddes's. Bessie took the picture of Mamma, Nina, Winnie and me. Rowand, Noble and I went to Geddes's to-night. The three boys of Christie's, the two girls and their mother were there. Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie were there too. Rowand got a ride home in their auto to our gate. Alice and Mrs. Brown from Owen Sound were here Mrs. Brown was here on business.

Tue. Oct. 12: A very nice day. Warm. Noble was working at the corn [] Rowand was at the threshing. Alice and Agnes were here. Mamma was at Geddes's for tea.

Wed. Oct. 13: Warm. A lot of rain fell today and to-night. Noble and Rowand brought home some more corn and Noble ploughed some. Papa and Mamma drove into town this afternoon. They are away in to stay the most of the time. Noble and Rowand brought in the white field beans to-day.

Thu. Oct. 14: Dull and misty. The moon was shining to-night. Noble and Rowand were f[]g a place for the hens. They put some of them in to-night. Rowand is away to Uncle Alfred's to-night. Black's did not thresh as they had the engine to fix.

Fri. Oct. 15: Dull the most of the day. Cold at night. Agnes was up in the afternoon and evening. Georgina was up in the evening too. Noble wheeled into town to the dentist in the morning. Rowand drove in in the morning with the waggon. He took in a load of things and got the horses shod. They both came out in the waggon in the after-noon. They brought out a load too.

Sat. Oct. 16: There was a white frost last night. It has been bright and nice to-day. Rowand was at Black's threshing to-day. Noble was ploughing. Papa and Mamma drove out to-night. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-day.

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Jan. 1st Thawing all day. There has been quite a bit of rain to-night. There was not very much snow on the ground yesterday. It started to thaw through the night. Papa, Mamma and Noble came out from town last night. Noble has been in since Tuesday. Uncle Alfred, Edgar and Jessie were here to-day. Mamma and noble drove to Geddes's this afternoon and we were all at Uncle Alfred's for our tea to-night. We had a fire in the fire-place to-day.

Sun. Jan. 2nd Dull all day and thawing. When we went to the cellar in the morning there was water standing on the floor. We carried a little up out of the cellar. A high wind in the evening and part of the day. A little snow fell.

Mon. Jan. 3rd There was a frost last night. It has been windy and stormy to-day. The water in the cellar has gone down quite a bit. Papa, Mamma, and Rowand drove into town to-day. Agnes was here to-day. Noble was putting a floor in the pighouse.

Tue. Jan. 4th A very high wind. Drifting a little. Nearly thawing to-night. Noble got the floor of the pig-pen finished. Yesterday Noble was at Uncle Alfred's and Edgar was up at the barn to see Noble. Uncle Gilbert got a majority of votes for the Reeve of the township of Saugeen.

Wed. Jan. 5th Thawing and raining. There was rain or sleet falling this evening. The water was all or nearly all out of the cellar but more has come in. There has been a high wind all day. Noble was working at the hen-house this afternoon. Quite a bit of rain fell to-day.

Thur. Jan 6th A hard frost last night, cold and stormy to-day. Alice was here for a little while. Noble was at Burgoyne to-day.

Fri. Jan. 7th Snowing a little. Bright part of the time and cold. At Burgoyne the temperature was 5° in the morning. Rowand drove out to-day. We were all at a Literary Society meeting at night. There was a debate in which Arthur took part.

Sat. Jan. 8th Snowing a little bright part of the time and not so cold. Rowand went into town this morning. Arthur has been here all day helping the boys with a pig and then helping Noble to cut straw and corn. Jessie was in to-day.

Sun. Jan. 9th Dull with a cold wind. I was at Church in the morning. Alice and Edgar were here. I was at Uncle Alfred's on the way to church. Noble was at Uncle Alfred's too. Drifting some.

Mon. Jan. 10th Thawing and raining. A cold wind. Freezing to-night I went into town to-day with Jessie and Mrs. Currie. Noble was at two meetings at the church. One was "A Farmer's Institute" meeting and the other was a Mrs. Hunter speaking to the women of the Red Cross. I was down town while I was in town.

Tue. Jan. 11th The ground is frozen. Some snow fell to-day. Rowand drove out to-day after dark. He went to skate at the creek this evening. Alice and Agnes were up to-night.

Wed. Jan. 12th Stormy. Windy and quite a bit of snow. A pretty hard frost last night. Raining quite a bit this afternoon. Noble and Rowand drove into town this morning and came home between twelve and one o'clock. They set up the wood stove in the place of the coal stove in the dining room of the house in town.

Thur. Jan. 13th A hard frost to-day. Snowing hard sometimes though not much altogether. Rowand drove into town this morning. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-day and Jessie was here helping me to make head-cheese. Agnes was up this afternoon. The pig that we killed weighed two hundred and thirty-eight pounds dressed.

Fri. Jan. 14th A hard frost last night. Bright. It started to snow a lot near dark. Noble and I made some sausage this morning. Edgar was here this morning. Bessie Geddes called on her way home from the store. She brought me a calander for a Christmas present. Jessie, Mrs. Currie and I had the buggy in town on Monday.

Sat. Jan. 15th Not much snow fell through the night. Snowing a lot to-day. Rowand drove out to-night. Edgar was here to-day. He and Noble were cutting straw and corn this afternoon. It was for Noble that they were cutting it. In town the temperature was 2° below zero yesterday morning.

Sun. Jan. 16th A hard frost. Stormy all day. Rowand and I were at church in the morning and Rowand was there in the evening. Arthur, Edgar and Agnes were here. Agnes was here for her tea.

Mon. Jan 17th A hard frost last night. Stormy to-day. The storm seems to be going down this evening. Edgar was here. Rowand, Noble and Edgar are skating on some ice near the house this evening and I was out sliding.

Tue. Jan 18th Stormy all day. A hard frost last night. Uncle Alfred called at the door to-day. Edgar was here and in the evening Noble, Rowand and I were at Uncle Alfred's. Noble and Rowand brought home a load of wood from the bush and with Edgar's help split it up.

Wed. Jan. 19th A hard frost last night. Storming some. A heavy fall of snow at noon. Bright part of the afternoon. Warmer. Rowand was helping Uncle Alfred's to cut the corn. Noble went to Burgoyne for gasoline but did not get any. They brought home a load of wood. Edgar was here. Noble, Rowand and Edgar are away to the C.E. meeting this evening. A cold wind to-night.

Thur. Jan. 20th Blowing and snowing some in the morning. Rain. Thawing. Rowand drove into town to-day. Edgar was here. Noble was splitting wood. Agnes was here.

Fri. Jan. 22nd Raining and thawing. Georgina and I went to a meeting of the Literary Society in the evening. She was up here in the afternoon. I called there in the evening.

Sat. Jan. 22nd Still thawing. Bright and windy. There is a lot of bare ground. The ground froze some to-night. Oliver Geddes called here on his way home from the store. Alice was up with a letter and Agnes for water.

Sun. Jan. 23rd Bright with a cold wind rather frosty. A nice day. I was at church in the morning.

Mon. Jan 24th A very nice day. Bright. Uncle Alfred was in town to-day and he brought out some bread for us. He brought it here at the same time that Uncle Sandy came here with a paper for me to sign. It was a temperance paper I was at Uncle Alfred's to-day and Edgar was here this evening. Noble was at Geddes's to-day on an errand. He was at the bush this afternoon. There is a great deal of bare ground just now.

Tue. Jan 25th Thawing and raining. I was in town to-day with Jessie and Georgina. Papa is not very well. Noble was working at the bush this morning.

Wed. Jan. 26th Raining and dull. Jessie called yesterday and I was at their house when I was going away to town. Agnes was up to-night and I was at their place. Noble was at Burgoyne in the evening. Sam Schwass was here though not in the house.

Thur. Jan. 27th Dull and raining a lot. Noble took some butter and eggs to Burgoyne to-day. Very windy part of this afternoon and evening. The sun was shining a little bit.

Fri. Jan. 28th A frost last night. Bright part of the day. Noble was at the bush this afternoon.

Sat. Jan. 29th Windy and cold. Noble got a load of wood from the bush in the morning and took it to town in the afternoon. Rowand came out with him and led Fred behind. Agnes was up for a few minutes in the morning and Alice was up in the afternoon and evening. She had supper with us. Edgar was up in the evening.

Sun. Jan. 30th Raining and then misty. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Agnes was up in the afternoon at our place and the boys were at Uncle Alfred's. Rowand and I drove into town near night. Papa has La Grippe.

Mon. Jan. 31st Raining and misty. Rowand drove out to Burgoyne tonight. He and Dwight Mr. Lachlan are to meet at Jim Ferguson's as they and Olive Ferguson take part in a debate on Friday night.

Tue. Feb. 1st A frost last night. Cold and rather stormy. Snowing a little. 12° in the day-time and 15° in the morning. I was down town twice to-day. I was visiting Mrs. Rock and Mrs. Kennedy and May. I was getting some gravel for the chickens. Rowand drove in at night.

Wed. Feb. 2nd Cold. A very little snow fell. The sun shone a little sometimes. Not so windy as yesterday. Rowand was getting some of his teeth filled this morning. Miss Geddes and May Kennedy were at our place to-day. Rowand and I drove out to-night to Burgoyne.

Thur. Feb. 3rd Stormy and frosty. Rowand was up at Burgoyne to-day. Edgar helped the boys to put the engine right as Rowand brought a new part last night from town. Rowand was skating and at the C.E. Meeting last night. The boys were chopping grain this afternoon.

Fri. Feb. 4th Bright and cold. The boys were chopping and cutting corn and straw. Edgar called here in the evening. The boys were at the Literary society meeting. Rowand was taking part in a debate "Resolved that Eastern Canada is more preferable to live in than Western Canada". Rowand was the leader on the affirmative side. His side proved that it was preferable to live in the Eastern part of Canada over the Western part.

Sat. Feb. 5th Warmer and calm. Snowing all day. Rowand drove into town this morning. Noble got a load of wood from the bush yesterday and got some more to-day. He was working in the bush this afternoon.

Sun. Feb. 6th Snowing all day and calm. Not cold. I was at church in the morning and Noble was there in the evening. Johnny Geddes came home last Friday. He was at

church in the morning and evening. Edgar was here and Agnes was here for a pail of water.

Mon. Feb. 7th Storming and cold. Alice was up this afternoon.

Tue. Feb. 8th Calm in the morning. Windy afterwards. Snowing quite a lot. Warmer this afternoon. Alice was here for a few minutes. Edgar was here too. Ed Schwass was at the door this morning to see Noble. Noble was at the bush to-day cutting poles.

Wed. Feb. 9th Snowing a lot. Noble was working at the bush. Rowand came out in the morning and went home in the afternoon. He was at the bush in the afternoon. Papa has lumbago. Ed. Schwass was here to see noble. Mrs. []era Smith in Port Elgin died on Monday night. She was at the hospital in Guelph. Bessie Geddes was here this afternoon.

Thur. Feb. 10th Warmer. Snowing nearly all day. The sun was shining a little this afternoon. Noble was working at the bush to-day. He was over at Ed. Schwass's to-night.

Fri. Feb. 11th Snowing all day. Calm and not cold. Noble was at Burgoyne in the morning. He was working at the bush in the afternoon.

Sat. Feb. 12th Snowing quite a bit. Clear at night. Noble was working at the bush. Rowand came out at night. Isabel, Jessie and Uncle Alfred went in to town to-day. Uncle Alfred is going to stay with Papa and Mamma over Sunday. I was at Uncle Alfred's for a little bit in the after-noon.

Sun. Feb. 13th Bright and very cold. Noble and I were at church in the morning and he and Rowand in the evening. Arthur and Edgar came up to visit the boys but they visited them at the stable. The temperature was 11 ° below zero at night.

Mon. Feb. 14th Snowing some. Cold. Rowand and Noble were at the bush. Agnes was here with a letter. We all went to Uncle Alfred's at night.

Tue. Feb. 15th Quite a bit warmer. Snowing a little. The boys were at the bush. Noble drove into town to-night with some milk. Uncle Alfred came home this afternoon. He came up with a letter. Rowand and I went up to Geddes's to-night.

Wed. Feb. 16th Rather mild. Arthur and Noble were working at logs in the bush. I went up to Geddes's this afternoon and came home this evening. Elsie and Nora Cunningham, Maggie McAndrew, Olive Ferguson and Coral Mclvor were there too. Rowand is away to the C. Endeavor meeting to-night.

Thur. Feb. 17th Misty and cold. The branches of the trees were white. Bright and thawing. Freezing at night. Noble and I drove into town in the morning and came

home after supper. Noble was at Dick Fenton's sale. Rowand was at the literary meeting at night. Uncle Alfred was here while we were away.

Fri. Feb. 18th Stormy and cold. It got colder since this morning. Rowand drove into town this morning. Noble was at the bush this morning. He got his hand hurt with one of the cattle at noon.

Sat. Feb. 19th Bright and frosty. Noble was working at the bush. Arthur helped him for a while with the logs. He was here for supper. Isabel was here at night. I was at their place on the way to Burgoyne in the afternoon.

Sun. Feb. 20th Frosty. Snowing a little in the morning. Bright in the afternoon. I was at Uncle Alfred's for a [] minutes in the evening. Edgar was here at night.

Mon. Feb. 21st A hard frost and bright. Noble was at the bush. He got a letter from Papa to say that Rowand had La Grippe and is not coming out to-morrow. The temperature was 20° below zero in the morning in town and 22° at Joe Linnes's.

Tue. Feb. 22nd Mild. Hazy. The air was damp with fine moisture. Noble got some green wood from the bush this morning and took it to town this afternoon. I was at Uncle Alfred's this afternoon. Noble brought out some new harness.

Wed. Feb. 23rd Bright the most of the day. A frost last night. The sun was melting the snow. Edgar brought a letter up to Noble but was not in the house. Noble was making chop. I was at Uncle Alfred's after dinner for a little bit.

Thur. Feb 24th Bright all day. The snow has been melting with the sun. I was at Uncle Alfred's for a while this morning. Noble was not working to-day. He has La Grippe. Edgar called here and Georgina was here for water. Rowand drove out to-night and had his supper.

Fri. Feb. 25th Cold. Snowing a little. Rowand went into town to-night with Tom. He and Noble were cutting corn and straw. Georgina was up in the afternoon with a message. I was at Geddes in the evening with Jessie and Isabel.

Sat. Feb. 26th Stormy and cold. Agnes was up for her supper.

Sun. Feb. 27th Stormy and cold. I was at church in the morning. There was only seventeen of a congregation. The black and white cow had a calf to-day.

Mon. Feb. 28th The sun was shining a little. There was quite a bit of snow fell this evening at least it was a heavy fall but did not last long. There was a cold wind to-night. Agnes and I were up at Burgoyne. Rowand came out to-night. Arthur was up this morning but was not in the house. I was at Uncle Alfred's on the way to the store.

Tue. Feb. 29th Snowing and blowing part of the day. Bright and calm this evening. Noble drove into town this morning with Geordie. Arthur was here. He came again and got Fred to drive to Tara to meet Mr. Sharp. Rowand was at the bush this afternoon.

- **Mar. 21st** Mr. Sharp and Uncle Alfred were at our place on Mar. 1st. They were in town on March 2nd and had their dinner out our place. Mr. Sharp went home on March the fourth and Jessie went with him. She came home on March the eleventh. Noble came from town on the second of March. I think that Rowand went in on March the third and came out on Saturday night. The Sacrament was held at the church on Sunday. I was at church in the morning and Rowand was there in the evening. I called at Uncle Alfred's on the way to church. Arthur and Edgar were here in the afternoon. Noble and Rowand went in on Monday. Noble took the three pigs in. They weighed six hundred and fifty pounds altogether. We got sixty dollars and fifty cents for them. Rowand was at church on Sunday evening. Agnes and Florence and Robbie Geddes were here for their supper on the eleventh of March. I was at Uncle Alfred's on the Friday before and Georgina was up here. Noble and I went into town on Sunday. I went to the church in town. Rowand came out on the Saturday night before. He was at church on Sunday evening. Noble has been working with Uncle Alfred's by drawing logs to be sawn. They took them to the Stephens Hepner Company. Noble took his last load in yesterday. There were six loads. He got his leg hurt on the Monday before by a pile of wood falling. He was between it and another pile. He was not able to do very much for a few days. Rowand went in on Monday morning and came out in the evening to a literary meeting. Jessie went in with him. He stayed here till he afternoon to do the chores. Arthur helped him to take the cattle down to their place to water. I do not know wheather he did anything else or not. Uncle Alfred was up in the afternoon. They helped Noble with the chores at noon after Rowand went away. I do not know how long their helped him. I guess they do not help him now. I was up at the store a week ago Monday. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Geddes's on Wednesday. Noble and I were at Uncle Alfred's on Friday night. Mamma and Rowand were here last Sunday. The horse hurt it's foot on the way home. Noble and Rowand went in with a load of hay to-day. Rowand came out last night. Georgina was here for a few minutes yesterday. Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Sandy were at Stratford for a few days and Aunt Lizzie was in staying at our place since they were at Stratford. The weather a week ago Monday was nice the rest of the week was very cold. The week before was stormy. Yesterday and to-day have been mild. There was a cold wind yesterday. It was a little stormy sometimes on Sunday. I have put some of the events down since I wrote before [been] [that have]. Mamma has a very sore knee.

Wed. Mar. 22nd Dull in the morning bright this afternoon. A frost last night. A cold wind and snowing a little. Noble brought a load of wood from the bush and took it to town. I was at Uncle Alfred's helping the girls to quilt.

Thur. Mar. 23rd Cold and bright the most of the day. Noble and Arthur went to Bruce McKay's sale. Alice was here with a letter. There was a cold wind to-day and it was frosty.

Fri. Mar. 24th Warmer and dull the most of the day. Noble was away this morning getting six little pigs from Moses Leigler. While he was away Johnny Geddes came, so Noble went to Geddes's after he came back. Johnny was going back to Stratford this afternoon. He expects to leave for England next week.

Sat. Mar. 25th Thawing and bright. Noble was getting poles from the bush. Agnes was up twice to-day. Noble and I drove into town to-night. We met Uncle Andrew and Aunt Minnie. They had been at home and had left Helen Hamilton to go home with Ethel and Uncle Gilbert who were in town. Ethel and Helen were there when we got there. Rowand went home with Noble.

Sun. Mar. 26th Dull and raining. Papa and I were at church in the morning.

Mon. Mar. 27th Dull. Cooler and misty this evening. Raining. I was down town in the morning. Rowand went in in the morning and we came home this evening. The roads are very bad. There are lots of crows to be seen and a few robins.

Tue. Mar. 28th Thawing. Raining a little. Dull the most of the day. Alice and Agnes were here. Noble was chopping with the engine. Rowand drove in to town this morning. Noble and Rowand found six kittens on Saturday. One has disappeared. Uncle Alfred's have got a dog now. It came from somewhere near Sharp's.

Wed. Mar. 29th Bright and thawing. A frost last night. Noble is away to Burgoyne to-night. Edgar called at the house to-night. Sam Schwass was here mea[]ing his oats that he is getting from Noble.

Thur. Mar. 30th Misty in the morning and bright this afternoon. Uncle Andrew and Ed and Sam Schwass were here for oats. Uncle Andrew was here for dinner. Jessie was here twice this afternoon. Noble was at Uncle Alfred's to-night for some treefar[].

Fri. Mar. 31st Fine to-day. Noble was at Burgoyne. Si. Bell and Willie Karsher were here to see the oats. Mr. Hederson and another man were here to see the cattle. Alice and Agnes were here. Georgina was here for water.

Sat. April 1st Raining a lot. Turned colder in the afternoon. Arthur, Edgar and Dave Dick were at the barn with noble.

Sun. April 2nd Bright with a cold wind. I was at church in the morning. Alice and Agnes were up in the afternoon. Noble was at Uncle Alfred's.

Mon. April 3rd Fine quite a bit of the day. Noble was at Willie McIntosh's for two red and black pigs. Mr. Jack McLean was here to see Noble about the cattle but Noble was away at McIntosh's. He met him on the road. I was at Uncle Alfred's and at Burgoyne. Isabel is at Watt's just now. There was a frost last night.

Tue. April 4th Bright part of the time. Arthur was at the door this morning. Noble went down to Uncle Alfred's this morning to help to saw poles with the horse-power and the saw. They only got some sawed part of this afternoon as they could not get [] with it. Noble got his dinner there.

Wed. April 5th Dull in the morning bright in the afternoon. I was at Uncle Alfred's in the afternoon. Noble was at the bush in the afternoon. Ab Eaton was here to see the cattle. Georgina was here in the morning.

Thur. April 6th Windy and snowing. It was snowing through the night. It is cold. Bright at night. Noble was at Burgoyne last night and Alice was here when he was away. Noble and the boys were cleaning grain in the afternoon. I was at Uncle Alfred's three times to-day. Isabel came home last night. Alex was here in the afternoon though not in the house. Oliver was here in the evening.

Fri. April 7th Bright and cold. The windows were frozen this morning. Nobel sowed some clover-seed this morning. He was helping Uncle Alfred's to saw wood in the morning and he and Arthur went to town in the after-noon with the engine to send it away to the Ellis Company. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Georgina was here.

Sat. April 8th A cold wind. Dull quite a bit of the time. Snowing this evening. Papa and Mamma came out to-night. Rowand came out too. He was out last night and went in this morning. Agnes was up to-day. Noble was sawing wood with Uncle Alfred's this morning.

Sun. April 9th A cold wind and bright. We were all at church in the morning but Noble and he and Rowand were there in the evening. Uncle Alfred was up for his tea and Papa was down there for a little bit in the evening.

Mon. April 10th A cold wind and bright.

[no intervening entries]

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Monday, Jan. 1, Tue. Jan. 2nd Mild. Thawing and raining a little. Edgar, Jessie and Uncle Alfred were here. Noble and Rowand were at Uncle Alfred's. Noble went into town on Friday night and brought Papa and Mamma out on Saturday night. Rowand

took them in this morning. Mamma and Papa came here on the twentieth of May last Spring and stayed here on the farm the most of the time till November the seventeenth last Fall. Mamma was sick in the Fall. Our crops were not very good last Fall. One of the horses "Geordie" died last Spring and we got one from Cobean's. We got the "Bell" telephone put into the house and got a 1900 gravily washing-machine, a cream separator (called the "Empire") and a churn.

Wed. Jan. 3rd Mild. Raining a little. Noble and Rowand were splitting wood at the house and doing other odd jobs. I called at Uncle Alfred's to-day but none of the girls were there. Edgar was at our door too.

Thur. Jan. 4th Colder than yesterday and bright. Some frost last night. Rowand was in town with chop to-day. He went to the bush after he came home and he and Noble brought home a load of wood. Noble was working at the bush this afternoon. Arthur and Edgar were here to-night. Arthur and Rowand went to Mrs. McAndrew's to-night.

Fri. Jan. 5th Dull and mild. Snowing quite a bit. A West wind to-night that is rather cold. Noble and Rowand were cutting down trees for logs this morning. Noble is at Uncle Alfred's to-night.

Sat. Jan. 6th A cold wind and freezing some. Snowing a little. Bright this afternoon. The boys were skidding logs in the morning and sawing wood this afternoon. Alice was here to-day.

Sun. Jan. 7th Stormy and a very cold wind. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Arthur, Alice and Agnes were up here in the afternoon. Rowand took Arthur and Noble into town in the afternoon. They went away on the early train on Monday to Guelph to the free courses on judging cattle that is being given to Farmers and their sons.

Mon. Jan. 8th Dull and mild. Windy at night. Raining a little at night. I was at Uncle Alfred's at night and Rowand was at Mrs. McAndrew's as he is getting ready for a debate this week. Maggie McAndrew and Coral McIvor are the other ones on his side.

Tue. Jan. 9th Thawing this morning and freezing this afternoon. A high wind some snow fell this afternoon. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's to-day. Rowand was cleaning the pig-pen yesterday morning and was at the bush both afternoons.

Wed. Jan. 10th Frosty with a very cold north wind. The temperature was 3° this morning and 1° below this evening. I was at Uncle Alfred's to-day. Rowand was at the bush cutting poles this afternoon and he was cleaning the pig-pen this morning.

Thur. Jan. 11th Temperature was 10° below in the morning. Bright and frosty. I drove into town in the afternoon and went to the Literary meeting here in the evening. Alice was here this evening. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Georgina was here last night.

Fri., Jan. 12th Temperature was [] below or above yesterday. Agnes was here.

Sat. Jan. 13th About 12° this morning. Alice and Florence were here. Rowand was at the bush this afternoon.

Sun. Jan. 14th Stormy. Temperature about 12°. I was at church in the morning and Uncle Alfred was here in the afternoon. Isabel drove to church and then home from Donaldson's.

Mon. Jan. 15th Snowing and not very cold. Rowand took a load of wood to town. I was at Uncle Alfred's for a few minutes and Georgina was here in the evening.

Tue. Jan. 16th Rowand and I were at Geddes's at night. Miss Wallace the teacher is there sick with the measles.

Wed. Jan. 17th A cold wind and rather stormy. Rowand cleaned a pig-pen in the morning and was at the bush in the afternoon. Edgar called at the house.

Thur. Jan. 18th Stormy and a cold wind. Temperature 20°. Rowand was cleaning pig-pens to-day.

Fri. Jan. 19th Frosty with a cold wind. Turned warmer during the day. Snowing quite a lot. Rowand and I drove into town at night. Rowand went to a lecture on Agriculture and I stayed with Papa and Mamma.

Sat. Jan. 20th Not very cold. Alice was here for tea and I was at their place for a few minutes.

Sun. Jan. 21st Temperature 6°. Snowing and storming some. I was at church in the morning. Jessie drove into town and brought Arthur and Noble home. They came to Port Elgin from Guelph on Saturday night.

Mon. Jan. 22nd Snowing and stormy. Temperature 4°. Noble has been in the house the most of the afternoon as he has a bad cold. Rowand was at the bush cutting poles both fore-noon and afternoon.

Tue. Jan. 23rd Temperature 8° or 10°. Stormy this morning. The sun was shining some this afternoon. Rowand was at the bush this afternoon. There is quite a bit of snow in the bush.

Wed. Jan 24th Snowing in the morning bright part of the day dull in the evening. Temperature was 22° in the morning. Rowand went in to town for chop. He was at Uncle Alfred's in the evening and Georgina was here.

Thur. Jan. 25th Stormy. Temperature 17°. The boys got a load of poles from the bush in the morning. Rowand was mending a cupboard-door and Noble was cleaning pig-pens this afternoon.

Fri. Jan. 26th Temperature was 6° in the morning. Cold and bright. Snowing late in the afternoon and evening. The boys brought home poles and wood from the bush. Rowand was at the store with the sleigh before dinner. Tom has a lame foot. Edgar called here to-day.

Sat. Jan. 27th Temperature 3° below zero. Dull, snow a lot this afternoon and then it stopped. Noble took a load of wood to town this morning. Rowand was at the bush this afternoon.

Sun. Jan. 28th A nice bright day. Not so cold. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Arthur and Edgar were here in the after-noon and Noble was at Uncle Alfred's in the evening.

Mon. Jan. 29th Temperature 31° in the morning. Dull, damp and thawing. Noble and Rowand took a load of logs to town this afternoon.

Tue. Jan. 30th Bright the most of the day with a cold West wind not a very strong one. Temperature was 22° in the morning. The boys got a load of logs from the bush this morning and Noble took them to town this afternoon. He did not come home to-night. Rowand was at the bush this afternoon. Papa sold the house in town last night to Mr. Matthew Krauth. Oliver Geddes was here in the evening. He and Rowand were at Uncle Alfred's.

Wed. Jan. 31st A cold []ort East wind. The temperature was 21° during the forenoon. The sun was shining a little sometimes.

Thur. Feb. 1st Temperature 5° in the morning. Snowing some. The sun was shining part of of the day. Noble came home to-day. He and Rowand were at the bush in the afternoon. Isabel was here in the evening. Rather stormy some of the day.

Fri. Feb. 2nd Temperature 11° below zero in the morning. Stormy all day. North East wind and then North West. Isabel was here this afternoon.

Sat. Feb. 3 Temperature 2° above zero. Stormy all day. The boys were at Uncle Alfred's and Edgar was here.

Sun. Feb. 4th Temperature 4° above zero. Snowing quite a bit and blowing some in the evening. I was at Church in the morning. The service was held in the vestry. There were less than twenty there. There was no evening service held.

Mon. Feb. 5th Temperature 1° below zero. Snowing quite a bit and blowing some. The boys were at the bush in the morning. This afternoon they were cleaning grain for chop. The boys started taking the cattle to Uncle Alfred's to water on Sundays as the cistern at the barn is dry. They take the horses too. The sun was shining sometimes.

Tue. Feb. 6th Snowing some. A cold wind. The boys were at the bush. Alice was here in the evening.

Wed. Feb. 7 Dull and hazy. Wind was in the South but turned to the West. Temperature was 19° in the morning. It was 26° this afternoon. Noble was in town with chop. The boys hitched Tom and Darkie to the sleigh but Darkie fell in the deep snow and pulled Tom over and then fell alone. So the boys hitched Fred to the sleigh in place of Darkie. This morning was the first time that Tom has been used for a while as he has been lame. He is not all well yet. Rowand was at the store.

Thur. Feb. 8th Bright the most of the day. Snowing in the early part of the morning and through the night. Temperature about 17° this morning 2° below zero at night. The boys were getting wood from the bush. They got six loads. One load is for town. Isabel was here this afternoon. Rowand is away to the Literary meeting this evening.

Fri. Feb. 9th Temperature 19° below zero 20° below zero on Uncle Alfred's thermometer last night. Sun was shining quite a bit. Snowing quite a bit. Stormy to-night. Noble took a load of wood to town. He brought home some things on the sleigh. Rowand went to a box-social to-night at the sandhill school-house.

Sat. Feb. 10th Cold and stormy. Temperature about 9° below zero. A lot of snow fell. Noble was at the bush part of the morning cutting poles. The snow was so deep he could hardly work. He was cleaning pig-pens in the afternoon. Rowand drove into town this morning.

Sun. Feb. 11th Bright and snowing quite a bit. Rowand came out from town about noon. Alice was here in the afternoon. None of us were at church. Temperature 8° below zero somewhere about eight o'clock I think.

Mon. Feb. 12 Temperature thirty-five ° below zero. Bright all day. Temperature 14° below zero this evening. The boys were at Uncle Alfred's this morning.

Tue. Feb. 13 Temperature two ° below zero. A very cold wind. Wind nearly all gone this evening. Temperature eleven ° above zero this evening. Snowing the most of the afternoon. The boys were at the bush this afternoon and morning.

Wed. Feb. 14 Temperature 2 below zero. Bright. Isabel was here. Rowand and I were at Uncle Alfred's in the evening. Coral McIvor, Elsie and Norah Cunningham, Beulah Stewart and some men were there preparing for the literary society meeting. They are having a mock trial. Noble was at Geddes's in the evening.

Thur. Feb. 15 Temperature eight degrees below zero. Bright and then snowing some. Warmer than yesterday. Noble and Rowand were working at the logs on Wednesday. They were skidding them yesterday afternoon and finished them this morning and then brought wood home.

Fri. Feb. 16 Storming some in the morning. Noble was in town in the morning with wood. He did not get home till near night. He brought a load of things from the house. Rowand was at the bush in the morning.

Sat. Feb. 17th A cold high wind. Thawing. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Alice was here. I went into town with Jessie after dinner.

Sun. Feb. 18 Bright and frosty. Dull part of the time. Papa, Mamma and I were at church in the morning.

Mon. Feb. 19 A cold wind and frosty. Temperature about 8° below zero. Noble took four pigs to town. He got thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents a cwt for them. There were four of them. Rowand brought me out to-night in the cutter. I was at Uncle Alfreds place to-day twice. Rowand is away to Geddes's to-night.

Tue. Feb. 20 Bright windy and frosty. Noble was in town with logs. Edgar and Uncle Alfred went in with logs. Uncle Alfred stayed in town till Wednesday. Uncle Alfreds took two loads of logs and part of another into town for us.

Wed. Feb. 20 Bright and frosty. Noble took another load of logs to town. Alice and Agnes were here at night.

Thur. Feb. 22 Bright some of the day. Noble and Edgar went to Vennard's sale. I was at Uncle Johnny Gowanlock's to-day. Bessie was there too.

Fri. Feb. 23 Thawing. Raining some this morning. Bright part of the day. Rowand went to town with a load of wood this morning. Edgar was here this evening. He did not stay in the house. Noble was at the bush this afternoon. Freezing to-night.

Sat. Feb. 24 A frost through the night. 7° above zero. A very cold wind. Calm and frosty at night. Noble was at the bush in the morning. Alice was here helping me with the work. She was here for dinner. I was at their place too. I went to town in the afternoon with Jessie and Georgina. Rowand brought a load of things from town near night.

Sun. Feb. 25 Below zero in the morning. Nice in the early part of the day. Rather stormy afterwards. I was at church in the morning. Noble was there in the evening. Not stormy at night.

Mon. Feb. 26 Thawing. Rained some this morning. Dull in the morning. Bright part of the day. Noble and Rowand were cleaning grain. I was at Uncle Alfred's. Uncle Alfred has a cold.

Tue. Feb. 27 A cold wind. Bright the most of the day. Snowing a little. A frost last night. Noble and Rowand took wheat to town this morning. Rowand did not come home. Noble brought a load of things out. Edgar was here helping to take the wardrobe upstairs. I took the quilting-frame to Uncle Alfred's. They have a little lamb. Aunt Lizzie went to town yesterday to stop with Papa and Mamma.

Wed. Feb. 28 A cold wind, bright. 4° below zero this morning. Noble took a load of wood to town and brought out furniture etc. I was at Uncle Alfred's this morning helping to quilt. Mrs. Adam Esplen is sick.

Thur. Mar. 1st Snowing some in the morning. Bright the most of the day. Noble, Isabel and I drove to the Literary meeting at night. Georgina was here.

Fri. Mar. 2nd Bright, wind a little cold. I was at Mrs. Esplen's funeral at Burgoyne cemetery. I was at Uncle Alfred's and Alice and Agnes were here.

Sat. Mar. 3rd Mild. Noble and I went to town with the sleigh after dinner. Rowand and Noble came out on the sleigh and came out with Geddes's sleigh. Alice and Agnes were at the door.

Sun. Mar. 4th Cold, and bright. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Noble and Rowand were there in the evening. Mr. Douglas McCulloch was preaching. He and his sister were at Uncle Alfred's for tea. Edgar was here in the afternoon and Rowand was at their place.

Mon. Mar. 5th 6° above zero. Warmer this afternoon though the wind is cold. Snowing quite a bit. Rowand started to walk to town after dinner. He got a ride part of the way. Oliver Geddes came after dinner and helped Noble to saw wood. I was at Uncle Alfred's for a few minutes and Agnes was here. Jimmy Christie came home from Walkerton on Saturday.

Tue. Mar. 6th Frosty and bright in the morning. Dull this afternoon. 6 or 7° below zero after seven o'clock. Oliver was helping Noble this afternoon. Geddeses have got the Bell telephone put in to the house. Robbie has the measles. They think it is the German measles. Noble was at McCannell's [] store and Davie Dick's this morning.

Wed. Mar. 7th Not cold. Bright some of the time. Very dull in the afternoon. A wet snow fell in the evening. Oliver was here in the afternoon helping Noble. Alice came in the evening. There was a pedlar here to-day.

Thur. Mar. 8 A wet snow falling the most of the day. [] Atkinson and his son came here with the clover-threshing-machine at noon to-day. Mr. Frost brought the machine with his horse. Georgina was helping me this afternoon. Uncle Alfred was here.

Fri. Mar. 9th Rowand came from town at night and he and Noble went to a box-social at the school on the Owen Sound road. The threshing machine went to Geddes's after breakfast. Noble took the machine with our team. Uncle Alfred and Davie Dick had their clover here getting threshed. Temperature about 15° in the morning. A cold wind in the morning. Noble was at the bush after dinner. Davie Dick got his clover [] and uncle Alfred got his.

Sat. Mar. 10th Bright some in the morning. Dull in the afternoon. Quite a fall of snow to-night. Lightning to-night. I was at Burgoyne to-day. The boys were bringing poles from the bush.

Sun. Mar. 11 Raining through the night and on Saturday evening. Misty till the evening. A wind got up at night. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Arthur was here and Noble and Rowand were at Uncle Alfred's.

Mon. Mar. 12 Clear and a frost. Bright all day. Noble and Rowand got wood from the bush and they took some to the office. They took a few bags of grain in for chop. Arthur and Edgar were getting clover - straw and grain-straw from our barn. One of them was here to-night though not in the house. Rowand did not come [] gain.

Tue. Mar. 13th 8° above zero. Bright the most of the time though not as bright as yesterday. Noble was at the bush in the morning. Oliver was at the bush with him in the afternoon. Alice and Agnes were here to-night. Arthur was here telephoning.

Wed. Mar. 14th A very high wind through the night. Raining and then freezing when it falls. Colder. Blowing and snowing part of the time. Storming part of the time. Noble was at Uncle Alfred's. He and I drove to town to-night and he and Rowand went to a lecture by Peter McArthur. Rowand came home with us.

Thur. Mar. 15 A strong wind. Dull. Not frosty. Thawing a little. The boys were at the bush. Alice was here. The boys are going to the Literary meeting to-night. There is to be a mock trial at the meeting.

Fri. Mar. 16 Bright in the early part of the day very dull in the evening. A high wind at night. Thawing through the day. Arthur and Edgar were here in the evening.

Arthur is not able to work from sciatica in his leg. The boys were at the bush. They had to walk part of the way on the fence at the bridge as the water was over the road.

Sat. Mar. 17th Raining at night. Rained a little this morning. A very high wind, snowing some. Noble is hard up with the cold. He was at Uncle Alfred's. Alice called here last night. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's to-day.

Sun. Mar. 18 A cold wind. Bright the most of the day. Snowing a little. Snowing a little at night. A frost on Saturday night. I was at church in the morning. Rowand was at Uncle Alfred's in the afternoon. Noble is laid up with the cold. He is not in bed.

Mon. Mar. 19 6° this morning. Rowand and Edgar went to town to-day and each brought out a load of shingles that Papa bought from Mr. Cottrill. There are twenty-three thousand of them. Oliver Geddes came in the afternoon and he and Rowand went to work at the bush. I was at Uncle Alfred's and the store. Alice and Agnes were here for a few minutes to-day.

Tue. Mar. 20 Mild. Thawing. Dull in the first part of the morning. Bright the most of the time afterwards. Noble's cold is better than it was yesterday. Rowand was cleaning pig-pens this morning and at the bush this afternoon.

Wed. Mar. 21 Bright and thawing. Rowand took Noble to town this morning. Oliver was helping Rowand at the bush this afternoon. Arthur was here telephoning. It has been warmer than yesterday. Uncle Alfred's tapped a few trees this morning. There was a white frost last night.

Thur. Mar. 22 Bright, warm and thawing. Rowand was at the literary meeting and Agnes was here in the evening. Windy at night.

Fri. Mar. 23 Dull. Raining quite a bit. A strong South wind blowing. Rowand went to town this morning for chop and corn-meal for the stock. Noble came home with him. Arthur was here telephoning. Rowand is away to see Davie Dick to-night. Noble was at Uncle Alfred's for business.

Sat. Mar. 24 Bright the most of the day. A frost last night. Rowand went to town to-day with Arthur and Edgar. They had the sleigh and were leading two of Uncle Alfred's cattle in to the butcher. The steer weighed over nine hundred and the cow weighed nine hundred and ninety-four. The butcher gave nine cents a pound for the steer and eight for the cow. The boys were cleaning clover-seed this afternoon. Arthur and Edgar were here helping. At least Edgar was working. Noble and Rowand were at Davie Dick's for his fanning-mill this morning. Agnes was here quite a while this morning.

Sun. Mar. 25 Mild. Dull mostly. Thawing. Rowand and I were at church in the morning.

Mon. Mar. 26 Bright and warm. The snow thawed fast. The boys were cleaning oats in the afternoon. In the morning they finished cleaning the clover-seed and took the fanning-mill back to Dick's. Uncle Alfred was here after dinner. We were all at Uncle Alfred's at night.

Tue. Mar. 27 Raining and then snowing. Quite a bit of wind to-night. The boys finished the oats. Dull all day.

Wed. Mar. 28 A very strong West wind. Dull the most of the day with frequent snowfalls and glimpses of sunshine. Noble was drawing manure for the land and at the bush in the afternoon. Rowand started walking to town this morning. A frost last night.

Thu. 29th Windy. A frost at night. Noble and I were at the literary meeting at night. Noble, Bob Stewart and Bell Campbell were on one side of a debate "Resolved that wood is of more use to man than iron". The affirmative side were Maidie Gowanlock, Nora Cunningham and Arthur.

Fri. 30 Windy and Bright. I was at Uncle Alfred's and I went to town with Arthur in the afternoon.

Sat. 31 Bright part of the time. A South wind. Very dull part of the time. Warm. Rowand came out to-night. He got a ride with Uncle Sandy. He was at Christie's this week. He went from town on the train. Noble was at the bush all day to-day. He has been drawing out a little manure, drawing rails, clening pig-pens and working at the bush.

Mon. April 2 Misty and then raining and snowing. Clear to-night. Rowand and Noble were at Uncle Alfred's helping Arthur to shell corn that came from the Keith seed growers. I called at Uncle Alfred's and Georgina was here for a few minutes. Alice and Agnes were here to-night.

Sun. April 1 Misty in the morning clearer afterwards. The sun was shining some, raining at night. Rowand and I were at church in the morning. Edgar was here in the after-noon.

T[]r. April 2 Bright in the morning the most of the time. Raining and snowing for a while in the afternoon. Clear this evening. The land assessor was here to-day. Mr. Jamison and some other man were here this evening to see the cattle. Noble was drawing out manure bringing wood and poles from the bush in the morning. He was

splitting wood this afternoon and he was at Uncle Alfred's. Rowand walked into town this morning.

Wed. April 4 Bright and nice. A frost last night. Noble was drawing poles home from the bush and he was at the store in the morning. In the afternoon he was with Arthur learning how to boil syrup. He is at Burgoyne this evening. I was at Uncle Alfred's this evening. Mr. Lin was here to see the cattle to-day.

Thur. April 5 Raining all day. Snowing in the evening. Noble was measuring out the potatoes for seed part of the time. Uncle Alfred was here telephoning. Alice was here at night.

Fri. April 6 A soft snow falling all day. Noble was making a place for setting the hens. Edgar was here at the stable to visit Noble this evening. To-day is Good Friday.

Sat. April 7 Bright and cold. Noble was drawing poles from the bush. Rowand came out at night. He got a ride out.

Sun. April 8 Bright and cold. Noble and I were at church in the morning and noble was there in the evening. Mrs. Percy Nibly [?] gave a short address and a solo at the end of the evening service. Oliver Geddes was here on the way to Church in the morning.

Mon. April 9 Bright and cold. Frosty and a cold wind. Temperature 10°. Agnes was here this morning. The boys brought poles from the bush in the morning and Noble took pigs to town this afternoon and Rowand went to McIntosh's to get four little pigs that we bought from him. They were five dollars apiece. Mr. Henderson was here to look at the cattle. The boys have finished bringing home the poles.

Tue. April 10 Bright and cold. Though not quite as cold as yesterday. Noble was at Henry Wagner's sale to-day. He bought a roller for twenty-five dollars. Noble and I were each at Uncle Alfred's to-day. Arthur was here telephoning. Edgar was here. The boys were taking out manure this morning. Rowand and Edgar were setting muskrat traps to-night.

Wed. 11 Warm. Oliver, Arthur and Edgar were here in the afternoon helping the boys to saw wood with the engine. They did not get the engine to work till four o'clock. Rowand and I were at church at a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Watt. I was at Uncle Alfred's in the morning watching Jessie boil syrup.

Thur. 12 Cold and dull. Snowing a little near []. Edgar and Arthur helped the boys before dinner and Uncle Alfred was helping some in the afternoon. Agnes was here and I was at uncle Alfred's. Florence and Robbie [?] were here.

[end of daily entries]

Inside back cover: A list of "Letters sent away 1917" is written inside the back cover. The first letter was "Written Jan. 29, Sent To Mrs. John Hill". The last was "Written July 13 to Mrs. Hill, sent July 13". Other recipients are Christie, Geddes, Rowand, Robertson, Gowanlock, McDuff, Abram, Christie.

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