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Eclipses, 1889.

In the year 1889 there will be three eclipses, of the sun and two of the moon.

I.—A total eclipse of the Sun Jan. 1st, visible in Western Canada as a partial eclipse, the sun setting eclipsed.

II.—A partial eclipse of the moon, Jan. 16th and 17th, visible in Canada.

III.—An annular eclipse of the sun, June 27th, invisible in Canada.

IV.—A partial eclipse of the moon, July 12th, visible in Canada.

V.—A total eclipse of the sun, Dec. 21st, visible as a partial eclipse at sunrise in Nova Scotia.

Fixed and Movable Festivals, Anniversaries, &c.

New Year's Day.....	Jan. 1
Epiphany.....	" 6
Septuagesima Sunday.....	Feb. 17
St. David.....	Mar. 1
Quinquagesima—Shrove Sunday.....	" 3
Ash Wednesday.....	" 6
Quadragesima—1st Sunday in Lent.....	" 10
St. Patrick.....	" 17
Annunciation—Lady Day.....	" 25
Palm Sunday.....	Apr. 14
Good Friday.....	" 18
Easter Sunday.....	" 21
St. George.....	" 23
Low Sunday.....	" 28
Queen Victoria's Birthday.....	May 24
Rogation Sunday.....	" 26
Ascension Day—Holy Thursday.....	" 30
Pentecost—Whit Sunday.....	June 3
Trinity Sunday.....	" 10
Corpus Christi.....	" 20
Accession of Queen Victoria.....	" 20
Proclamation of Queen Victoria.....	" 21
St. John Baptist—Midsummer Day.....	" 24
Dominion Day.....	July 1
St. Michael—Michaelmas Day.....	Sep. 29
Birth of Prince of Wales.....	Nov. 9
St. Andrew.....	" 30
1st Sunday in Advent.....	Dec. 1
St. Thomas.....	" 21
Christmas Day.....	" 25

Terms and Sittings of Courts.

Supreme Court of Canada sits at Ottawa on third Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in May, fourth Tuesday in October.

Exchequer Court sits at any time and place appointed by rule of Court.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario sits at Toronto, commencing on the second Tuesday in January, the first Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in May, the first Tuesday in September, and the second Tuesday in November. In case any of these days be a legal holiday, then on the following day; also from time to time, according to notice.

Sittings of Divisional Courts for the Q. B. & C. P. Divisions of the High Court of Justice—three in each year—the "Michaelmas Sittings" beginning on the third Monday in November, and ending on the Saturday of the second week thereafter; the "Hilary Sittings" beginning on the first Monday in February, and ending on the Saturday of the following week; the "Easter Sittings" beginning on the third Monday in May and ending on the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

Sittings of Divisional Courts for the Chancery Division—three in each year—commencing first Thursday in September, first Thursday in December, and third Thursday in February.

Divisional Courts sit at such further or other times as may be directed by the High Court.

County Court Sittings for trial—two—to commence on second Tuesday in June and December, except in York where there are four sittings, commencing on first Tuesday in March and December, and second Tuesday in May and September.

Except in York, there shall be sittings for trial without a jury, commencing on the first Tuesday in April and Oct. in each year

A Judge shall sit at Osgoode Hall every week (except in vacation) to dispose of all business, except trials, which may be transacted by a single Judge. At such weekly sittings the business shall be taken as follows: Monday and Thursday, Chambers; Tuesday, Appeals; Wednesday and Friday, Court.

County Court sittings in Banc—four—to commence on second Monday in January, and the first Monday in April, July and October, except in York, where they commence on second Monday in January, June and October and the first Monday in April in each year, all ending on Saturday of the same week.

County Court Judges may sit and act at any time for the transaction of business.

Surrogate Court Terms commence on the first Monday in January, April, July and October, and end on Saturday of the same week, except in York, where terms commence first Monday in January and April, and second Monday in June and October in each year.

General Sessions of the Peace: Sittings to be held, except in County of York, semi-annually, commencing on the second Tuesday in the months of June and December, subject to Sec. 19 of Local Courts Act.

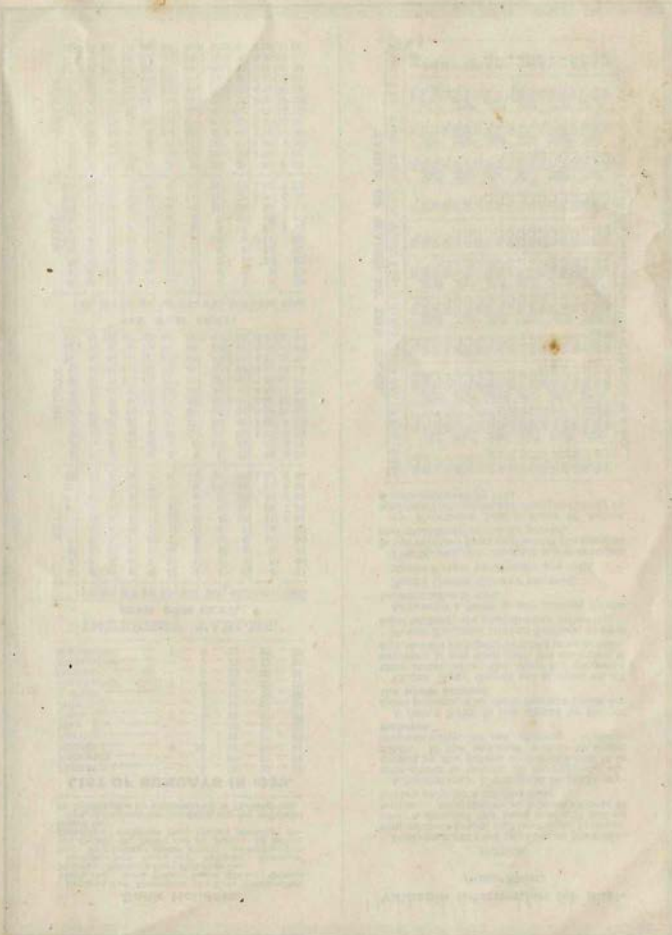
In the County of York the said Courts are held four times in the year, commencing on the first Tuesday in the months of December and March, and on the second Tuesday of the months of May and September.

The County Judges' Criminal Court sits out of Sessions, without a Jury, for trial of prisoners.

The Heirs, Devisee and Assignee Commissioners sit at Toronto, on the first Monday in January and the first Monday in July in each year, and on the thirteen days next following the said days respectively, Sundays and holidays excepted.

Long Vacation, both in the High Court of Justice, and the Court of Appeal, from 1st July to 31st August, both days inclusive.

Christmas Vacation—from 24th December to 6th of January, both days inclusive



Bank Holidays.

ONTARIO, NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.—New Year's Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; Queen's Birthday; Dominion Day; Christmas Day.
 QUEBEC.—New Year's Day; Epiphany; Annunciation; Good Friday; Easter Monday; Ascension; Corpus Christi; St. Peter's and St. Paul's; All Saints; Conception; Christmas Day; Queen's Birthday; Dominion Day.
 Also, throughout the Dominion, any day appointed by Proclamation for a general Fast of Thanksgiving.

LIST OF SUNDAYS IN 1889.

January	—	6	13	20	27	
February	—	3	10	17	24	
March	—	3	10	17	24	31
April	—	7	14	21	28	
May	—	5	12	19	26	
June	2	9	16	23	30	
July	—	7	14	21	28	
August	—	4	11	18	25	
September	1	8	15	22	29	
October	—	6	13	20	27	
November	—	3	10	17	24	
December	1	8	15	22	29	

INTEREST TABLES. FIVE PER CENT.

	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100	\$500
DAYS.	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	21
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	6	28
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	8	42
8	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	11	15	56
10	0	0	0	1	1	3	7	14	19	69
15	0	0	1	1	2	4	10	21	31	104
20	0	1	1	1	3	6	14	28	43	139
33	0	1	2	2	4	9	23	46	72	229
63	1	2	3	3	4	8	18	44	87	438
93	1	3	4	5	6	13	26	65	120	646
MONTHS.	1	0	1	1	2	4	8	21	42	205
2	1	2	3	4	8	17	42	87	174	885
3	1	3	4	5	6	13	25	63	125	635
4	2	3	5	7	8	17	33	83	167	833
5	2	4	6	8	10	21	42	104	208	1042
6	3	5	8	10	13	25	50	125	250	1250
9	3	6	9	12	15	29	58	146	292	1458
10	4	8	13	17	21	33	67	167	333	1667
11	5	9	14	18	23	46	92	229	458	2292
12	5	10	15	20	25	50	100	250	500	2500

SIX PER CENT.

	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100	\$500
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6	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	10	50
8	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	7	13	67
10	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	8	17	83
15	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	13	25	125
20	0	1	1	1	2	3	7	17	33	167
33	1	1	2	2	4	6	11	28	53	275
63	1	2	3	3	4	11	31	78	156	785
93	2	3	5	6	8	16	31	78	155	775
MONTHS.	1	1	1	2	2	5	10	25	50	250
2	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	50	100	500
3	1	3	4	5	8	15	30	75	150	750
4	2	4	6	8	10	20	40	100	200	1000
5	2	5	8	10	13	25	50	125	250	1250
6	3	6	9	12	15	30	60	150	300	1500
9	3	7	11	14	18	35	70	175	350	1750
10	4	8	12	16	20	40	80	200	400	2000
11	5	10	14	18	23	45	90	225	450	2250
12	5	10	15	20	25	50	100	250	500	2500
11	6	11	17	22	28	55	110	275	550	2750
6	6	12	18	24	30	60	120	300	600	3000

Valuable Information for Business Men.

NOTES.

DEMAND NOTES are payable on presentation without grace, and bear legal interest, after a demand has been made, if not so written. An endorser on a demand note is held only for a limited time.

A NEGOTIABLE NOTE must be made payable either to bearer, or be properly endorsed by the person to whose order it is made. If the endorser wishes to avoid responsibility, he can endorse "without recourse."

A JOINT NOTE is one signed by two or more persons, who each become liable for the whole amount.

THREE DAYS' GRACE are allowed on all time notes, after the time for payment expires; if not then paid, the endorser, if any, should be legally notified to be held.

NOTES FALLING DUE ON SUNDAY, or on a legal holiday, are paid the day following.

ALTERING A NOTE in any manner by the holder makes it void.

NOTES DATED SUNDAY are void.

NOTES GIVEN BY MINORS are void.

THE MAKER of a note that is lost or stolen is not released from payment if the amount and consideration can be proven.

AN ENDORSER has a right of action against all whose names were previously on a note endorsed by him.

TABLE OF WAGES BY THE WEEK.

Wage.	1 hr.	2 hrs.	3 hrs.	4 hrs.	5 hrs.	6 hrs.	7 hrs.	8 hrs.	9 hrs.	10 hrs.	11 hrs.	12 hrs.
\$3	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330	360
4	40	80	120	160	200	240	280	320	360	400	440	480
5	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600
6	60	120	180	240	300	360	420	480	540	600	660	720
7	70	140	210	280	350	420	490	560	630	700	770	840
8	80	160	240	320	400	480	560	640	720	800	880	960
9	90	180	270	360	450	540	630	720	810	900	990	1080
10	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200
11	110	220	330	440	550	660	770	880	990	1100	1210	1320
12	120	240	360	480	600	720	840	960	1080	1200	1320	1440
13	130	260	390	520	650	780	910	1040	1170	1300	1430	1560
14	140	280	420	560	700	840	980	1120	1260	1400	1540	1680
15	150	300	450	600	750	900	1050	1200	1350	1500	1650	1800
16	160	320	480	640	800	960	1120	1280	1440	1600	1760	1920
17	170	340	510	680	850	1020	1190	1360	1530	1700	1870	2040
18	180	360	540	720	900	1080	1260	1440	1620	1800	1980	2160
19	190	380	570	760	950	1140	1330	1520	1710	1900	2090	2280
20	200	400	600	800	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400
21	210	420	630	840	1050	1260	1470	1680	1890	2100	2310	2520
22	220	440	660	880	1100	1320	1540	1760	1980	2200	2420	2640
23	230	460	690	920	1150	1380	1580	1800	2020	2240	2460	2680
24	240	480	720	960	1200	1440	1620	1840	2060	2280	2500	2720

This Table is based upon the usual calculation of 10 hours to a day.

April 1st I am now going to try and keep a diary of all I do. That is seeing I don't get too lazy at night and forget. it's a good start auld foals days anyway I have planted some potatoes and I don't wish them to turn out old foals. 2 after

2 April fine morning so got in some more potatoes during the day one hen hatched 6 chicks and nice ones they are this is my first start at chicken breeding so i will have to look well after them went over to Seafes this morning and got some potatoes he brought from town the old man is busy washing today. Will is hauling rails to get the fence finished before good friday they are going to stop the fishing in the lake now

3 April planted some more potatoes today again. set one hen with 13 eggs in the hen house of course I wished her good luck if that will do she is all right in the evening Maggie and Mr Phillips and Charlie came up the old man has about one gallon of whiskey with him he is feeling pretty good and he expects to have Sam White out tomorrow so he will have a great time of it. he tells me Mr Seafe has got the shot & paint and scrape so that will be some work for Willie. who has not gone to be a carpenter yet I fear he won't go at all now but I guess there's enough set home for him

4th April This morning I have Maggie to make ready the breakfast after it is over Maggie will have everything turned upside down and outside in. First the bed is found fault with it must be moved to the other side the house then the tie is not right I must fill it anew then everything has to be washed and I can tell you we had a busy time of it till dinner then I went up to J Stewarts to help him so brand his young cattle came back and still I find Maggie as busy as ever In the evening we go up to the hut and find Sam White there jolly as can be but the old man has cleared out so we follow his example and go down to Scafos there we find him. But I dont know what is the matter with the Scafos they dont seem to be in a very agreeable mood at all so we leave early coming past the hut the old man calls us up and we find Sam White at his best if you may say so. after the old man singing some songs and Sam telling some yarns we get home about mid night Maggie declaring she will never go down to Scafos any more I find another hen has set herself with over ten eggs under her of course I wish them all good luck.

5th April Get up early this morning as Maggie wants to go to town and I have the wagon to wash before she goes. I have finished planting the beauty of Hebron potatoes today after Maggie went to town I had the place all to clean up before she came back to be ready for Marion anyway I was ready before they got back and had all things nice. had some tea when they got home then they would have the stove altered into the corner of the house. John came down in the evening and Mr Phillips Sam White has gone home this morning after drinking all the whiskey

6th April Sunday morning got up late of course and went to the church in the afternoon came back with Willie Scaff and found Mr Wood and De Rassie sitting talking with the girls after they left we went all up to J Stewarts to have our Easter tea after having a nice quiet evening with his friends we started to take Marion to town but after getting here she changed her mind and we did not go. heard today that a great tidal wave is coming across the Pacific which is going to wash this island all away and all the west coast we will see in other 3 days as it has to be on the ninth. I heard also that Smith the baker had a horse killed yesterday by the cars

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7th April Got up at 3 o'clock to take Marion to town find it just coming down rain and bitter cold. all the same we had to go and as the saying is faint heart never wins a fair lady. all the way to town it was either rain or cold enough to freeze you almost. came back and split one hundred rails for J. Stewart which finishes the 700 he wanted got home and find Maggie with the supper ready and you may guess I have my share of it. then Mr. Philly's came in and Maggie went away with him so I am left alone in my glory again. I don't feel like doing much to night so I think I will get to bed.

8th April

I am not in such a hurry this morning as there is nobody to take to town. I have been clearing down in the swamp today. I heard the Seafes wagon go past today so I guess that they are away to start to the shot in the evening. I went up to Stewart's. I was telling him about the big wave coming to wash us all away. but he does not believe in it at all but if we are spared till tomorrow night we will see. I hear lots of landowners down in Frisco have been giving away their land. they think there is no more use for it any more.

10th April Well another day has come and gone and with it a good deal of rain worse luck to it for if it had stayed fair another hour I think my brush would have been all burned but as it was dawn came the rain and put out all the fires so I don't know when I will get it burned now not till the weather settles up again anyway this rain seems to give the flags new life again for they are cracking away like everything and the grasses are hot hotting as if it was fun to listen to them. I think I must have heard thunder today but it seemed to be a long way away at first I thought it was the Chariot but it never came any nearer so it could not be it I fired one of these explosive bullets today at a dero skull and horns the skull was all broken up and one of the horns was shivered into pieces and after that it made a great fall in the tree so I am inclined to think they are rather explosive after all but I have cleaned my gun and hung it up now so there will be no more shooting for some time

Wm. S. S. S.

17th April Wet and drizzly again this morning enough to make anyone inclined to go to bed, but I did not go to bed either I put on the same wester and the oilskin jacket and went and moved the fence round the hay field back this way quite a bit so as to give us a bit more ground for hay next year. In the afternoon it cleared up and was nice and warm. I planted a few potatoes and in the evening I went up to Mr Stewart's he was telling me he was at Victoria Tuesday night and Wednesday both so tonight he feels rather sleepy but he is in a pretty good way ever still, he is going to give me the horse another day to finish up around here and then I am going to plough for him two days I think him very obliging although he gets a pretty hard name from his neighbours yet as far as ever I have seen I believe that Mr Phillips is right he says that he never knew one of the Stewart boys do a dishonorable action yet and he has known them for a long time now. I am afraid he cannot say the same of our next neighbour. I forgot to say that I had the chimney fire going last night and you should just say that it was going I had to open the door to let out the heat.

April 18th Got up this morning in rather a muddled sort of state I could not fix my mind on what to do at all. At last I got ready and started for Victoria found the roads pretty muddy just arrived at my uncle in time to get some dinner he gave me a lot of good to saw that he was not needing went round by the paound but did not find nero told the man to watch well for him but I fear I will never see poor little dogs again I seen Marion to day she says she is coming out on Sunday and I guess we will have Maggie and Mr Phillips tomorrow night I wonder if he will have the our man with him this week he seems to think a lot of him Marion tells me her mistress wants me to come in and dig the garden for them I saw the old man Dean I think he is looking younger like than ever he says he is doing well out where he is but I would think it is too warm out where he is in summer and too cold in winter I hear Mrs Conway has been very bad she has had 3 doctors looking after her and to day they think she is getting the sunn for the better. I am sure it will be a good thing if she gets better but to bed now for i am tired

19th April New moon to day and the weather has been fine so I guess we will be gaining so have some good weather now I hear different people say that this has been the worst spring that has been since 52. I think it is little better than Scotland I heard Scafe's wagon go past this morning and Mr Stewart was telling me that he saw Scafe and Mrs Mac Kenzie and two girls go past so I believe they are to town he must be busy just now because he had been down the road on Friday with his wagon Maggie has not come up to night the old man tells me she is gone to town so she will likely be out 2 hours tomorrow Marion is coming out to me now too so I will have visitors and I have asked Mrs Stewart down to tea tomorrow night I have got another hen out with 4 chicks and isn't she a tinker it is not safe to go within 3 yards of her because she flies right at your face so I just let her go let them live or die as they please I have been up at Stewart's to night he tells me he is going to have a great fire some of these days he is going to burn down the old cabin I think I will have to go up and see it I never seen a house on fire that ever I mind of thought I have seen some big fires

20th April Sunday morning again and all
along a most lovely morning it is too
everything looks as if it was the day of
rest that is with nature got so with
man I have heard about 20 shots
fired today but as for myself I have
been lying on the rocks before the door
nearly all the time about 2 o'clock Mr
Stewart brought Marion and Maggie
along then he went home went back
to his fathers went home again and
came back here and took Marion to
lawn while this is going on Marion
and Maggie go down to Scapes and
are most politely received by the
master and Miss Scap being not
at home though they knew pretty
well they were coming it shows their
kindness Mr Wood came along with the
girls we had some tea and Marion
and Mr Stewart left Maggie and I
went down the road with Mr Wood
and who does we meet but Mr Scap and
Miss Scap they had the kindness to
stop and speak but I let him speak
first and if he had not offered to shake
hand I never would but I did not
refuse when he held out his so after a
big day I draw to Miss Woolens at
last

21st April A splendid morning and turned out a fine day Maggie has been at home this morning and of course makes the place more like home I have mowed a piece more at that place today and went up and fixed the piece at the bridge came back and got ready to go to town on the road I met Mr Scafe with his washie coming home then I met Mr Stewart and a long talk with him and by the time I got to town it was getting late found Mr Syme and Mr Johnson the only occupants of the house they said the rest had gone out and they did not know where they were worse than that they both went away to beds and left me alone I thought they were very entertaining altogether after a while Jim comes in and sits and stethers a lot of nothingness then my aunt and we had to clear away and get to bed but I thought it was very late for her to be out alone it was so belack before she came in this is a week after so if anything is forgot I cant help it now I will leave this little space so if I mind anything I can put it down after

22nd April Had a most miserable night
I could not sleep for cold got up and run
nearly all the road to the gasworks and had
breakfast started to take the turf of
the lawn and raise it a little my but
it is warm down in the but it is nice too
to see all the cars come in at least
I thought it was but perhaps it was
only because I was not used with
it right came around anyway and
seeing they had a party I had to go
home to supper. after that I had
to go to Mr Howells but there was
no letters so I went up and seen
Harry and the wife they had come
so late and I went into the kitchen
and there he kept stuffing everything
upon me as if I had not seen
meat for a fortnight marion she
came up and when they were going
away they were going with the street
car they all make a rush for it
but was too late or something because
there was no car then I had to walk
home with Lena and a horrid
furry road she took me. It was
moonlight but I could scarce keep
my feet as I don't know how we
would have gone on in the dark

23 April Slept a little better last night but i did not get so long to sleep so perhaps that had something to do with it got my breakfast again at the gasworks and got the grass all laid back into its place dug around some of the flowers had a good supper and started to come home Jim was going to be on the road with his calve to take home here to graze and of all the brubs to hear she beats them all everything she saw strange there was another bellow and of it was a cow 2 or 3 rows one after the other sometimes I had to laugh at her and I met Mr Downer and his - Downer and Maggie they could not understand what was coming at all at the four mile house she was worse than any place in truth I just about thought shame of her noise because people here seem to stare so much at anything yesterday a horse and buggy ran away and was thrown on their broad side after I got home I went up to Mr Stewarts on the road I met all the Scapes except Willie and his father along with the young man from the class and the two girls

24th April I am at home this morning again and all alone as usual. I wonder how it is with people that always live alone. I should scarcely like to be a Robinson Crusoe, either though I am near enough one as it is but I have to get to farm to day again so I had first to get well ready and start worked all day at the garden and got what provisions I wanted caught 2 sacks of oats and brought home Mr. Howling dog not a bad sort of a dog he is at all at all rather fond of the water but a good hunter. I got a letter today addressed to James Aitken Vancouver Island British Columbia America but I find it is not for me so I am now aware that there is more than one of the same name on Vancouver Island. I guess I had better put it back in the post office. I almost think I saw Alex today it was very like him at any rate. I wish I had gone up close to him and looked right but I was in a hurry so I never stopped at all. March is away out to Mr. Irvine tonight. I saw him going away. I think it has been even warmer today than it was yesterday.

25 April Another month to day and
I guess Victoria. but no I must
be wrong it will be the 26 because
the 25 falls on a Sunday so they surely
won't hold the regatta that day I hear
Mrs Irvine and her boys are expected
out at my Scapes but I am sure
I don't know whether they will come
or not they have been expected out
before but did not turn up so they
may be the same again I wonder if
Mr and Mrs Howell Junr will be
out on the 24th perhaps they will, but
it will just depend how they feel.
like it so day I have been fixing
the fence round the hay field John
was down in the morning and got
away the brush scythe to cut some
small brush he came down again in
the evening and got his hair cut
I saw Mr Stewart he says he will
give ~~me~~ his horse on Tuesday and I
guess I will have to go to him on
Wednesday and Thursday so ^{next} this week
will be pretty well ~~took~~ up again before
I know what I am John is wanting
to sell his gun again he cannot keep
one no time at all this one snaps he
says so it is not of much account.

26 April The end of the week again
This has been an extra warm day
in the morning I was at that fence
again but at dinner time I had to
leave it and go down to get Maggie
she was going to fetch up her
sewing machine when I got down to
the bridge there was no water so
she had to go to the White beach
and W. Scaff and the new strou
man carried it up through the bush
the old man and her drove home
and I walked along with the others
we saw Mr Horie and Phillips
gave him a drink of whiskey he
says you bet she life that will
kill a worm he is a laughable
old man, arrived all safe home
but what struck me rather strange
was that Willie should stand
outside and all the others go in
I thought he was very independant
In the evening we went up to the
hut there Charlie James was
telling us that a little child
about 3 years old had fallen
out at one of the windows of a car
some where between here and Charony
but he was not hurt at all he
must have been lucky

27 April Sunday Morning and a
beautiful morning it was with every
appearance of being a good day Maggie
is at home to day so she is doing the
cooking its very nice for a change
I have took the horse away back
to day and they stayed nearly all night
so there must be some grass to eat too
after dinner Maggie went up to Stewart's
to get tea, but she came back and went
away home with Phillis so again I am
left alone I own Mr Scaf and all
the family except Willie and Lottie going
down the road, the old man was
very working like going without the
coat in the evening I went up to
Mrs Stewart's Dads wife is still
there yet she is going to stay till sunset
Sunday morn I suppose so it will be
quite a change for Mrs Stewart and
John she was telling us that a horse
back in Canada when it gets to
12 year old it is not much use
but I am sure here they are never
much account until they are about
10 or twelve there Mr Stewart's black
one he is about 15 and he is ready
to run away any day and by all
appearance will be for some time yet

29th April This seems to have been a warmer day than ever. This morning I went up and got Mr Stewart's plow a fine set I had with it, I'll did not feel very nice about it at all, she cannot see the fun in a plow since that day I tried her on a piece of new ground with a lot of pillat roots in it anyhow I got it done but Mr Stewart did not come he had been away on Monday seeing about his lambs so he lost that day and it made him a day later in getting finished but he came in to night and left the harrows I knew he would come because I can always depend upon him. I went up in the evening as usual to get the milk Mrs Dan Stewart is still there she likes it very well far better than to play in town so she is a good deal like myself there is a fine opera to night in Victoria I suppose of course I never go to these things but Mr Stewart is a great hand for them he would have went but that he was so busy I am going to get his horse to morrow unless something goes wrong with either them or I

30th April The last day of this month again Tomorrow commences the first day of May I guess I will get up and wash in the May dew I had forgot about that well today I went up and got the horses and plowed till dinner time then I went out and sowed it then harrowed it and I can tell you we had no time to put off I went home with the horses and was back here again by six o'clock had some supper and put the harrow and plough in the wagon and took them up John has gave me this gun to get mended again I have mended it myself so it will save four bits I think I am entitled to that anyway Mr. Stewart is not home when I left he was late because it was after eight then well I think I am not the last nor yet am I the first to get my oats in I wish I had my potatoes all fest now and the roots in I would be pretty straight I think I will go to town to morrow morning and see how soon I can get back

May 1st New month again and I have
forgot to wash my face in May dew so
I will be all covered with prickles
O well beauty is only skin deep I have
been to town to day and I think
it is as warm there as it is here
I see Mr Howell and nearly made
a bargain about some of this land
but he is not very sure about buying
the wife so far away from town I was
at the gas works but neither ringing
nor knocking could I get them to help
I think they must have been out I
saw my aunt she says Mr and Marion
are going up the gorge for a boat ride
I was saying I wished I could be
standing on the bank watching them
but I have not so much time to
spare I got home a little after twelve
so I did not so bad in the afternoon
I went and sowed a few rows of
swede turnips I don't know how they
may grow John is down to night to
stay as Mr Stewart is gone down to his
father's I have been telling him all how
the machine works he is quite interested
in it I wonder if we are going to have
church next Sunday we have not been
for a month now but so bad

May 2nd This morning I had John
beside me but its is very warm
now you does not need a partner to
keep you warm had breakfast and
then I had a walk quietly round
about glide mountain and quietly
walked back again and get back
here about 11 o'clock had some dinner
made a cake and planted some
potatoes in the afternoon went
up to Mr Stewarts in the evening he
was just telling me about a
new kind of way to roll the
ground take a flat board and
draw it along it will help I
before to smooth it down a bit
but it cant make a very good
job at all that is the way Mr Dean
did he says I seen Mr Scafe go
up last tonight he was all alone
he had something like a tub in the
bottom of the wagon least I thought
so but it might be a new boat
I guess they will make three
partners out of those boats yet
that is if the line long enough
and the old boats dont spring
a leak or run ashore on a
coral reef or they might run ashore
on a desert island like Robinson
Cruise

May 5th. Lovely morning went out early
and sowed some seeds about half past six
Mr Scap came along asking if I had
seen his cows but I had not so he
went away further down the road
I shot a blue jay today with my rifle
at 36 yards a pretty good shot I think
planted some more potatoes today
and in the evening Maggie came up
she brought some roots of hops but
I fear they got too much of the sun
still they may grow I see my squash
is through the ground I sowed the
onions last night and some tomatoes
and Brown cherry I dont know how they may
get on at all about 10 o'clock Ben came
up it was quite a surprise for
I never looked for him at all but
still his welcome when he does come
we went up to the hut after that
and found the old man in bed
pretty well strung up. I think he was
even worse than I have seen him for
a long time John was down and
went back last night again I hear that
the old man Mr MacKenzie is very bad
they have had the doctor out ag. at him
and Fattie has been down, helping Mrs
MacKenzie the old man Scap is away
down to night

May 4th Sunday morning and I have got
both Ben and Maggie I don't know
what took me this morning but I got
up at half past four after Ben got up
we went out and had a look around
he seems to think things are greatly
changed for the better about this
place I am quite glad to hear it
for I thought I was just turning
another old Jean about dinner time
Mr Wood and Albert Wales came
along Wood tells me he is going
away up country surveying he says
he is going to have a splendid
crop of Sylabs and furs I pity
him if he has to live on that all
next winter I fear he won't get
fat all all he is another of these
happy men who say things are
looking better him and Ben are
quite friends already Albert Wales
is awfully quiet he has scarce
a word to say at all In the
afternoon Marion came along
walked all the way from Victoria
and is going to walk back again
then comes in Mr Phillips and
the new man so you may guess
what a houseful we had and
such a talking it was part of

Tiresome to listen to it but I could not get out of it John was down too I seem to think he is growing every time I see him I am sure he is going to be far bigger and stronger than what I am that is if spared we never know what is before us. There Mr MacKenzie died this morning about nine o'clock and he was at his usual work till Thursday dinner time so it must have been a very sudden illness Maggie was just telling me Mr Downer thought last week he never saw him looking better and he thought the old people would see their golden wedding yet they had been 47 year married I suppose so it was a long time to live together I believe he has to be buried on Tuesday I am afraid the Mrs won't be long after him before we could get divided up here there had to be another great argument about how they were going to get to Victoria Mr Phillipps said he would take them all to Esquimaux in his boat some would go others would not so at last the old man went away without them and they all walked

May 5th All my company are now gone so I am left to keep Bachelors hall once more for another week I dont know whether it does me any good or not sometimes I think it shakes me up a bit other times I think I would just be as well without it This morning went out and planted six rows of carrots before breakfast of course Maggie made ready the breakfast before she went away after that I finished planting the potatoes at least I dont think I will plant anymore now but I might yet I dont know about it I almost thought of lying down after dinner it was so hot but I just thought well if I do begin to lie down after dinner I will just carry on and the work will just start in the evening I saw Mr. Stewart go down last with the wagon I dont know where he can be going so late at night for it was after six o'clock I hear the blues praise making quite a noise tonight but they are so cunning now they are begun to hide in the trees so I think I will follow their example and hide in the blankets.

May 6th This morning was the heaviest
 dew I think it has been this year.
 I was out and sowed some carrot
 seed till 8 o'clock then I came and
 washed the wagon and some other
 little jobs. I seen the Chariot go down
 past Lottie and Jennie was walking
 just ahead of it then and had
 some dinner and got ready to go
 to the old mans funeral. There was
 a terrible lot of carriages at it I
 think it was 23 when it got to the church
 yard or the cemetery as they call it here
 among them I know were Mr Scafe, Willie
 Lottie and Jennie Mrs Orvine Mrs Peterson
 Mr Peterson Mr Breckon Mr MacDowell
 Mrs Douglas Donald Mac Donald Sissy
 & Mary Nevers & them that had rigs were
 5 backs from town. With Mrs Dawe
 four mile house. Horry Prier Day and Jessie
 Mr Congreve Mr Stewart Donald MacKenzie
 Mr Sean and Bill Jones Mr MacRae
 and quite a number more. In Dawnen
 but I did not see Maathe Phillips nor
 Dadds after I got home. I went up
 to Mr Stewart had some talk and
 came back again and as I feel
 just a little tired I think there
 is worse place than the bed

May 7th another lovely morning
I had to get up last night after
going to bed by that fool it was
making such a noise I thought there
was something wrong but all was right
so I got a walk for nothing I have
sowed some more carrots to day and
I see the swede turnips are through
the ground so is the cato so I believe
I may have some kind of crop yet
though it wont likely be much I
have been digging some well I
finished the big garden today
I will have to get it planted
next I see ~~by~~ by the time I get
all the seeds in it will be time
to start and hae the potatoes are
through the ground and Mr Horay
has not got his planted yet I fear
the place where he is going to plant
them is too dry now they will
never be any crop his garden is
very poor I saw it yesterday
I think there is nothing doing
well but his rhubarb his
orchard looks not so bad at
all but his horse and cows
are miserable thin poor old
man he is bad with a pain back
just now

May 8th I have been up at Mr
Stewart all day hauling manure
I just would like if these horse
of his were mine they are good
and able for their work though
the black one is a little febrny
some times but still I like him
better than if he was quiet he
took that big horse this morning
to go to his fathers and he has had
a terrible time with him he tried
to throw him off and do everything
that was bad with him but he
stuck to the saddle he said he
was taking down some eggs and
they were all smashed up to pieces
coming home I met Charlie Innes
Charley Phillips and Willie Scaf
I believe Willie has finished the
spot painting now and the other
two were going to the hut to
stay all this week and perhaps
next I dont know I wonder
if they will be going out
shooting tomorrow or not I
dont think I have any more
news to night unless I say
that I would sooner drive a
team than stay here

May 9th I have been at home all day nearly I went up in the morning to the hat with half a dozen eggs had breakfast with the two boys and came back and had some potatoes In the evening I sowed some carrots seed and Mr Stewart came in he had been to town and got that paper for me I dont see that it will do me so much good after all because it is too late I am sure I seen Willie Seape and his father go past today I guess they will be going away to get their money for the shirt painting I hoisted the union jack today up at the hat so any one going past would know that it was british subjects that were within but last year for fun I put up the Straps and stripes so as to make him a yankee the old man never said nothing about it no more than if it had never been put up I guess I will go to town to narrow and see what is new

May 10th I got up early this morning and went to town saw my uncle Mrs Howell she gave me 2 daisies of course I called on Marion she says she is coming out on Sunday if it does not rain I got back here by 12 o'clock so I had not put off much time in town sowed some carrots in the afternoon Maggie Mr Phillips and Jack come along so I have company to night we went up to Mrs Stewarts in the evening in town today there was a blast went off and all went to the air some rocks went into a balloon the window of a carpenters shop was smashed in and great holes knocked in the roof one man was knocked senseless I heard but I did not hear any more about it its just the way accidents will happen there was a great crowd gathered round the corner when I passed I heard Mrs Mac Henzie was coming home today and one the Petersons girls was going to stay with her and Jennie Keefe I guess the old woman will have a good deal.

May 11th Sunday morning found
me late in getting up as usual
I had Maggie to make breakfast
so it was a rest to me all
the forenoon it rained like
everything so of course we
never looked for marion about
dinner it fair'd a little and
I heard them at the hut
firing with the Winchester rifle
I guess it was at a target
Mr Stewart was down in the
afternoon he is going to take
Maggie to church next Sunday
he says then Phillips came in and
Maggie went away with him
Charlie came down and after
Mrs Stewart went away him and
I went up to the hut there
we found Charlie & me just
about sleeping we sat and talked
a while and then I came down
home after a weary sort of day
that just brings me in mind of
what I heard that Day the
Steward of the Amphion had
opened his Saloon the other night
a terrible night I suppose
they had so many for bed

May 12th All alone again except
that the boys are at the house
they are going to stay the full
tomorrow so I will see them
sometimes in the morning
I went out and grubbed over
that piece the other side the stream
then I got it sawed and ~~cut~~^{harrowed}
it in with the ~~harrow~~^{rake} for the
want of something better in
the afternoon John came along
he was going down to Mr. Steward
Sims so he wanted hell to
ride on I told him to walk
~~fast~~ she was sweating a
good deal when she came back
I did not see him as I was
up at the hut then I went
up to Mr. Stewarts in the
evening he has been ploughing
to day he tells me it will
take him till about the 1st
of June to get finished so he
will be a long way behind
me in getting finished but
of course I have only got a small
piece to do and his horse did
it all so I think for another
night I will close up and
go to bed

May 13th Got up pretty early this morning and had a quiet walk down the road, but did not see nobody come back and had breakfast made a cake which turned out beautiful. I have had the spring of the wagon off as it had got out of place. The time I was fixing it, Charlie Jones came along he had seen two girls and he was quite excited to know who they were it was Annie Scaff and that other girl from their grandmothers. I saw them go home again at night the two boys are away home again after getting I think it was some trouble between them so they had not a very big time of it. I have been hoeing potatoes in the afternoon they are quite a good size now and I see the others are just about ready for it too. I have broke the sewing machine needle to day so I will have to get a new one and never let on to Maggie or else I will hear about it.

May 14th Been hoeing some more
potatoes today I started a fire in
the afternoon where I am going to
clear a piece and at the finish it
just went a little faster than what
I wanted it but there was little
damage done only one length of
rails burned so I think I came
off pretty lucky I seen Lattie Seape
go down past with the team
herself this morning early I guess
she had been so alone because she
went home again about six tonight
she looked very lonely sitting all
alone in an empty wagon I
thought she might look better
with Mr. Wadd or some nice
looking young man beside her
I went up to Stewart's in the
evening - he does not think he is
going to get all his rats in
before the first of June yet I
would like very well to give him
a hand but there is nothing that
I can do for him he expects his
mother out on the 24th too I am
just wondering if Harry and the
wife will come out Marion and
Maggie says they wont come as
they are going to the regatta.

May 15th I finished hoeing the
potatoes today for the first time
of course I will have to go
over them again once or twice
I started another fire and
got all that piece burned
that I want just now I
just had a narrow escape to
day again when there was only
about 20 or 30 yards but the
wind rose and did not let
go I got all singed about the
face and arms putting it out
but it did no damage to
night I am sitting just
wishing I dear would come
out so as I could get a shot
at it in the field but
I have no such luck they
are more cunning than come
just when you want them
of course I had my usual
walk this morning but did
not see nothing a man came
in this morning rather the
worse for drink and that
day of mine rather inclined
to think he had no right if
I had not got between them
I guess the man would have got
but

May 16th I got up pretty early this morning and went to town got there just at 1 o'clock my uncle and aunt are coming out on the 24th and I expect Harry and the wife so I am going to be crammed up I don't know about the girls yet but I will know on Sunday I seen Mr Jack today he gave me some mangold seed to sow and if I grow the largest mangold I get a city lot in Westminster I think if I had sown them last month I might have had some chance but now I fear it is too late I got home here about 12 o'clock and got all the seeds I wanted that my uncle gave me I had musk mison cucumber and tomato red cabbage early yorks and I forget the other name but it was summer as the man said I went up to Mr Stewart and he was telling me he ~~was~~ very bad with the cold he almost thinks he will have to give up work altogether for a day or so

May 16th I got up pretty early this morning and went to town got there just at 7 o'clock my uncle and aunt are coming out on the 24th and I expect Harry and the wife so I am going to be crammed up I don't know about the girls yet but I will know on Sunday I seen Mr Jack today he gave me some mangh seed to sow and if I grow the largest mangold I get a city lot in Westminster I think if I had sown them last month I might have had some chance but now I fear it is too late I got home here about 12 o'clock and got all the seeds I started that my uncle gave me I had musk mignon cucumber and tomato red cabbage early yorks and I forget the other name but it was summer as the man said I went up to Mr Stewart and he was telling me he was very bad with the cold he almost thinks he will have to give up work altogether for a day or so

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- May 14th Landed here on Salt Spring Island
and commenced work as Shepherd.
- May 11th Commenced to drive in the sheep
drove 3 days and then sheared ather
2 days and a half I went to town on
Saturday night 16th May came back on
the 19th on the Isabel with all my
things
- May 21st ploughed up all my garden
22nd planted all my potatoes
23rd Master Jack killed one deer
and Robert went to town also
his sister and Miss Edith.
I went round the big parake fence
- " 24th Sunday I feel very lousy drowned Judy
- " 25th Commenced to cut the ferns in
the eighty acre parake
- " 26th still at them Master Robert came
back to day but not his sister nor Miss Edith
- " 27th Master Robert Young and I all at the ferns
- 28th all at the fence and hard work
- 29th Robert go to Cowichan all the rest at the
fence killed 1 sheep to night
- 30th all at the fence Mrs Muogrove go
to town Steamer Isabel came to wharf
I Cow and some potatoes Master
Jack took in some hay Miss Edith
came home in a canoe
- 31st John Hallam came today I go
out with the china man for a boat
pull

- June 1st all day at the fence I get 12 lbs rhubarb from Mrs Musgrave to make into jam make one half
- .. 2nd finish the fence today put 17 rams in the outside of it and I finish my jam making. I hear Miss Edith leaves for England on Saturday first
- 3rd At the farms again today Mrs Musgrave comes home ~~and the others~~ I get a letter from Mrs Hargrave
- June 4th had some rain today I have been at the farms all day Mrs Musgrave gave me some califfower and some cabbage plants
- .. 5th killed a sheep in the morning then went over the wing fence and the 200 acre and the 80 acre master Robert brought down some wood for the Indians Jack Robert & young all at farms
- 6th Showers of rain all day to day Miss Edith leaves for England today dinner time Sam goes to Victoria on the Esabel the Indians come and we drive the big parake. 3 of the good ewes are left and 2 lambs I got a letter from G. Williamson. Mrs Daniel comes to do the cooking and it has been showers all day again I hope it will be better before we start to the run on Monday or else we will get terrible wet brought down one side of matters for the Indians

- June 7th Sunday morning I go out for a sail go down as far as the south end and come back. The mountain looks splendid from the water. 3 Indians go out for a hunt 2 of them get deer. in the evening 4 Kanakas come making 9 men now to drive sheep we start in the morning
- 8th Been driving sheep to day I went right round the beach from the south end. I have not been so far before seen the gold mine found a raw lock of a boat Master Robert brought down one side of a sheep today he killed one also we had a very poor drive I think about 800
- 9th no rain today just cloudy again. Driving sheep again to day lost one man in the evening I find Marion has come quite a surprise as I did not expect her. Master Robert killed one sheep Marion and I go out for a boat ride and find a piece of a cactus which she is going to take to Victoria
- 10th Went round by Bourgoyne bay today I find 6 lengths of rails down got very few sheep I catch one fawn and am going to make a pet of him at least try to ungray the man that was lost yesterday turns up tonight he had went home after he found he was lost Young says me a visit tonight

- 11th Another drive to day get some dinner time
Shear the afternoon and finish them
- 12th Indians nearly all go home I sell 2 Dog eggs
Jamie and Jewers go out hunting Jamie
shot 2 deer and did not get any afternoon
he went home, parted out the fat sheep to
day and the good ewes and Lamb's Marion
is making quite a difference in the
house it is not like the same place
- 13th Marion went away with the Isabel to
day we sent away 4 2 fat sheep to
Victoria Master Jack went with them
The afternoon cut furs again
- 14th I and young go to Cowichan young
went to see his friend at Mr Pimbury
and he was not there I went over to
see Mrs Todd very nice people I think
young was very much afraid we
were going to kill a pic coming home
- 15th Been raining nearly all day started to the fern
but had to come home in the afternoon we
filled four packs of wool I fixed the door
step to night and the wood shed this morning
killed one sheep this morning filled some
packs of wool the steamer came in and
Master Jack and 3 Ladies came one was Miss
Doolley I got one bush from Matthews but
just half what I wanted it has rained
nearly all day - a new purser on the
Isabel I see Miss Langley and Miss
the other Ladies
Foster

- June 17th Finished packing wool today in all 3,784 or very near that cutting fern in the afternoon. The ladies were all down to see the faun.
- 18th Turned over the hay then drove the little parak got 3 long tailed canoes cutting fern in the afternoon been showers of rain all day I see the cherries are now ripe in the orchard.
- 19th Been raining all day less or more I have done nothing but saw up wood killed that lizard that bothered Marion so much. Young sawing wood also.
- 20th Heard at work at the ferns today I expected a letter but did not get one. Master and all the family went to Cowichan in the afternoon Young and I turn hay.
- 21st Raining stormy day I went down round the south end with the boat saw a few canoes, one steamer, and a schooner rigged boat she looked like a boat that could sail a bit if wanted also saw 2 seals and 2 or 3 whales.
- Longest day and poor weather.
- 22nd Put the barbed wire around the oat field got myself cut in the knee about $\frac{1}{2}$ in deep and 2 inches long bled for 4 hours been at the ferns in the afternoon saw a steamer go past to north of Master's farm and all the ladies are

- June 23rd started to the ferns to day but had to come home as my knee started to bleed bled for 3 1/2 hours today the steamer Soabel went up to day I have been in the house all afternoon not pleasant work at all
- 24th Been at the ferns all day feel a little better had a letter from Marion and one from Mrs Hargrave show 3 sheep to night Master Robert killed one weather more settled now
- 25th Been at the ferns all day Mr & Mrs Musgrave were down to night Master is going to town in the morning saw a steamer pass up to Cowichan
- 26th Master went to town Master Robert went with him to Cowichan waited for the mail and it did not come in the afternoon took in some hay and one load of wool to the wharf cut ferns in the morning
- 27th I took down 2 loads of wool this morning all the ladies and Master Jack went away to day on the Soabel Mrs Musgrave and all so that only Robert and Miss Annis is left at home. Mr Robert tells me that when they were putting the wool on board they let one sack fall into the water I guess the company will have to pay for it I have been cutting fern part of the day master Robert painted the little boat to night Young now gives me 8 months to either kill myself or else die here means that in 8 months I will be no more
(steamer went up to Cowichan the Soabel also went down)

28th Jan. Went to Cowichan this morning no mind at all got the letters and came back then the 2 Chinamen and I go out for a sail Sam got sick so we had to come back

29th Cutting ferns all day I cut my own hair tonight finished setting up my potatoes I expect some things on the Isabel tomorrow

30th Nothing came for me today on the Isabel she brought 2 loads of wood and the master's first cousin Miss O'hearnley she has been round the world on the Empress of Japan. I think I will have to go and see why Marion did not send my things she will surely send a letter Young got a lot of stuff today

1st July St. Georges fell on today I believe been cutting fern all day Miss Inuogran gave me 10 eggs to pay back and Young gave me some nuts and a package of tea our steamer went up this morning and came back tonight

2nd Cut down 2 trees to put under the boat house today we brought up five lengths and put one under cut down the trees close by the wharf a tug went down tonight with a crew load of rock I guess that man will make his fortune out of the stone quarry yet

- 3rd Went round the big paddock fence this morning dinnertime. Mrs. Musgrave, and Master Edward came home. They had come to Cawichan in the train in the afternoon we put 2 logs under the raft so she is finished now. I can't understand why I did not get a letter from Marion today.
- 4th Finished cutting fern so Ray killed one sheep and then went to town saw Marion & Ben and stayed all night at Jim's. Emma is sick. Isabel went down today.
- 5th I went out to Seafos this morning and Marion also they are all in good spirits out there came down by Hargreaves and they are all well but Miss Griffith's then I came home and I think I had quite a time of it.
- 6th I have been having turnips and mangels all day young thinks that I am at home but my heart is in Victoria today. Master and Robert took out the rams and put them in the upper paddock they are busy at the boat house.
- 7th Ben and I ran the big paddock twice yet we have not got the sheep we wanted but we got more than we expected all the same. Young is very tired one steamer went out today with a lot of indians and their canoes dragging behind another steamer went in and the Isabel went up to dog.

- July 8th Sheared 5 sheep this morning put my ram in amongst the killing sheep and the good ewes out into the big paddock had some turnips and then went over to Cowichan to get my housekeeper brought home the mail and did not get back until 10 o'clock Miss Inygrave came down and got the mail
- 9th Started to cut our oats today in the afternoon all the family went out for a boat sail with the steam launch. I killed one sheep to night we had a good laugh at it soon trying to cut oats today he says he will bid you bye and bye.
- 10th Cutting oats all day Young is the best Chinaman ever I saw he can cut nearly as much as myself
- 11th Finished our oats cutting I had another look for that ram but did not find him all the gentry went over to Cowichan in the afternoon
- 12th Went over to Cowichan this morning took the Chinaman up to the flats and Maggie and I went over to Mr. Todd's I met other 2 Scotchmen there one Mr. Reid and the other Mr. Gilchrist got home about 4 o'clock
- 13th Baking up the hay today it has dried very quick I saw one stranger here today I wonder if he was after buying this place The Chinaman talks of giving me a big holiday soon a steamer went in to Cowichan and took away a crew load of lumber

- July 14th Been at the Jay all day today again we expected the Indians to drive the big parrah but they did not come, the Isabel went past, today yesterday all the dogs were fighting together and today there is some pitiful looking dogs going around.
- 15th Out some ferns for bedding Master Edward went over for the mail, hauled in hay in the afternoon Master Robert upset the hay over a knoll Young thought I was killed, but I am still here yet
- 16th Finished all our hay today killed one sheep in the evening Young brought down his wash, one steamer went down last night with a load of rock.
- 17th Brought in the ferns this morning the tug Daisy was in at the wharf this morning coming down last night she lost one scow load of lumber the rope having broke, and before she could catch it again in ran ashore on to that rock about a mile from here took the rams out the wharf paddock and put them in the orchard, another tug went in to Caewickan
- 18th Went round the Big paddock fence but did not find the ram We had a great time tonight as Master Newman came home he has won a prize of 120 dollars so we lighted a great fire and gave him a volley of 3 shots one blew left at wharf tug daisy left it Isabel went past today

- 19th Went round to Bargynne Bay today saw that saw load of lumber on the rock and there was 15 men disloading it and putting it on an empty saw saw Mr Lee got one duck for Gaung paid 18 there will be a splendid rally over there some day yet Saw three men looking at the timber where the types was look out.
- 20th All the big house people are away except Master Edward and Newcombe. they took the steam launch to go to Chemainus they are coming back tomorrow Young and I was fixing a pier in the garden when the water is washing it away.
- 21st Finished the garden ditch today all the family came home tonight Master Edward went to Camichan I got one letter from Matthews a tag and the Boone saw went up to night the Isabel went up in the morning
- 22nd I was surprised this morning to find the Master here at seven o'clock. he don't usually get up till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 he wanted a tag but found it high and dry by the time we got to it so we could not get it. I have been all over the south end today I seen about 50 unshorn sheep and about a dozen long tailed lambs also 5 rams with wool on them past by the gold diggings found the old hut had been broken into I don't see how they get gold out such a place

- 23rd Killed one sheep this morning put a log under the boat house, nets caught a rat a crab caught young by the finger which made him yell went out looking for the ram lamb but did not get him shot one deep and it looks like thunder so might quit a bit of thunder this morning and a little rain went out after the ram and found him shot him and brought him home I see Mr. Harris is here, got a letter from Marion, she says four midshipmen have been drowned outside the harbour.
- 24th Cut the thistles in the paddock round the house, the Isabel was in and I sold 8 doz eggs 30 cents doz Foster and Mrs went away on the Isabel for Victoria to meet their eldest son and wife all the rest went to Cowichan in the afternoon.
- 25th Went over to Cowichan wharf this morning went up as far as Mr. Todd's then brought met another Scotchman Mr. Barr he comes from Keweenaw he is coming over some day before long Mr. & Mrs. Todd are coming next Sunday sent away Youngs watch to Victoria he has broken the chain
- 27th Started to burn the stumps this morning it will take us quite a while young was cutting fern and he is in a great way about the time near a sleep come out from Cowichan and go away up the narrows she had a small boat dragging behind her.

28th July Been at the stumps burning all day
 Master, Robert and Mr Harris went over
 to Cowichan to bring home another gentle
 man, the Isabel went past today

29th Burning stumps still Mr Harris left today
 out one I got a letter from Marion she has very
 her tonight little news Young thinks he is going to die

30th Still at the stumps burning so there is
 nothing exciting going on unless the boys
 they are making a welcome over the gate
 into the house Young is one better tonight
 he does not think he will be able to work tomorrow

31st Burning stumps still the rainbow was
 in today and the Master & Mistress came
 home with their eldest son and his wife
 who has just arrived from England the
 gates were all arches and the gate at
 the house had a welcome for them
 but as it was in punch I cannot
 say what it meant the front door
 was hung with 2 British ensigns
 and a blue flag with 2 tennis
 bats and balls in the centre the
 wharf was decked with pines and
 cedar I guess the ships crew
 wondered if we had took leave of
 our senses up here the rainbow
 is not one of the pretty heats but
 the Captain is more civil and obliging
 than the Isabel

- August, 1st Burning stumps our gentry all
 The Isabel went the master has just told me he had
 down an awful job to get through the
 piles as there was a swell on the
 water and the tide coming in
- 2nd Been over to Cavichan this morning to bring Mr
 & Mrs Judd over. has been very rough coming over
 they are quite delighted with the place took
 them back again in the evening and got home
 about a quarter to 11. I saw a tug with a
 scow load of stone go down and the daisy
 came up with an empty one.
- 3rd Been round the south end today started
 at 4 o'clock but did not see anything unusual
 saw a great number of Coons 1 mink and
 5 seals 1 Sloop and a canoe. I tried to
 blast ~~##~~ 3 stumps in the evening with
 good effect. the daisy tied up at our
 wharf last night
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 of rain this morning. I got some
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- 6th The stranger in Inuogram went away today
Hauled wood in the forenoon commenced to rain
and we quit killed a sheep in the evening
cut off a blue jay head with the rifle
- 7th Hauling wood again today I got a letter
yesterday from J. Williamson Young got home
his watch which has cost him $6\frac{1}{2}$ dollars
Been threatening rain all day but very little fell
- 8th Been another splendid day drew wood in the
afternoon all the family went to Caweechen
I gave young one chicken rooster tonight
I sold him one dozen eggs at 3 bits his
friend is coming tomorrow so he is going to
have a good time. I wonder why I did not get
a letter from Marion tonight
- 9th Been very warm and I have felt very lazy I was
up and seen young and his friend Joe at dinner
they seemed to enjoy it very much Sam was down
Joe tells me they have had Kings in China
for 4,5 & 6 years they cannot back that far
then he showed me the man that made
the earth the man as surveyed the
mountains and the man that invented cloth
the lady that made light before she came
it was all darkness and I forget how much
more but all the eyes that ever lived
they have them marked down I must
get young to explain it to me some
day when I am not busy the tug and a
some barge went down last night.

- 10th Aug Finished hauling wood today then started
to carry stumps try with a saw went
in to Cowichan tonight been very warm
- 11th Went round the sugar loaf mountain saw
quite a lot of sheep & rams which I did
not expect. As we found a new kind of
fruit it has a leaf like a gooseberry hangs
in clusters like red currants and black berries
on it saw a vein of quartz rock 7 inches wide
and about 3 feet deep the Isobel went up today
- 12th Started early this morning and went round
the south end saw lots of sheep, 1 ram
without a bell woolly saw four deer that
spring on the top of the mountain is still
running but not much now
- 13th Started to cut wood for myself master jack
came today quite unexpectedly as no one was
aware of his coming he is taking his place well
now but did not at first hold to sheep today
- 14th Still at the wood Mrs Robert showed me a
gold chain he got in a present from ~~the~~ ^{the} games
with the family crest as a seal at the ^{games}
end of it. the crest is 2 arms in armour
holding a ring it is a beautiful chain he
tells me they are all going away to Victoria
but he's not sure how many yet will see
tomorrow
- 15th Still cutting wood all the gentry go but master Mrs
Edward and Newcombe. the Isobel went down we changed
the rams from the orchard to the wharf postback today
one saw came home from bergoyes bay

- Aug 16th I got up early this morning and went round as far as the gold mine with the boat brought home a piece of quartz I did not see anything to interest me at all the master was down telling me he was going away for a week just now
- 17th Been raining all day less or more I have been cleaning up the shed to put the wood in it the master did not go to town as it was too wet tug went down tonight the rats eat 2 of the small chickens today sent away a letter to Marion
- 18th Still getting wood for myself the master went to town today young is getting wood for himself also. been very warm all day the Isobel went past about 1 o'clock she was very late today. I split 3 cords of wood which is a big days work so young says
- 19 Got up very early and went round the 200 acre parak saw the dairy going up the narrows she was going against the tide and twice the tide brought her back, about a mile, saw three deer in the 200 went round the 500 acre and the big parak fence saw about 20 sheep in the 200 acre 5 or 6 of them lambs split wood in the afternoon

- Aug 20th Went over to Cowichan with the
 mistress Edward Newcombe and a boy
 Bodley had a palover with an old
 Klostchoman caught a salmon for
 the mistress came home and split wood
 in the evening i go out fishing with the spearm
 bait but catch nothing
- 21st Hauled home my own wood today and
 youngs saw one tug with a saw load
 lumber go down nobody at home but
 every all right yet I havent got as
 much wood as fill the shed yet
- 22nd gathered all the apples in the Orchard
 that is the windfalls sawed up some
 more wood everything is going all
 right yet I sabel went down and
 a tug went up the Daisy
- 23rd got up very late this morning
 went out with the boat and caught
 some fish I saw the old flat bottomed
 schooner go into Cowichan Genoa
 saw mill Sam and young started to
 go to Cowichan but turned they
 were afraid it was too rough the
 master will be home tomorrow and
 I am quite glad though everything is
 all right yet

Aug 24th Killed one sheep in the morning
 went over to Cowichan but did
 not get the master sent a letter
 saying he would come tomorrow
 burned stumps in the afternoon got
 all quite excited in the afternoon
 so much so that I went up ^{in evening} and slept
 in the parlour in case of burglars

I am glad they are all coming home to
 morrow a tug went down ^{with} a sea bed stone
 " 25th The Jacobs came in today I took down
 the wagon young took down Daisy the
 Mr & Mrs the farmer and wife Edward
 and her combs all came I had quite
 a bit of freight Maggie did not come
 been burning stumps all day Miss Ann's
 has got second prize for Lawn tumes
 a pair of field glasses

26th Burning stumps again Master Robert came
 10 rams home today changed the rams from the wharf
 Lamborn paddock to the Orchard brought home
 weather to kill 24^v old rams & ewes Lamborn?

27th Still burning stumps Young has now
 concluded he is going home to China
 Saw a torpedo boat go up today I
 wonder what she was after I am
 very sorry young is going away I think
 more of him the more I know of him
 bought his gum boots they are almost new
 got 2/6 and a quarter a tin coal oil 1/8

- Aug 28th Burning stumps all day I tugs
wint up one canoe with about
20 indians went down Young was
down and paid me a visit tonight
- 29th Burned stumps in the forenoon went
down to Victoria had a dance at
Seafes and stayed all night everything
is just much the same as I left it
before I came here
- 30th I had the watch so I was to waken
them that is Willie and Bertie Tichman
at 4 post 5 and I did it exact Lotties
wedding is not going to be long now
she tells me had dinner at Hargraves
and slept at Mrs MacKenzie's all
night
- 31st got up early and split some wood
for Mrs MacKenzie came up in the
train and got here about 12 o'clock and
started to the stumps again Young is
quite glad to see me home again
- Sept 1st Burning stumps still Isabel came in to
day and Sir Richard Miss Dunsmuir Mrs
Annie Maggie and John all came with
her killed one sheep tonight
- 2nd Burning stumps John went out and
shot a deer everything all quiet
- 3rd Went out over the south end with John
John shot five grouse did not see a deer
at all did not get no view at all
weather too foggy

4th
5th

Went round the Burgoyne Bay Mountain today saw very few sheep no deer at all, John shot 6 grouse. Young and Sam were down tonight they are in very good humour I bought young's watch and some other things he gave me a pair of chop sticks which I am going to take home to Scotland when I go burning stumps again the Isabel came to wharf today Maggie and John went away Sir Richard and Miss Dunsmuir as well Maggie has had a good deal more fun than Marion had when she was up. The gentry have all gone to Caucichan I had to milk the cows tonight as Young has gone away he is off for China now and I am quite sorry for it too

6th

All is quietness again it's sums even quieter than usual I think it is the want of young milked the cows night and morning one tug went up this morning and another came down tonight I forgot to say yesterday was a busy day 2 tugs went up and one down and the torpedo boat went home again the air is so thick with smoke you can't see no distance

7th

Milked the cows Master Robert killed 2 Coons on one of the trees round the house we got 3 barrels water one man came from Beaver point and got 2 ram lambs dug roots in the afternoon

- Sep 8th Burning stumps again today the Isabel came to wharf Miss Chearley came with her Our new Chinaman and I got some things from Saunders. I think he will be pretty much like yawng after all.
- 9th Burning stumps came on rain in the afternoon every one is glad to see it Saw 3 large canoes go up fast one big sloop came out from Cowichan today and went away down by the south end wrote a letter to Daggie tonight
- 10 Burning stumps filled 3 barrels water for the steam launch all the young people went over to Cowichan to catch salmon but did not find them killed one sheep tonight went up and saw yawng he gave me 5 news coins for my collection i have now 17 all different I see a siwash camped down by the old wharf
- 11th Rained nearly all last night digging stumps in the forenoon the afternoon it rained so we had nothing to do I shot one rat tonight with the rifle 1/2 past 8 raining still and very wet
- 12th Been raining heavily all day I gathered the windfalls in the orchard Miss Chearley left today for good I shot one cock pheasant with my rifle at 72 seventy two yards The Isabel came in today and a Mr Cargill came with her he is a Scotchman I believe.

- Sep 13th Went over to Cowichan this morning
Saw Mr Judd and wife Mr Bartlett
has sold out and going away for his
health got home all right about 4 o'clock
- 14th Burning stumps again the dairy went
fast with a scaw today Mr. Gargill
pays me a visit he seemed to think
he harmed me a little when he said that
fire was a good servant but a bad master
- 15th at the stumps still the Isabel went
up today master Robert caught a salmon
tonight I killed one sheep weather
seems a little settled 2 sheep went
down today. master Robert went to Cowichan
- 16th James was down but he is not so funny as I was
Burning stumps all the gentry were
away with the steam launch today
raining again tonight
- 17th raining all day miserable weather
cant do nothing at all sea very
rough gathered all the windfalls
in the orchard sawed up some
wood terrible high wind this
morning I thought house and all
was going to be blown away
- 18th Been over to Cowichan with Maggie she
is going to Mrs Watson in a fortnight
Mr Musgrave was here with a torpedo boat
and took Master James and wife and his Annie
to town I got a letter from Marion and father
shavers all day

- 19th ^{ms} Digging stumps till dinnertime went round
the big paddock fence a good many rails
down the Isabel came in today and the
Mrs went away to town Showers all day
- 20th Been a nice quiet day warm and no
rain as it is Sunday I have been
very lazy the Master Robert & Mr. Cozwell
went to Comichan some of the sawmill
people were here today and got some
apples I wrote one letter for young to night
- 21st Been raining nearly all day less or more
the Master tells me he felt an earthquake
last night he has sold this place also
- 22nd The Master and Robert went to Victoria
today to be in time for Sir Richards wedding
digging stumps all day Isabel went up today
- 23rd at the stumps again an old Indian came
here today with salmon I got quite a
big one for a quarter I gave him some
old clothes and he made me a present of one
saw a beautiful little steamer go down
today still at the stumps I suppose Sir Richard
and Mrs Dunsmuir would be married today
I shot young's cat last night taking it for
a coon but I see it is not dead yet
the bullet only grazed the side of its
leg I killed the two small one in the
morning thinking the old one was dead

- Sep 24th Went over to Camichan this morning to bring home the gentry. They have had a great time at Sir Richards wedding the Master & Mrs gave them a present of a silver cream pot and sugar bowl the brides dress alone cost \$5 00 I must have been a nice one. The carriage that drove them away had four old shoes tied to the wheels.
- 25th Went up to Duncans to see the show but did not think a great deal of it & walked round by the flats and we all got home about 7 o'clock the Isabel went down today.
- 26th This is the show day and I have made a mistake but there was nothing unusual happened killed one sheep.
- 27th Young and I went to Camichan flats I saw Mr Barrs gung went all the way to Duncans and I went over all the flats there is some good land there when we came back we found our boat swamped and full of water but we got some all right.
- 28th Raining terrible today the Indians all come but we dont drive it is so wet.
- 29th Drove the big paddock to day and got 86 sheep in it when we only put in 54 so that we had a splendid drive which pleased Master Robert the Isabel came in with a lot of thing to day.

- 30th Drove the South end to day and got in about 400 sheep over a hundred woolly ones
 5 with rams and 3 good ones
- Oct 1st went round by Burgoyne Bay to day and got at little over 200 3 wild rams and 2 good ones Jarnie the Indian found a dog
- 2nd Drove the tops of the mountain to day Jarnie and got a little over 200 very few woolly went to drive the 200 acre and got 7 the Indian and Watson went down today
- 3rd Went down by the middle mountain to drive to the top of the south end but made a failure the men got all mixed up in the fog and one of them got lost but came home in the evening I brought home 40 sheep myself
- 4th Been very busy all day some of the Indians went out hunting Jarnie got 2 fawns I went out with the Chinamen in the afternoon
- 5th Been out driving sheep again to day but only got about 60 or so the Master and Walter Robert and some of them went to Cowichan with the steam launch and 60 sheep in the scow they got on all right which was more than I expected I have found out since that the engine broke down and they had to depend upon the sail for some time

- Oct 6th Divided out all the sheep to lay show the woolly one. I had a very narrow escape today with a sheep it jumped and struck me in ~~the face~~ in the chin nearly knocking me stupid. I won't forget it in a hurry.
- 7th Went to town to pay paid Saunders bill 13 dollars went to Coquimalt then went up to Lathie's wedding it was not much of a show after all. Miss Griffiths says that she jumped the broom stick that is how the negroes used to get married down in south America.
- 8th Well after dancing all night I started to come home about 1/2 past 7 or there about came with the train to MacPherson then walked to Cowichan wharf and pulled home down the lower 30 acre and took out 10 rams packed the wool in all 366 lbs.
- 9th Caught the ten rams tied their legs and put them in the big boat then with the steam launch we took them round to the gold mine and let them go went on to Isabella point got the lanaker and down the sheep but did not find one which looks rather suspicious.
- 10th Got the veer and took down 2 pigs 4 sacks wool and some apples Daisy came home with the Isabel dug potatoes in the afternoon we got 15 sacks

Oct 11th Been very lazy today never got away from the house at all. Sam and young was down young has run a ghost or as he calls it a Devil it came into his house and walked up and down then it wanted to lie down on his bed but he gave it a kick with his foot which sent it on the floor and disappeared. a gentleman came here last night with a sloop

12th At the potatoes again today Devils are getting rather plentiful now young saw one last night again but it did not offer to touch him. he says he told him to Clakawaw but it never answered. we finished digging our potatoes but did not get them hauled in, killed one ^{ram} sheep in the evening all the gentry are picking apples we have got 48 sacks potatoes altogether

13th hauled the potatoes today and got one bag more hauled them in to the root house. The thistle came in today in place of the Isabel she is a strange looking old tub. picked over a few potatoes in the afternoon

14th Had quite a spawer this morning making boxes for apples wash 3 dirty rams lambs sell one watch to young 7 dollars the master gave me one sack apples to night, changed the good ewes into the oat fields today.

- 15th Went over to Cowichan this morning with Master Robert and the Miss Deakes on watch saw Mr Todd he says my old housekeeper & gone to a Mr. Greags over James Bay
 16th commenced to feed the cows for the butcher the old ones saw Donald Stewart at Mac Pherson station
- 16th Went to Cowichan again this morning with the mail brought back the letters caught two salmon went round the big paddock fence saw one deer but did not get a shot at him
- 17th Killed one sheep. afternoon went down to the wharf with the four oars to get 3 tons hay coming with the steamer waited till four o'clock and she did not come till past 5 she went down past and did not come in at all so that's an afternoon lost
- 18th Made a great dumpling for dog it was quite a success I guess it will last me for a week at least looks very much like a wild night
- 19th Dug my own potatoes got about 400 lbs altogether all the gentry went to Mrs Pembury's Master Robert went to Mrs Macgregor and a Mrs Bartlett came to day
- 20th Master Robert went away this morning about 6 o'clock I went to Cowichan saw mills with six boxes apples to meet the steamer and after all she came in to the wharf with the hay hauled home load

21st Master & Mistress went to town
 Mr Bartlett pulled them over to the
 wharf jauge and I hauled hay
 finished it just in time as it
 rained in the evening I ran a
 race with the steamer yesterday
 I left the saw mill before her
 but I was at our wharf and
 waiting when she came in the
 purser asked me how I got here
 so quick

22nd Went over to get the Mistress
 Master Newcombe & Robert but
 not one of them came I don't
 know what is the matter. Peirce
 Inogrove went away to day rained
 nearly the whole time I seen the
 Phantom a steam tug I don't
 know where she belongs to at all
 she was tied up at Cowichan wharf
 saved wood in the afternoon

23rd Master and Mistress Jack Robert and
 Newcombe all come home today they
 killed have got into great trouble with
 one shapeless he sat fire to Spencers
 arcade in town goodness knows
 what will be done so him for it

24th Went over to Cowichan with Master
 Robert 3 barrels apples one Ram lots
 of fishermen over there the thistle went
 down cleaned out the saw

- Oct 25th Went to town today young
 went with me to Cobblehill station
 saw my sisters Mrs MacFinnigan and Mrs
 and Mr Scudder and Coral stayed with
 them all night very nice people they are
 26th I left them about nine o'clock
 went and seen Mr Carmichael
 paid for the 2 shares in the
 paper mill seen my uncle and
 aunt she is in extra good spirits
 just now saw Maggie and Marion
 and went on board the Isabel
 27th had a miserable night rest
 got up when she started and
 not far out she got into a
 fog which kept her a long
 time got home about twelve
 1 ton hay came and some
 provisions raining most afternoon
 28th Ben cutting the tops of the roots
 the most of today finished them
 and yams and I filled ten sacks
 of potatoes raining very heavy
 6 night fog was heavy and
 had supper with me the says one
 of the good ram lambs died on
 Sunday

29th Oct The Indians came today and we drove the big paddock and the five hundred acre all got as wet as could be I think

30th Rained all forenoon in the afternoon I took six rams away in the boat down nearly to the south end I don't suppose they will come back again in a hurry

31st hauling roots all day filled the road house with magles the Isabel came in and Master James and wife went away with her Master Robert tells me of a big sheep farm in New Zealand where there is 18,000 acres of turnips alone they keep 150 men looking after that place and sell 40,000 fat sheep annually

1st Nov Been a foggy dull day I had the Chinaman to breakfast but the lazy sinner he did not stop to help wash up all the same nothing unusual happened raining heavy again tonight the masters just asked me to stay till June with him I have agreed

2nd Last night has been the roughest that I have seen here this morning when I get up the sea in front of the house was just one mass you should say of foam with waves rising up and breaking hauled turnips and finished them today just like summer all day

- Nov 3rd Last night was a terror of rain been almost pouring down since 11 this morning the Isabel was so heavy she could not go into the sawmill today she left a side of beef and a big chain for them at our wharf one of the good ram lambs died this morning I went down and fixed the eighty acre fence saw the big phantom go out from Carwichan today
- 4th Went out to Carwichan with the Master Robert and Mr Cargill in the steam launch but we sailed her not much fun either when the low side of the boat is lower than the water she is leaning over a good deal no mail came today been raining the most of the time the men from the saw mill were here to night for their chain
- 5th Went round the big park fence found a lot of it down saw two deer today but did not get one youngie tells me he is going away in 3 weeks now so I will have a lonely time after that
- 6th Ben going about looking for a job all morning in the afternoon Master Robert Mr Cargill and I all went to Carwichan with six barrels apples saw the ship City of Athens come in I guess they had been at Victoria
- 7th Master Robert and I went to Carwichan with 4 barrels apples 3 of pears the Isabel went down Mr Trease came to night been like a summer day ~~is~~ warm

- Nov 9th A nasty sort of day rain and
 wind all the time in the afternoon
 I was watching the sea first glad I
 was not on it it was so rough when
 in comes Master Robert saying he would
 like if I would go to Cowichan with
 him by it was rough if he brought the
 boat once up to the wind I think he
 did it 50 times sometimes she almost
 jumped out of the water altogether we
 went over with Mr Grease or whatever his
 name is something like that
- 4th Went out over the south end today saw a
 lot of sheep & deer fired at one and missed it
 saw a canoe from the top of the mountain
 it looks just like a big shell feel very
 tired tonight
- 10th Killed one sheep this morning ~~looked~~ near
 drowned a sheep this morning he chased it
 into the water and then kept it in changed
 the good ewes from the Glen Parak to
 the big parak put out altogether 53 kept
 7 lambs and put them in the orchard
 The Isabel went up today I saw the Daisy
- 11th Been away round of Berqapur by way
 today saw very few sheep 2 deer Mrs and Mr
 Pimbur came today I don't know how long
 they will stay feel very tired tonight
 shot a rascal today brought home the skin

- 12th Been taking out some acacias trees today from the sides of the house very cold all morning felt very like snow got the head and wings of a pheasant today I guess I will give them to Mrs Fiddes
- 13th Went round the eight acre fence today and down to the old wharf I don't know how we will get on now Sam is going away tomorrow and I have not heard of a new cook coming in his place
- 14th Went over to Cowichan this morning with the small boat but did not find Mr Grease bought four bits of fish rock cod and flounder Sam went away today we are going to get a new cook on Tuesday Mr Grease and young Mr Cargill came in the evening master and Robert took home Mrs & Mr Dimburg in the steam launch Robert put Sam on board the Isabel young is helping in the house now so I have to milk the cows
- 15th Been a very busy day did up the chores night and morning that was all saw a tug boat go out from Cowichan
- 16th About 1 inch of snow fell today master Robert ^{called} went over with Mr Grease to Cowichan I was glad I did not get the job
- 17th Snow all gone this morning took down 31 boxes of apples for the Isabel master Jack and aegan came today ^{is} going to stay at home now master Cargill and Mrs Robert ^{sent} ~~over~~ ^{by} James and wife with the ~~but they~~ ^{came} back

- 18th I guess sam will sail today
 Young and I tried to saw out a log
 and we came home and left the saw
 in the tree Master Robert came back
 tonight Young and I had supper together
- 19th We managed to get out the saw and
 cut the tree out today been very rough
 to day on the sea I saw a small
 steamer go down in the afternoon I
 took out the good potatoes from the
 small ones I had the greatest fun
 the other night with one of the Capt
 I tied a piece of paper to his tail
 and he went round and round after
 it like lightening then he turned the
 different way till at last when he
 tried to walk he staggered like a
 drunk man the daisy went up on
 Tuesday with a larger schooner in tow
- 20th hauled out the two logs and started to
 plough today Master Jack has been round
 the pig paddock fence Young goes away
 tomorrow he is going to Shawneigan lake
- 21st rather a nasty wet morning all the
 gentry that is Mrs Mrs James and
 James his Annis and young all went
 away with the steamer today and
 newcomb they don't know when they
 will be back

Nov 22nd Beautiful morning just like
 Sunday at home I had a great laugh at
 Mr Cargill he was going to scim the milk
 and a weight fell on his foot how he
 danced around he was telling me about
 showing some young ladies how to take of
 the cream and they wanted to see
 how to make butter so he put it in
 the churn and got them started a box
 churn it was first one went out then
 another till at last only one was left
 she says I wonder where they have
 all gone to Oh says he I don't know
 says she you might just turn this
 till I go and find them but he
 says I saw no more of them
 Master Jack and Robert went over
 to Cowichan with the small boat
 to go to town

23rd I have been plowing in the morning
 in the afternoon I went to fix the
 big paddock fence which was broken
 I have just found out that our new
 eggs name is sing

24th ploughed in the morning the afternoon it
 rained emptied the steam launch

25 Went over to Cowichan but did not
 get the gentry got a letter saying they
 would be tomorrow the dodger is gathering
 up logs today around our beach killed 1 sheep
 Newcombe has got off from I am very glad

- 26th Mr Cargill his son and I have
 been over to Leawichan today with
 the steam launch sailing after all
 we did not get the gentry a letter
 came saying they would be tomorrow
 I guess when we go tomorrow we
 will find a letter saying they are
 coming on Saturday
- 27th I went over again today and all the
 gentry came home they were very glad
 to get back again and I am sure
 I was just as glad to see them
- 28th been ploughing all day the weather
 same a little settled again
- 29th Sunday again and very lazy I feel
- 30th Rain again split up wood young
 Mr Cargill went away today I got
 a letter from Mr Crease requesting the
 payment of 2 1/2 Dollars I must go and
 see about it at once
- Dec 1st Rain again today still split wood
- 2nd Mr Cargill and I went to town to
 day I have had to pay that money
 187 Dollars which I guess is just last
 money I got my photo. today they
 are very good so the girls say
- 3rd Came home again this morning and
 everything all right killed sheep
 in the afternoon

- Dec 4th ploughing all day master Jack went over for the mail this morning all Jack Flahum came today he bought the ~~old~~ young oxen. I was quite surprised at him
- 5th Ploughing still splendid weather only a little hard frost at night master Robert was telling me he got \$160 for the young oxen. I think it a very good price more than what he would get if they were fat I saw the Isabel go down today she went in to Caewichan sawmill
- 6th Miserable sort of day I had a great drumpling turned out splendid felt very lazy
- 7th Such a morning I never saw wind and rain something terrible kept up the whole day I guess the San Pedro will be all to pieces by this time
- 8th Very little better today we went down with the young oxen to wait for the Isabel wharfed at four o'clock and then they went up past and did not call at all seems a little more settled tonight there was 6 inches of water in the cow shed yesterday morning I fitted the poor cows
- 9th Been a splendid day Billy has been a little sick made a drain in to the cowshed Master Jack went round the big paddock fence Robert and the master went to Caewichan

- 10th Master Jack and the Master went away to day for 2 or 3 days Billy has died everyone is sorry for him Master Robert especially he made me bury him where the plague should not come near him I thought of having a wooden cross with the inscription Sacred to the memory of Billie who died here on the 10th day of Dec 1891
 Lord's Polworth aged 3 years and 9 months or something like that he was number 21 in the American stud book I went round the 500 acre fence in the afternoon
- 11th Been ploughing all day in the afternoon about 4 o'clock it commenced to rain and has kept on since very cold wind all day looks rather like snow Master and Jack not home yet I got 2 eggs with double yokes in each yesterday
- 12th Snow all day something dreadful Master and Jack managed to get home today I see Master Robert is making a cross for Billy
 My Mrs tells me Mr Crawford lost 3 of his best best sheep by the flooding of the river there was 8 inches of water in Mr Maitland's house last night all the Cornishon flats are flooded together the Isabel came in and took away 30 bags of wheat belonging to two Indians they left their canoe till they come back

Dec 13th Beautiful day everything looks nice
 only that there is some snow on the
 ground never been away from the
 place only did up the Chores today
 " 14th Master Jack went to Caycepan

no mail came at all been a drizzly
 wet day killed one sheep fixed the
 stream from washing away the bridge
 below the garden the Mrs gave me
 a rock cod for supper she says
 that's a splendid cure for a gum boil
 split a raisin roast it and place it on
 the place it will break in a short time
 gone on heavy rain just now nine o'clock

" 15th The Isabel came in today and we sent
 away the young oscar glad to get them out
 the road the two Indians and their wives
 came back today they had sold all their
 oysters. there has been a washout on
 the Island railway near Goldstream
 I see there's a new purser today he
 seems very nice I got 500 lbs wheat today
 from Sabadero started to give the cows turnips

16th Beny showers of rain all day Robert went over
 to Caycepan in the morning and did not
 get back till 4 o'clock the trains are not
 running regular yet I got a letter from
 Marion she seems to be in great spirits
 saved and split wood today

17th Dec The master went to town today
 master Jack and Robert drove in the
 killing sheep and put 8 in the killing
 pen put the rest back into the lair
 80 acre left 0 in orchard etc. I ploughed
 all day the mistress gave me a bottle
 of vinegar to make red cabbage pickles
 I nearly choked myself with the
 steam of the vinegar

18th Terrible morning rain and wind
 pretty rough etc. I'm glad the master
 did not come home today he would
 have had a hard pull. The mistress
 gave me a pair of cuffs she is far
 better to me than anybody else

19th Started to plough but had to quit brandy
 was not right went round the big paddock
 fence saw 2 rams they looked rather
 miserable and thin the master came
 home today he has bought a farm up
 near Somerses Station on the C & N
 Railway 250 acres about 40 clear and
 60 slash and burned.

20th Big wind and a rough sea again today
 Master Jack was showing me a new rat
 trap he has set in the root house take a
 shapell cover it over with thick paper
 nail it to the sides and spread wheat
 and stuff the rats come and eat it then after a
 night or two cut holes in the paper and the
 rat falls through and the bobnet is full of water
 so the rat is drowned

- Dec 21st Been ploughing all day master Jack and Robert went over to see their new farm. by what I fear it must be a very pretty place the master tells me there is quite a bit of excitement in Victoria over that finding of gold he is advising me to go down and spend Christmas with my friends I think I will go wednesday and come back saturday quite a holiday
- 22nd Went over to Cowichan and got the letters came back by the sawmill and met the Isabel very rough sea they were watching me from the house they were afraid I would not get home rained nearly the whole day
- 23rd Went over to Cowichan left the boat and went on to town saw Mrs Reid today she has got her hair cut in the front seen Marion & Mrs Piddler & Miller and Mrs Griffiths Scape and Jeanie and Mrs Mac Kenzie, Charlotte and the children so I have seen nearly all my friends the first day registered a letter for Godit & C. Inogrove. got a box out the Custom house for the Mrs
- 24th Did not get up till late this morning set up some wood for Mrs Mac Kenzie had a look around town went and saw Maggie she seems pretty happy just now her Mrs has got another boy

- 25th Dec Christmas day I went out and
 seen Oral and George had a & was
 dinner with them came back and
 had another with Mrs MacKenzie and
 still another with Mrs MacNeil's Maggie
 and Marion was with me but we heard
 nothing of John at all. been a splendid
 day
- 26th Came home again today Master Jack come
 over to Cowichan to meet me quite a
 bit of snow all the way from the summit
 to MacPhersons rained the most of
 the day Master Robert gave me a
 scarf pin as a Christmas base a
 pound ball of rough silver larger than
 a pen
- 27th Been very lazy all day scarce got
 outside the door To see Mrs. Star, Gargill
 is here and another gentleman
- 28th Been round the big paddock fence
 the five hundred and the eighty
 acre never saw a deer shot a duck
 with the rifle the stream was swarmed
 over the fence again
- 29th Buried 3 lambs this morning took
 the skin off one god gave some of it
 to the boys the master was saying he
 does not remember seeing the glass
 so low since he came to the county, as
 it was yesterday. split wood today

Dec. 30th Finished ploughing the stubble today
 Master Robert and started to the sea. Sun as warm
 and fresh as a summer day. but freezing all the time
 brought home in the shade Master Jack went to Cooverhar
 some rams I got a letter from Mr Crease he is going
 and put them to get that money for me in installments
 in the way of \$10 a month pretty slow way I think
 31st Last day of the year and a wild one

it is I don't remember seeing the sea
 as rough as it is today started the
 plough but it came on sleet and rain
 so I quit raining very hard now
 the top of our mountain is covered
 with snow

Jan. 1st New year's day and a bad one it is
 rained the most of the time with a
 high wind and a heavy swell on the
 sea so much so that an Indian came
 out to the point with the 2 Mr
 Creases and would not bring them both
 across only one of them Master Robert
 went over with the boat for the other
 I have cleaned up the Ekurissrums
 house today and a terrible state
 it was in I gave the bird a present
 of one of my roosters she is well
 pleased with it the bird was saying
 she had a letter from Sir Richard
 awful bad weather they have at
 home so they are no better than we
 are

- Jan 2nd. Clearing up some brush where I am going to plough Master Robert and Mr Crease shot 2 geese wild ones the bay for the steam launch rusted through and sank Master Jack made a cedar one killed one sheep in the afternoon
- 3rd Saw the Isabel pass down before 12 today
 Been a splendid day I made a big dumpling and it was the best I have made yet Mr Crease and his brother went away today a tug and an empty beam passed today going up
- 4th Another beautiful day ploughing today Master Robert and Jack went round to Burgoyne bay it is true enough about the wolves on this Island I hope they dont get among our flock
- 5th Ploughing all day I got fooled by the Isabel she whistled for a boat and when I went out she passed up by Master Jack and Robert went away to their new farm
- 6th Been out round the south end today saw no sign of the wolf I guess he has not come down this way yet saw lots of sheep all in good condition first saw one dead it seemed to have been dead for a long time the master went over to Cowichan today

- Dec 7th Been round by the Burgoyne Bay mountain 6 inches snow on the back of the middle and sugar loaf mountain see no signs of the wolf yet
I had scared Miss Musgrave last night she took me for an Indian and ran home for her life she was fully $1\frac{1}{2}$ ^{miles} ~~feet~~ in the bush I was surprised
- 8th Rain again today snowed and split wood Master Jack came home 1 good ram died in the afternoon fixed the fence between the killing paddock and the lower 80 acre, about 4 lengths of rails down
- 9th Been all over the place this morning doing nothing the Master and Miss Musgrave went to town by the steamer Isabel Master Jack tells me that the scab is amongst the sheep on the new farm also that Mr Cargill could not keep the clean ones from them that had it because there was not a gate to shut between them as if he could not have found one or made one in half an hour
- 10th Hard frosty morning splendid sun shining day but cold very lay scarce left the house the Isabel as the Mrs calls that lamb is still alive but very poor the Mrs cant understand why I get so many eggs and she gets so few

Jan 11th Hard frost again ploughing in the morning not a very good. Got ground too hard in the afternoon fixed the fence between the 500 acre and the big paddock.

12th Snow this morning and very cold this the Steamer Isabel came in today with 4 boxes coal oil 4 sacks chap feed and 4 sacks oats the snow is nearly melted again tonight seen a boat go up with two masts I think she is what they call a Columbia river boat she had a white strip above the water line and a small boat dragging behind.

13th Dull foggy part of day the Master came home Master Jack went over to see him to meet him no snow in Victoria a good deal of ice though the misters get a letter from Master Robert he says he has got his Chinaman home now I'm sure he must be lonesome killed one sheep no English mail has arrived here for a week the reason is the railroad is blocked at Rogers pass 20 feet of snow on the track.

14th Ploughing today Master Jack went to town there is to be a big dance at Mrs Wards tonight another dull day I think we will get snow before morning

Jan. 15th Ploughing all day been just like spring
rice and quiet and the sun shining
Master Jack did not come home & guess
he will be tomorrow

16th Ploughing all day sun shining again
the Isabel got here at half past 11 today
very early Master Jack came home today
he brings the news that the Duke of Clarence
is dead that is the Prince of Wales's eldest
son and grandson to the Queen all
the English papers will be in black ⁱⁿ ⁱⁿ

17th ^{sure} Went over to Cavichan this morning found
Mr. Todd all alone he does not like keeping
Bachelors hall at all Mr. Barr came in
he is liking this country much better than
what he did get home about & before very
dark it was

18th The Master Mrs and Master Jack all left
for Mr Kimbrey's they are going up to
their new farm tomorrow and coming back
here on Friday so there is nothing but
the Chinaman and I left to look after
the place learned the Chinaman some
of the English words to night slept in
the Big house

19th The Steamer whistled for a boat today I
found Captain Farquar had come by her
brought him up and gave him lunch then
pulled him over to Mr Kimbrey's but did
not find Mr Muirgrave. he did agree to his new farm
the Captain thought he would go over to Duncans

Jan 20th Ploughed today in the morning made
the best finish is ever remember daing
nothing unusual has happened today
so far so good I hope nothing will
go wrong until they come back again

21st Been a little frost last night
and feels rather cold today cleared
out the cowshed and the ovens house
I had a great job learning sing
last night to read English I
believe than in less than one month
he could read pretty well

22nd Another splendid day the sun shining
brightly one of the good rams drowned
himself in a tub of water the gentry
all came home they tell me they
had to cut away the boom to get
out Mr Cargill and Captain

23rd Went round the Big park fence this
morning went away out towards the
south end but did not see any signs
of the wolf another good ram
died this morning the Mrs tells me
Newcombe has gone to Italy it
will be quite a change for him

24th I think this has been about as
the Box lately a day as I remember it's not
and his ~~own~~ to the weather either as the sun
from the is shining brightly but I think we
sawmill are going to get a change soon it's too good
were here
the morning
of yesterday
last long

25th Jan Burns birthday splendid day just like
 changed the spring plowing all day master Jack went
 rano from to Cowichan for the mail our Chinaman
 the wharf is leaving on Saturday he has not stayed
 pocket to long I gave the Mrs 13 eggs to day she
 the orchard is going to set there I was telling her she
 was far too early but if my sons would
 pit I should like to try also

26th Ploughing all day master Robert was here today but
 I did not see him Jamie the Indian brought
 him in a canoe Jamie was telling me that
 big Lewis has got on for policeman at
 Cowichan I think they have got the right man
 in the right place this time

27th White frost this morning our Chinese cook
 is going away on Saturday got one egg
 today measured 8 1/2 inches round long ways
 and 6 1/4 round I think that was a
 pretty large egg a plymouth rock layed
 it split wood all day looks like snow
 tonight the egg weighed almost 1/2 ounces

28th Ploughed in the morning in the afternoon
 it rained master Jack went over to Cowichan
 with Captain Fanguar I am afraid it
 is going to be some rain now - a snow

29th Last night has been about as wicked a one
 as I remember it snowed about 3 inches
 then it commenced to rain and never
 stopped till it melted all the snow away
 the stream here has not been so high all winter
 the snowdrops are out today split wood for myself
 and up at the house in the afternoon

- 30th Jan Been a terrible gale of wind today
 our Chinaman went away with the
 Isabel. Master Jack put him on board
 then he took Mrs. Baggill over to Cowick
 he got it very rough coming home I
 split wind all day I just got a
 terrible long letter from Orat he seems to be
 in good spirits
- 31st Lazy quiet kind of day I missed seeing
 this morning when I went up the Mrs
 is doing the cooking just now she is going
 to try the bread tomorrow she says that large
 egg I got weighs almost 4 ounces
- 1st Feb Went round all the fences today very
 little wrong Master Jack went over for the
 letters they got some that was posted on the
 10th so they have come very quick we
 expect the new cook tomorrow
- 2nd Ploughed all day the steamer whistled for
 a boat but there was nothing but the
 chit rice came and his Musgraves trunk
 I think the cook must have overslept
 himself and missed the boat
- 3rd Ploughing all day Master Jack went to
 town. He is now going to take his turn
 on the new farm I guess he will like
 it worse than Master Robert
- 4th Hard frost last night been a splendid
 day just like spring ploughed all day the Mrs
 is in a great way she has got 10 eggs to do
 and she thinks it something great altogether

Feb 5th Went over to Cowichan this morning for the mail we expected a Chinese Cook but he did not come took over a dozen pieces of clothes for Mrs Daniel brought back

2 dozen the Mrs tells me they have had 8 days snow in succession in Ireland a thing they seldom see we cleaned out the ice stalls

6th Ploughing all day Master Robert Miss Inuogran and Miss Langhy came today Robert does not altogether like Bachelors hall I think he would rather be at home he was surprised to see how the Chipper plough was working he had tried it once and gave it up

7th Got up late this morning and have felt very lazy all day never left the house at all we have splendid weather nowadays I see my hills are about 2 inches through the ground I fear the spring is too early and they will get a stop yet later on I am going away tomorrow

8th and coming back Wednesday over to the new farm Started this morning and took down Grace and batter-
eap to the wharf master Robert and I with the scow and the steam launch took them over to Cowichan then I took them up to the new farm got there about 10 past 4 found the horses all right and Master Jack slept there all night

9th Master Jack took and I dipped all the sheep today felt very tired after it my hands are very sore

- 10th Looked all round the new farm this morning Master Jack drove me down round by Duncans he had 1 dozen roasters that he sold to a Chinaman King Chung by name then we came down to Caewichan before there we found Master Robert with the Gabler and a lot of stuff I came home with the boat
the skin is all coming off my hands
- 11th Ploughing all day I hear the saw mill going again we are having real spring weather just now I took out 2 loads of mangles for the ocean this morning
- 12th Ploughing all day the Master Robert Mrs Innesgram and Mrs Langley all went round to Burgoyne Bay Robert tells me he has bought a fine mare 140 dollars half blood she is
- 13th Went over to Caewichan this morning left 12 pieces for Mary paid 2/15 for late wash bought 50^{cts} stamps Mrs Innesgram got the mail and a bag clean clothes left a bag clean clothes for Master Jack for Jimmy to take up to Mr. Simburgs the Master and Mrs Langley went to Curran with the Isabel I killed one sheep went round the half of the big paddock fence Robert went round the other we met at the creek and fixed up it. 3 bundles of sheep skins went away by the Isabel.

Feb 14th Frost this morning went over and seen
 Mr Todd and wife also Fred and wife
 the new couple seem quite contented with
 their lot. I sent a letter away to Todd
 on the 18th Jan and he has not got it

15th Been a lovely day
 Ploughing again to day Master Robert went
 over and caught that mare today Master Jack
 was here he got a terrible scare last
 night he had been out at a neighbours
 and coming home a flock of geese got up
 in front of him which he thought was a
 panther he has seen no more traces of the
 panther since

16th Master Robert and I went out to meet
 the Seal, he went up to Buggayne
 Bay to get the new mare then he would
 take her over to Napier Bay and ride
 home to the farm our Chinese Cook
 came today his name is Jim he seems
 very jolly anyway ploughed in the morning
 then harrowed in the afternoon while waiting
 for the Seal, we saw the Dairy the Seal
 a large sheep one boat and two carrows
 all out there at once quite a busy
 place this getting to be

- 17th Feb Went over to Couchan this morning got the
 master and Mr Lea came home and then took
 Mr Lea round to Burgoyne Bay so that I have
 pulled 14 miles today I gave Mr Lea 1 set of eggs
 he is greatly pleased with my rooster he never saw
 any thing like him I paid Mary for the wash 1/2 S!
 I got 5 letters today Marion says that Tommy Dadds parrot
 has eat its leg off it got caught by one leg and
 instead of waiting to be released he released himself
- 18th Split wood all day still spring weather
 just 2 chickens came out the eggs I gave
 the mistress but then the hen sat 3 days
 and the 4th day she was off all day so they
 must be spoiled our Chinaman runs very
 gally he has been ^{under} cook at the Drird.
- 19th Ploughing all day splendid weather but looks
 like a change I don't know what's the
 matter with tattlers to night he has not
 come home
- 20th Ploughed this morning in the afternoon I went over
 the lane to Couchan paid Mary 50^{cts} for wash took over
 some roots and gany trees for Jack got Robert
 and came home raining tonight but real
 spring weather bought 25^{cts} fish for the Mrs
- 21st Rained nearly all day felt rather miserable
 the Mrs tells me they have had very good
 news about Newcombe
- 22nd ploughed all day just like spring again
 bought our piece of Bacon from the Mrs

- 23rd finished ploughing the road field, cleaned out the Chicken house and scraped some apple trees in the afternoon. the Corn went up fast with a barge today Colorado by name she seemed to be in ballast paid the mistress for the bacon 1/20 gave her a set of eggs hester Robert says he is going over to the spinsters Ball at Duncans on Monday night
- 24th Killed one sheep this morning hester Robert went to Cowichan 3 sacks of mail for us today mostly suits though yesterday was my birthday and I forgot all about it I did not receive any presents to remind me of it either Mr. Musgrave is ever so much better today he is able to be up now I sold 2 sets eggs to the Mrs tonight she means to have brown eggs
- 25th Beautiful day hester Robert and I have been getting logs and putting them under the boat house and we managed to fire one end then the other went down so we are about as bad as ever beautiful weather I saw the Corn coming out from Cowichan with a team of logs the daisy went down past with a seaw load of lumber
- 26th finished the boat house now looks fine siredged the apple trees with a mixture of lye, coal oil and carbolic acid. mixture 3 tins lye 4 gallons water & pint coal oil about 1/4 pint carbolic acid

27th Feb Rained nearly all day Master Robert went over for the letters but I did not get one from Foggie so I guess she is not coming up Mrs Busgrave is bad with the cold & sand and split wood all day

28th Feb very lazy day quite glad Foggie did not come as there was a swell on the sea all afternoon and I don't think she would like it mixed kind of day rain and fine

29th Master Robert left this morning for the new farm he is going to a ball tonight at Duncans I took over a load of manglers for the ocean with tatters sharped as saw the master is rather worse today I found a dollar last night my squirrel died rained the most of the day

March 1st Had a very narrow escape this morning I was pumping air into a machine and the pressure gauge registered 20 while it must have been over 100 because I worked it before at 90 the whole of the cylinder burst up and struck me on the chest it was a few minutes before I could realize what had happened had it struck me in the face I might not have been sitting here now that is two narrow escapes

Laughed within 8 days the last time was with the
in the
afternoon the wheel from me but instead it came down and
hit me across the nose and eye luckily it was the
dull end I have since had a black eye and a broken nose
Master Jack came home today Isabel came in with her ^{husband} ^{from} ^{the} ^{farm} ^{at} ^{the} ^{end} ^{of} ^{the} ^{road}

2nd March Brought in the sheep out the 80 acre
part out seven fat ones and let the
rest go killed one and ploughed in the
afternoon. Master Jack went out in the
big paddock but did not see any lambs
yet I see one hen today

3rd Ploughing nearly all day I think I have finished
the ploughing now Miss Smith's Miss Crease and
Miss Simberton were all up on the skeleton rock.
Master Jack was out hunting in the afternoon
rain since four o'clock the Daisy went down
fast with a 3 masted schooner heavily loaded
with lumber she had a deck load on.

4th Started to dig where the water pipe is
we are going to lift the pipe as the water
is almost going stopped. Master Jack went
over to Cowichan for the mail.

5th Got up early and went to town seen superintendent
Shepherd at Macphersons station on the way
down a Chinaman tried to throw a stone
with a letter tied to it to a man standing
between the cars but he was too slow and
the stone broke a pane of glass seen Maggie
and Marion Maggie is all right now and
Mrs Mac Skingie is sick now I went out
and stayed at Mrs Fiddlers all night
Mr has been sick for some time also with
that la grippe got a bottle of fellows syrup a
toothbrush sponge and corn plaster at Morrison's for
the Mrs gave yik Lee 20 dollars from our cash here

^{thg}
 6 March Sunday morning found me at Mr. Fiddlers
 had breakfast then went out to Mrs. Mac
 she is much better today came home on the
 afternoon train saw Todd and the wife
 when I got to the wharf there was
 about 50 yards between my boat and
 the sea so I had a job to get her
 launched got home about 9 went up
 to the house met Miss Ingrave just
 coming down to shut in my hens I don't
 believe there is another young lady in B. C.
 would have done the same at that time of
 night so she must have some courage

4th Split wood nearly all day high wind
 and some rain I feel rather out of sorts
 today I think I am more tired than any
 thing else our cook just told me a funny
 dream he says he dreamed he was in a
 fine big house and everything that a man
 for eating was there he thought he would
 have some but just as he stretched out
 his hand a great Devil as he said appeared
 and says (told on) he got such a fright
 he nearly fell down everything was all
 right as long as he looked at the once thing
 but as soon as he tried to touch one he always
 appeared telling him to hold on just it down
 they have some very funny ideas I'm sure

8th March Dug up some parsnips this morning put them in the root house put some manure in the garden a negro was here today a very long man in the afternoon we took the water pipe to pieces put a wire through it and put it together again it is now running as well as ever it did I had to laugh at the master tonight he was helping us when the Mrs came out (now she says old man you'll pay for this tonight I know says the master but I don't care if I get this right Master Jack went over to the sawmill and got a monkey wrench the Isabel went up and a small tug went into Genoa with a scaw

9th Dug up some more of the garden in the afternoon filled in the earth over the water pipe Master Jack went over to the sawmill and Cauechan and got the mail the Dairy went down to day with a scaw load of rack and one of Comber Coghlin the Indian was here and told the Mrs

10th 2^d fix to we are ~~having a splendid weather~~ Been in the garden all day the master sowed some parsnip and planted some cabbage Master Jack went over to Cauechan with his Crease the Mrs looked under a hen she set with 13 eggs last week tonight she has 2 the rats had stole them

- March 11th Cloudy dull day planted some
 beauty of Hebron potatoes for the
 master I killed one sheep today
 has to Jack has been away all day
 with the boat I dont know when
 but he brought home the mails so he
 had been at Coweetan the Daisy went
 down past with 2 scaw loads lumber
 the master is getting well quick now
- March 12th Rain this morning planted some more potatoes
 the Scabel went round the Big parish fence Master
 passed at Jack had been up at the new farm
 12 o'clock yesterday mutton at Duncans is 18 cents a
 pound they have sold old Kosa for 35 dollars
 the new barn is getting on pretty quick
 I ran 5 lambs today
- 13th Rain again this morning and rain
 nearly all day I could not but laugh at
 Jim this morning I had on a saw wester
 and oil skin coat gum boots and a
 ragged coat. Jim looks at me (what
 the matter he says high toned clothes this
 morning) the Lorne went out with a
 big boom of logs from Genoa and
 a small tug with a scaw went in
 to the mill

- 14th March Real spring weather again I took the oxcn up to the upper 80 acre today for a change. greased the plough board the cart and the wagon planted some seeds and made a gate Master Jack Miss Musgrave and Miss Domberton went over for the mail I saw a wild cat
- 15th Patched up some gates this morning the Doabel came in with hay, ton oats & sack and a lot of small things I got 5 lbs wheat and groceries hauled them all up in the afternoon Miss Drakes came looking seen the Dairy with a scow load of lumber and a sloop towing behind. Beautiful weather
- 16th Sowed 3 1/2 acres oats this morning harrowed in the afternoon. Master Jack went over the south end he saw lots of lambs and lots of eagles killed one sheep and put poison in her I sowed the oats with Cahoon's patent sowing machine I just took about 1 hour and a half so it was very quick. Miss Musgrave tells me she saw an ~~and~~ indian at the boat come with a canoe load of ~~salmon~~ ^{cods} he caught them at Leawichon point
- 17th Harrowing and sowing again today we are getting splendid weather for seed time I see Master Jack pulling up teams again he wont like that job at all I heard a steamer about 10 or 11 last night whistling I think she had been going in to the mill

- Mar 18th Finished the oats today slight rain
sawed up wood Master Jack went
over for the mail the Mrs had 9 chickens
came out of my eggs so she is quite delighted
I got home my photographs today this is splendid
growing weather
- 19th Rain nearly all day Miss Drake and
Miss Pemberton went away in the steamer
Isabel I ~~to~~ sharpened 2 saws mended
a gate and some odd jobs the Mrs
gave me a jar of marmalade tonight
- 20th Beautiful morning but cloudy all day
the Mrs and Mr were down looking at
my chickens they think a lot of them
I am going up to Burgoyne Bay in the
morning to get two sheep that got
through on to Macswell's place Master
Jack was out looking for Eagles
- 21st I went up round to Burgoyne Bay
saw Macswell and got the 2 rams
they were. I saw the Dairy going up
with 2 empty ewes she seemed to
have a lodd full going through the
narrows but the rams away near the
200 acre fence came home and helped
to kill a sheep drove the 80 acre
and parted out side yard. Sheep to go in
the killing paddock let the rest away
and on the run Master and Jack went
to the sawmill in the afternoon

22nd Mar Facing the strawberries today the Steamer Isabel whistled for a boat Miss Langley came and some stuff for the house rained in the afternoon I split wood Jim our cook is as wild as can be he has been washing and he cant get it dried

23rd The Mrs. Mr. Burgrave have went up to the new farm Master Jack took them over to Nelsons with the boat I piled the wharf and cleaned out the old China mans house made a coop for the chickens tonight

24th Terrible night last night wind and rain high wind at times during the day I have been digging up around the currant bushes and the strawberries I got a pitch of tatters tonight he is a mean pony too after he threw me he stood and kicked me he managed to make a good sized hole in my leg which will trouble me for some time to come I dont think the bone is hurt but it feels terrible sore

25th My leg is rather bad but still I have been able to work killed one sheep put the manure between the strawberry rows and commenced to dig them it is beautiful weather Master Jack says he saw lots of lambs yesterday on the sugar loaf mountain

26th Rained nearly all day a terrible swell on the sea today I sawed up and split wood. I had quite a job cutting up the meat the Mrs is missed with that job anyway none of us knows how to do it. I saw the Isabel go down $\frac{1}{2}$ past one also the Daisy with 2 scow loads lumber my leg is no better to day if anything a little worse

27th Been a beautiful day I have been taking things very easy. I guess it will help my leg a little

28th Beautiful morning Master Jack. Miss Ingrams, Miss Drake and Miss Langley went away this morning Miss Drake and Miss Langley going to town Jack and Annie's going up to the farm they would all go to see 4 persons together I finished the strawberries today we had a shower of hailstones in the afternoon saw a boat at Courchan Point it seemed to be trying to come this way but gave it up and put back again it was blowing very hard at the time I wish I'd had a pike glass to see right what it was I am going to sleep in the big house tonight.

29th Slept in the Big house last night the wind seemed to just whistle through it rain showers all day I have been splitting wood the Isabel went up seen a sheep go up also I men in it I have set 2 hens tonight at least put eggs under them I don't see no words of the buzzards yet so I will have another night at the house I am away up now sleeping in the same bed as Miss Langley did the dogs and I killed a rat under the floor between the wash house and the kitchen

30th Slept in the Big house again last night the master Mrs Robert and Annus came home today they had a terrible news to tell me among it was that a highland shepherd will be here before long Robert has come home for a day or two he says the barn is nearly finished but they have spoiled the road hauling the lumber the master looks ever so much better for the change

31st Harrowing today for the rape seed seen a steamer go down today it looked like the Danube it went in at the mill late last night so it must have tied up all night looks like rain again to night I see by the papers there has been a terrible snow storm in New York the worst at this time of year for ten years

April 1st Auld fools day and I did not get
 fooled at all harrowed the most of
 the day rained in the evening but
 looks more settled tonight Master Robert
 went away this morning to the farm
 seen a tug go down this morning with
 rock and lumber I could not help but
 laugh at the master tonight we were
 talking about sawing the rope seed I
 said I didn't know how thick to saw
 and he didn't know. It he says will
 have a shot at it anyway tomorrow
 and see how we get on I brought down
 another clocking here tonight.

2nd

Went over to Cawichan this morning got
 the mail just about had an accident
 to the boat I ran her up on a rock
 and then ~~to~~ she stuck fast but I
 managed to get her off murthering
 the widge the master had a letter
 from Captain French he says the
 shepherd will be here before long
 I am wearying to see what he is
 like

3rd April. Went over to Todd this morning Mrs & Mr
 see a Richardson are there just now I met Mr
 humming Scudder quite a surprise he rather likes this
 bird ~~part~~ part of the country. I got quite a surprise
 very early when I came to the wharf the bow of
 the boat was 1 1/2 feet out the water. I tied
 her to the wharf and the tide had gone
 out while I was away there was nothing
 wrong so I had good luck very warm
 pulling today

4th " Sowed the rape today just guessed
 about right the little gate was open
 1/4 of an inch to saw 20 lbs on 3 1/2 acres
 took up 3 bales of hay to the upper sheds
 we are going to feed the ocean and rams
 outside now went round the Big Paddock
 fence very little wrong with it the master
 is going to town today tomorrow

5th Went over with the master to Levechan
 this morning tried to get some stamps
 at the store but they were run out
 got a fine sail back to the point
 then there was a head wind fixed the
 garden gate cleaned up the garden
 and odd jobs. I am going up to sleep
 in the house tonight got a letter and
 a paper from uncle John. They are
 all well it seems

6th April Slept in the Big House last night
 sown in the rape seed and the
 ground for the roots nothing unusual
 has happened so far been a shower of
 snow today left the ground white
 read a most exciting book last night
 calls it Black and white tells a
 a European war and shows
 pictures of all the heavy ironclads
 knocking one another to pieces

7th Light hard frost this morning cleared
 up and had a beautiful day cleaned
 out the ice shed and killed about
 20 rats young and old at least
 the dogs did and I helped. Laid
 out the steam launch and did a
 little in the garden slept in the
 Big house again seen a tug and a
 scow go in to the sawmill today

8th Went over to Cowichan this morning got
 the master rained a little. He was
 well pleased when I told him about
 the rats he says the weather was
 not very nice in town rained a
 little here today they have
 not got the team of Pedro up
 yet, nor never will I believe
 I slept in the Big house last
 night again, but I won't med
 to anymore

9th Ap I went out to meet the Isabel to
 get Mr Cargill he is looking I
 think even younger than he did
 I seen my Uncle & Jim on board
 I find it is very simple when
 you know how to run alongside
 the steamer cleaned up the place
 a little killed one more rat & got
 a good laugh at little gonzo he came
 home just like a sweep in fact
 I had to look twice at him before
 I was sure whos dog he was sold
 two sets eggs to the Mistress tonight

10th Beautiful day Daisy is just milking
 once a day now nothing unusual
 except the Chinaman paid on
 a visit today he is greatly pleased
 with my house

11th Started early this morning and
 went over with the mail, went
 up and seen Mr Barr he is
 leaving his place he says he is
 going up to Aldermi to work at
 the paper mill. Seen old
 Marshall on the way back he
 showed me the lower jaw of that
 Indian that was lost some
 one found it in the bush behind
 his place there is a search party
 out today Master Robert came here
 at dinner time

12th Apr Cut up wood today went out
 to the steamer Isabel I think
 that Captain is a bit of a
 fool after all he never whioled
 till he came out from the mill
 instead of when he was going in
 I saw my sister Marion on board
 she was going up to see her aunt
 only two horses came up scarce
 worth going out for and such a
 sweat I got been blowing hard all
 day

13th Beautiful day again the master
 Mr Carzill and Robert all went
 over to Caumichan the master
 went up and saw old Mars hall
 but he denies knowing anything
 about sheep stealing lately makes the
 excuse that I misunderstood him
 I have been planting potatoes in the
 garden the master tells me old
 Mars hall is a miserable house ^{and} a
 dinner they just swept the table
 on to the floor and called in the
 dogs to lick up the leavings

Apr 14th Separated the seed potatoes from the good ones then cleaned out the cow sheds. there is far more manure than we shall want I see the master is making a gate for the new farm today they are all going away again tomorrow so I will have to sleep in the house. been a very high wind today making a rough sea I should not have liked to have gone over to Cowichan today in the boat.

15th Bright morning then it rained then fine soon split wood then went round the Big paddock fence. the Master Robert and Mrs. Cargill went over to the new farm they are coming back on Monday I am going to sleep in the Big house to night.

16th Beautiful day cleaned up some of the rubbish round the house and burned it the Isabel went past at 10 o'clock past 12 she is making good time lately.

17th Beautiful day I have been very lazy the Chinaman was down and then I went out for a sail or rather a pull. The Mrs was telling me a curious dream she had she thought she seen the old Scripture out in front of the house and all at once she turned bottom up and 7 white geese came out her bottom then she righted and there was the sailors making sail as fast as they could it seems rather funny.

18th Ap

Beautiful day I have been rolling the bats today finished one field killed one sheep the master Mr Cargill and Robert came home today they are delighted with their visit to the new farm the dogs and I had a great time killing a wild cat this morning we got him up a tree in the big garah i stoned him down and the dogs worried him after he was dead fida and Jaker had a bag of war fida had the best but Jaker showed flight so I made them stop

19th

Finished rolling today hauled out some manure the Isabel came in with a lot of provisions for the new shepherd but he has not come yet the Mrs is now going to take her holiday she went away today with master Robert to see how the new farm is getting on been another beautiful day the loome went up with a Barge rigged vessel so day apparently in Ballast she looked well and clear.

20th

Hauled out some manure spread it all and commenced to plant the potatoes the master and Mr Cargill went over to the wharf for the letters the master had a letter from Captain French he says the shepherd left Glasgow on the 20th so we may expect him any day.

- 21st The master went to town this morning
I gathered up some more rubbish and
burned it ploughed up the ground for
the roots I see the rope is doing well
- 22nd Slight shower but fine growing weather
the cow calved last night a great
big bull it is too I planted some
potatoes in the garden an old Indian
came today wanting to sell seal oil
Mrs Inuogave gave him needle thread
apples biscuit and bread even then he
wanted to get a salmon line I told
her he would soon want all that
was in the house soon a soap go
up fast about 4 o'clock she was running
before the wind a pile set and
mainsail etc must have been going
about 7 mile an hour
- 23rd Beautiful day hawed the raspberries the
Isabel went down today the Daisy went
up and Mr Inuogave little steamer went
by also the new shepherd came tonight
Mr Inuogave Judge Orase and
I went over to Cambridge and found
that Mr Barr had just gone home
I went up and got him came home
about 10 o'clock found the shepherd all
alone it seemed hard to leave him
here alone the first night I had a
great laugh at him he shaved himself
and cut his head all over

- 24th Ap Raining like everything about
 11 it cleared up and Mr Barr the
 shepherd and myself started for
 the south end got there about
 10 o'clock had a splendid view seen
 Victoria and made out a town on
 the other side that is the American
 side got home about 4 and the rain
 started again took Mr Barr over to
 the wharf nearly and coming home
 the rain just poured down both
 Barr and the shepherd were delighted
 with the view
- 25th Went over this morning to Cowichan
 with Mr Cargill Jun and Judge
 Crease very rough all the time
 Donald split up some wood for me
 in the afternoon I split wood for the
 house the two magister was taking Donald
 all over the parish's
- 26th Ben telling Donald to put in his potatoes
 I ploughed and he planted the Isabel came
 in with a lot of freight and Donald's
 trunk killed one sheep today
- 27th Hauled out manure and put it round the
 young apple trees I went up to the foot of
 the mountain with Donald coming home I
 found a strange fern which I gave to
 Mrs Ingrave the Mrs and Joek came home
 today

- 28th Cleared out the Ocean sheds took down a piece of the Orchard fence and put it up straight cut up some wood in the afternoon. John Ballam a Kanaka was here he is coming to drive sheep the shepherd and I got along splendidly
- 29th Went out and cut out 2 tops out of the corral fence took Mr Cargill over to Mr Dimburg he is going up to the farm with Freda. Came back by the wharf and brought some tea (tin) tin pepper & rolls bacon for the Indians and the mail. Master Jack has been making a small corral outside the sheds to put the lambs in the shepherd's been round the fences
- 30th I got all the things ready for the Indians. then 3 of them came and we drove the big paddles got 15 good ewes and 21 of a mixed lot just 28 good lambs
- 1st day And I forgot to wash my face in bay dew I have been very lazy today the Cook was down but he's not cared of the Indians at all. I see Charlie has got 2 nice big fish to day I have partly agreed to go with the Master over to the new farm but at the same time very little would make me draw back

- 11th May Cut the hay on the south side of the house helped them to pack up some things and dug up a piece of the garden at the ~~house~~ sheds weather looks more settled.
- 12th Got the oxcart and hauled down the furniture to the wharf loaded the scow and started for the flats got on all right till we came to the boom had to cut it which kept us back a long time going up the river the scow got onto a snag had we not changed some of the things we should have been wrecked got up as far as Nelsons then anchored I had a great laugh at Jack he got out on the bank and plump he went up to the neck... then going to the farm such a road I think never was got there 20 minutes to 12 gave Robert a great start and Mr Gargill thought it was burglars had some farm butter and milk and went to bed.
- 13th Started from the farm and hauled up the things from the scow they got one Shaw from Duncans to help them a very nice team he has got got on all right then started for home with the launch and the scow arrived here all safe and I think all very glad to get back again

- May 14th Got tatters and Jack and I took down the pig Miss Musgrave went to town on the Isabel the Mrs. Br. and Jack went away with the launch to go to the farm Jim went with them they are going to be away for 10 or 12 days so we will be rather lonely for a while
- 15th Beautiful morning I have been gathering up the old books that was left in the drawing room nothing unusual has happened today
- 16th Cut the lawn this morning quite a job it was I have been dairymen and every thing else about the house today rain in the afternoon
- 17th Beautiful day so I got the ocean and plowed and harrowed the turnip land, nothing unusual has happened since they went away every thing is going along smoothly Donald has been out at the gold mine and brought home a lot of gold as he calls it
- 18th Beautiful day I have got all the turnips sown but not covered in yet it has been awful hot in the afternoon I wish the gentry were home again its rather lonesome here without them
- 19th Covered in the turnip seed this morning and weeded out some of the garden, went over to Cowichan tonight got a letter from uncle John he is greatly pleased with our photo

- 20th Been awful hot today cutting the grass in front of the house. I have not felt it so hot for a long it was 98 in the sun
- 21st Cut all the grass in front of the house and in the garden the potatoes are quite a size already the lettuce is overgrown already turned one the hay coles tonight scarcely as hot today
- 22nd Been very busy all day scarcely left the house I think we had a visit from someone last night as I can't find all the hens at the house today been very warm. I saw the Loal stop out by the wharf yesterday I guess someone wanted to get aboard
- 23rd Beautiful day busy with the hay. Today Donald went over to the wharf for the letters but got none all right so far
- 24th Luena's birthday if she is still alive she will be 73 now. I have tried the butter making and turned out fine haired the potatoes in the garden and set them up a little sleeping in the Big house
- 25th Killed one sheep then got the ocean and hauled in the hay first got it in in time as it was raining before we got to the sheds cut the lawn and some small jobs around the house. none of the muskrats have come home as we expected saw the Lerne go up past in the afternoon

Diary of Alexander Aitken

About 1 year spent on ssd
as shepard to a Mr Mungram

He came from Lanark, Scotland
about 1885. or later.

I never met him but I wish
I had. He must have been
a fine man. He was my
late father's oldest brother

The Maggie he mentions
was his sister - dead some years
now

The Marion ^{Mc Ennis} + Jessie ^{Mc Ennis} + James
Aitken are still alive. Marion

is over 90 odd years

from. Nellie Aitken Georgetown